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THE Convention at Owen Sound was an inspiring one and those who were in attendance would not fail to return home with increased zeal and courage to enthuse others. The growth of the work in India demands additional effort at home, and we hope the plan for Crusade work by our united Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, found in Report, will be heartily taken up and successfully carried out so that the result will be a great many added to those already interested in the work.

Our hearts were saddened at the Convention by the word received that our beloved Missionary, Miss Simpson, whose ill health prevented her returning to India this Fall, was in a very critical condition. Earnest prayers were offered for her recovery and if it is God's will we trust she will be restored to health and yet return to her loved work. It was not God's will and, as we go to press, we learn that our dear sister has been called to higher service. Her message sent to the Convention will come home to our hearts with peculiar interest.

MISS SIMPSON'S MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION.

During the past year I have been trying by complete rest, to recover strength sufficient to return to India this Autumn. But that has not been in God's plans for me.

My message to the Convention is that our women continue to pray, and to use every legitimate means to interest others.

We cannot truly pray unless we are willing to work and to give.

This startling way of emphasizing the importance of prayer is not overdrawn. Our work for Foreign Missions depends AS MUCH on the intercession of the Christians at Home as upon the earnest work of our missionaries in the fields beyond.

Let us all, during the coming year, serve our Master faithfully in the way that He appoints.

The yearly reports from our missionaries in full can be procured from the Bureau of Literature and would be very interesting reading for our Circles desiring information about any particular field.

Our new Missionary, Miss Lucy M. Jones, has won the hearts of all who have been privileged to meet her and hear her speak. We are thankful for one so richly endowed for the work and so evidently called of God.

Miss Jones returned from Owen Sound on Friday morning and left for New York in the afternoon to sail on Saturday on the Lusitania for England. Miss Morrow sails from Vancouver on the 26th. We wish them both God-speed.

The "LINK" is published at so low a price for its size and circulation, and without advertisements, that it needs its subscriptions promptly paid to keep it up. As the expense of publishing etc. has to be met every month, any forgetfulness and neglect on the part of subscribers to do this, inevitably adds care and anxiety to the Editor's work. In looking over our list, it is a great joy to see how promptly and fully many of our subscribers keep their subscriptions paid up; but, how depressing to see how many seem to "forget", either to look at their address labels, or, doing so, to forward their dues to the Editor before they "forget". If all who are in arrears will do this at once it would be a joy to the Editor and help to improve the LINK.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS.

Will the Circles and Bands of Eastern Ontario and Quebec please take notice of the following changes in the officers of the Women's Foreign Mission Board: Treasurer, Mrs. N. Ohman, 212 Greene Ave., Wesmount, Quebec. All money orders, banks cheques, etc., to be made out to Jessie Ohman. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley 93 Tupper St., Montre .

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).



THE thirty-first annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West) opened on Nov. 14th, at 9.30 a.m., in the Baptist Church of Owen Sound, the Vice-President, Mrs. Bates, in the chair. After singing a hymn, Mrs. Norton read the Scripture and led in prayer.

Mrs. McEwen read the Recording Secretary's report, showing four quarterly meetings, with an average attendance of 25. Prayers have been answered, and the Board are encouraged in beginning another year's work.

Thirteen life members have been added to the Society.

Miss Webster's report of the treasury showed an increase of 22 Circles, 5 Bands, and an increase in money contributed of \$366.50 over last year. The report of the Link was given by the Editor, Mrs. Porter. Receipts of the year, \$938.54; expenditures, \$928.37; number of subscribers, 4,266, showing an increase over last year of 97.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read by Miss Lloyd. Gratitude was expressed that a bungalow could be built for Miss Hatch.

234 Circles sent	\$8,177.92
121 Bands	1,440.07
11 other organizations	414.19
13 Association Collections	65.49
Total	\$10,097.67

Mrs. Lloyd raised the question as to the advisability of appointing some lady to go among the Circles, presenting the need of mission work.

Words of appreciation were spoken for Mrs. Porter's faithful service in connection with the Link.

The report closed with a request that the keynote of this convention be, "Prayer with Work." Pray and work this year as never before. A discussion was entered upon as to the advisability of appointing a Field Secretary and the report was adopted as read.

Mrs. Newton read the Band Report, written by the Band Secretary, Mrs. Barber. Home Mission contributions show a decrease, but Bands sent \$1,440.07, showing an increase of \$18.63 over last year. Twenty-one Bands have been organized or reorganized.

After singing a hymn prayers were offered that if it were God's will, Miss Simpson might be restored to health and to her loved field of labor.

"The Problems of Band Work," presented by Mrs. Nicholson, emphasized the need of dependence upon God's strength, the sympathy of the church in all mission work, and the necessity of thorough organization. Mrs. Nicholson urged, while teaching the little ones the needs of mission fields, that systematic giving also be impressed indelibly upon their minds. The leader reminded us that work in God's name solved all Band problems.

Mrs. Harris read a message from our President, Mrs. Firstbrook, assuring us of her sympathy and prayers.

Mrs. T. N. Harris gave a helpful Bible reading on "The Everlasting Things That Abide."

- (1) We are comforted by the everlasting love of God.
- (2) Cheered by the Everlasting Life.
- (3) We must send the Everlasting Light to all.
- (4) We are supported by the Everlasting Arms.
- (5) While kingdoms rise and fall, Christ's Kingdom is the Everlasting Kingdom, where Jesus reigns forever.

A letter was read from Mrs. Allen, who regretted her absence on account of illness. A request was made that a telegram of love and sympathy be sent to Mrs. Firstbrook, and a written message to Miss Simpson.

The election of officers resulted in the following: President, Mrs. Firstbrook; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Bates; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Elliot. Members of the Board—Miss Alexander, Mrs. W. J. McKay, Mrs. T. M. Harris, Mrs. Dadson, Miss Norton, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Davies, sr., Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Hoyt.

Addresses of greeting were given on behalf of sister Associations and Societies, to which Mrs. Bates replied.

Mrs. McEwen closed the morning session with prayer.

The afternoon session was opened by singing verses of the hymn, "God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face," and Miss Day led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read.

Miss Lila Watt told of the hardships of lepers outside the leper homes and of the great comfort afforded these sufferers by the leper asylums.

Miss Alexander introduced a most interesting and inspiring part of the program when representatives of our lady missionaries told of the work and life in India.

Miss Folsom, our first lady missionary, was represented by Mrs. Walker. Miss Folsom told of the work done in the Timpany School.

(2) Miss Hatch's message was given by Miss Fisher, and we learned of the wonderful work done among the women and lepers by our enthusiastic missionary on the Ramachranapuram field. Miss Hatch pleads for a helper and a sharer in the Lord's great field of labor. (Special attention was called to the requests for prayer from every missionary.)

(3) Miss Baskerville's difficulties in securing teachers and helpers were presented by Miss Burt. Miss Baskerville told us of the great benefit of the revival and spoke encouragingly of the school work.

(4) A message from Miss Simpson, read by Mrs. Elliott, left a profound impression upon all and called for prayer for her work, and on our part, greater service.

(5) Mrs. Henderson represented Miss Priest, and told of God's wonderful blessing to the Telugus through the revival, and of work done in fifty-four villages of the Tuni field.

(6) Miss McLeod's cheering message was brought to us by her sister, Mrs. McEwen. Miss McLeod continues with dauntless spirit her labor for the Lord.

Mrs. Rowe sang sweetly, "Only a Little Time to Work Here."

(7) Miss Morrow spoke to us in the person of Miss Nasmith, and gave us a message of faith and trust.

(8) Mrs. Cowsert told of the hospital work, the touring and school duties of Dr. Gertrude Hulet. Her efforts to relieve the suffering, and her messages of salvation are bringing many souls into the kingdom.

(9) The spirit of hope and trust dominated Miss Selman's report, given us by Miss Ritchie. Especial mention was made of revival blessings and of work among the Christian women.

It was an interesting feature to have two sisters of our workers abroad with us, and

Miss Gertrude Pratt told of Miss Pratt's work among the girls in the caste school.

(10) Miss Corning came to us in the person of Mrs. Welsh. The work has so increased in Cocapada that a thoroughly consecrated Bible-woman has been appointed, and prayer is requested that more women may be taught and won. Miss Corning's message was bright and encouraging and emphasized the eagerness and hunger of Telugu women for God's word.

(11) Dr. Jessie Allyn's first impressions upon landing in India were given by Miss Cook. The odd customs and peculiarities of Hindu life were made very real and also God's power to sustain amid trying experiences.

After singing the Doxology, Mrs. Craig led in prayer for the work and workers of India, after which, Mrs. Harris, on behalf of the Board, presented Mrs. Craig a certificate for Life membership of the Society.

A few verses of a hymn were sung, and the offerings received. Miss Irving sang the solo, "There Were Ninety and Nine."

Mrs. Bates referred to the estimates for the coming year: Special estimates, \$1,435.00; proposed estimates, \$9,837.00; total, \$11,272.00; and also made an earnest plea for increased contributions. Mrs. Bates referred to clauses from the resolution passed at Conference in India, in which the Board was asked to support two more missionaries. Miss Jones has been appointed as one, and hopes were expressed that another lady may soon be sent.

Mrs. Bates urged that we go back to Circles and Bands as crusaders and increase the size of the army of mission workers; also that all Circles and Bands endeavor to increase their membership by 20 per cent.

The Convention was very much interested in the program conducted by the Owen Sound Mission Band. Every child deserved praise for this contribution to the session.

Miss Jones talked a moment to the little ones about Jesus.

Mrs. Lloyd presented a resolution urging every Circle to endeavor to make an increase in membership of 20 per cent. Mrs. Holman seconded this resolution, which was adopted by a standing vote.

Mrs. Woodburne closed the session with prayer.

In the evening the choir opened the service with a song of praise. A hymn was sung and the Scripture read by Mr. Cameron, who led in prayer.

The afternoon minutes were read and Miss Elsie Dryden sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

Miss Jones was introduced to the Convention and spoke about the "Alls" of God's word.

(1) The encouragement received by the great purpose of God that All nations be drawn to Him.

(2) "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and so "all need" the glorious gospel of Christ.

(3) Christ, the "All of supply," in whom all fullness dwells.

(4) The "All of command." "Go ye into 'all' the world."

(5) God's "All of promise," that He will ever abide with His followers, and "shall supply all need, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Miss Jones assured the Convention that Christ would supply the laborers in answer to their prayers.

Our new missionary told a few personal incidents of her own life that made her address interesting and helpful to everyone, and closed with the petition that we make Giving the Business of our lives.

While the choir sang the offering was taken.

"Glimpses of Mission Work in Burma," were listened to with keen interest as Mrs. Grigg told of the dress, habits, customs and life of the Burmese. She spoke of their love of pleasure, their worship of one god, Buddha; and their belief in the transmigration of souls; and emphasized the degraded condition of all.

In Burma there are 150 missionaries, with 30 mission stations and 900 churches, with 58,000 Christians.

The missionaries are aided by 900 native helpers, and the report of last year showed the conversions to number 7,000 souls.

A vote of thanks was moved by Miss Ritchie for the hospitality and kind attentions of the Owen Sound ladies to the Convention, also for the printing done by Mr. Elliott and the assistance of the choir and the pianist. This motion was seconded and heartily adopted by a standing vote.

A hymn was sung and Mr. Welsh of Tiverton closed the Convention with prayer.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the convention year, four quarterly meetings of the Board were held, with an average attendance of twenty-five. The Board mem-

bers also assembled monthly, remembering in prayer the needs of the missionaries, and the Home Circles. At the close of each meeting, the Executive Committee met to discuss the work, and transact important business.

The year which has just passed, opened with the brightest prospects for efficient work. The first meeting was characterized by a feeling of absolute dependence upon God; and when we found that no "cut" had to be made in the estimates for the year, we were encouraged by the assurance that God was working in and through us for the furtherance of His cause in India.

During the year, one of our former members, Mrs. Dack, departed this life, and Mrs. Yule, our beloved Honorary President, suffered bereavement in the loss of her husband.

At the 1905-6 Convention, it was decided that a great effort should be made to raise the eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars necessary to complete the payment of our share of the Akidu Bungalow. Again God honored our prayers and our efforts, so that by the first of February, the amount was all in the hands of the Treasurer.

Miss Alexander, our Foreign Corresponding Secretary, having found it necessary to resign her position, the Board have placed on record their appreciation of her faithful services. They have also appreciated to the fullest extent the services of Mrs. John Craig, whose advice was always welcomed and proven to be of the highest possible value in any particular problem.

There has been thirteen life members added to the Society during the year, namely: Mrs. Jas. Mann, sr., by Gilmour Memorial M. C.; Miss Catherine McLean, by London, Talbot St.; Mrs. Henry Moodie, by Guelph Trinity M. C.; Mrs. Harry Massicar, Waterford, by Miss Rhoda E. Massicar, Springfield, Mass.; Miss Martha McKechnie, by Cheltenham M. C.; Mrs. E. Bryning, by Waterford M. C.; Mrs. M. Barton, by Aylmer M. C.; Mrs. John Hooper, by Mr. Hooper (Toronto, College St. Church); Mrs. J. B. Goble, by Villa Nova and Townsend Centre M. C.; Mrs. H. Blundell, by Brampton M. C.; Mrs. T. D. Duncombe, by Waterford M. C.; Mrs. J. M. Hoyt, by St. Thomas M. C.; Mrs. John Craig, by members of the Board. The following are the new Band life members: Miss Alice Caley, Waterford M. B.; Miss Mildred Cook, Brantford First Church M. B.; Miss E. Hope Elliott, Brantford First Church; Miss Alma Dean Bartlett, Brampton M. B.; Mrs. D.

A. Marlatt, Waterford M.B.; Miss Irene P. Lamarsh, Wheatley M.B.; Miss Grace Pierce, Brantford First Church M.B.

Since our last annual meeting, letters and forms of application were received from Miss Barbara Johnston, Toronto; Miss Zimmerman, Victoria; Miss Blundell, Stouffville; Miss Lucy Jones, Toronto; Miss Reekie, Warton, and Miss Laura Sharpe, Toronto. Owing to the financial situation, the Board felt that they could only send one—Miss Jones, who goes out with the fullest confidence of all who have met her.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and in faith and confidence that our work will be exceedingly blessed during the coming year, we face the responsibilities of those to whom has been entrusted the Divine Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE C. CAMPBELL.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S (HOME DEPARTMENT) REPORT.

"One more year's work for Jesus,
One less of life for me."

Truly this has been a wonderful year for the Society. Splendid work was done when a special effort was made to clear off our payments for the Akidu Bungalow, and the subsequent substantial advance towards the completion of our share of Miss Hatch's home at Ramachandapuram. It meant a good deal of work as well as faith to do this, but how the hearts of our missionaries must have rejoiced at the success of this special effort. We thanked God then and took courage, and have continued to do so all through the year. Yet we must not settle down and think all is done. The battle is not over by any means. Almost two-thirds of our women give nothing through our Society where Circles are established. We have 350 churches in our constituency; while we only hear of 225 of these, the others are not counted in our reports. We do not touch them with our statistics, which are as follows:

Women in churches, about 12,000; number of contributors to Foreign Missions through our Society, 4,506.

What we wish to aim at this year is to increase the regular income, not to depend on special appeals. The formation of new Circles, the securing of new members, the increased liberality of our gifts, even at some personal cost. Surely the cause is worth the sacrifice. Regions of country are destitute of Circles. Why not think of some one (or ones) who will

go up and down the land and talk Missions to our women. Some woman who cannot perhaps go out to far-off lands herself, but whose heart is aflame with love to her Lord and Master. Have we not room for such an one? Is there not some one who would be glad to pay the salary of just such a worker? Your directors are faithful women and they do much, but they cannot do all. They know it as well as anyone does. Your secretaries do a little, but letters are not the same as a personal visitation. They do not require so much assistance. Letters let us pray that the work may be laid on someone's heart. Call her Field Secretary, or anything you wish, but let us strive to get her. As the directors stood before you yesterday, and you listened to their reports, you would notice that some of them sounded notes of praise for increased interest and greater liberality, whilst others reminded us of the stanza,

"O it is hard to fight for God,

To rise and take His part,
Upon the battle field of life,

And not sometimes lose heart."

Some of the directors make good use of your secretary. Others know the work so well now and inquiries are always welcomed by her and answered to the extent of her knowledge and ability.

The 234 Circles have sent in \$8,177.92. Other organizations, \$414.19.

Associational collections, \$65.49, making a total of \$8,657.60.

May every dollar of this money, bearing as many of them do, the mark of sacrifice, be owned and blessed by Him who honored the widow's mite.

Our little foreign mission paper, the Link, has found its way into 4,266 homes. The latest news from our fields is to be found in its pages, and those who read it faithfully gain in knowledge about our work and workers.

Truly the editor of this paper deserves our hearty thanks and best support.

There has been little change in the Directorate this year. Mrs. M. J. Mulock, of St. Catharines, succeeded Mrs. John Hendry, of Hamilton. Mrs. Dr. Silcox, of Shedden, was called away from her field to Hamilton, but Mrs. Rinch, of St. Thomas, kindly took over the work for the balance of the year. Miss Gertrude Davfoot was appointed in the room of our faithful worker, Miss Evans, and last but not by any means least Mrs. Shenstone, gave place to Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Toronto. We say farewell to the ones who leave us regretfully,

but welcome very heartily the new workers who take these four responsible places in Hamilton, Elgin, Guelph and Toronto Associations.

In closing, I desire to return thanks to those Circles and individuals who have sent in furnishings for the new "Emma Davies Missionary Home." There is room for much more as the house is quite commodious. The Home is situated at 48 Howland Avenue, Toronto, and parcels may be sent there in charge of your secretary. It was a beautiful thought to thus provide a home for our missionaries while on furlough, and it may be our great privilege to do something to make it as comfortable as it should be, when after years of faithful service they require a rest.

Let the keynote of this Convention be Prayer with Works, for each member of our Society. Let us all engage in this holy war. We have God on our side and will prevail. We need more faith, more prayer, more courage and more absolute obedience to His will. Pray and work this year as never before.

Respectfully submitted,

L. LLOYD.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Once again we are permitted to look back over a year of faithful service for our Master on the part of our representatives in India. There have been the lights and the shadows, but in all there has been much cause for thankfulness to the Giver of all good.

None of the ladies in the field have been laid aside by severe illness, Miss Baskerville has been enabled to attend to her school again, Miss Priest has been able to do more touring than for some years, and Miss McLeod has "scarcely been hindered from her work one day." Miss Simpson has not regained her wonted strength while on furlough, as we had hoped, and though at the present time laid aside, yet we trust that prayers will be answered and that this time next year we shall be able to bid her God-speed as she returns to her loved work.

Miss Morrow, who also has been home on furlough, is at present time on her way back to India; she sails from Vancouver on the 25th, going by Hong Kong and Calcutta. She will live at Tuni with Miss Priest, but will take up evangelistic work on the Narsapatnam field, hence the urgent need for the tent mentioned among the specials in the estimates.

The reports from the fields are very encour-

aging; the lasting effects of the revival of last year are especially seen in the lives of the native Christian preachers, teachers and workers. One missionary says "the Revival has shown that the work of seed-sowing is one of first importance."

On account of our income we were not able to meet the appeal from Conference to send out two new ladies this autumn, though we had five applications; yet we are thankful that one, Miss Lucy Jones, leaves immediately after Convention for New York, whence she sails for India via England. It has been thought well that this year the annual report should be a very brief sketch of the work taken up by our lady missionaries on the different fields.

Our missionaries, where located, and when sent out:

Miss Folsom, Cocanada	1880-1884
Miss Hatch, Ramachandrapuram	1886
Miss Baskerville, Cocanada	1888
Miss Simpson, on furlough	1888
Miss Priest, Tuni	1893
Miss McLeod, Peddapuram	1898
Miss Morrow, Narsapatnam	1898
Miss Gertrude Hulet, M.D., Vuyyuru	1900
Miss Selman, Akidu	1900
Miss L. Pratt, Cocanada	1902
Miss E. Corning, Cocanada	1902
Miss Jessie Allen, M.D., Cocanada	1906
Miss Lucy Jones, (studying) about to leave.	1907

THE WORK.

Miss Folsom is Lady Principal in the Timpanv Memorial High School, Cocanada. This school is for the education of English and Eurasian children. Girls and boys to the age of 15 are admitted as day pupils, but only girls as boarders. Children have come from different parts of India to attend this school, and have gone out again, many of them able to take positions of trust, some in government employ, some as teachers, one is a military doctor, and one young girl has almost finished her medical course as a lady apothecary. The girls are taught plain and fancy needle-work, by which many can earn their own living; and some who were pupils in the school are now teachers.

Ramachandrapuram is where we find Miss Hatch has labored for 12 years out of the 21 she has spent in India. What's her work? She tells us, "a Bible visitor, a Bible teacher, a Bible-woman trainer, a seed-sower in some 70 villages on three different fields, a school supervisor and examiner, a boat-builder, a founder of two homes for lepers, and last but perhaps not least 'a mother in Israel.'" From this list

we can surely picture the hours of every day full to the brim, and the heart more than full with the longing for some one to come and share in this heavy burden. Miss Hatch asks, "who is to share in this new bungalow with me? Who will be my companion in this vast field? 175,000 people in over 100 villages, who will help give them the gospel? Are there none among you upon whom the Spirit of the Lord will come that you may preach good tidings unto the weak? None to be sent to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives in sin, and the opening of the prison doors of caste and ignorance to them that are bound? None to proclaim to these thousands the acceptable year of the Lord that the Lord Himself, the Saviour, hath proclaimed to us? Are there none to follow thus the footsteps of our Master? Are there none to go out into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in? We, in India, are looking and praying, and praying and looking for such, and God will surely answer our prayers." Sister at home who cannot go, what are you doing to send?"

Back to Cocanada and here is Miss Baskerville in charge of the boarding school for native Christian girls, and the children of native Christians. She teaches in the school, taking particular charge of the Bible studies. She has the general oversight and responsibility of both native teachers and pupils as well as superintending the general household supplies. At present the Head Master is a Hindu, which must be a disadvantage in the work, but no other could be secured at the time; there have been several changes in the teaching staff also in the year. If the responsibility of a boarding school in this land is great, what must it be in India, where no good home influences supplement the work of the school.

From Cocanada up to Tuni, and there Miss Priest is engaged in evangelistic work, telling the Bible stories and God's love to children and women, by the waysides and on the streets, holding classes for the children, when they are taught Bible verses and hymns. She says of the Revival, "The Holy Spirit took the word that had been read and made it a living word, quick and powerful." She is assisted in her work by several Bible-women, most of them half-day workers, as home duties tie them, and the responsibility of carrying the Gospel to 225 villages lies with these few, and Miss Priest says, "We feel at times what are we among so many; we have worked in about 54 villages, and personally I have worked in 32 outside of Tuni. 'How shall they hear without a preacher?'" Many of the caste receive them

kindly and listen to the message, but surely in some hearts the word will take root. Miss Priest visited a village where they said no white person had ever been, and there met an old caste woman who in childhood attended a London Mission School in Vizagapatam; she had not forgotten the teaching received there, and was very much looked up to by all the women because she could read a little; she was delighted to see a white person. Bible classes for Christian women are held wherever possible. "The work is slow for there is so much against them. The work for children moves slowly, as parents take little or no interest, but one encouraging feature is, there has been more voluntary work done than ever before. During Mrs. Scott's illness Miss Priest took charge of the boys' boarding school and was a power for good there.

Coming down to Peddapuram we find Miss McLeod also is engaged in evangelistic work in its various phases, going out to the villages round and touring with her Bible-women to villages farther away. In the town the work is carried on regularly among the caste women and children, who are "willing hearers," and many of whom say they believe, but when the religious festivals of some of the heathen gods come round they are often among the others offering sacrifices to the idols. Miss McLeod has daily classes for the caste girls and finds great encouragement in this work. One class is held while the women go on pounding and sifting the rice; singing hymns, answering questions and repeating scriptures while they work. Many have been added to the church from new villages, thus making more villages to be visited and adding to the responsibility for helping new ones in Bible knowledge and Christian growth. She says, "With the remembrances of my privileges comes a deep sadness when I think how little opportunity they have to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and without that knowledge how stunted their lives must be!" Can we understand what that means?

Dr. Gertrude Hulet shares with Miss K. McLaurin in the first new bungalow lately erected at Vuvuru. She has charge of the little hospital there which was formally opened last December. The building consists of one large central room, with a smaller one on either side used as wards, a wide verandah runs the whole length of the front and affords a good place for the patients to sit while the gospel is preached to them. There were 23 patients from December to June admitted to the wards, these remaining from a few days to a month; the number treated altogether has been 9,106, and few, if any, of these have come and gone without hearing the gospel. Besides the hospital work Dr. Hulet has charge of the caste girls' school at Valluru, which is a most encouraging work; there are about 50 names on the roll and two teachers, both of whom are very painstaking. The amount of scripture some of these children can repeat would put to shame some of the children in our Christian homes

and Sunday Schools in this land. Dr. Hulet also spends some time in touring with her two faithful Bible-women. She says of them, "The work they have accomplished is truly marvelous; they were earnest before the Revival, but at that time God gave them a greater burden for the salvation of others. They have left their children, who are small, and like the disciples of old, have gone from village to village telling the story of God's love and finding lodging where anyone offered, which has not always been pleasant, but enduring hardness like good soldiers."

Miss Selman, who with Miss Robinson, lives in the second new bungalow, lately erected, carries on evangelistic work in Akidu and the villages on that field, touring mostly by boat, "Glad Tidings." She says since the Revival, more time has been spent with the Christians than the heathen, holding services with them, going from house to house reading God's word and praying with them, and God has given fruit of this labor, for some who had been Christians in name only for years are now "working and shining" for Jesus; some have many difficulties to overcome and are suffering for His name's sake. Miss Selman has several Bible-women faithful in their work, but now the whole burden does not lie with these few as the wives of the pastors and teachers, as well as others, are beginning to feel the responsibility as well as the joy of service. Of the "Women's Helpmeet Society's" (S.S.S.S.) annual meeting she says, "It was the best on record for this Association, the reports were inspiring, the offerings were larger than ever before, and were given with such deep expressions of gratitude to God for His great blessing. Our hearts are full of hope for we are assured of God's presence and we entreat of you to pray on and give until India is won for Christ."

Miss Pratt took up Miss Simpson's work in Cocanada when the latter came home on furlough, and is assisted in the Zennana work by Misses Gibson and Beggs and several Bible-women; they also have several evangelistic or Sunday Schools under their care. Miss Pratt has the charge of the caste girls' school in Cocanada, which work has been very encouraging; the interest in Bible study has much increased and the simple faith in Christ's power to help in time of need has been clearly shown on the part of several. A second caste school has lately been started in another part of the city at the request of the parents of some girls attending one of the little Sunday Schools. Miss Pratt says, "The influence of this work does not stop with the school, but as we visit in the homes we find they have been telling the other members of the family the Bible stories they have learned in school. When prizes were given out one little girl said, 'I would like to have an Old Testament. I have read all the New Testament to my people and now I would like to read the Old Testament, so they will know the whole Bible.'"

Miss Corning is Assistant Principal in the Timpany Memorial High School; she is the treasurer, teaches four hours a day and helps

in the general care of the children. Besides school work Miss Corning visits in several villages near by and this work has increased so, that lately a thoroughly trained and consecrated Christian woman has been called to help. Miss Corning says, "How often our hearts are saddened by the words, 'Yes, your words are good, but you tell us so little and we cannot remember. You must tell us often,' and we, remembering the many waiting for the message know that 'to tell often' is impossible. In one village where at first they were told they were not wanted and were ill-treated by the boys, they have now a little school, and the children are learning quickly; in some cases the women refuse even to let them sing near their houses, while in others they ask, 'Why have we not heard this before?' and beg the missionary and Bible-women to come again. Miss Corning says, "Oh! there is so much to do, so many to be told the way of life, and so few to tell them; it does not seem right that lack of money should prevent these people hearing the Gospel. There are Eurasian teachers who could teach the music and secular branches in the Timpany school and be benefited by the influence of the school too, allowing me double the time for evangelistic work, if we had the means to pay them. I cannot believe that it is God's will that His work should be hampered in this way, for while we wait souls are going down into Eternal night."

Dr. Jessie Allyn is busy in Cocanada studying the language and preparing in various ways with the prospect of being able to take up work next year. She writes, "Every few days I feel as if I had been pulled up with a jerk to realize that I am face to face with these great heathen religions. It gives me a strange feeling of unworthiness and inability and nothing but the assurance that He who called is perfectly able and willing to fit and to use, could keep me in India at such times." Do not let us forget that we have a share in Dr. Allyn's preparation for work, viz., to provide her with surgical instruments for which we yet need two hundred dollars.

Besides the above work and workers we have a share in the support of the village schools and Samalkot Seminary.

Of the three bungalows which we have been keeping the need of before us, the third, for Miss Hatch, is in course of erection. From the last conference of our missionaries comes the following resolution:

Whereas the Women's Boards of Canada, East, West and Northwest, have responded so readily to our request for funds for the erection of bungalows at Vuyuru, Akidu and Ramachandrapuram, be it resolved that we express to all the donors through our Boards our sincere appreciation of the loving promptness and munificent liberality with which they have fulfilled our desire.

We have felt that they required but to hear of our need when immediately their hearts responded and their energies were bent to supply the need.

"For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but' aboundeth also through many thanksgiving unto God . . . for the liberality of your contributions unto them and unto all.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." (2 Cor. 9: 12, 14, 15.)

GRACE B. ALEXANDER,
Foreign Secretary.

MISSION BAND REPORT.

The routine of life and how to make it ultimately successful is described in a few terse lines: "Forenoon, and afternoon, and night—forenoon and afternoon and night—forenoon, and what? The empty song repeats itself—no more? Yes, that is life. Make this forenoon sublime, this afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer. And time is conquered, and thy crown is won."

With irresistible force has time hurried us through another year of blessed opportunity. If we have used time well, abounding in labor for the Lord, and growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus, we need not fret because another year has gone from us forever. There are failures to deplore: for these we humbly plead forgiveness. There are blessings abundant: for these we praise God. Let both blessings and failures spur us to greater efforts and higher achievements.

In seeking results in the line of Band work, we naturally turn first to financial reports. In our Home Mission work there is a falling behind last year's record by \$139.45. Eighty-seven bands contributed \$741.24. Just after the books closed the sum of \$67.66 was received from eight bands, so the showing would have been better had these Bands been more prompt in making returns. As these amounts are reported to me, the discrepancies between the Band Secretary's books and the Treasurer's records are thus easily explained. Norfolk is the banner Association for Home Missions. As many Bands as Circles reported, and the sum raised was \$168. Oxford-Brant Association stands second with \$127.82. Honorable mention may be made of Aylmer, First Church, Brantford, Waterford and Delhi, which raised \$54, \$45, \$43.25 and \$41 respectively. Clendon Pearce and Mrs. F. C. Elliot, Waterford, Mrs. J. M. Hudson, Talbot St., London, and Miss May Curtis, Langton, have received Life membership certificates.

To the Foreign Mission treasury 121 Bands have sent \$1,440.07, a gain of \$18.63 over last year. Still we are behind the year 1904-05, when \$1,536.26 was given. Twenty-six Bands not forwarding funds last year have sent money this year, while nineteen of last year's givers have not been heard from. These sums do not represent all the gifts of Bands, however; as there have been several offerings diverted from regular channels, and devoted to work among lepers, to Chinese relief, to Quill Lake Church, Grande Ligne, the Indians and other worthy objects. The fact seems often

forgotten that the Home Mission Board has work at Grande Ligne on its regular appropriations. Quilts and boxes and bales of goods have been sent to home missionaries, and cards, picture rolls, etc., to the foreign work.

It is encouraging to note that more Bands than last year have answered the call for reports, 138 having responded. Twenty-one Bands have been organized or reorganized, three of these being young ladies' auxiliaries. Many leaders write of special enjoyment in their work, increased interest and hopes for still better work in future. One Band gave up its bazaar and each member is giving of his own earnings instead. A potato patch netted \$3.00 for the work. A group of children in a small country church had no Band leader so had to disband, but they retained mite-boxes and sent \$8.20 to the treasury. Another Band made over \$14.00 from sale of old rubbers and bottles. One doleful note is sounded when a youthful secretary says their work was disappointing in results because their president had not enough interest to attend the meetings regularly. Are not some leaders compelled to sound the same sad strain when referring to their members? But enthusiasm is contagious and so often is the fact emphasized that where a leader is devoted and earnest, the members catch much of the same spirit. One Band leader rejoices that one of the members wishes to devote her life to foreign missionary service, and begins her special preparation this winter. Another is glad because four have accepted the Saviour, and three have united with the church. So it is not by addition and subtraction, not by dollars and cents that our work is measured. The general knowledge increased, the widening of sympathy, the direction of youthful energy in proper channels, all these have immeasurable influence on the upbuilding of character. Let those who are spending and being spent in service, be content to know that the Christ who fed five thousand with five loaves and two fishes is as all-powerful to-day and may through us bring great things to pass.

A woman in Nottingham, England, lay very ill. A minister by her side said, "Can you tell me what led you to the Saviour?" She had him take from her drawer a torn bit of paper. "Where did you get this?" he asked. "It was wrapped around a parcel sent from Australia," she answered. The article was part of a sermon preached by Spurgeon in London, England. It was printed in a New York paper, sent to a friend in Australia, then used as a wrapping for another parcel. Back in England it leads a soul to Jesus, and hence to life and joy and peace. Take courage, then, for,

"No act fails fruitless; none can tell
How vast its power may be,
Nor what results unfolded dwell
Within it silently."

SARAH STUART BARBER,
Band Secretary.

Address Mrs. G. W. Barber, 35 Charlotte St.,
Brantford, Ont.

Names.	Circle.	Bands and Others.	Total
Goshen.....		\$2 25	\$2 25
Hagersville.....	\$3 00	12 00	15 00
Hartford.....	8 00	3 35	11 35
Houghton, First.....	15 00		15 00
Langton.....	4 50	7 00	11 50
Middleton, North.....		5 00	5 00
" South.....		1 00	1 00
Pine Grove.....	3 48	1 00	4 48
Rainham Centre.....	3 05		3 05
Selkirk.....	2 50		2 50
Simcoe.....	24 50	29 50	68 25
" Y. L.....	14 25		
Townsend Centre.....		17 00	17 00
Villa Nova.....	47 00		47 00
Vittoria.....	23 32	4 45	27 77
Waterford.....	64 00	41 60	105 60
Association Collection.....			3 50
	\$295 70	\$185 50	\$484 70

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION—MRS. R. CUMMER, Director.

Barrie.....	\$42 00	\$8 00	\$50 00
Bardsville.....		10 00	10 00
Burk's Falls.....	20 50		20 50
Collingwood.....	24 00		24 00
Fort William.....	25 18	20 00	45 18
Gravenhurst.....	34 00		34 00
Haileybury.....	9 90		9 90
Kenora.....	16 00		16 00
McCool.....	2 14		2 14
Midland.....	26 80		26 80
Milberta.....	1 35		1 35
New Liskeard.....	15 90		15 90
Orillia.....	13 70		13 70
Parry Sound.....	11 15	9 25	20 40
Port Arthur.....	13 70	26 25	39 95
Sault St. Marie.....	14 00		14 00
Steeleton.....	10 00		10 00
Sturgeon Falls.....	3 35		3 35
Association Collection.....			5 65
	\$283 67	\$73 50	\$362 82

17 Circles. 5 Bands.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

MRS. W. L. NEWTON, Director.

Bentinck.....	\$9 70		\$9 70
Bruce, North.....	2 65		2 65
Chesley.....	6 57		6 57
Clarksburg.....	65		65
Daywood.....	17 65	\$4 35	22 00
Durham.....	11 70	8 25	19 95
Elderslie.....	5 00		5 00
Glengel Centre.....	8 70		8 70
Keady.....	7 00		7 00
Meaford.....	13 40	75	14 15
Owen Sound.....	26 00	25 00	51 00
Paisley.....	16 00	17 00	33 00
Southampton.....	13 94		13 94
Strathaven.....	4 00		4 00

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Thornbury.....	\$3 00		\$3 00
Warton.....	10 97		10 97
Woodford.....	3 60		3 60
Association Collection.....			3 60
	\$160 53	\$55 35	\$219 48

17 Circles. 5 Bands.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

MRS. G. F. MAHON, Director.

Beachville.....	\$6 70		\$6 70
Brantford, Calvary Ch.....	62 30	\$17 00	79 30
" First Ch.....	350 00	70 00	440 00
" ".....		*20 00	
" Immanuel Ch.....	41 00	5 00	83 00
" " Gleaner.....	37 00		
" Park Ch.....	147 52	13 00	167 52
" ".....		*7 00	
" Shenstone Mem.....	18 35		18 35
Brownsville.....	6 00		6 00
Burford.....	15 00		15 00
Burgessville.....	31 60		31 60
Burch.....	19 00	17 00	36 00
Hatchley.....	3 25		3 25
Ingersoll.....	41 15	8 18	49 33
Jerseyville.....		8 00	8 00
Medina (Indian).....	6 20	2 50	8 70
Norwich.....	18 35	9 25	27 60
Onondaga, First.....	16 05	17 00	33 05
" Second.....		1 00	1 00
Oxford, East.....	13 50	12 00	25 50
" West.....	10 00		10 00
Paris.....	15 70	19 40	35 10
Salford.....	32 85		32 85
Scotland.....	38 75	3 00	41 75
Springford.....	16 00	8 14	24 14
St. George.....	47 30	14 50	67 60
" Y. L.....	5 80		
Tillsonburg.....	20 25		20 25
Woodstock, First.....	65 00	18 00	83 00
" Oxford St.....	29 35	18 00	47 35
Association Collection.....			6 51

27 Circles. 18 Bands. *2 Other Organizations.

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

MISS A. WALTON, Director.

Belleville.....	{ \$5 00 G's 15 00		\$37 00
	{ B's 17 00		
Campbellford.....	3 23		3 23
Cobourg.....	21 50		21 50
Colborne.....	12 50	3 25	15 75
Cramahe.....	13 80		13 80
Gilmour Memorial Ch.....	47 75	17 00	64 75
Haldimand.....	8 50		8 50
Lakefield.....	11 95	9 95	21 90
Norwood.....	5 00		5 00
Peterboro', Murray St.....	124 48	32 10	185 93
" Y. L.....	27 50	B.B. 1 85	

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Peterboro', Park St.	\$24 90	\$8 50	\$33 40
Port Hope	65 05	16 00	81 05
Whitevale	5 00	.....	5 00
Association Collection ..	.....	.....	3 90

14 Circles. 9 Bands.

\$376 16 \$120 65 \$500 71

TORONTO ASSOCIATION—MRS. WM. SCOTT, Director.

Aurora	5 00	.....	5 00
Bethel	16 00	.....	16 00
Chester	17 35	.....	17 35
Markham, Second	26 50	6 25	32 75
York Mills	40 97	.....	40 97
Toronto City —			
Beverly St.	66 98	.....	66 98
Bloor St.	314 30	*243 20	644 27
" Y. L.	86 77	.....	86 77
Century Ch.	40 20	7 00	55 70
" Y. L. ....	.....	*8 50	8 50
College St.	137 40	9 55	146 95
Dovercourt Road ..	53 61	13 50	67 11
Elim	16 00	.....	16 00
First Avenue	27 20	62 00	89 20
Immanuel Ch.	48 36	3 35	54 71
" Y. L.	3 00	.....	3 00
Jarvis St.	1236 66	*7 21	1243 87
Kenilworth Ave.	76 15	.....	76 15
Memorial Ch.	16 00	3 00	19 00
Moul'n Col. Y. W. C. A. ....	.....	*46 96	46 96
Olivet	22 07	.....	22 07
Ossington Ave.	23 25	.....	23 25
Parliament St.	53 00	57	53 57
Walmer Road	654 57	25 00	679 57
Western Ch.	69 00	17 00	86 00
" S. S. Classes	.....	*48 25	134 25
East Toronto	52 12	17 00	69 12
West Toronto Junction.	9 42	.....	9 42
Association Collection ..	.....	.....	11 25

\$3111 88 \$518 34 \$3641 47

25 Circles. 10 Bands. *60 Other Organizations.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Miss R. STOVEL, Director.

Atwood	\$8 70	.....	\$8 70
Clinton	4 00	\$1 00	5 00
Glamis	14 50	9 25	23 75
Kenilworth	5 00	.....	5 00
Kincardine	7 75	.....	7 75
Listowel	9 60	50	10 10
Mount Forest	52 31	4 00	56 31
Palmerston	9 45	.....	9 45
Teeswater	6 42	.....	6 42
Tiverton	48 00	.....	48 00
Walkerton	28 40	24 80	53 20
Wingham	11 50	7 00	18 50
Association Collection ..	.....	.....	4 00

12 Circles. 6 Bands.

205 63 \$46 55 \$257 08

WESTERN ASSOCIATION—MISS J. RITCHIE, Director.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals
Blenheim	\$19 00	.....	19 00
Bothwell	4 50	.....	4 80
Chatham, Central.	30 00	.....	30 00
Chatham, William St. ..	77 44	\$17 00	94 44
Colchester	31 97	.....	31 97
Dresden	20 00	.....	20 00
Eberts	9 00	.....	9 00
Essex	5 20	.....	5 20
Harrow	7 50	.....	7 50
King'sville	9 25	13 00	22 25
Leamington	14 00	5 09	19 09
Louisville	6 50	.....	6 50
Ridgetown	12 40	3 00	15 40
Thamesville	2 70	.....	2 70
Tupperville Union.	31 25	.....	31 25
Wallaceburg	15 73	9 15	24 88
Wheatley	13 22	17 86	31 08
Wilkesport	11 15	25 00	36 15
Windsor	27 80	.....	27 80
Association Collection ..	.....	.....	3 96

\$348 91 \$90 10 \$442 97

19 Circles. 7 Bands.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. J. P. RILEY, Director.

Baddow .....	.....	\$7 00	\$7 00
Brooklin	\$10 00	.....	10 00
Claremont	25 00	17 00	42 00
Fenelon Falls.	8 70	.....	8 70
Green River .....	.....	1 90	1 90
Haliburton	9 25	.....	9 25
Lindsay	45 15	5 00	50 15
Markham, First.	6 50	.....	6 50
Oshawa	3 00	.....	3 00
Port Perry	7 00	.....	7 00
Reaboro'	5 00	.....	5 00
Stouffville	11 00	.....	11 00
Uxbridge	9 00	17 00	26 00
Whitby	10 50	1 20	11 70
Association Collection ..	.....	.....	2 50

\$150 10 \$49 10 \$201 70

12 Circles. 6 Bands.

234 Circles sent.	\$8177 92
121 Bands sent.	1440 07
11* Other Organizations sent.	414 19
13 Association Collections.	65 49

\$10097 67

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections (other than Associations)	\$101 93
Calvary M. C., Victoria, B. C.	50 00
Interest	46 18
Individuals (including \$40 85 for extras)	1621 98
Investment—Miss Nellie Davies' Gift ...	40 00
Legacy—Mrs. Wm. Davies	500 00
" Mary Shenstone Fund."	50 00

\$2410 09

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward, October 20, 1906 :		
Miss Corning's Fund.....	\$27 69	
Bungalow Fund.....	76 05	
Dr. Allyn's Surgical Instruments and Munshi.....	38 00	
Regular Work.....	1,561 78	
	\$1,703 52	
Circles (inc. \$475.59 for extras).....	8,177 92	
Bands (inc. \$93.95 for extras).....	1,440 07	
Other Organizations (inc. \$24.07 for extras).....	414 19	
Association Collections.....	65 49	
Miscellaneous (inc. \$70.85 for extras).....	2,410 09	
	12,507 76	
	<u>\$14,211 28</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS.

By General Treasurer :	
On estimates.....	\$8,234 00
Addition during the year..	551 73
For Akidu Bungalow.....	1,065 00
Towards Ramachandrapuram Bungalow.....	1,150 17
For Cocanada Girls' School Rice Fund.....	200 00
Tuni lady's tent.....	125 00
Akidu Bible-women's hou's	35 00
Miss Jones' passage to India.....	350 00
	<u>\$11,710 90</u>
Extras designated by donors :	
Pithapuram Hospital.....	\$200 00
Pithapuram Hospital fence	150 00
Extra Bible-women.....	28 00
Native Preachers.....	105 00
Bolivia.....	33 97
Lepers.....	146 92
Yellamanchili Ch. Fund..	57
	<u>664 46</u>
	\$12,375 36
Home Expenses.....	126 54
	<u>\$12,501 90</u>
Balance October 20, 1907 :	
Dr. Allyn's Surgical Instruments Fund.....	100 00
Miss Jones' Fund.....	261 71
Regular Work.....	1,347 67
	<u>1,709 38</u>
	<u>\$14,211 28</u>

SUMMARY.

Receipts for extras.....	\$664 46
For Miss Jones' passage.....	350 00
Towards Miss Jones' support.....	261 71
Completion of Akidu Bungalow.....	988 95
Towards Ramachandrapuram Bungalow (inc'g \$500 00 legacy).....	1,150 17
For Cocanada Girl's School " Rice Fund "	200 00
Tuni Lady's Tent.....	125 00
Akidu Bible-women's houses.....	35 00
Towards Dr. Allyn's Surgical Instruments.....	79 00
For regular work (including \$150.00 for Miss Corning and \$304 75 for Dr. Hulet).....	8653 47
Total Receipts during the year.....	\$12507 76
Total Disbursements during the year.....	12501 90

Audited and found correct.
Oct. 24th, 1907.

G. W. HOLMES, }
N. J. RATCLIFF, } Auditors.

SARAH J. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

Our Work at Home.

BOARD MEETINGS.

THE Annual Meeting of the W. B. F. M. Board of Ontario (West), was held in the Owen Sound Baptist Church, Tuesday, November 12th, at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. S. S. Bates, presiding.

Earnest prayer was offered for God's richest blessing on the coming Convention.

The annual reports of the various officers were read and adopted. Progress was reported in every department, but the great need of further advance was shown in every report.

The date for the assembling of future Conventions was the subject for discussion and was referred to the joint Executives of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, with the suggestion that the date be fixed as early as possible after the closing of the Convention year, on October 20th.

It was moved by Mrs. Newton, seconded by Mrs. Cook, that each Association be asked to appoint an Assistant Director to take charge in case of emergency. Carried.

After earnest prayer by Mrs. Lloyd, the meeting adjourned.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Rec. Sec.

The first Foreign Mission Board meeting of the new Convention year was held in the Owen Sound Baptist Church, at 11 a.m. Mrs. Bates in the chair.

Prayer was offered for Miss Simpson who is so critically ill, and for the safe journey of Miss Jones.

It was moved by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Hooper, that the editor of the LINK urge the agents to see personally subscribers who are in arrears, and to urge all ladies in our churches to take the LINK.

The following officers for the ensuing year, were then elected: Recording Secretary, Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell; Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Angus; Treasurer, Miss Sarah J.

Webster; Editor LINK, Mrs. W. H. Porter; Secretary of Bands, Mrs. Barber; Bureau of Literature, Mrs. Dancy. The Executive Committee was appointed consisting of these officers with the following: Mrs. T. M. Harris, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Miss Moyle, Miss Nasmith. Mrs. Firstbrook, Miss Alexander and Mrs. Angus were appointed a committee to meet with the General Board.

It was moved and seconded that Miss Elliot prepare a letter to be sent to the President and Secretary of each Circle, concerning "Crusade Week." It was also moved that the Board recommend the Directors to make an endeavor to raise the number of Circles 20%.

The following estimates were adopted for 1907-8:

Akidu—Miss Selman, $\frac{1}{4}$ year and work	\$331 00
Cocanada—Miss Pratt, and our share of Zenana Work	937 00
Miss Baskerville, and Girls' School	1300 00
Miss Folsom	500 00
Miss Corning, and work outside school	225 00
Dr. Jessie Allyn, and her Munshi	550 00
Miss Lucy M. Jones, and her Munshi	575 00
Narsapatnam—Miss Morrow	500 00
Peddapuram—Miss McLeod, and work	639 00
Ramachandrapuram—Miss Hatch, and work	810 00
Tuni—Miss Priest, and work	690 00
Vuyyuru—Dr. Gertrude Hulet, $\frac{1}{4}$ year	125 00
Furlough Passages—Miss Selman, and Dr. Hulet	650 00
" Allowances, Miss Selman, Dr. Hulet	300 00
Village Schools, grant	425 00
Samalcolta Bible Women	25 00
Miss Simpson's furlough allowance and return	650 00
Exchange and expenses of Society	125 00
Furniture for Akidu Bungalow	60 00
Sent for Narsapatnam Field	150 00
Bal. required for Dr. Allyn's Instruments	200 00
Balance required for our share of Ramachandrapuram Bungalow	100 00
Sending out and support of one new missionary	925 00
Total	\$11,272 00

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Rec. Sec.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

TORONTO.—On Thursday, Oct. 25th, a Union meeting of the Women's Mission Circles of our Baptist Churches in Toronto, was held in Jarvis Street Church. Members from practically every Circle in the City were present, and so large was the attendance that the commodious school-room of the Church was quite filled. The meeting was one of intense interest, the chief features of the afternoon being addresses by Rev. Dr. Gordon, of Montreal, and Miss L. R. Jones, Missionary-elect to India. Dr. Gordon's subject was Grande Ligne Mission, his address was a powerful one, dealing with the French Mission work as a necessity, first politically, second educationally, and third religiously. His straightforward, appealing presentation of the subject held everyone in sympathetic interest to the end. Miss Jones' address followed, and those who did not already know and love her, did so before she had finished. Simply and directly she told of her desire, her call and her decision to go to the foreign field. She leaves now with the love and sympathy of every woman who had the privilege of hearing her that afternoon. At the close of the meeting tea was served, and a happy hour spent in a social gathering. Altogether, it was one of our most profitable gatherings and meant much towards the strengthening of the tie between all our Mission Circles.

L. M. S., Sec.

NEW SARUM.—On Wednesday evening, Aug. 15th, we held an open meeting of our Circle and Band. The President, Mrs. Newcomb occupied the Chair. The meeting opened by a short address by our President, which was followed by music given by members of the church and congregation. Some very interesting and helpful papers were given by Mrs. Rinch, the Assistant Director, and others. Reports of the year's work which was very encouraging, was given by the Secretaries of the Circle and Band. Light refreshments were served at the close. A Silver Offering was taken, amounting to \$9.50.

J. GILBERT,

Secretary.

MONTREAL.—The Day of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions was observed in Montreal by a united Prayer Meeting, held in the French

Baptist Church. Amid the downpour of heavy rain a few from each of our churches assembled and poured out our hearts to our Heavenly Father on behalf of the various Missions connected with our denominations. The presence of the Master was in our midst and a blessing will follow our prayers.
J. C.

CHATHAM, WILLIAM STREET.—Under the capable and painstaking President, Mrs. McDonald, our Circle has had a very encouraging and prosperous year, from Oct. 1906, to Oct. 1907. We have held 12 regular meetings, where Miss L. Greene took up the study of "Lux Christi," a book on India. We held one open meeting, where the public listened to very excellent papers on the different missions stations. We also held four quarterly meetings at the following homes: Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Hanna, MacAuley and Beuser, where the Watch Tower Theme was carried out and, in addition, we had letters read from the following missionaries: Mr. Woodburne, India; Mr. Peer, New Liskeard; Mr. Leabeau, Quebec, and Mr. McLachlan, of Smyrna, Subject, "The Island of Patmos as he saw it when on a Visit." Mrs. Hanna read the 1st Chapter of Revelation, where God revealed Himself to John, the beloved disciple, when he was driven in exile to that lonely island. This letter revealed many touching incidents. Mrs. R. Flater, of California, a former member of our Circle, spoke on giving the tenth of our substance unto the Lord, she also spoke of the life of Wm. Colgate. Mr. Matthews, our Pastor, spoke a few well-chosen words along the line of Mr. McLachlan's letter, comparing it to our church work, the main point being to seek souls for Christ, that alone would count in the Kingdom of God. Special music and a lunch served at each of the quarterly meetings made them profitable and sociable. The Circle also met to sew for a box to be sent to New Ontario, valued at no less than \$50, we had 43 new garments, 10 new quilts, besides good second-hand coats, etc. The Rev. J. J. Ross, of Toronto, kindly gave us a Lecture and Stereoptican Views of Rome, the city of Seven Hills. Sent \$80.94 to Foreign Missions; \$48.90 to Home Missions, total \$129.93. For all these blessings we give thanks to God.

MRS. J. E. OLDERSHAW,

Secretary.

BAND REPORTS.

GURLPH.—(Nov. 18th). An entertainment was given by the Mission Band of Trinity Church. A very pleasing program of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., was rendered, all of which were of mission character. An interesting feature of the evening was a table of curios, presided over by a young lady in Burmese dress, and the offering was received by a young gentleman in the costume of a Burmese priest. These, with other Oriental costumes, worn by various members were much admired.

A quilt for presentation to some Home missionary was exhibited, being the gift of one of the church, to the Band. The money received amounting to \$6.25 will be divided between Home and Foreign missions.

A. M. EVANS,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, Pt. St. CHARLES.—We are having a very blessed time in our Band. We have decided to hold our meetings Sunday afternoon after School. We have purchased a map of India, and are now quite busy studying the different fields. Our membership is increasing rapidly.

RUTH WASS,
Secretary.

WALKERTON.—The Mission Band of the Walkerton Baptist Church held a very interesting entertainment on Sept. 30th. The members gave an Exercise called "The Beautiful City." Dainty little bags had been sent out to all the friends for their Offerings, which amounted to fifteen dollars and seventy-two cents (\$15.72), and went to the support of Home and Foreign Missions.

NORMAN WALFORD.

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF THE WOMEN'S
BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF ONTARIO (WEST.)**

Receipts from Oct. 16th, 1907, to Oct. 20th, 1907
(inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES—Hamilton, James St., \$30.35; Port Perry, \$5; Peterboro', Murray St., Y. L. (add.) for Miss Jones' passage, \$50; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$5; Strathroy, \$8; Thamesville, \$2.70; Fingal, \$2; Burford, \$2.25; Gladstone (\$4.17 special), \$7.67; Lakeshore Calvary,

(\$13.50 on Life-membership), \$24.95; Acton, \$4.51; Springfield, \$6.50; York Mills, for Miss Jones' passage, \$4.50; East Toronto, \$3; Medina, (Indian), \$2.20; Teeswater, \$6.42; London, Adelaide St., Y. L., \$22.28; Waterford, (\$10 to complete Life-membership for Mrs. T. D. Duncombe, \$13.50 Thank-offering to apply on Life-membership), \$33.50; Cheltenham, (\$13.10 Thank-offering), \$22.10; Dundas, \$7.40; Preston for Bungalow, \$1; Ingersoll, (\$5.09 for lepers), \$16.24; St. Catharines, Y. L., \$2.67; Bloomsburg, \$2; Bethel, \$2.40; Toronto, First Ave., for Miss Jones' Fund, \$1; Kincardine, \$4.75; DeCewsville, \$3.50; Simcoe, \$5; Simcoe Y. L., \$4.25; Aylmer (\$15.75 to complete Life-membership fee for Mrs. M. Barton—\$5.30 to apply on Life-membership) \$19.97; Walkerton, Thank-offering \$13; Sparta, \$3.91; Sarnia Township, \$5.50; Toronto, Parliament St., for Miss Jones' Fund, \$7; Grimsby, (\$3.75 Thank-off., 50c. for bungalow), \$13; Boston, (\$1 for Mr. Mitchell's home, Bolivia), \$5.75; Stouffville, \$4.70; St. Thomas, (\$20.33 to complete Life-membership for Mrs. Hoyt), \$35.33; Dunnville, \$17.54; Pine Grove, 78c.; Houghton; First, \$6. Total, \$451.12.

FROM BANDS.—Pine Grove, \$1; Meaford, 75c.; Dunnville, \$1; Peterboro', Murray St., \$2.85; Peterboro', Murray St., Baby Band, \$1.85; Forestville, \$3.50; Brantford, Immanuel, \$5; London, South for "G. Robert" and "N. Joseph," \$34; Brantford, Park Ch., \$2; Acton, \$4c.; Vittoria \$4.45; Kingsville, M. B. & B. Y. P. U. for "P. Subamma," \$5.25; Ingersoll, \$5.74; Cheltenham, \$3.25; Aylmer, \$5; Langton, \$3; Norwich, \$5.25; Brantford, First Church, for Life-membership for Miss Grace Pierce, \$10; Middleton, South, \$1; Sarnia, Brock St., for Bolivia, \$9.47; Boston, for student, \$2.10; Waterford, \$8.60; Hartford, (sale of post cards), \$1.35. Total, \$117.35.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. T. S. Stayner, for Miss Jones' Fund, \$175.00; Collection, Union meeting Toronto Circles, \$22.69; Dr. L. Moss, N. Y., for Dr. Allyn's surgical instruments (per A. J.), \$5; Toronto, Jarvis St., Jr. Union, \$3.25; G. E. H., Sarah St., Brantford, for Miss Jones' Fund, \$2; V. E. (\$33.40 to complete estimate for Akidu Bible-women's houses, \$23 for Dr. Allyn's surgical instruments, \$9.60 for Miss Jones' Fund), \$65. Total, \$272.94.

Total receipts during these five days - \$841.41

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer for Miss Jones' passage, \$350; on Bungalow Acct., \$315.17; For Cocanada Girls' School "Rice Fund," \$200; For Akidu Bible-women's houses, \$35. Extras.—For lepers, Ingersoll, M. C., \$5.09; Guelph, Trinity M. B., \$4.50; Sarnia, Brock St. M. B., \$9.47. For Bolivia, Boston, M. C., \$1. Extra Bible-women "Satyavedam," Beamsville M. C., \$8. Total disbursements during these five days, \$928.23.

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1906, to Oct.

20th, 1907 - \$12,507.96
Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1906,
to Oct. 20th, 1907 - \$12,501.90

SARAH J. WEBSTER,

Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. East, Toronto.

Youths' Department.

THE SAVIOUR COMES.

Add to your brilliance all ye stars of night,
Sing as ye fly, ye rapturous hosts of light,
The Saviour comes, the Son of God most high,
As man to live, for sinful man to die.

Hail Him, ye tribes and people, bond and free,
Rude and refined, adoring bend the knee;
Cultured and savage, sovereign and slave,
Worship the Heavenly King, earth-born to save.

Tidings more sweet could angels never sing,
Or from the court of heaven to mortals bring,
Than that God sent His well-beloved Son
To suffer for the wrongs that men had done.

O tidings blest, well may we bear them on
To every tribe and realm beneath the sun;
Till to all people they have found their way,
And hastened on the world's millennial day.

—W. H. PORTER, in "Canadian Scenes and Other Poems."

GOING TO SCHOOL IN AFRICA.

CURLY-HEADED boy or girl with shining black face, bright eyes, and a laughing mouth, showing such white teeth our Canadian boys and girls might covet. Bare feet and arms, a gay-colored dress, gathered at the neck, two holes instead of sleeves, and reaching to the knees. Do you see this little child going to school in Africa? You cannot see any school house for they meet under a big tree with mud or sand instead of slates or note books. A large sheet is hung up on two poles containing the letters of their alphabet, and the patient missionary stands ready to explain it to the eager scholars. Too busy for recess or noon play.

If you had waited as long as African boys and girls to learn to read, you would consider it better than the best game. Each scholar is expected to pay a little towards the expense of a teacher if the parents are not too poor.

People prize blessings more that cost them something. These children bring whatever they can find to be used in the building of a school house bye and bye. A grass-roofed hut at first, large enough to keep them sheltered from the rain. Bye and bye a better building, as the people realize the need,

What do they study? First, the Bible with its wonderful stories all so new to the boys and girls of Africa. Then some of the hymns you love to sing, translated into their own language,

and very sweet they sound sung by these black boys and girls (whose relations are the sweet Jubilee Singers, some of you have heard). Then these boys and girls are taught to pray to a Saviour who loves them instead of to the evil spirits that have been the terror of their childhood. No witch-doctor can frighten them with evil spirits ready to harm them, when they have trusted Jesus as their Redeemer. Such funny names they have, hard for the missionary to understand or pronounce. They have such comical meanings that one wonders how any mother ever chose them for her darling babies. Bye and bye they learn how to read and spell, and even to do sums.

As soon as they grow up they want to teach other boys and girls all over their dark land the glad tidings the white teachers have brought to them from England or America. When we have our Christmas gatherings, many of them will be learning for the first time of Christmas, and of all its wonderful meaning.

Will they get any presents? Perhaps so, for many Sunday Schools send boxes to these little Africans just as our Mission Bands do to Indian Schools, with all the little gifts they prize so highly.

The very best present for them and for us is to know Jesus Christ and that long ago He came to earth, a gift from our Father in Heaven, given because "God so loved the world." Not just Canada, or England, or America, but the whole world. Let us think of these black boys and girls this Christmas, while we are so happy in our Christian homes. Pray that Jesus may have many a faithful soldier from these African schools to fight against the great army of wrongs in the Dark Continent. Bye and bye, when we all get safely home to the beautiful Heaven Jesus is preparing for all who trust Him, these little black brothers and sisters will join in the "Glory Song" with us. We shall all be white then, washed in the blood that makes black hearts whiter than snow. I would rather have a black skin and a white heart than a white skin and a black heart! What do my girls and boys think about it?

SISTER BELLE.

558 McLaren Street, Ottawa.

TAKE OUR PENNIES, HEAVENLY FATHER.

Take our pennies, Heavenly Father,
Use them as Thou wilt;
They may bring a soul some comfort,
Save a soul from guilt.

We will go without our candies,
Or some longed for toy,
That we may send heathen children
Christian light and joy.

Take our pennies, Heavenly Father,
Bless them every one.
Take our pennies, only giving
Us Thy sweet "well done."

—Alice May Douglas.

THE HAPPY VALLEY.

There was once a Happy Valley where many people dwelt and children played all day long. They had pleasant homes, kind parents and teachers. They went to school, where they learned to read the interesting books which were read to them when they were younger.

In these books they often read of other countries and people who lived in different ways from their own. But these things were very much like a dream to them and they did not realize that there were other people in the world besides themselves.

Once every week the children gathered with their parents in small white buildings scattered through the valley. Here they sang hymns and listened while the pastor told them how to live good, happy lives and taught them to love each other. He told them also of a kind heavenly Father who lives in heaven and loves all His children, who are the people on the earth. Then the pastor asked this kind Father to help His children so that every day they might grow more like Him.

After this service the children gathered in classes by themselves, where they sang their own songs and read out of a book called the Bible. In this book they were told of a loving friend, Jesus in heaven, who had once come down to earth and lived as a little child that He might sympathize with children in their trials and show people not only how to be happy themselves, but to help others to live happy, helpful lives.

On one of these happy days a strange lady came to the children's service and talked to them. She told of people living down on the plain below the valley who had none of the pleasant things of life which the children of Happy Valley

had been accustomed to all their lives. The children there had no books, no teachers, no schools, no helpful services, and hardest of all, no Bible to tell them of the loving Friend in heaven.

The lady told of other sad things she had seen—of little children who never jumped and ran and played with dolls or sang or picked flowers, but life was one long sorrow. She spoke of little girls whose mothers did not care for them and whose fathers were very unkind to the mothers.

Some of this unhappiness was because the people were poor, but most of it was because the fathers and mothers knew nothing of the love for the heavenly Father which leads people to love everyone around them and makes them kind and unselfish.

When the children heard these stories their eyes filled with tears and they said: "We are so sorry; what can we do for them?"

"Dear children," replied the lady, "I know you are thankful for the blessings you have of pleasant homes and friends, and most of all, the love that is around you. What can you do to show how thankful you are?"

The children looked thoughtful for a moment, then one said: "Can't we send someone to tell the people how to take care of the children and make them happy?"

The lady smiled as she said: "That is just what I am trying to do, and there are others, men and women, who are with these people now teaching and helping them. But we need more help and we need money to take care of us and to help the people who are so poor. So the other teachers said to me: 'The children in the Happy Valley do not know anything about us and our work. You go and ask them to help us and then come back here.' I am going back very soon. Shall I tell them you will help?"

And the children all said: "Yes, indeed. We will go right home and ask our mothers how we can earn some money for you and ask our fathers to send you some too."

The lady teacher went back to her work on the plain rested and encouraged. The children of the Happy Valley never forgot her visit and sent her money they earned. Every year they had a meeting and sent an extra offering for all the blessings for which they were thankful.

I wonder if there are not some happy valleys where the children have not yet done this.

—Children's Department, Mission Studies.