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Miss Georgina McGill.



Miss Eva M Leish.

OUR NEW MISSIONARIES.

Miss Georgina McGill, who sails for India the first week in November, is one of the new missionaries of the Women's Convention of Ontario West. Her home was in Guelph, Ont., until recently, and is now in Toronto. Miss McGill is a graduate in Arts of McMaster University of Class 1911, and has also completed the teachers' course at the Faculty of Education, of Toronto University. She goes to India thoroughly equipped for the educational work, which it is expected she will enter.

Miss Eva McLeish, also under appointment of the Women's Convention of Ontario West, is a native of Arkona, Ontario. There she grew up and attended school, taking her special training for missionary work at the Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill. Miss McLeish is a niece of Miss Murray, so well-known for her many years of service as a missionary of the Women's Eastern Convention. She expects to sail with her aunt in November, making one of the party of six who leave by way of Montreal at that time.

SOME INCIDENTS OF MY FIRST TOUR.

Miss Katie H. Marsh.

I have wished many times during the last few days, that some of our Mission Band boys and girls could see what I was seeing, for I know it would have inspired them to become even better "Willing Workers" than they now are. So I will try to picture a little of what I saw and did on one or two days.

The first village we wanted to see was a mile and a half from the canal, so leaving the boat at 9.30 a.m., we walked on ridges through the rice fields, where numbers of men, women, and children were busy transplanting, that is, taking the young rice plants from the seed beds, and planting them four inches apart, in fields of water. What a time it takes! Some bright boy might make his fortune, if he were to invent an electric machine to do this work, but, I would advise that it be made of aluminum or something light, so that it would not sink too deeply in the mud and water. Several times during our walk, we had to be carried by two men across deep ditches, and at one place, where a tank had overflowed (making almost a river), the men who carried us were wading in water above their waists, and trying their best to keep us out of the water. Wouldn't you like a snapshot? When we arrived at the caste village, Miss Selman learned that one family where she was always well received, had moved away, but by tact and persuasion, we were at last allowed to sit on one end of a verandah under shelter, and as we sang our first hymn, quite a few gathered and listened to the "Sweet story of old."

The next place we went to, they swept out a cow shed, and gave us a mat to sit on, and there gathered a much larger crowd than before. One

woman asked, "Is not Rama the same as Jesus Christ, only a different name?" In speaking about sin, one said, "God gave us the mind to sin, how can we help it?"

Being new, I caused several interruptions,—they wanted me to talk and sing in English; we told them we had not come for their amusement, but with the good news of salvation, but, if they would listen well, I would sing afterwards, and they did listen well. We stayed till they left to prepare their evening meal for the men, returning from work.

The walk back to the boat was even more exciting than going, the men being called to kill a cobra, which was by our path; it had turned, and raised its hood at us. We reached the boat about four-thirty, rather tired from the long walk, and unaccustomed mode of sitting, and with arms burning from sun and wind, the latter being so strong it made umbrellas impossible.

At one village a man tried hard to prevent our going to the women, said: "they could not understand," but we went notwithstanding, and in one courtyard a crowd numbering at least one hundred and fifty, were listening splendidly, when this same man we had escaped from, came rushing in talking at such a rate, it was impossible to do anything. He said, "What is the use of all this preaching, there is only one God and everybody knows it; if Jesus Christ is God, we want some proof of it." We waited till he had talked himself tired, and finally went away. In another courtyard, sitting on the ground in front of the steps of a large caste house, I was rather startled when a huge white ox came walking down the steps almost into my lap. This caused quite a lot of merriment. Brahman women, as well as others, were anxious to hear.

The long touring season has begun.

Pray that the Holy Spirit may speak to the hearts of the people through the Word, presented by your missionaries and Bible-women.

This first short tour has given me a fresh desire to persevere with the language, and become more competent to tell the story of Jesus and His love.

Akidu, Aug. 12th, 1912.

CANADIAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Cocanada, July 10-19, 1912.

Nature was kind to your missionaries gathered at Cocanada from Sompeta in the north to Vuyuru in the south. Cocanada gave us a warm reception, but some heavy showers of rain cooled the air, and made possible days of earnest and profitable discussion.

The meetings were marked by a spirit of harmony and friendliness, which increased day by day. East and west at home, north and south in India, had been forgotten in the feeling of 'oneness' which made us all brothers and sisters.

In the devotional meetings with which each session commenced, our thoughts were specially directed to 'fellowship with God.' In the three sessions specially set apart for devotion, 'prayer' was the subject.

Dr. Sandford was appointed President, Mr. Craig, Vice-President; Mr. Barss, Recording Secretary, and Mr. Woodburne, Corresponding Secretary. Reports of the work done by committees of the two former Conferences gave an insight into the work as a whole. Communications from the new Home Board were read, and received earnest attention. It was felt that the request of the Home Board for a statement of needs, and for suggestions as to our future educational, industrial, and medical policy required careful deliberation. After these matters were discussed at some length, committees

were appointed to carefully consider these matters, and report at the January Conference.

The reports from the Vizagapatam and McLaurin High Schools, were very encouraging. Mr. Walker was appointed to Vizagapatam, specially to take charge of the religious instruction of its 800 students. Mr. Cross was appointed to the McLaurin High School in place of Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell, who take furlough next year.

The new constitution and by-laws were discussed and adopted with a few slight alterations. Interesting hours were spent over the estimates for the ensuing year. Resolutions of sympathy for the relatives of Dr. McLaurin and Miss Peck, were passed, Conference standing reverently to do honor to these, who having fought a good fight, have finished their course with joy.

As Conference closed, we felt that God had been with us, leading and controlling, and that He had a great work for us in these coming months. We are praying for and expecting outpouring of His Spirit, and a consequent gathering.

L. M. J.

Ramachandrapuram, July, 1912.

DAY OF PRAYER.

Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Special attention is called to the semi-annual day of prayer, to be observed November 7th.

As we plan for these meetings, let us remember that prayer is the most important factor in our work—for He says, "Without Me ye can do nothing."

The united earnest supplication of all our women—on this special day—ascending to the throne of grace, must bring a wave of blessing that shall be felt both far and near.

We therefore, earnestly hope it will be very generally observed.

F. M. R.

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secure for the missionaries, and for the native Christians. The railroads give more comfort and speed to travellers, and every real reform, every added facility for going over the country, every sanitary measure, helps the missionary work. Missionaries have labored hand in hand with the Government in educational work, in bettering the people's condition, as they give them the one panacea for all of earth's ills, the truth at it is in Jesus. Let us pray for those in authority, that they may have wisdom given from the All Wise One. Pray for our workers in that far land; that God may give them daily grace, daily peace, daily power. And work and give, too! Oh, yes, yes! The motto of John Williams, the famous missionary to the Fiji Islands, was "Trust and try." What better motto could there be for Mission Bands, working for missions at home and abroad! These two words, "trust" and "try," are like the two parts of a pair of scissors. Both are needed to make any progress possible.

Closing recitation by younger members.

O happy children everywhere,
Tell the news, gospel news;
Loud let it echo through the air,
Tell the joyful gospel news;
Our news to-day is true and brave,
So, and it far across the wave,
Christ Jesus came the world to save;
Oh, happy news, gospel news,

SARAH STUART BARBER.

A QUEER TRADE.

We have not had a talk for some months now. One of my sons has been very ill with typhoid fever and pleurisy, so my time for pen and paper has been limited.

Among other queer things in India, is a man who calls himself a snake-charmer. Nearly every place of any size has one of these men. One who

often sees them, tells me that this snake-charmer is the queerest looking person in town. When he is called to charm away a poisonous cobra, he comes with a long staff in one hand, a reed flute in his belt, and a covered basket hanging at each end of a pole carried on his shoulders. One basket is empty and one full of his own pet snakes. He goes through a mysterious ceremony, which really has nothing to do with the cobra, but will make the people think that he is a wonderful man. Then he begins playing on his flute, and you all know what a strange power music has, even over a snake. Soon the cobra's head appears out of the stone wall under which he is hiding. He coils his great body on the floor, lifts up his head, spreads out his broad hood, darts out his tongue, and sways himself up and down to the music. Just at the right moment the snake-charmer grabs him either by his neck or tail, and in some way gets him into the empty basket, and claps down the cover. Then if the people do not pay him the money he asks, he threatens to let the cobra free again. The cobra's bite is so full of poison that it is nearly always sure to kill the person he bites. There is a small animal in India called the "mongoos," something like a cat, but with a longer body and shorter legs. It is just as natural for a mongoos to kill snakes as for a cat to kill mice, so people coax them to stay around their homes, as we do cats, when mice bother us. The natives of India often worship the cobra, and put milk near its hole for it to drink, so it may satisfy its thirst, and not kill any of them. The missionary's life is full of dangers, but for the love of Jesus he spends his days in India, to win her people for Christ.

SISTER BELLE.

22 Melgund Ave., Ottawa.

CIRCLE NEWS.

Preston.—On Friday, October 4th, the ladies of the Preston Baptist Church met at the parsonage to re-organize a Mission Circle. Mrs. Lang, of Berlin, very kindly came over and organized, and gave an interesting and helpful talk on the need of our doing all we can to help ourselves and others to prepare for the coming of our Lord's Kingdom. Ten members were enrolled and others will join. The officers are: Pres., Mrs. Tyler; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Gatehouse; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ziemann; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Grievie; Treas., Mrs. Gerard. Agent for the Link, Mrs. Silver. Agent for Visitor, Mrs. Gerard.

First Church, Victoria, B.C.—The meetings of our Circle have been most encouraging during the past months, both in attendance and interest. The President, Mrs. H. F. Bishop, has been untiring in her efforts to make each meeting bright and vitally interesting to those who attend,—our denominational work figuring largely in our monthly programmes. Early in March, a Mission Band was organized under the joint leadership of Miss Hendry and Mrs. W. P. Robinson, with an enrollment of eight members, which has since grown to twenty-five. The meetings are held fortnightly, each member subscribing ten cents per month. Already the members of this young and vigorous organization have raised by their own efforts over \$25.00, and are planning definite work along missionary lines. The Circle held its annual thank-offering meeting April 4th. We were greatly favored in having as the speaker of the evening Mrs. A. A. McLeod, of Vancouver, who has always responded so willingly to the appeal of our Circles, to address public meetings in the interest of our Foreign Mission work. Mrs. McLeod, who was attired in the native costume of the Burmese women, kept her audience rapt as she

described, with that peculiar charm which distinguishes her as a speaker, the life of the Hindu, and recounted many of her own personal experiences during her long years of service. During the evening the newly organized Mission Band gave an exercise entitled "Her Easter Choice," which reflected great credit upon their instructress. The offering amounted to about \$30.00. The closing meeting was held June 4th, at the home of Mrs. Andrews, Victoria West. A very helpful address was given by Miss King. At the close refreshments were served by our hostess, and a social half-hour enjoyed before dispersing.

J. W.

Talbot St., London.—The Ladies' Mission Circle of Talbot Street Baptist Church, have recently held their annual rally. The attendance was large. The delegates for the Convention, to be held in Toronto on November 7th, 8th and 9th, were appointed, Mrs. H. H. Bingham and Mrs. A. T. Edwards being named reporting delegates. The following officers were elected for the year: Mrs. H. H. Bingham, Pres.; Mrs. D. McDermid, 1st Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Griffith, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Mrs. J. Jepson, Sec.; Mrs. M. Dale, Assistant Sec.; Mrs. J. B. Campbell, Press Correspondent; Mrs. L. Clark and Miss Jeffrey, Treasurers; Mrs. Draper and Mrs. A. Greenslade, Pianists. Miss M. Adams gave a very interesting address on the "Jewish Mission, Toronto." A fruit luncheon was served, and a pleasant social half hour spent.

MRS. J. B. CAMPBELL,

Press Corr.

Victoria Park, Hamilton.—On Saturday, September 28th, the Director organized a Mission Band at the Victoria Park Mission, Hamilton. A membership of fifteen was enrolled, with a promise of additions. Mrs. J. Taylor, of James St. Church, will superintend the work. The officers elected, were: President, Miss Hattie Tribbeck; Vice-President, Miss Gertrude Jakes; Secretary, Miss Hilda Webb, and Treasurer, Miss Louise Sullivan. We predict success for these earnest young workers in this enterprising mission cause in Hamilton.

R. Hendry,
Director.

Ormond.—On the evening of June 14th, 1912, the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Circles of Ormond, held their open meeting, Rev. E. F. Chandler presiding. Prayer was offered by Miss Jessie Carkner and Miss Frith, returned missionary. After the Scripture lesson, read by Mrs. N. Carkner, we were favored by a duet from Mrs. J. Dunning and Mr. R. Carkner. Then came a dialogue entitled "Aunt Polly joined the Mission Circle," by five of the Circle ladies. The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Gollan (Morewood), in the form of a story of a Chinese family. Then followed short addresses from Mr. Gollan (Morewood), Mr. Neilson (Winchester), and Miss Frith, returned missionary. A collection was taken up in the course of the evening.

B. Janie Porteous,
Secretary.

BILLETING NOTICE—WESTERN CONVENTION.

Circle secretaries are asked to send names of delegates wishing entertainment, to Mrs. J. G. Brown, 857½ Manning Ave., Toronto, by November 1st. Circles are entitled to send two delegates for every twenty or less, and one more for every additional twenty or fraction.

Delegates arriving at the Union Station should take a Bathurst car and transfer to a College or Carlton going west. Convention church is at the corner of College and Palmerston Boulevard.

THANK-OFFERING—EASTERN CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the United Boards, held at the close of the Eastern Convention, in the Westmount Baptist Church, October 2nd, the subject of thank offerings was discussed.

In view of the fact that there has been a falling off along this line, it was deemed advisable to remind the Circles of this very important factor in the year's work.

Will all Circles therefore, who have not as yet taken their thank offering, make a point of doing so, as soon as convenient?

Let us remember that to-day the needs are greater than ever before, enlargement is most important; the cry is for more workers everywhere, and unless we meet the demand, the missionary cause must suffer.

Let us do our share generously and promptly.

FRANCES RUSSELL,
LIZZIE J. PARSON.

Oct. 11th, 1912.

WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST, 1912.

The annual convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West will be held in the College Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on November 6 and 7.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on November 8.

Delegates.

The Constitution of each society permits the following:

"Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less; for each additional twenty, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the society—that is, life members or contributors of at least one dollar a year. All are invited to attend the meetings, and may take part in the discussions, but only delegates, officers and members of the Board are entitled to vote."

ETTA M. PUGSLEY,
Recording Secretary.

RAILWAY CERTIFICATES FOR CONVENTION.

Railway certificates may be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines of railway it will be necessary to obtain certificates from each railway. These tickets are only good for use three days before and three days after the meetings close (Sunday not counted) if the delegates go and return by the same line.

An agent for the railway will come to the church to sign certificates, when a fee of twenty-five cents will be required to be paid by each delegate.

M. C. STARK.

PROGRAMME.
CONVENTION ONTARIO WEST.

Foreign Mission Day.

Convention Secretary, Miss Ruth
Denovan, B.A.

Morning Session.—Hymn No. 4; Scripture Reading, Mrs. A. E. Matthews, Toronto; Prayer; Address of Welcome, Mrs. Grove, Toronto; Reply by the President, Mrs. John Firstbrook, Toronto; Associational reports, Directresses; Annual Report, Rec. Sec., moved by Miss Etta Pugsley; Treasurer moved by Mrs. Glenn Campbell, seconded by Mrs. R. W. E. Burnaby, Bedford Park; Link, moved by Miss Norton, seconded by Miss Anna Moyle, Toronto; Home Cor. Sec., moved by Mrs. Lloyd, Toronto, seconded by Mrs. W. L. Kingdon, Toronto; Hymn No. 404; Announcements; Address on Band work, Mrs. Mulock, St. Catharines; Prayer session; Election of officers; Resolutions; Hymn No. 23; Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

Prayer service, led by "Sister Belle," Ottawa; Hymn No. 12; Minutes of morning session; Cor. Sec. report, moved by Mrs. J. H. Cranston, Toronto; seconded by Miss K. S. McLaurin, Vuyyuru, India; Hymn No. 395; Address on her work in India, by Miss Ryerse, Cocanada, India; Solo, Miss Irene Symons; Address by Miss Grace Alexander, Toronto; Offering; Announcements; Hymn No. 567; Adjournment.

Evening Session.

Hymn No. 549; Devotional exercises, by Rev. A. T. Sowerby, Toronto; Address by Rev. W. A. Cameron, Toronto; Music by Choir; Address by Mrs. Chute, M.D., Akidu, India; Offering; Music by the choir; Hymn No. 609; Benediction.

Elizabeth Denovan, Sec. Prog. Com.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR
SEPTEMBER, 1912.**

RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

Iona Station, \$2.75; Atwood, \$1.90; Watford, \$3.00; Durham, \$5.00; Colchester, \$9.60; Burgessville, \$5.00; Hamilton, Wentworth St. (Special collection in June), \$10.00; Vittoria (for Cocanada Building), \$5.00; Toronto, Olivet Church, \$3.40; Toronto, Century Church, \$13.85; Bentinck, \$4.50; Hagersville, \$3.50; Pine Grove, \$2.00;

Toronto, Bloor St. Y. L. Auxiliary, \$24.00; St. Thomas Y. L. Auxiliary, \$3.37; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$5.60; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$126.02; New Sarum, \$3.50; Brampton, \$7.00; Brooke, \$2.90; York Mills, \$12.12; Colborne, \$6.50; Teserora, \$2.50; Gilmour Memorial for Akidu Chapel, \$34.11; Haileybury, \$5.13; Toronto, Memorial, \$5.00; Toronto, Roncesvalles, \$9.60; Shedden, \$6.50; Steelton, \$5.00; New Liskeard, \$1.10; Markham, Second, \$9.75; Larrow, \$5.00; Galt, \$3.20; Whitby, \$2.75; Hamilton, Victoria Park, \$5.70; Warton, \$4.31; Woodstock First Church, \$15.00; Listowel, \$2.15. Total from Circles, \$377.31.

Bands—

Hartford (Cocanada Building, \$5.00), \$10.00; New Sarum, \$1.30; St. Catharines, Queen St. (for "V. Krupnanadam," \$17.00, for Cocanada Building, \$5.00), \$22.00; Toronto, Immanuel Church, \$3.00; Townsend Centre (for Cocanada Building, \$5.00), \$5.00; Stayner, \$1.00; Sunderland, \$2.50; Langdon (for Cocanada Building, \$5.00), \$10.00; Colborne (for "P. Atchama"), \$8.50; Springford (for "R. Deenama"), \$11.00. Total from Bands, \$74.30.

From Sundries—

Toronto, Indian Rd. Y. L. B. C. (for "Edla Alice"), \$4.25; Kingsville B.Y. P.U. (for "M. Joseph"), \$8.30; proceeds of sale of Miss Hatch's Booklet (for Vizag. Caste Girls' School), \$24.67; Northern Associational collection, \$8.13; "A friend in Sask.," \$25.00; A friend for "L. Papamma," \$25.00; Miss Leonard, \$2.50; "Arkona," for Miss McLeish's passage, \$300.00. Total from Sundries, \$398.05.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cheque to General Treasurer, on regular estimates for India, \$811.91; Furlough allowances, \$66.67 and \$41.67; Treasurer's expenses, \$20.83.

Total receipts for September, \$849.66; total disbursements, \$941.08; receipts since October 21st, 1911, \$11,427.39; total disbursements, October 21st, 1911, \$11,901.74.

Since June 1st, 1912, the following organizations have sent remittances for the first time;—Steelton M. B., Mt. Brydges M. B., Maple Grove M. O., Tuncators M. C., Sunderland M. B., Hamilton, Victoria Park M. C.

Marie C. Campbell.

Mrs. Glen H. Campbell.
113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.

Eastern W.B.F.M.S. Convention.

Reported by Mrs. J. Hale Ramsay, Montreal.

The Annual Convention of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, was held in the Westmount Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 1st. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Walford and Mrs. Stroud, Ottawa, replied in a few appreciative words, expressing sympathy with our President, as well as of our own sense of loss in the removal of our late dear President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton. Mrs. H. H. Ayer, President of the Foreign Mission Board, gave "Vision" as the watchword of the Convention year.

Though there have been some failures during the past year, we are able to point with the watchman upon the towers, the breaking of day. She spoke of the urgent need in India, and suggested that members inform themselves of the duties of our own missionary societies. The call from the Foreign field is loud, and, while not neglecting the Home work, we must press on to greater effort. Our Lord does not want our spare time, but asks for full service. We must have a vision of God deep down in our hearts, to dedicate our lives to His service. Thirty-six years ago a meeting was held in First Church, when Mr. Timpany told of the women of India without Christ, moving those present to serve. The Vision came and the need was supplied, and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was organized with Mrs. T. J. Claxton as President.

The reports of Directresses of Associations all expressed a note of cheer, with increase of interest, and of offerings over last year.

The Quiet Hour of Prayer and thanksgiving was led by Mrs. Galt, Vankleek Hill.

The election of officers resulted in a unanimous vote for re-election of our very dear President, Mr. H. H. Ayer, Montreal; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Gordon Baker; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Gordon; Rec. Sec., Miss Lillian Rickert; Corr. Sec., Mrs. P. B. Motley; Assistant Sec., Miss F. Russell; Treas., Mrs. N. Ohman; Executive Board, Mesdames Fuller, D. Bentley, Cheeseman, Dyke, Halkett, King, Kirkwood, Loudon, McKergow, McTavish, McLean, Martin, A. E. Patterson, W. G. Rickert, B. W. Rickert, Sproule, E. A. L. Therrien, Utting, Wilson, Wood, St. James, and the Misses Barker, Cramp, Russell and Lester, and Mrs. D. K. McLaren, honorary member.

A Junior Mission Circle was reported, the first in our Convention, as having been organized at Coaticook.

Mrs. A. E. Patterson stated that the arrangements for the Claxton Memorial Fund were being warmly responded to, and that it is hoped to send the first instalment to India in November. \$100 was subscribed for the deficit in the Foreign Mission treasury, and it is hoped Circles not represented, will make up the amount still required.

Miss Norton for the "Link," told of its first issue thirty-four years ago. Mr. Timpany saw the need of a woman's paper, and the women fearing to make the venture, Mr. Timpany himself sent a trial number, which was so successful that the women no longer doubted. There are now between five and six

thousand subscribers. No other publication in our Convention touches our women's foreign work, and no other one medium has done so much for it.

The Conference on Young People's work was opened by Miss Allan, whose excellent paper we hope to print in the "Link" later.

Mrs. Wheeler in her paper entitled "Is a World Vision Necessary to Efficient Missionary Service?" said that a ripe harvest calls for immediate action. She referred to the educational and commercial strides taking place in Japan and China, and affirmed this is the time to enter Turkey with the Gospel in order to prevail against Mohammedanism, whose missionaries are everywhere and ever active. In India the women thirst for learning, and the Hindus call for help, and the spirit of God is urging workers into the harvest fields. The plastic nations of Africa are easy to win, but Mohammedanism is abroad in the land and the followers of Christ must be on the alert. One thousand men are needed immediately to evangelize Africa, and the need of South America is ten times greater than that of Africa. Lack of an adequate comprehensive "Vision" is the cause of lack of workers. A "Vision" would give volunteers for every land.

The memorial service for Mrs. T. J. Claxton, Mrs. Paine, and Mrs. H. Stillwell, lead by Mrs. D. Bentley, was solemn and impressive. Loving words were spoken of the beautiful self-sacrificing lives, and of the deep sorrow felt for our lost, but "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

A solo, "Heaven is my home," was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Hess.

Tuesday Evening.

Rev. A. A. Cameron was chairman for the evening.

Rev. Mr. Goodfield spoke eloquently

and forcefully of the Home Mission work. His address will be reported in connection with the Home Mission Day. Miss Murray, missionary of the Eastern Convention, who is returning to India this autumn, described the district in which her work lies, embracing as it does a territory of 1,000 square miles, with 350,000 people in 350 villages, the centre of work being Yellamanchili. In all this great field, she has but three Bible-women to assist her. This brought "Foreign Mission Day" to a close.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, have held four regular meetings, and one special meeting, since last annual meeting. The special was called for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed to draft a plan for raising funds for the erection of a suitable memorial to our late and beloved Hon. President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton. The meetings have been well attended, there being an average of twenty. The prayer meetings held once a month, in the homes of our members, have proved most helpful.

We shall miss, Mrs. Marshall, our very efficient 1st Vice-President—our best wishes for success follow Mr. and Mrs. Marshall to their new field of labor.

It was deemed advisable to appoint an Assistant Corr. Sec. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Russell, whose work has been invaluable to the Board.

During the year, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Chapman conveyed greetings from our Society to sister societies in the Anglican and Presbyterian churches.

Mrs. Marshall was appointed our representative to attend the first meet-

ing of the new Canadian Foreign Mission Board, held in Toronto. Two ladies from each Board will in future represent the women's societies—we are anticipating a source of helpfulness from this uniting of forces.

A lecture was given by Mr. Phillips, of Olivet Baptist Church—subject being "Isles of June." The attendance was excellent, and collection generous.

The letters from our missionaries come as a source of strength to the workers at home—keeping us in touch with the work of our representatives in the foreign fields.

During the past year, we have been called upon to part with some of our most beloved and honored leaders in the cause of missions,—Mrs. Claxton, for over thirty years President of the Women's Foreign Mission Society; Dr. McLaurin, founder of our Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission; Mrs. E. B. Paine, 1st Life Directress of our Society; Mrs. Stillwell, daughter of the late Mr. Timpany, one of our most beloved missionaries.

We, as a Convention, cannot but feel the loss sustained by us in the death of our late beloved Hon. President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton. The following resolution was passed:—

"That the members of this Board unite in extending their sincere sympathy to their President, and the other members of the family of our late beloved Hon. President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, under their recent bereavement.

"They desire to express the great sense of loss to the Society, in her death, who became president, at its formation, and for nearly thirty years held that office, becoming in 1909 Hon. President and Life Directress.

"They desire to place on record their deep appreciation of her, who for thirty-five years, as member of their Board, gave time, substance, talent, and energy in abundance; of her who

with tears, and prayers, with tongue and pen, in storm and calm, advocated the cause, dear to her, almost as life itself, till at last, dying in harness, she rose triumphantly to greet her Lord.

"That they may emulate and imitate a life so consecrated in its efforts, so high in purpose, with equal zeal, devotion, energy and consecration, must be the desire of every member of the Board, and of the Society she so successfully inaugurated, and carried to such a high degree of efficiency."

During the year, Mrs. D. K. McLaurin, for many years a faithful member of the Board, but of late, owing to ill-health, unable to attend, was made an honorary member.

Six life members have been received: Mrs. J. W. Poapst, Ottawa; Mrs. W. J. Mills, Ottawa; Mrs. E. M. Zavitz, Ottawa; Mrs. Albert Paterson, Montreal; Mrs. J. E. W. Paddon, Montreal; Mrs. A. J. Ladamme, Winchester.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. RICKERT,

Rec. Secretary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Madame President and Ladies:

The process of retrospection—of looking backward—is profitable only in so far as we regard our encouragements and successes as lighthouses showing the way to the desired haven; our disappointments and failures as warning beacons, pointing out the rocks and shoals of which we must in future days beware. If we consider our report in this way, the time thus spent in reviewing our year's work will not be wasted.

The year has been a year of change. Some of our friends and co-workers have left us to make new homes and take up the Master's work in other fields—some have been laid aside for a season, while others have been called to higher service. We miss their be-

loved faces, their faithful, earnest co-operation and the wisdom of their counsel.

Difficulties have been met, obstacles surmounted; at times success has crowned our efforts; at others we have felt the discouragement that failure brings. But amid it all, amid our joys and our sorrows, our trials and our successes, we feel that our Heavenly Father has been mindful of us; and that in so far as we have done our best, His approving smile has rested upon us, and His "Well done" sealed our efforts.

A great source of strength and blessing and a spiritual uplift—to all who could attend—has been the monthly prayer meeting. It is in these quiet moments that the truth and beauty of the old hymn comes home to us—

"Come ye yourselves apart and rest
a while,
Come ye aside from all the world holds
dear,
For converse which the world has never
known,
Alone with me and with my Father
here,
With me and with my Father not alone.
Come tell me all that ye have said and
done,
Your victories and failures, hopes and
fears.
Then fresh from converse with your
Lord return,
And work till daylight softens into
even;
The brief hours are not lost in which
ye learn
More of your Master and His rest in
heaven."

Let us bear in mind also the importance of the semi-annual days of prayer, in April and November. We wish it were possible to more urgently impress upon all our women the possibilities of these meetings. The united prayers of all our Circles, sincerely offered, would prove a greater blessing in the homeland, and produce more far-reaching results at the front, than perhaps we dream of.

The Bureau of Literature has made wonderful progress under Miss Dakin's faithful superintendence. In a short time this department has increased threefold. In time of need let our Circles and Bands remember that here their wants may be supplied.

Mrs. Marshall, our first vice-president, has left us to make her home in British Columbia, and while we shall miss her bright, energetic, efficient co-operation, we congratulate the church at Chilliwack on the accession of such an active missionary worker.

It is a matter of sincere regret, that the prolonged illness of our valued Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Motley, has prevented her taking her usual place at our recent Board meeting, and also at this Convention.

Miss Murray.—It is a matter of great rejoicing to us all that our beloved missionary's health has been restored, and that once more she is permitted to return to her work in India. Her desire was to return last year, but this was denied her. It must have been a great trial for one so devoted to the work, to have to "stand and wait"; but "His ways are not our ways," and in His own time He has restored her, and we thank Him for His leading.

Miss Robinson,—who made a very successful tour for us in June, visited the associations, and held a number of meetings, we regret to say, is not permitted—on account of ill-health—to return to India this year.

The union of our Foreign Mission Boards—Maritime Provinces, Ontario and Quebec, and Western Union—which a year ago, was in the formative stage, has become an accomplished fact, the first meeting of the new Board having been held in Toronto last May, where we were ably represented by Mrs. Marshall, our Vice-President. Rev. J. G. Brown, our indefatigable Foreign

Secretary in Toronto, to whom we owe so much for wise counsel and advice, becomes Secretary for the all-Canadian Board. This union of our Foreign Mission work, will mean far more efficiency and strength in India, as well as Canada, and is a great forward step in that co-operation, which is one of the striking features of the missionary enterprise of the present day. The change will not affect the work of our Society, except in so far as we are auxiliary to the Ontario and Quebec Board, now known as the Central Division of the new union; while we shall in future be privileged to have two of our members as representatives on the Board and Executive Committee.

Our hope is that this union will serve to enlarge our sympathies and bring us into closer fellowship with our brethren and sisters from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Sorrow has come to us this year, and we are called upon to record the passing away of one of the oldest members of our Board.

Mrs. Paine was a faithful and devoted member for many years, and first Life Directress of the Society. Although "laid aside" by a prolonged illness, her interest in the work continued as long as life itself.

The "passing" of our late beloved Honorary President, Mrs. T. James Claxton, who served this Society faithfully for so many years, we record with heartfelt sorrow and sadness.

The loss sustained is great indeed, and we feel that we have been sorely bereaved.

We thank God for her life and work, for her consecration and devotion, for her high and noble purpose,—and while we sorrow,—for ours is the loss,—we know that she has gone to her Coronation, to receive the "crown of righteousness," and to be "made partaker of the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away."

Claxton Memorial.—It is fitting that such a life should be honored, and it is gratifying to be able to report that a tribute is being raised to her memory; as will be seen by the following resolution, passed unanimously at a Board meeting held March 8th, 1912.

Resolved: That a fitting memorial be raised in honor of our late beloved President, Mrs. T. James Claxton, who held this office nearly thirty years, and was called to a higher service January 26th, 1912.

Resolved: That this memorial take the form of a native school house at Vuyuru, to be called the "Jane Claxton Memorial School House."

This decision was arrived at after conferring with Dr. J. G. Brown (foreign Secretary), and missionaries on furlough; who declare without a doubt, that this is the most urgent need in the mission to-day. Letters from India also confirm this statement.

The following extracts from letters are interesting, and speak for themselves. Dr. Brown writes:—"The old chapel is a disgrace. It is an old house built of sun-dried bricks, and has done service for about twenty years. It is eaten with white ants and destroyed by wind and weather to such an extent, that it has to be propped up in order to keep it from falling upon the school children.

"The possession of a new commodious school house would give the Mission a new standing in the eyes of both Christian and natives. It must be remembered that the Vuyuru field is the second largest in point of membership in the Mission, having a communicant roll of nearly 2,000 members. There ought to be a chapel at the station capable of accommodating 400 or 500, especially when it is necessary to hold the Association there."

After hearing of our decision, Dr. Brown says: "I am glad to hear you

have taken up the chapel school house at Vuyuru as a Claxton memorial. There is no more urgent and pressing need in the Mission than this."

He also reminds us that in making our calculations, we must remember that there are only certain months in India in which building can be done—December, January, February, March, and sometimes April. However, if Mr. Bensen could gather material together next winter, the work could be proceeded with as soon as there is sufficient money on hand to warrant his going ahead.

Mr. Bensen, Vuyuru writes:—

"Our present building is entirely inadequate to meet even our present needs.

"Ever since coming to Vuyuru about two and a half years ago, we have hoped and prayed and exhorted, that this chapel school house, our great need, be granted. And now by the great kindness of the women of your Society, the need is to be satisfactorily met. I believe that the Father has divinely guided in the decision, for it was recognized by our Mission Conference that the Vuyuru chapel school house was the first need of the Mission. In spite of our cramped and in every way unsatisfactory quarters, we have now 60 boys and girls in our school. Eighteen new scholars came in July, to take the place of those who left in April."

Also Miss Robinson, when here in June, spoke of the very urgent need of this school house, and also expressed the hope that because of the terrible condition of the old building, it might be an accomplished fact in much less than three years.

In view, therefore, of all that has been said, your Board feel that they have made no mistake in the decision arrived at and recognize, that Divine guidance has been distinctly manifest-

ed, and that He has made our path plain.

It now remains for us, the women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, to do our part, and we feel assured that if we each do it according to our ability, this very urgent need will be adequately met; and the name and memory of one, whom we all hold dear, honored.

India.—Our work this year has been carried on without change. The three missionaries from the Western Board, who took up the work last year, are still carrying it on, and send interesting reports.

Mr. Walker has continued his work of supervision at Yellamanchili again this year, and in addition to his own work, it must indeed be a great tax.

Miss Hinman, our new missionary who sailed last November for India, has spent most of the year in study.

Of the welcome services held in both the Telugu and English churches, she writes: "The welcome given lacked in no respect; never before was I so garlanded,—never before had I had songs of immeasurable length composed with my name interwoven." She also says: "I have a good Munshi and am busy trying to master Telugu. Some days things seem to go well, and at other times it seems uphill work. I have been glad to do some work in English. During the school term I had a Sunday School class of 40 matriculation boys in the Mission House school. They were very attentive and asked questions, which, without the very conscious presence of God, I should never have been able to answer. One of these boys confessed Christ for the first time at a revival meeting, held in our Baptist Telugu Church in May. It makes me feel happy that the Lord has been able to use me a little already."

Let our prayer for Miss Hinman be, that God will bless her very abundantly.

ly in the work to which He has called her, and that He may use her for His own honor and glory.

A great loss has been sustained in the Mission, by the passing away of one of the most efficient and beloved missionaries. After a brief illness, Mrs. H. E. Stillwell was suddenly called from active service here to the rest and peace of the Heavenly Home. A fellow-worker, speaking of her, says: "I doubt whether there was any one in the Mission so generally beloved as the one whom we mourn. She has closed her second term of faithful service in India, by giving her life for the people." To the loved ones in the homeland, and the bereaved husband in India, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

"We thank Him, for the bright glimpses that come to us, they make our hearts glad. We thank Him too for the sad things of life—for "without sorrow, life glares." Joy and gladness, sorrow and pain are our common lot; but when these are blended with our lives by the Divine Hand, we can rest satisfied that all is for the best.

Associations—Eastern.—This Association reports good progress made in many Circles during the year, and while some have not come up to the standard, the Directress, we note, has urged these to greater effort. With Miss Chandler as President (and we know she will make an ideal one), and Mrs. Manderson as Directress, the outlook is certainly bright, and good work may be expected.

One new Circle, at the Verdun Church, and one new Band—Temple Church, Montreal—are reported. Miss Robinson's address at the annual meeting, was an inspiration. During the summer Mrs. Ramsay visited a number of Circles and awakened much interest.

Ottawa.—The report from this Association is very encouraging, showing

an increase in interest and funds. Twenty-one Circles and seven Bands in this Association, and a reported increase of \$160.49 over last year. Mrs. Sheldon, of Cornwall, continues as Directress. This Association reports two new Bands, one at Cornwall, and one at Osnabruck.

Miss Robinson, who spoke at the annual meeting in Clarence, stirred the hearts of the delegates by her enthusiasm.

Grande Ligne.—This Association reports a new Circle at Marieville, with fourteen members.

The Field—Cocanada Zenanas.—Owing to a three months' furlough the work this year has been somewhat interrupted. However, during nine months our missionaries have done patient, faithful work, and have had the joy of seeing some of the fruit of their labors.

A new worker has been added to the staff, Miss Philipz, a student in the Timpany school. She sends her first report this year.

Miss Beggs reports: "As far as numbers go, progress has been made, for we have now 97 houses and 20 pupils, an addition of 5 pupils since this time last year. The pupils are very nice, and prepare their lessons well, and listen attentively to the Bible. As for the women, they are both interesting and amusing. They are eager to learn, and some of them feel that their spiritual diseases must be healed.

Venkatarathanna (the blind woman), listens to the Bible very attentively, and says that she has given her heart to the Lord, and knows that He has cleansed her from all her sins. — She is very poor, but has a happy face, and watches eagerly for our visits, greeting us with a bright "Salaam-Amma."

Rathamma is verily a follower of the Lord. At our last visit, she said:

"The Lord has been trying me much. Sometimes I feel as if He had forgotten me, but when I take up His book, I find words of comfort; and when I pray to Him, I feel very happy. The Lord has been good to me, and I will trust Him to the end."

Our dear Kanthamma says that she has her foundation on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and no one is able to shake her faith. We are hoping to see her come out and confess Him openly."

Miss Gibson reports having visited 91 houses, made 304 visits and reached about 300 women; 6 of these houses were new ones. In some, the women have never heard the name of Jesus, and others who had heard, perhaps in some other village, had forgotten; so that it is always a new story more or less. This makes the work so much repeated effort.

"During my vacation I have been able to reach one woman by a weekly letter—Ruthamma, by name, who was at one time a pupil in our caste girls' school, and was taught the truth for several years after she left. Her letters show her strong faith in Jesus as her Saviour. She is now a wife and mother of five children, and her great desire is that her children may come to know the things of God, by God's grace, so that they may be able to tell others. Pray for this dear young woman, that she may be taught by the Spirit, and led out into a larger place. She would gladly come out openly, but says she is bound by fetters.

And so, by the help of the Master, we sow the seed of the Kingdom, using the sword of the Spirit against the powers of darkness, and in many cases we believe the darkness is driven out, and the light of the Gospel of truth is shining in; and is having a practical and moral effect on their lives."

Miss Philipz writes: "I have visited 347 houses, of these 12 were new

ones, and contained in all 2,097 persons. Chinamma, the Bible-woman, has helped me in the work. We visited in the villages in the mornings, and the caste women in the zenanas in the afternoons. As a rule we are gladly received. Our work was done during the first four months of the year."

Akidu Boarding School.—Miss Corning, who is in charge of the school during Miss Robinson's furlough, reports:

"At the opening of the school in August, the boys' new dormitory was ready for occupation, and we increased the number of boarders, from 60 to 98. Even then, we did not take in all who wanted to come, as we had not the means for their support. But we rejoice that suitable dormitories have made it possible for 30 children more than the usual number, to receive the benefit of Christian training and education during the past year. The work of teaching has been carried on under difficulties, as the old chapel was altogether too small for the number of children. I was kept in a constant state of apology, for stepping on toes and fingers as I moved from class to class; but we have been encouraged by the sound of the builders at work, and next term we shall open school in our beautiful new chapel, even although it is still minus doors and windows.

"The girls' dormitory has been plastered and whitewashed, transforming it from a dark, dreary room, into a bright, cheerful, and we believe, a far more healthy home for our girls. During the first term, we had on the roll 138 names, with an average attendance of 114. Of these (57 boys and 36 girls) were in the boarding school.

"The second term opened with 140 names on the roll, 90 of whom were boarders. Our average attendance during this term was 106. The teachers have done faithful work, and the final

examination results were most gratifying. 11 boys and 4 girls have been sent to Cocanada for a higher course.

"A large number of caste boys are coming to us from the town for English teaching. These boys are not compelled to attend Bible classes, but so far no one has missed a lesson.

"In March, 8 boys and 1 girl, and on Easter Sunday 8 boys and 8 girls from among our boarders, openly confessed Christ by baptism. But more than all, I have been glad to see the growth in Christian characters. It is not easy for these children to break away from the sinful habits in which they have indulged all their lives. But many of them are learning, with the help that never fails, to really overcome."

Akidu—Village Work.—"I have tried to give from three or four hours each afternoon to work in the village, with my Bible-women, Y. Mary, V. Rathnamma.

There seems to be a desire to hear us on the part of many, and we believe that a few of the women, whom we teach regularly, are really trusting in Christ as their Saviour.

We were again disappointed about procuring land for a caste girls' school. A site was offered by a Mohammedan, and the necessary papers made out. One of the three brothers who owned the land, was in debt to some of the Hindu merchants. The caste people, although they want a school for their children, really seem terrified to have us own land in their midst, and succeeded in so frightening this brother, that he did not dare to consent to the sale.

We know from experience that a caste girls' school and reading room, which we plan to have connected with it, will go a long way towards breaking down the superstition of caste, which still holds the Akidu people.

Will you pray that a suitable site may soon be secured, and this work created?

The Mala village school, carried on very successfully by Vetheramma, the wife of my head master, has received Government recognition. This school has been the cause of great encouragement. My visit for inspection and examinations are always unexpected, but no matter when I appear, I always find a large number of children present, and the work being well done.

I do thank God for the faithful helpers He has given me from among our Indian Christians in my work in the schools as well as in the zenanas."

Vuyyuru.—School Work. Valluru—

Dr. Hulet writes as follows:—"The year has been one of change. When Deboramma left us at the close of last year, we had a great deal of difficulty in securing someone to take her place. Finally I found a young girl at Ongole, who promised to come, but owing to the strong opposition on the part of her parents, feared I was to be again disappointed. Rather than lose her, I went to Ongole and brought her back with me, and she has proved an efficient teacher.

"After the holidays, as no head master could be secured, Agnes' father came, and he, with Nagamma, did what they could to keep up the school. But because the school had to be carried on in a Mohammedan's house with a less efficient staff, the number of scholars considerably lessened. However, when the union clerk, Mr. Venkata Subbaya, who has been a friend of the school since its beginning, and one who received his education in a Christian school, was secured as head teacher, the school began to improve, and there are now over 70 names on the roll. During this term, Agnes was able to secure a very capable lower secondary girl, Soonderabhai, and we intend letting Mr. Venkata Subbaya

return to his former work as soon as the year closes. I would ask you to continue to pray for this man.

"The land belonging to the minor Rajah, has been leased, and a building 30 by 34 feet, has been put up. When we can secure money for a proper school building, this one will be used as the teachers' quarters. In time we hope to have a dispensary in this village, and have the compounder live in these quarters with the teachers.

Vuyyuru School.—All through the year the attendance has been good and the school has grown. There are now over 40 names on the roll, many of the girls being of the highest caste. Another very encouraging feature of the work is the way the larger girls have learned to pray. We know that God is working in their hearts, and implanting His truth deeply.

All the girls who have graduated from the school, and are living here, are being taught by our Bible-woman, Katakamma.

Work in the Village.—"During the year all but one of the women taught, have continued the study of the Bible and have memorized most of the 5th chapter of Matthew. We believe that these truths are helping them in their daily lives, but we long for an outpouring of the Spirit, which shall bring such strong conviction that Christ is the only way of salvation, that shall lead them to accept Him and confess Him, not only secretly, but openly.

"The closing exercises in both schools were most interesting, and although only women were permitted to attend, more came than the room could accommodate. Both meetings were conducted and addresses made by educated Hindu women."

Vuyyuru Touring.—Miss Zimmerman reports: "The year has been a hard one, but we thank Him for the hard

places, because they make us lean harder on our Saviour and Helper.

"There have been many hindrances, and I realize how little outside work I have been able to do, and yet I have learned many things as I have viewed this work for the first time.

"Our two faithful Bible-women, Ambia and Shantoshamma, did the touring alone for the first half of the year. Mary and Martha accompanied them during July and August, and good work was done.

"Our two hundred villages have been visited during the year, two hundred and forty-four days were spent on tour, and 450 gospel portions sold among the caste women. I conducted, personally 62 women's meetings, visited 38 Sunday schools, as well as teaching many bands of children.

"To the school work I have given special attention, as I deem it of great importance. These boys and girls are our hope for the future. Many of our girls have been allowed to attend the boarding schools, and some of them have become real missionaries in their own land.

"The work among the Christian women on this field is a very large one. The need of these women is so great that at times it is almost overwhelming. Their ignorance in some cases is most pitiable; they want to learn, but their minds seem incapable of grasping the truth. In Bodagunta Church, the women seem more intelligent along spiritual lines than those of any other church on the field. This I believe, is largely due to the earnest work and prayer of our faithful Jane, who has worked so many years among them. The fruits of her earnest prayerful life may be seen on every side. She will have many bright gems, from this part of our field, to lay at the Master's feet

"Mary and Martha are at present

attending the Bible training class at Coanada. They will return to the work in December. Pray that they may come with more knowledge and full of zeal, and fullness of the Spirit, to take up what will be their life work.

Caste Work.—“Since July Conference, it has been my privilege to visit a number of villages, and to get acquainted with many of the caste women. The impression in my mind as I write is, that everywhere the women are hungry—for what? I believe they long to know the true God, and to please Him by living pure lives.

“We visit in the caste homes in every church but one, on the field, spending from four to five hours daily, when possible, at this work. And now the year's work is ended, and we pray that even the mistakes may be used to bring glory to Him whom we love, and whom we are seeking to serve.”

Vvyyuru Boarding School.—Mrs. Bensen reports: “The school this year has had a record attendance. The boarders numbered 57, and the total enrolment was 93.

“Cholera broke out in the compound in January, and all school work was suspended for a time. This was the only hindrance to the work throughout the year. The work is most interesting, but greatly retarded for lack of room and suitable accommodation.

“The school room is small, dark, dingy, and most unsanitary. Think, of over 90 pupils and 4 teachers in this one room, each teacher having to shout at the top of his voice, to make himself heard above the din made by the others. To meet the need on this field, we should have no less than 100 boarders in the boarding school. The boys' dormitories are very small, and will not begin to accommodate those who want to come. The girls' quarters are in a very bad condition, the walls riddled with white ants, and the roof anything but rain proof. In spite of these conditions, the work is encouraging, the graduating class being the largest in the history of the school. We feel that the time cannot be long before these urgent needs are supplied, and we have faith to believe that that time will soon come.”

Yellamanehilli.—Mr. Walker, who has supervised the work on this field through another year, reports: “On the whole, I believe the Bible-women

have faithfully kept up the daily service at the homes of the women, in the villages. About the same number of houses as usual (25) are open to Elizabeth. Nukamma, who was sick part of the year, has fully recovered. She is diligent in service. The faithful Salome passed away about two months ago. Her end was peace. In her place came Loubkagamma, the wife of the teacher in Pennagarole. As she is fairly well educated and shows evangelistic zeal, we are hoping for good results from her work.

“The Help Meet Society have carried on their good work as usual. Receipts and expenditure about the same as last year.”

Yellamanehilli—Caste Girls' School.—In some respects this school has had the best year in its history.

“The number of pupils have increased from 85 to 107, with an average attendance of from 65 to 95.

“The girls showed much knowledge at an examination in Bible Stories, and New Testament Gospel. That the seed is taking root is evident.

“The opportunity afforded by our school for influencing the lives of these girls, and through them, the lives of their parents and friends, are unspeakably great.”

Samalkot.—As we support a number of boys in this school, it is interesting to note the progress made, and the helpful features that play so important a part in the school life. In this school we find 344 students, 75 of the number have been Hindus and Mohammedans. The boarding department reached the unusual total of 190, and Christian day-pupils number about 50. With a Y. M. C. A. and a Christian Endeavor Society, the influence of this school must be a power for good in the community.

The larger boys have as usual conducted Sunday schools in the streets of the town, while the theological students have acted as leaders of the weekly preaching bands.

Bolivia.—After many years of difficulty and discouragement, the work in this mission seems to be making headway. There are now 8 missionaries in the field (including 3 at home) and one native assistant; besides several independent missionaries. In connection with this work, Mrs. Mitchell

writes: "About fifty converts have been baptized. There are perhaps several hundred adherents, besides others who are interested, and read the Bible and tracts, but are not yet brave enough to show up at meetings. You may wonder perhaps why there are so few converts. I wonder that there are so many. And their lives, their influence, the growing respect shown to the work, and the favorable laws enacted regarding it, has fully proved that there is after all a place for Protestantism in Bolivia, and that she now presents a remarkably wide-open door for the spread of it."

Before concluding this report, it is well that our attention be recalled to one or two features, which above all others, stand out and challenge our best thought and consideration, in the messages that have come to us from the various fields.

I. The importance of missionary education is becoming increasingly evident.

This is true not only from the standpoint of missionary effort, but in so far as it affects the national life. It is conceded by those best versed in the matter that we must not look to our own missionaries for the greatest progress in the days to come. Each nation, each people, must and can, to no small degree, work out its own salvation. The trained native worker is the key note of the situation, and it is here that the real value of the mission school and seminary come in. Then, too, the desire for enlightenment is growing among the native peoples. Education they want—education they will have, if not from Christian sources—then from some other; and as one missionary puts it: "Education untempered by Christianity, is a very dangerous thing."

From many of our schools comes news of numbers turned away through lack of adequate equipment, and every soul turned away from the doors of a Christian school house, means an opportunity lost—perhaps forever. This at once constitutes an opportunity and a menace—an opportunity that should afford us much encouragement—a menace only, if we fail to speedily cope with the situation. It is for us to see that the education of these people shall be permeated with Christianity.

II. But what should afford us most

encouragement and must bring great joy to the hearts of our consecrated workers at the front, is the spiritual growth that is manifested.

The seed sown amidst trial and difficulty has not all fallen on barren soil, but is springing up and bearing much fruit. We thank God for those who are being ushered into the joy of fellowship, with their Lord and Master.

We thank Him too that His faithful servants are seeing the fruit of their labors. Best of all, is the great wish on the part of those who have learned of the love of Jesus, to tell others of His love.

Women unlearned and ignorant have a burning desire to spread the "glad tidings," and lead others into the "good way," as one of our faithful ones express it.

Surely there is a great lesson in this for us in the homeland. And it would seem impossible to more fittingly conclude this report than in the words of the founder of the Laymen's Movement: "If those who dwell in darkness only a few years ago, can, out of a poverty that we know nothing about, but out of a devotion that is greater than most of us know, tell the good news to those of their neighbors that have known it not, shall not we into whose hands God has given so great an abundance of this world's goods, such great opportunities for education, shall not we in our day and generation do our part?"

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES RUSSELL,

Ast. Corr. Sec.

Westmount, Oct. 1st, 1912.

BAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This report is incomplete owing to the fact that several Bands have failed to communicate with their superintendents, despite repeated requests for news, but what can be expected of the child, when the mother so often fails.

Fifteen Bands support a child in one of our schools in India, from which schools such excellent reports come. The Government inspector making the state that the children in Akidu and Vuyuru boarding schools take higher rank than those in the regular Government schools.

A new Band has been organized at Cornwall, and another at Osnabuck, and one is about to be started at Temple church, while Sherbrooke promises to attempt one soon.

At Coaticook, the Band held a prayer meeting on one occasion, when no less than 14 dear little ones raised their childish voices in public prayer. Five members were baptized during the year. The little ones are willing to come into the Kingdom, if only someone will lead them. The small treasurer of this Band is preparing a colored map of India for use at the meetings. Two or more members of the Circle are always present at meetings, and no doubt profit by excellent lessons given.

Delta has 40 members, a goodly number of missionaries in training. "Mission stations in India" has been the lesson course. Moe's River, by active service, proves what can be done under adverse circumstances, when a leader loves her Father's business, and has a tender ambition for the little ones. The children delight in lessons from the "Link," illustrated by models, and they love to march up and present pennies to a metallic man, who bows thanks while placing pennies in his pockets, and not a coin would miss the opportunity to see him bow his iron head. A verse of Scripture is repeated in answer to the roll. Friends contributed to a subscription card, and also put pennies into birthday-party bags made by the children. These tiny missionaries, scattered in homes miles apart, gave \$22.00 to spread the Gospel. Your Superintendent, would delight to report many such active interested children, and such tireless workers, did the Band leaders but care enough to respond to her plea for news.

Kingston, Union St., has wisely decided to "cling to their Band," though invited to unite with the B. Y. P. U.; the Circle agreed that it was only in a Band that proper knowledge of Home and Foreign Mission work and responsibilities could be acquired.

Ottawa First Church, studied missionary lessons, including Christian giving. Members of Circle always attend Band meetings.

Brockville re-opened with a missionary tea; a missionary black-bird pie gave news from different fields, and at the following meeting, children were questioned on knowledge gained.

Cornwall has one set of officers for boys, and another for girls, meeting at the same time in separate rooms for business, and uniting for lesson illustration by Balopticon, which is found most helpful, as any picture photo, or object can be shown.

Westmount held two meetings with the Sunday School, Band officers conducting services. At one, Mrs. Osborne was present, with Marzamma, a child rescued from the lowest outcaste people, and who sang a hymn very sweetly. The annual concert, the event of the year in Westmount church, called forth a crowded audience, who contributed \$43.75 for Home and Foreign missions. The leaders prepare a regular programme each year, by which missionary subjects are carefully discussed. The young superintendent is unflinching in attention to visits from the stork in homes of church members, and her family of baby Band members is large.

The excellence of methods of work in this Band, and its large offerings, are a tribute to the two young girls, who are untiring in their endeavor. The total amount given was \$142.00.

Four Bands have undergone the painful operation of re-organizing, which would be unnecessary in most cases, if Circles would but exercise care over this branch of their work, but better re-organize than drop out altogether.

One Band is reported dead, but we hope will be resuscitated under happier circumstances. Other Bands have failed to report, or have simply stated numbers, and amount raised.

The total offering for Home and Foreign fields was \$27.92, which is less than last year's offering, and your Superintendent looks for a much larger amount this year.

Circles are beginning to realize that the Band is their care, and that it is a school to prepare well-informed, interested workers of the future, who have received instruction in mission work, and Christian methods of giving, as well as the greater one of obedience to our Saviour's commands.

Many Band leaders are faithful, loving servants of their Lord, but still trouble comes when one of these dear workers is compelled to lay aside her duties. In almost all cases, children are eagerly anxious for Band instruction, but the old cry of "leaders

wanted!" is heard in the land. One sometimes wonders why churches are so poverty-stricken in material for Band leaders. Surely there are consecrated women who could help, yet always the cry is "O I cannot." Just a desire for service, a little time given, a love for children, and a willingness to sacrifice, for it may be a sacrifice, and there would be no lack of helpers.

But the main responsibility rests with the Circle. Let each Circle keep that

responsibility in mind, and cheerfully take up this little branch of its labor of love. Somewhere I have read "The final test of love is unselfishness." "It is a beautiful thing to grow, and to help grow." Can this be better accomplished than in loving, tender care for the little ones whom the Saviour called so tenderly to Himself!

PAULINE RAMSAY,

Montreal, Oct., 1912.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From October 1st, 1911, to September 30th, 1912.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1911...	\$ 6 48	Appropriations—	
Total Receipts from Circles, as per detailed statement below.....	1,993 28	Miss Murray's Salary	\$275 00
Total Receipts from Bands, as per detailed statement below.....	389 73	Miss Hinman's Salary and Munshi	649 02
Collections taken—		Vuyyuru Work and Boarding School	604 00
Miss Robinson's Meeting	\$95 76	Yellamanchilli	173 00
Conventions	18 89	Akidu School	250 00
Union Circle Meeting	2 00	Vuyyuru Girls' Boarding School	325 00
Ottawa Association	3 68	Canada	110 00
Eastern Association	6 32	Samalcotha	50 00
	126 65	Bolivia	50 00
Individual and other Contributions—			\$2,386 02
Thank-offering from a Friend	\$5 00	Special—	
Mrs. G. Hopton, Montreal.	60 00	Passage Money	\$103 25
Mrs. J. H. Ramsay, Westmount	3 60	Miss Murray's Passage	350 00
Members of the Board	1 25	Miss Hatch's Mission	18 75
Estate Miss Jenny McArthur	42 21	"Among the Telugus"	2 25
A Friend for Vuyyuru School	117 00	Speakers' Expenses to Convention	16 55
Mrs. J. McNaughton, Lancaster	15 00	Express Charges	35
Refund from "Among the Telugus"	84	Stationery and Postage, Supt. Mission Bands.....	3 60
Philethea Class, Calvary Church, Brockville	15 00	Postage	1 12
A Friend	10 00	Discounts on Drafts	75
Proceeds sale of Post Cards	1 25	Miss Robinson's Travelling Expenses	51 76
Ffirst Church Sunday School Primary Department, Montreal	15 00		548 18
B. Y. P. U., Quebec	15 00.	Printing—	
Mrs. M. D. McLaurin, Vankleek Hill	17 00	P. E. Wilson & Co., Printing in "Link"	20 00
First Church, Philethea Class, Winnipeg	18 00	D. Bentley & Co.	11 00
Balance in India	99 02	Stationery, L. E. Waters & Son	7 50
Montreal special re support of Girl in Boarding School	15 00	Printing in Year Book	9 00
Estate late Mrs. A. C. Whitfield	15 00		47 50
Interest, Royal Bank of Canada	3 01		\$2,981 70
	468 18	Balance in Bank, Sept. 26th, 1912	2 57
	\$2,984 27		
			\$2,984 27

Treasurer's Statement—Continued.

RECEIPTS—EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Abbott's Corner.....	\$ 10 00		\$ 10 00
Barnston.....	10 00		10 00
Beebe Plain.....	17 50		17 50
Bulwer.....	6 00		6 00
Coaticook.....	18 00	6 72	24 72
Disville.....	29 00	8 00	37 00
Moses River.....	5 50	17 29	22 79
Montreal, Olivet.....	116 53	43 00	159 53
" Olivet Chapel.....	15 00		15 00
" First Church.....	290 00		290 00
" Westmount.....	111 00	60 00	171 00
" Point St. Charles.....	6 00	12 07	18 07
" Tabernacle.....	5 00		5 00
" Temple.....	20 00		20 00
" Verdun.....	5 00		5 00
North Hatley.....			
Quebec.....	62 50	15 00	77 50
Sawyer ville.....	3 95	1 40	5 35
Sherbrooke.....	3 85		3 85
Waterville.....			
Ways Mills.....			
	\$719 94	\$178 48	\$898 42

RECEIPTS—OTTAWA ASSOCIATION

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Breadalbane.....	\$16 00		\$16 00
Buckingham.....		8 00	8 00
Clarence.....	35 00		35 00
Cornwall.....	30 70		30 70
Dalesville.....	5 00		5 00
Dempsey.....	4 00		4 00
Dominionville.....	50 00		50 00
Grenville.....	10 00		10 00
Hawkesbury.....			
Kemptville.....			
Kenmore.....	5 00	15 00	20 00
Lachute.....	10 00		10 00
Maxville.....	6 00		6 00
Ormond.....	36 25		36 25
Oswarbrick.....	5 00	17 00	22 00
Osgoode.....	60 20	15 30	75 50
Ottawa, First Church.....	305 95	23 00	328 95
" McPhail Memorial.....	45 00	12 00	57 00
" Fourth Avenue.....	89 50	15 00	104 50
Rockland.....	86 75		86 75
Sobitt Goswer.....	15 00		15 00
Thurso.....	29 20		29 20
Vanleek Hill.....	5 95		5 95
Winchester.....	43 85		43 85
St. Andrews East.....	2 00		2 00
	\$948 84	\$120 00	\$1068 84

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE OHMAN, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,

H. W. WADSWORTH,
ALFRED WALFORD,

Auditors.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27th, 1912.

RECEIPTS CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Algonquin.....			
Allan's Mills.....		10 00	10 00
Almonte.....	10 00		10 00
Araprior.....	5 00		5 00
Brockville, First Church.....	101 45		101 45
" Calvary Church.....			
Carleton Place.....			
Delta.....	29 00	15 00	44 00
Drummond.....	9 00		9 00
Kingston, First Church.....	52 00	17 00	69 00
" Union Street.....	16 50	4 25	20 75
Lanark.....			
Delta.....	24 60		24 60
Pembroke.....			
Phillipsville.....	24 00	5 00	29 00
Plum Hollow.....	15 00		15 00
Renfrew.....	5 00		5 00
Smith's Falls.....	20 00	10 00	30 00
	\$300 95	\$91 25	\$392 20

RECEIPTS GRANDE-LIGNE ASSOCIATION

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Grande-Ligne.....	\$6 00		\$ 6 00
Montreal, French Church.....	7 50		7 50
Ottawa.....	10 00		10 00
Roxton Pond.....			
	\$23 50		\$23 50

SUMMARY

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Eastern Association.....	\$719 94	\$178 48	\$898 42
Grande-Ligne Association.....	23 50		23 50
Ottawa Association.....	948 84	120 00	1068 84
Canada Central Association.....	300 95	91 25	372 20
	\$1993 23	\$390 73	\$2383 96

Number of Circles contributing..... 51
 " " Bands..... 24

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Total receipts for 1909-10.....	\$3201 92
" " 1910-11.....	3128 96
" " 1911-12.....	2977 79

Due on Yellmanchilli..... \$35 00
 " " Cocanada Zenana Work..... 140 00
 " " Samalcotta..... 100 00
 Total deficit..... \$276 00

LIFE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR

Mrs. J. W. Postpet.....	Ottawa.
Mrs. W. J. Mills.....	" "
Mrs. E. M. Zavitz.....	" "
Mrs. Albert Paterson.....	Montreal
Mrs. J. E. H. Paddon.....	" "
Mrs. A. J. Laflamme.....	Winchester