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FAREWELL MEETING.

On Sept. 8th., a farewell meeting was held for our newly appointed missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Scott, in Emanuel church, Toronto, where Mrs. Scott is a member, the pastor, Dr. Welton, presiding. He spoke of the joy it was to them that several had gone from that church to the foreign field, and not the least in having Mrs. Scott to go from their midst. Dr. McTavish, Presbyterian, who was formerly their pastor before they became Baptists, rejoiced heartily that their lives were given to this work, though going out under a different denomination, and wished them God speed in the greatest work of the church. Chancellor Wallace spoke very appreciatively of Mr Scott as a student and Christian, and hoped more young men like him might go from McMaster to the foreign field. Our F. M. Sec'y., Mr. Brown, welcomed them for the Board, and Miss McLaurin for the missionaries, feeling herself quite a veteran after eight years service, and could say from her heart that though there were many discouragements and disappointments in missionary life, the compensation of seeing souls turned from darkness to light and witnessing the transforming power of the Gospel in their lives outweighed them all, and she would not exchange her position for the most favored.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott replied very tenderly, relating the way in which God had led them to devote their lives to Foreign Mission work, and their joy to enter into it so soon. Prayer that the means might be raised for their going out this fall has been answered in an unexpected way, marking a new era in our Young People's societies, the Young People of the Middlesex and Lambton Association having wholly assumed their support.

"Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of the things that are to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command Ye me." Is. 45 : 11

ASK AND RECEIVE.

"Ask what ye will," the loving Lord doth say,
More willing far to hear than we to pray;
He gives us freely from His bounteous store,
And bids us oftener come and ask for more.

W. H. P. in *Converse with the King.*

BOARD MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board will be held in the Baptist Church, Aylmer, Tuesday, Nov., 10th, at 8 p.m. Toronto ladies will need to leave by the 9 a.m. train, and will go through without change, arriving at Aylmer at 12.30.

A. MOYLE, *Rec., Sec.*

A short time ago our readers were favored with a letter from Miss Kate Armstrong giving an account of one days work. Since then, we regret to learn that she has been stricken with paralysis, losing the use of her arms for the present. The physicians ordered immediate rest and change, and she has gone to England where her father will join her.

Her many friends will deeply sympathize with our beloved sister and the family, and will pray that she may be speedily restored and enabled to return to her loved work.

The Editor of THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK desires to thank the Editor of the *Baptist* for his kind words of appreciation and good wishes, and would heartily reciprocate them.

Special attention is called to the note at the bottom of Miss Elliot's report, page 27. This includes the estimate of \$310 for village schools and Samulcalter's Seminary, which needs to be provided for at once.

THE MISSIONARY'S FAREWELL.

Glad, my native land, I bid thee,
 Cherished scenes and friends farewell,
 For the love of Christ constrains me
 Of that love the world to tell.

Though it be to deeper darkness,
 Rougher paths and stormier sea,
 Yet I hail them all with gladness
 For the love of Christ to me.

Rivers seek the lowest levels,
 Sunbeams darkest shades pursue,
 Jesus saves the vilest rebels,
 Even me his mercy drew.

Haste we then with blessings laden
 Far away o'er land and main,
 Till we bid the dying pagan
 Live through Him who once was slain.

Many skim the nearer shallows,
 Snatching victims from the wave;
 But we go to brave the billows
 Far from shore the lost to save.

Many till the rich and mellow
 Fields where fruits and flowers grow;
 We to break the stubborn furrow,
 To the deserts wild must go.

Many hold the fort while sheltered
 From the fire of deadly foe;
 We to storm the fort are summoned,
 For the Saviour bids us go

Teach the earth's remotest nation
 All that He would have them know,
 Fill with light the dark creation,
 Turn to joy its hopeless woe.

"TO THE READERS OF THE LINK."

"Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord." *Isa.*
 43 : 10.

"And when they (Paul and Barnabas) were
 come and had gathered the church together, they
 rehearsed all that God had done with them, and
 how he had opened the door of faith unto the
 Gentiles." *Acts 14 : 27.*

As, through the gifts of the Baptist Women of
 Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and "according to
 the good hand of my God upon me," I have been
 enabled to spend eight years in witnessing for
 Christ among India's women, so now, by the
 same means I have been permitted, not only to
 visit home and loved ones, but also during June
 and July to meet many of my supporters and re-
 hearse to them of what God has done with me,
 as their representative, among the heathen.

Beginning with the churches of the Canada
 Central Association, I visited Kingston, Perth,
 Smith's Falls, Carleton Place and Renfrew.

These names have been familiar with me since
 we used to repeat 'counties and county towns'
 in the geography class, but hitherto they have
 been merely names. In the future there will be
 associated with them in my mind companies of
 servants of God who are, and in some cases have
 long been, intelligently interested in the salvation
 of the Telugus.

In one home where Mr. Timpany had once
 been a guest it was remembered that he had
 said he was never too tired to pray.

In Perth it was my privilege to call upon Mrs.
 Dr. Kellock in her home. I think none of our
 missionaries have had more reason to appreciate
 Mrs. Kellock's practical interest in the lepers of
 India than we in Cocanada.

At Smith's Falls it was refreshing to meet
 Miss Jessie Allen, a young lady dedicated in in-
 fancy to the Lord's service and who is looking
 forward to and preparing for service for Him in
 India—another striking illustration of God's
 faithfulness to parents who "covet earnestly the
 best gifts" for their children.

In a home in Carleton Place a dark-eyed
 girlie, of perhaps four, at her mother's request,
 lisped the names of the missionaries in Cocanada.

Every opportunity for reaching the boys and
 girls was improved—Indian curios and costumes
 proving an attraction and aid in impressing
 truth which we believe will bear fruit.

At Renfrew, where the annual associational
 meeting was held, it seemed like old times to
 meet Mr. and Mrs. J. A. K. Walker and family
 and Mr. J. R. Stillwell, formerly of Peddapuram
 and Samalkotta, India, respectively. As we
 went in and out to meetings and between
 sessions gathered about the table in Mr.
 Walker's home, one was strongly reminded of
 our Indian Conferences in Cocanada, and hope
 grew strong that we might all soon meet again
 under similar circumstances in India.

Leaving Renfrew I passed on to Buckingham,
 Quebec. Here, as at Renfrew, and I am glad
 to say, at all our denominational gatherings, the
 subject of missions had a large place. The
 attendance of women at the women's session in
 the afternoon was large and inspiring to the
 speakers. I was greatly encouraged by the
 hearty reception given me by the sisters of this
 association and also by assurances from pastors
 of a cordial welcome to the churches, in which I
 was not disappointed. At Ottawa, Lachute,
 Thurso, Clarence, Rockland, Grant, Maxville,

Breadalbane, Vankleek Hill, Winchester, Osna-bruck Centre and Cornwall the Lord was with me as, evening after evening, I stood before audiences, varying in size but scarcely in sympathy and interest, witnessing to the power of the gospel to save the heathen and to the blessedness of obedience to Christ's last commandment, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The attention of the children was encouraging and that of two little girls in Cornwall helped to lengthen our meeting considerably.

It was a great privilege to visit this association which God has so honored in the past, from which He has called so many laborers and in which there are spots, as Breadalbane, Dominionville and others, sacred as the meeting place of God with souls during the great "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" which have visited them. Here I found the memory of Daniel McPhail and of other pioneers, who "endured hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ" in early days, much cherished.

The presence of the venerable Rev. Dr. Anderson at our meeting in Vankleek Hill was indeed a benediction. Here also I met the friends and relations of our own Dr. John McLaurin, of Miss Frith and of Mr. Laflamme, in whose old home I stayed during my visit to Winchester. Among the churches there are many indications that the missionary spirit of the past still exists.

From Cornwall I went on to the Eastern Townships where I visited Sherbrooke, Sawyerville, Bulwer, Moes River, Dixville, Coaticook, Barnston, Beebe Plain, Clarenceville and Abbott's Corner. Here again I was received as a "servant of the Lord" and found earnest workers possessing the true spirit of missions, from whom I gleaned much as to the condition of the work at home. I rejoiced to hear of the need of pastorless churches having been supplied, of the faithfulness of church members while without pastors, of awakened souls and conversions and, from Miss Chandler the earnest Directress of Circles, of a deepening interest in missions among women evinced by the increased giving of the last year, the best financially in the history of the work in these parts. Truly all this is encouraging. While away up in the mountains at Abbott's corner, the native place of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ayer, of Montreal, I visited a church which for the last one hundred and four years has been

shining for Christ even unto "the regions beyond." Here was born and here lie the remains of the Rev. Charles Hibbard for fourteen years missionary in Burma. Surely this church is of the Lord's own planting not to be rooted up. "Beautiful for situation" at the top of "Joy Hill" may it ever be a source of joy and blessing. If the missionary spirit of the past be maintained, how can it be otherwise?

During the tour among the churches mentioned we were cheered by a specially good attendance of young men and boys. In one meeting the boy who volunteered to be dressed in the Hindu costume was a French Roman Catholic, in another a student from Grande Ligne. May the call of the Lord of the harvest to the boys and girls, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest and he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal," not have been in vain. Nor may I close without a tribute to the cheering presence in several instances of Miss Rue Parker, an ardent lover of missions.

Thus endeth a meagre account of what has proved one of the richest experiences of my furlough and the results of which, I trust, may be very far-reaching bringing light and life to many benighted ones and satisfaction to the heart of Christ. Time and space forbid mention of the many kindnesses received. A little excursion up the Ottawa River to see its beauties in company with Rev. and Mrs. W. W. McMaster, a visit to the Parliament Buildings and other points of interest in Ottawa with "Sister Belle," and similar treats in other places were much enjoyed. To one and all, dear Link, please convey my thanks.

Above all would I make mention of the loving kindness of the Lord, for it is written—"A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven" and again—"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning."

Yours faithfully

ANNIE C. MURRAY.

Arkona, Ont., Sept. 4, 1903.

Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow forever and forever.

—Tennyson.

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER TO MISS HATCH.

The readers of the LINK would perhaps like to read this translation of a letter written by the fiancee or wife of the Ex. Zenaindar of Ramachandrapuram, a gentleman of rank and of the Razu or Kschatriya caste.

This lady is a zenana lady and sees nothing of the outside world, except as she glances through the second story of her palace, or as she peeps through the curtains of her palanquin when she journeys.

S. I. H.

BY THE HELP OF GOD.

To our very dearly loved missionary, Miss Hatch, your friend and sister :

Razu-Kakalapudi - Sanyasi- Buchiah - Sutiah With many salutations writes information as follows :-Here, all our people are well. I think you will be writing now and then concerning the welfare of your (literally your and our) people there.

Having understood the matters you wrote with so much love in your letter, I rejoiced exceedingly.

You said your sister's house was smaller and poorer than ours, but as your sister's house is supplied with water and with hot-air furnaces, which our house does not have, I think our house must be much poorer than hers. Your country is a much better country than ours. There are no remarkable things in our country. In your country there are the trains, and hot-air pipes and so forth, besides so many other good things.

Your country is the country that is very cool, and where the people are very strong and happy. I wish I could see your country. I don't know whether God will permit.

* Your servants are better than ours, because they work continually without tiring.

I am so glad your aged father is strong and well. I desire that we should all pray that his health may still be continued to him. Are the people of your country all of one race, or are they of different races? Wherever you are, you can obtain many friends. You wrote me to have love towards God. What hope is there for us if we do not love God our Creator? You well

know what fate befalls a child who leaves his father. Therefore, I will not forget God the all sufficient Saviour. . . . Since you left Dr. H. has been twice, and Mrs. D. and the children have been once to see me. . . . I send you many salutations with my love. Give my many salaams to your sister and father. † Seemamma desires me to send her salaams. Seemamma's wedding takes place next month, therefore, I announce it to you. Buckamma sends you salaams. She is now reading in the second book.

I, too, am mourning much for Martha. From the time that she went home to Heaven there is no one to bring us news about you. No one comes to our house now. We used to like to have her come so often. Write how soon you will be coming. We are looking forward so much to your coming. If possible, bring a picture of your sister and her house when you come.

R. B. S. B. S.

THE BAD-FACED MAN.

Extract From Dr. Gertrude Hulet's Letters, Ramachandrapuram.

"I should like to tell you about one of our lepers, one of whom I—because I couldn't remember his name—used to designate the 'bad-faced man.' To look at his face fairly seemed to congeal my blood. The very fact of his being so repulsive made me desire to see what the grace of God could do to change that face. After Josiah came, I asked him specially to talk with him, and in our prayer meetings together for our leper work we often remembered him. We saw a little softening in his nature when he consented to give some hot gruel to a wretched leper who was dying. Then as he himself grew weaker by ravages of the disease, he made a clean confession of his sins, and sought God's mercy to forgive him. What a change! The hardness of the features was transformed by the smile of peace which came after this confession. He no longer feared death, and met it with joy. We praise God for His wonderful goodness. Pray for us. . . .

*I had written her that we did our own work here, but that the water-works supply, the hot-air furnaces, the trolley, etc., were as our servants and saved us much work.

† Seemamma is an adopted child of the Raseer who was educated in our Codelubutt Girls' School in Ramachandrapuram. She was taken away at the age of 11 or 12.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM REPORT.

Extracts from the Report of Dr. Gertrude Hulet, who is in charge there during Miss Hatch' furlough.

Forty-nine lepers have been admitted, making a total now of seventy-two, and several additions have been made to the building. Twenty-seven lepers have been converted and have joined the Church, which now numbers fifty-one members.

In March Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bailey paid a visit to this asylum, and whilst they were there the dedication service of the chapel was held. This new chapel also was a gift from Mrs. Kellock of Canada (see photo in July number). This Asylum might well receive the name "Thankful Corner" as the note of praise is so loudly sounded throughout this story of the year. Who would go to a group of lepers naturally expecting to hear praises sung? And yet these lepers have a service of praise every Sunday evening. At the opening of the chapel a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Kellock, and a special hymn was sung by the lepers thanking all who had given and labored for them. Our readers will find in this issue a letter from these same lepers to their benefactors in Canada and elsewhere.

Amongst the women lepers a "Helpmeet Society" has been formed, the members of which take great pleasure in contributing their mites towards the support of a Bible-woman, and while Miss Hulet was away recently on a preaching tour in the villages round about, these women met daily to ask God's blessing on her efforts.

We hope before long to be able to tell our readers of the completion of the Home for untainted children. The money for this Home has been collected by kind friends, and the Home—which will contain living rooms, hospital wards, a dispensary, and a store-room, is in process of erection.

LEPER WORK.

One new house and two new rooms have been built, besides the dispensary, and living rooms for Josiah, also the chapel has been completed. The teaching of God's Word has borne precious fruit. During the year 27 have been converted, baptized, and joined this Church, making a membership of 51. The deportment of these Christians, and also of the rest, has been very commendable. During the year only a few have needed discipline. The only objection we hear to lepers coming to the Home is that all who come here become Christians. We realize God's

people are upholding the work mightily in prayers and we rejoice in the manifestations of God's wonderful saving and keeping power. May those who have made it possible for these poor afflicted ones to be brought within reach of the Healing Hand continue in prayer and giving that many more may know the graciousness of the Saviour who is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

VOUYURU.

THE CHRISTIAN GIFTS.

When a year ago we were privileged to report that the total gifts of the Christians amounted to a round one thousand rupees we feared that the high-water mark of their giving for several years to come had been reached. But happily our misgivings have not been realized, since the total gifts for the year under review are no less than rupees one thousand and seventy-five. True, the total membership has increased by sixty-six, but still the fact remains that a slight advance has been made in the givings as a whole. "Gift-meetings," carefully prepared for and thoroughly organized, have had not a little to do with this encouraging result. Two items seem worthy of somewhat extended notice. The first is this. Two years ago the church in Bodigunta gave forty-three rupees, last year its gifts were ninety-five, and this year they total one hundred and eighty-five, an increase of over fourfold in two years. And this is the second. In a "gift-meeting" a year ago a Christian woman was impressed by the thought of giving a tenth of her income for the Lord's work. She can neither read nor write. Her husband's farm consists of but one half-acre of land, so that this Christian couple are forced, like nine-tenths of our members, to eke out a livelihood as laborers for the wealthy caste-farmers. In spite of these drawbacks the woman clung to her resolve in which she had the encouragement of her husband. So they tithed the small yield on their half-acre farm, tithed their hire as farmhands, tithed their marketed produce and laid it aside as God's. When the yearly "gift-meeting" came round again the little hoard amounted to eight rupees, and this with shining faces they brought as their offering to the Lord. In addition, they had given about two rupees in weekly collections at the regular Sabbath services. We believe God opened this woman's heart to receive the word about giving as truly as He opened Lydia's to believe on Him. So we are proclaiming this noteworthy experience throughout the Christian villages and expect that its proclamation will not be in vain.

H. E. STILLWELL.

Our Work at Home.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario (West) will be held in the Aylmer Baptist Church, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 11th and 12th. The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on the 12th.

DELEGATES.

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, either Life-members, or contributors of at least one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a first-class full-rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway.

These certificates are only good for use three days after the meetings close, if the delegates go and return on the same line.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

Thursday, Nov. 12th—Foreign Mission Day.
Mrs. J. T. Booker, President, presiding.

Morning Session—9.30 o'clock.

Convention Secretary, Miss J. Norton, B.A.
9.30.—Prayer Service, led by Mrs. Spiddell, Boston.

9.45.—Hymn.—Scripture Reading.—Prayer.
Appointment of Nominating Committee,
10.00.—President's Address, Mrs. J. T. Booker, Aylmer.

10.20.—Annual Reports:
Recording Sec'y, Miss Moyle, Toronto.
Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto.
Treasurer, Miss Elliot, Toronto.
LINK, Mrs. W. H. Porter, Toronto.
Bands, Miss Tapscott, Toronto.
Prayer, Mrs. Cowser, Brantford.
Hymn.

11.00.—Address, Rev. J. E. Chute, Akidu, India.

11.15.—Bible Reading, Mrs. G. W. Barber, St. George. — Hymn.

11.30.—Greetings from sister societies.
Prayer.

12.—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session—2.00 o'clock.

2.00.—Hymn.
Prayer, Mrs. J. C. Holman, Toronto.
Minutes of Morning Session.
Election of Officers. — Prayer.

2.40.—Report of Foreign Secretary, Miss Buchanan, Toronto. — Hymn.

3.30.—Address, Dr. Pearl Chute, Akidu, India.
Collection. — Solo.

4.30.—Question Drawer, Mrs. T. S. Johnston, London.

5.00.—Adjournment.

Evening Session—8.00 o'clock.

8.00.—Hymn.—Scripture Reading.—Prayer.
Minutes of Afternoon Session.
Music.

8.20.—Addresses, Rev. H. C. Priest, Tuni, India, Rev. J. A. K. Walker.
Hymn.—Benediction.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

EASTERN CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th., Morning Session 9.30 o'clock.

9.30.—Prayer service, Mrs. D. McLaurin, Osgoode; Hymn, Scripture, Prayer.

10.00.—Roll Call; Minutes of last annual meeting; hymn.

10.30.—President's Address, Mrs. Claxton. Report of Recording Secretary, Miss E. M. Crossley. Hymn, "THE LINK." Report of Superintendent of Mission Bands, Miss Muir, Montreal.

11.00.—Election of Officers and Executive Board; Appointment of Committee on Appropriations.

12.00.—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.

2.00.—Prayer Service, Mrs. A. A. Cameron, Ottawa.

2.30.—Minutes of morning session. Report of Corresponding Secretary. Hymn. Report of Treasurer, Mrs. W. Gordon Rickert. Report of Committee on Appropriations. Hymn. Paper on "Mohammedanism. Mrs. C. J. Alloway, Montreal. Collection.

4.10.—Address, Miss Amelia Muir.

4.30.—Greetings from sister societies. Question Drawer, Mrs. J. B. Halkett, Ottawa. Report of Committee on Resolutions. Hymn.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, of Circles and Bands, met in Renfrew, June 17th. The morning session opened with a prayer service, led by Mrs. John Guile, Smith's Falls. After which, Mrs. McDonald, Renfrew, welcomed the delegates.

Mrs. Murray, of Smith's Falls, in a few well-chosen words replied. The President, Mrs. A. N. Frith, of Smith's Falls, spoke on the privilege of workers meeting to encourage each other in the work. Emphasis was given to

God's special promise to His children in their discouragements. After roll call the following Nominating Committee was appointed: Mesdames Robertson and Hastings, and Miss Sheffield.

The Director's report shewed an encouraging condition in the majority of the Circles, and stagnation in none. The report from the Bands was not encouraging, though good work is being done by many. Mrs. Robertson, of Carleton Place, read an excellent paper on "Our Papers," advocating the *Visitor* and *LINK*. The careful and prayerful reading of these means increased interest in missions, increased prayer for missions, and increased gifts to missions.

Miss Wright, of Renfrew, spoke on "How can the children be taught to pray for missions." She said that they must be taught to serve Christ, then to offer sentence prayers, and these increased until the child could frame prayer.

A paper prepared by Mrs. Sycamore was read by Miss Grace, Brockville, on "The best plan for engaging all the members of a Circle, thus getting their interest." To have good meetings, bright intelligent programs are necessary. The plan found very successful in the Brockville Circle was given. Miss Farmer, of Almonte, read a paper prepared by Mrs. M. C. McLean, on "What is the best way and the best subjects to make the Circle program attractive and interesting." The leadership of God must first be recognized, business must be done in a business like way, and, above all, prayer must be earnest and constant.

Mrs. Copland, Brockville, read a paper on "The stimulating effects of preparing and sending away a Home Mission box," thus affording an opportunity for sympathetic and Christian work and giving. The Nominating Committee reported for officers: Mrs. A. N. Frith, Smith's Falls, President; Mrs. J. C. Sycamore, Brockville, Vice-President; Mrs. Moulton, Westport, Director of Circles; Miss Thompson, Carleton Place, Director of Bands.

At the afternoon meeting, Miss Murray, of India, gave a most interesting and helpful address. She said our interest in missions would be in proportion to our intelligent love for Christ. She referred to the conditions of Hindu women, as it had come under her own notice, of their degradation and sadness, and that the future of India's greatness is bound up in the emancipation of India's women. Mrs. W. W. McMaster, Ottawa, spoke on behalf of Moulton College, and gave a bright and spirited resume of the work being done at the different stations in the Home Mission Field. The three great needs to carry on this work are money, prayer and ourselves.

After a solo and greetings from sister societies in Renfrew, Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, Renfrew, spoke on "School Work in India," referring specially to technical schools and day schools,

the importance of these, on account of the seed being sown best among the youth.

A. E. COPLAND, Sec.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

GREEN RIVER.—We are glad to report a deeper interest in mission work, our meetings are well attended, and love for missions and faithfulness in service for Christ more manifest every month by the members.

Our Circle held an open meeting at the home of the pastor, Rev. Judson McIntosh, Thursday afternoon, July 2nd. There was a large attendance, the parsonage being filled to the doors. The President, Mrs. Hopkins, occupied the chair and made a short address extending to all present a hearty welcome. After devotional exercises and the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds," a very interesting programme was rendered. We were pleased to have with us the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Scott, missionaries elect to India. All present were deeply interested in the addresses given by them. The prayers and love of each member will follow Mr. and Mrs. Scott as they go to that far-away land to labor among the heathen. Excellent addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Legate, Methodist minister, and by the pastor. Interesting papers on missionary work were given by Mrs. McIntosh, Miss J. Nighswander and Miss Eva Hopkins. Mrs. McIntosh and Miss Champion sang very sweetly "O Morning Land," music was rendered by Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Nighswander and Miss S. Hutchings.

After the roll had been called, each member responded with an appropriate verse of scripture. One of our best and largest meetings was brought to a close by singing, "God be with us till we meet again." After the meeting a social season was spent, and then all sat down to an excellent tea on the lawn. Collection \$10.00. Officers: President, Mrs. H. Hopkins; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Ferrur; Secretary, Miss Jessie Nighswanger; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Dofoe.

J. NIGHSWANGER.

ORILLIA.—On July 31, 1903, eight ladies and the pastor met in the church to talk about organizing a Mission Circle. Pastor Dayfort opened the meeting with devotional exercises and a short address. The result was that we organized a Union Circle for Home and Foreign Missions. Our Officers are as follows: Pres., Mrs. Fader; Vice-President, Miss Sandders; Secretary, Mrs. Julia E. Maynard; Foreign Mission Treasurer, Miss Jones; Home Mission Treasurer, Miss Duffield; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Dayfort, Miss Maynard, Miss Fader.

The membership fee 10c. per month. We agreed to hold our first meeting at Mrs. Taylors on Aug. 13, as she is our oldest member. Twelve ladies were present. Mrs. Dayfort

presided. After devotional exercises several interesting readings were given.

Our collection amounted to \$3.00 to be divided between Home and Foreign missions.

MRS. JULIA E. MAYNARD, Sec.

PARLIAMENT ST., VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Mission Circle held its annual meeting, May 7th. One item of interest was reviewing the year's work. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for enabling us to accomplish something for the advancement of his cause. The attendance has not always been as large as we would like, but the spirit and interest have been good, as manifested in the hearty response to the calls for money.

Besides the regular contributions, we have made two life-members, our Secretary, Miss White, of the Foreign Mission Society, and Miss Ward, our Treasurer, of the Home Mission Society, sine its organization, we made our first Life-member of that Society. We have 39 members, with 50 subscribers for the *Visitor* and 10 for the LINK.

W. H. A. W.

PETERBORO'.—The Woman's Mission Circle of Park Street Baptist Church, Peterboro', held their annual Thank-offering meeting on Monday evening, Aug. 10th, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The meeting opened with singing, and prayer by the President. Mrs. H. P. Kennedy gave a very instructive and interesting Bible reading. The Choir then sang "Throwing out the Life Line." The retiring President, Mrs. Moury, (who has faithfully filled the office of President since the organization of the church, seven years ago,) introduced the new President, Mrs. (Rev.) A. H. Brace, who replied in a few words.

Miss Robinson then favoured the audience with a very effective solo. Pastor Brace gave a very interesting address on Foreign Missions, pointing out the progress of the work during the last century and the difficulties of the missionaries. The Choir gave another selection, entitled, "The world must be taken for the Lord." The offering, with the contents of Mite Boxes, amounted to \$15, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. After the benediction, refreshments were served, followed by social intercourse.

M. MANN, Sec.

MOUNT FOREST.—Early in July our Mission Circle held an "At-home," at the residence of our Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Cook, to welcome our dearly loved missionary, Mrs. McLeod, after almost fifteen years in India. Our President, Mrs. Emerson, gave a very nice address of welcome, to which Mrs. McLeod ably responded, telling us of a day's work in India.

We invited the ladies from the different missionary societies in town. Mrs. Stovel kindly

displayed her valuable collection of India curios. After tea and a pleasant social time, we adjourned for the public meeting in the evening, which was well attended.

Pastor Emerson presided at the opening exercises, the Rev. Mr. Hanna (Presby.) and Mr. Ferguson (Meth.), were called on to address a few words of greeting to Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, which they did in a very hearty manner. Mr. Ireland and Miss Whelpley favoured us with a duett. Mr. McLeod then gave a very interesting and instructive address, describing the work of our missionaries in India. It was encouraging to hear of whole villages without a heathen, where a few years ago there was not a Christian.

Mrs. McLeod then sang a solo in Telugu. Collection \$12.65. The choir rendered good music. Meeting closed with benediction.

(MRS.) J. T. ALLEN,

Cor. Sec., M. C.

MISSION BANDS.

FENELON FALLS.—Our Band can report some progress. We have now 50 members, and all seem quite interested, although many, on account of living a distance from town, cannot attend the meetings regularly. We have been studying our Home Mission fields the last six months. On May 22nd, we held our entertainment in the church. The program was given by the children and greatly enjoyed. An interesting feature was the opening of the Pyramids, each one as called bringing up their box and repeating a verse of Scripture. The sum of \$12.29 was realized from collecting six Pyramids. This goes to the support of a girl.

M. E. DAVIES.

BADDOW.—The Mission Band held an entertainment on the evening of Good Friday. The program consisted of singing, recitations and readings by the children, and was much enjoyed by the audience, which filled the church. Refreshments were served and a collection taken. The Pyramids were opened and the sum of \$0.60 realized from Pyramids and collections. This, added to what was in the treasury, made \$12.80 raised since their organization in Sept., \$6 of this was sent to Home Missions, and \$6 to Foreign Missions. There are 27 members in the Band.

M. E. DAVIES.

LEPER MISSION.

At a recent meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Parliament St. Baptist Church, Toronto, Miss Hatch, of India, gave a very interesting and touching address on the "Leper Work," at the close of which a very pressing invitation was read from one of the city Young Peoples' Unions, to be held at one of the suburban parks, on a Saturday afternoon or

evening, the expense of which would be, at least, 50c. per head. But, after hearing such an address on Leper work, one of the members of the Society suggested that while it would afford us much pleasure to accept the kind invitation of the Y. P. U., with the interest in the Leper work which seemed to be awakened, he would move that, instead of accepting the invitation, we would contribute the same amount to the Leper work. This motion was accepted with applause, and as a result, the Society will contribute (to their own surprise), twenty-five dollars for the Leper Mission. They also decided to support a native preacher in India.

May this effort incite others to do likewise.
—(Ed.)

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

Receipts from Aug. 16th, 1903, to Sept. 15th, 1903, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Erin, \$3; Wheatley, \$2.85; Peterboro' Murray St., extra, \$48.75; Port Elgin, \$4.60; Sarnia Township, \$3; Lakeshore, Calvary (special from concert by Miss R. Chute's pupils for the passage of Mr. and Mrs. Scott), \$26; Pine Grove, \$2; Hamilton, Herkimer St., \$5; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$3; Ingersoll, on Life-membership, \$9; Leamington, \$2.50; Watford, \$2.50; Atwood, \$2.30; Gladstone, \$11.80. Total, \$126.30.

FROM BANDS.—Binbrook, for Govadi Martha, \$5; New Sarum, \$3; Burch, for Chirra Lazarus, \$8.50; Daywood, \$10. Total, \$26.50.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Union Bible Class, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, \$5; Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Bobcaygeon, \$1.20; Mrs. A. B. Robinson, Bobcaygeon, 60 cents; Berlin Ladies' Aid, Thank-offering, \$9.11; Burtch B. Y. P. U., for Chirra Lazarus, 60 cents; St. Thomas, Centre St., Jr. C. E., for Pannamalla Adiyya, \$7; Mrs. E. Southworth, Theford, for lepers, \$1. Total, \$24.51.

Total receipts during the month - - - \$177.31

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer; On estimates, \$589.53; For the 'Scott' fund, \$50.75
Total disbursements during the month, - \$640.28

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND;

Disbursements.—By General Treasurer, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - \$ 41.66

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since October 21st, 1902, - \$6409.71

Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1902, \$7648.70

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1902, - - - \$200.81

Total Disbursements since Oct., 21st, 1902, \$458.34

Special Notice to Circles and Bands.

The Treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that they should close their books on October 15th.

All money for Foreign Missions then on hand should be forwarded to me *at once*, as my books only remain open until October 20th. Before that date the sum of **\$2004.12** is required to make up our payments.

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

September 15th, 1903.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Monies received from June 6th, to September 11th.

FROM CIRCLES.—Westmount, for deficit, \$3; Montreal 1st Church, \$34 (\$25 of this amount to make Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Montreal, a Life-member; Dominionville, \$9.50; Osgoode, \$21.40; Clarence, \$49; Brockville, \$10.70; Delta, \$9.00; Quebec (India \$4, Bolivia \$3), \$7; Osnabruck, \$5; Carleton Place, \$3; Drummond, \$4; Westport, \$4.50; Cornwall, \$3.20; Lanark, \$5; Plum Hollow, \$5; Glenville, \$10; Morrisburg, \$5; Lanark, \$3; Ottawa, 1st Ch., \$7; Lachute, \$6; Brockville, to make Mrs. J. C. Sycamore a Life-member \$25; Smith's Falls, to make Miss Jane Robson Clarke, a Life-member, \$25; Kingstap, 1st Church, \$7; Brockville, \$32. Total, \$293.35.

FROM BANDS.—Algonquin, for Bolivia, \$6; Winchester, \$1.40; Smith's Falls, "K. Isaac," \$17; Montreal, Olivet, \$15; Ottawa, 4th Avenue, "Kalapella Palakshumma," \$8; Ottawa, McPhail Memorial, \$17; Quebec, \$5; Arnprior, \$5; Renfrew, \$5; Brockville, \$12. \$91.40.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Collection taken at Eastern Association meeting, \$3.41; Collection taken at Association meeting at Buckingham, \$3.68; Collection taken at Canada Central Association meeting, \$1.25; Miss McGregor, Ottawa, \$3; Mrs. F. W. Frith, Winchester, for Vuyuru Caste Girls' School, \$5; Collection taken by Miss A. C. Murray during her tour among Circles, Kingstap, \$16.01; Perth, \$3.86; Smith's Falls, \$2.21; Carleton Place, \$1.45; Ottawa, \$12.70; Lachute, \$5; Thurso, \$3.25; Clarence, \$2.95; Rockland, \$7.20; Grant, \$4; Maxville, \$4.31; Breadalbane, \$7.50; Vankleek Hill, \$5; Winchester, \$5.46; Osnabruck Centre, \$8; Cornwall, \$3.85; Sherbrooke, \$4.50; Sawyer-ville, \$4.75; Bulwer, \$3.02; Moss River, \$1.90; Dixville, \$3.11; Coaticook, \$3.98; Barnston, \$3; Beebe Plain, \$5.56; Clarenceville, \$3.69; Abbott's Corner, \$7.50; Miss A. C. Murray towards expenses of tour among Circles, \$25. \$175.11.

Total from Circles,..... \$293.35
Total from Bands,..... 91.40
Total from Sundries,..... 175.11

\$559.76

MARGARET C. RICKERT, *Treas.*

Youths' Department.

WEIGHING THE BABY.

A penny a pound for the baby,
The baby not two years old,
Though we know that every baby
Is worth its weight in gold.

A penny a pound for the baby.
Suppose she'd been born in Spain?
She'd be taught her prayers on a rosary
Thus hoping heaven to gain.
In that land of priests and error,
Her life had been dreary and cold;
But we think our precious baby
Is worth her weight in gold.

A penny a pound for the baby.
In the land of the Rising Sun,
The babies and wee little children
Are said to have plenty of fun.
But—their mothers don't tell them of Jesus,
The children's sweet story of old,
But we count the soul of our baby
More precious than silver or gold.

A penny a pound for the baby.
In India far away
Are many starving babies
Who cry to us to-day.
Our babies here can help them,
Though not yet two years old,
For love will make their pennies
Worth all their weight in gold.

A penny a pound for the baby
So dainty and fresh and sweet,
From the crown of her head she's precious
To the toes of her little feet.
But those little feet in China
Would be bound and cramped so small,
She could not run as ours do,
But only stumble and fall.
They think it is right to do it
Because 'tis their custom old,
So they torture their little children,
And call them "lilies of gold."

Then come and weigh the baby,
And soon may the story be told.
In the love of our Saviour all babies
Are worth their weight in gold.

—Miss Elizabeth V. Winsor, in Mission Dayspring.

HISTORY OF THE KARENS.

The Karens are the Hill tribes of Burmah. They were treated by the Burmese in former days with the greatest cruelty and injustice. Their crops and cattle were stolen, and they were caught and sold as slaves; so that they lived in constant terror. They hid themselves in the jungle on the mountain sides, concealing the paths to their bamboo houses, and constantly moving from one place to another to avoid detection. They were content to live on the produce of their fields, and to weave their own clothing. Indeed, they were as much at home

and as independent in the forest as the birds or the bees. Their religion was peculiar to themselves. They lived pure, honest, truthful lives, were unbounded in their hospitality, and had no idols. They made offerings to propitiate evil spirits, whom they feared, but they had no symbols of them, nor did they worship images of any kind. They had no books, but they had carefully preserved legends—"grandfather's saying," they called them—which were very carefully handed down from father to son. Their tradition told that they had once God's book, but they were disobedient to it, and their younger brother carried it away. Some day their white brother would come across the sea in a ship, and bring back the book, which told of a Great Father and the life to come. They must watch for its coming. No wonder such a people should receive the Gospel when it came. No people have ever been discovered who were so well prepared for it, and whose very prejudices were on its side. When missionaries came among them their old men said, "This is what our fathers told us of," and they flocked by hundreds to receive the book they had waited for. Their simple faith took Christ at his Word. They did not question, but believed and received his promise to every one that believeth. The fruits of the Spirit were manifest in their lives.

It is about sixty years since the first Karen was baptized, and now they are an educated people, ready to help in the evangelization of the world. They have their Foreign Missionary Society, and send out their young men north and east to distant countries, supporting them there, and re-enforcing them as the need arises. These have established churches among those tribes, and done a grand evangelistic work independent of other missionaries, in the face of persecution and long separation from their homes, and from the privileges of Christian intercourse with those they love. These Karens are the only foreign missionaries in some regions north of Burmah. They are poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith. When I was in charge of a mission station there, an old Karen pastor came one day with a large contribution for the foreign mission work. I said to him, "How can your people give so much? I know they are very poor, the overflow of the river has swept away your crops, your cattle are dying of disease, it is the famine time with you." "Oh," he said, with such a contented smile, "It only means rice without curry." They could live on rice and salt, but they could not live without giving the Bread of Life to their brethren.—Miss Messenger.

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. A. J. Christie, Amherst, N.S.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

CONVENTION ECHOES—WOODSTOCK, N.B.

ECHOES lose much of the force and beauty of the original sound, still they are useful in assuring us that there *has been* at least a starting point, an original sound.

After a very earnest and helpful devotional season, led by Mrs. A. T. Dykeman, Fairville, the Convention was opened by the President, Mrs. J. W. Manning, at 10 a.m. August 19, '03. "My faith looks up to Thee," was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. David Hutchinson, Moncton. Mrs. Manning then spoke a few words of gratitude for what had been accomplished, though far less than should have been. After enrolment of delegates and the appointment of committees, the Provincial secretaries read their reports: That of Nova Scotia, by Miss M. E. Hume, showed gratifying progress, 170 Aid Societies, with increase in membership and interest, though some societies had not yet reported.

For New Brunswick, Mrs. M. S. Cox reported 72 Aids, with a financial increase, a few, however, failing to send reports in time for the Annual Convention.

Mrs. J. E. Spurr, reported for P. E. I. showing a great increase of interest in "the garden of the Gulf," especially noticeable in the fact that the Provincial Secretary wrote 55 letters and received 65 replies. This fact made a deep impression, especially on the sister Provincial Secretaries.

After discussion all these reports were adopted.

Owing to the difficulty of finding sisters for the office of Associational Directors, and the duties of these officers being so nearly the same as those of the County Secretaries, it was resolved to do away with these officers for the present, and try to have a County Secretary in every county.

Some discussion on Crusade Day took place, many sisters very strongly favoring the observance of the day, while others wished to make every day as an opportunity of reaching our sisters and striving to interest them in this work.

The ideal day will be when every sister is a member of Aid Societies.

2.30 p.m.—Devotional meeting, led by Mrs. N. C. Scott, St. John. Business resumed at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Fash extended a very hearty welcome to the W. B. M. U. from the Woodstock Baptist Church, and Aid Society.

Greetings were given from the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. McKinney; from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church (Presb.), by Mrs. Rankin; from the Reform Baptists, by Mrs. Wiggins; and from the Methodists by Mrs. Campbell. Greetings were also sent by the New Brunswick W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of Moncton, gave a most suitable reply.

India, too, was represented by a letter from Miss Mabel E. Archibald, Chicacole, read by Miss Dykeman, appealing to our women to do more for the 2,000,000 Telegus, and help to lighten the weight on our missionaries' hearts.

The Home Mission report, prepared by Mrs. W. P. King, was read by Miss Edith Bars. Last year's estimate of \$2,500 had been realized. Thanks were given to all who responded so generously. North-West called loudly for help, fifty towns, each with a population of 250 to 300 with no Baptist Missionary. Scandinavians give the best promise to become Christians.

Indian work more hopeful than at any time since its beginning. Mr. J. F. Clarke, brother of our missionary, Miss Martha Clarke, now on furlough, is going to take up the work. Grande Ligne received much attention. There are 180 pupils at Feller Institute. Twenty-five professed conversion. Debt, \$15,000. A recent gift of \$5,000 reduced the debt to \$10,000.

HOME WORK.

There are 83 Home Missionary Churches; 35 pastorless. Special attention is given to the grouping of weak churches. The needs—men, work, money, zeal—were urged on Bands and Aid Societies.

After the adoption of this report, the Report

on Literature sent by Mrs. W. E. Harding, was read and adopted. This report showed a decidedly healthy advance. *Tidings* and *LINK* were not reported.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report, read by Miss M. E. Hume, in the absence of our loved and trusted Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Martell, was listened to with deep interest, as the Work at Home and on the Foreign Field was depicted by a hand that loves Christ's work "for His sake." The prayers of the sisters untidely rose, that God would send health and strength and all needed blessings to our sister Martell.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Mrs. Mary Smith, Amhurst, reported Aid Work, and Mrs. Ida Crandall, Chipman, Bands.

W. M. A Societies.	Foreign Miss.	Home Miss.
New Brunswick.....	\$1,973 85	\$484 48
Nova Scotia.....	4,241 58	1,455 87
P. E. Island.....	478 75	242 51

\$6,694 18 \$2,182 86

Bands.	Foreign Miss.	Home Miss.
New Brunswick.....	\$567 01	\$101 96
Nova Scotia.....	950 30	240 06
P. E. Island.....	120 08	24 20

\$1,637 39 \$366 22

Total amount raised by Aid Societies. \$8,877 04
 " " " Bands..... 2,003 61

Total amount, by Aids and Bands.. \$10,880 65

This amount supplemented by collections, gifts and otherwise was over \$11,000.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Mrs. Corey, Liverpool, read Ps. 24.; Mrs. J. M. Gunn, Belmont, led in prayer. The first speaker was Rev. J. A. Gordon, of Montreal, subject, "Grande Ligne." Quebec, the "most Catholic country under the sun," 1,620,000 people lifting up their hands and crying out to us to give them the Gospel. They have no living Christ, as we enjoy Him. A difficult work but it is succeeding. In 60 years 4,000 young people have been educated. The population has increased 67%. Baptists 38%.

Feller Institute must be seen to be felt; has a halo all its own. A day spent there must result in a nobler life. One of its teachers, a graduate of McGill, travelled, scholarly, cultured, returned

from France to work on a salary of \$200. The hope of Quebec is bi-lingual culture.

Money is needed for this. Greater effort must be made. No matter how strong the appeals for the North West or India, the same can be made with equal force for Quebec.

Miss Martha Clark spoke for India, referring especially to Chicacole. All who heard her picturing the destitution of Indian women, felt an added responsibility.

Mrs. Frank Good sang a solo very acceptably; then Rev. L. D. Morse, so well-known to our Baptist young people, and to whom all are indebted for much valuable information in "Sights and Sounds in India," was welcomed to the platform. Words fail to describe Mr. Morse's address. Oh, that every one who doubts the utility of missions could have heard it. May our dear brother have many years and much blessing, in the homeland or in India.

The session closed with prayer by Rev J. A. Gordon.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After a devotional service led by Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. J. M. Gunn presided over a deeply, solemn Memorial Service. Special reference was made to the departure of our loved missionary, Mrs. Sanford, in a paper read by Mrs. Kempton, Wolfville; with prayer for the afflicted family by Rev. L. D. Morse and others. The lists containing the names of our sisters who have joined "the choir invisible," were read by the Provincial Secretaries. The Scriptures read, the hymns sung, the prayers offered, were very appropriate. The words of the presiding sister were the words of one who lived near the Lord. It seemed holy ground.

A Workers' Conference was conducted by Mrs. Cox, under the similitude of a tree. Many sisters took part, giving many helpful thoughts in the home work. The many workers who express opinions, or ask questions, adds much to the information.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Praise service led by Miss Clarke, Chicacole, India, was the last of a series of devotional services of a deeply spiritual nature. Many and earnest prayers were offered for the work and workers at home and abroad. Special reference was made to a request from Mrs. W. C. Higgins, Tekkali, for her son at school away from his parents, and for Rev. W. C. Vincent and family,

Winnipeg, in their recent severe sorrow. Next on the program was an interesting Mission Band meeting, led by Mrs. P. R. Foster, Mission Band Superintendent for Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Foster read the Band report for Nova Scotia. Number of Bands, 100; number reporting, 94; membership reported, 5,000; new Bands, 17. One Band re-organized. To the great regret of the W. B. M. U., no Band reports for N. B. and P. E. I. were received. Mrs. John Clark, P. E. I., and Mrs. Cox, N. B., gave some facts, but not to supply the place of the reports.

Mrs. Foster then read a very practical paper on Mission Bands.

Miss Martha Clarke gave a very interesting, but short address on "Child Life in India," mentioning the tobacco habit, the idolatry habit.

An open conference led by Mrs. Foster, brought out valuable facts and supplied needed information.

The Bands report a successful year, of much increased interest.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Geo. C. Watson, Hartland.

CONSTITUTIONS.

The much needed revision of the three constitutions, Mission Band, W. M. A. S. and W. B. M. U. was reported done. They will be printed in the annual report, and in separate form, so as to be had by the Societies as soon as possible.

An amended blank form was submitted to the Convention and adopted. By it we hope for additional information.

ESTIMATES.

The estimates for this year are \$9,000 for Foreign, and \$3,000 for Home Missions:

Foreign—Salaries of six young lady missionaries, \$3,000; helpers, schools and travelling, \$1,275; books and tracts, \$100; home literature, \$75; contingent fund, \$250; hospital, \$500; native helpers, \$500; male missionaries salaries, work at stations, \$3,300. Total, \$9,000.

Home—North West, \$900; Indian work, \$3.00; Grande Ligne, \$400; Building Fund, \$200; N. S. and P. E. I. Home Missions, \$800; New Brunswick Home Missions, \$400. Total, \$3,000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The report of Nominating Committee was adopted, having few changes. President, Mrs. J. W. Manning; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Trotter, Wolfville, N.S.; Mrs. N. C. Scott, N.B.; Mrs. John Clark, P.E.I.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Martell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Everett; Treasurers, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Ida Crandall.

Mrs. J. L. Bates, Amherst, editor W.B.M.U. Department of LINK.

Mrs. D. Hutchinson, Moncton, for programs of Aid Societies,

Miss Etta Yuill, Wolfville, for Mission Bands.

Mrs. Willard R. Demmings, County Secretary for Victoria County.

Miss West, Hopewell Hill, Superintendent of Mission Bands, N.B.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The rain poured, but crowds gathered and sustained the interest till the close.

The first speaker was the Rev. Wesley T. Stackhouse. His theme "The North West." Mr. Stackhouse believes in the great future and the unlimited possibilities of that vast plain of Western Canada. The incoming crowds were pictured by a master hand with the many problems coming up for solution. They must be forced. The tendency of some to settle in colonies from which they would exclude the missionary, Communism and Roman Catholicism. The commercial, materialistic spirit is detrimental to religion. The remedy is Divine love.

The funds from the W. B. M. U. last year enabled them to maintain the present work; to preach to thousands that would not otherwise have heard the Gospel, to bring about the conversion of hundreds; to organize ten new churches; to build fifteen houses of worship; to open fifteen new preaching stations, and to add seventeen men to our working staff. All who heard the speaker could not fail to be interested in the North West.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Wiggins.

Rev. L. D. Morse gave a most solemn address, "Are the heathen lost without the Gospel." Time, space and ability are inadequate to describe this address.

The last address of the evening was a beautifully written paper by Miss Hume, full of fervent warning and entreaty. The desire of all

who listened to our young sister was that many years of health might be given her to do still greater things for the spread of the Gospel.

In the resolutions that followed were touching references to Mr. Sandford and family, Miss Archibald and others, thanks were given to the Woodstock Church for their very kind hospitality, and also to Pastor and Mrs. Fash for their untiring efforts to make the meetings successful, and for their generously opened home.

But the 34th Annual Convention of the W. B. M. U. is over, with its mountain top experience, and now we go down to face the toil and tumult of another year, or as much of it as God gives us.

Last year we had to raise \$11,000, this year we have "lengthened our cords" to \$12,000. Can we do it? "We have opened our mouths to the Lord and we cannot go back." "All power is given unto me." "The silver and gold are mine." God can make His people strong in His strength. May we be faithful, working this year with "lamps trimmed and burning."

"What are we set on earth for? Say to toil—
Nor seek to leave thy tending of the vines,
For all the heat o' the day, till it declines,
And death's mild curfew shall from work assoil
God did anoint thee with his odoriferous oil,
To wrestle, not to reign."

CRUSADE DAY, AND HOW WE OBSERVED IT.

The Aid Societies are reminded that the October meeting is the time in which to prepare for Crusade day. The following sketch will be of interest in this connection.

"What is Crusade Day? It is a day designated by the Women's Baptist Missionary Union as a time for special effort on the part of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies to secure new members and to awaken new interest in the work.

"The last Thursday in October was the day set apart for this purpose last year, and at the regular meeting of our society, in the early part of the month, the matter was discussed and plans suggested for the observance of the day.

"It was decided to have an At Home in the afternoon, to which all the women of the church should be personally invited, and of which a thank-offering should be a special feature. In the evening, which was the night of the weekly prayer service, there would be a public missionary meeting to which all would be cordially invited.

"The work of personal invitation was done before Crusade Day, by several members of the society, each of whom had a certain district assigned her. Programme, Decoration, Reception and Refreshment committees were appointed, thus dividing the work and giving all an opportunity to share in it.

"When the day came the decoration committee devoted the morning to their work, hanging curtains, placing small tables here and there, and arranging plants of various kinds, making the church parlor and the adjoining room look as attractive as possible. A pretty standing basket was placed near the door to receive the thank-offerings, and envelopes were scattered about for the convenience of those wishing to use them.

"A large attendance was the result of the personal invitations to the At Home, and all present seemed to enjoy the opportunity for social intercourse which it afforded them, while a few pledged themselves to become members of the society. The light refreshments served made it possible for many of the guests to remain for the evening service, which was largely attended, the large vestry being well filled. Plants were grouped on the platform and arranged on table and piano, making a pleasant change in the appearance of the place and seeming to add to the interest of the occasion. Our pastor presided over the meeting which proved to be a very interesting one. Extracts from the Annual Report of the Grande Ligne Mission were read by one of the young ladies of the Aid Society; a paper on "Our Foreign Mission Work" was given by another member; special music was provided, appropriate remarks made by the pastor, and earnest prayer offered for God's blessing upon the work.

"The thank-offering for the afternoon amounted to \$26.00, which was increased as a result of the evening meeting to \$40.00.

"We all felt that Crusade Day had been a success; we were thankful for the blessing that had attended our efforts, and encouraged to go forward in the work committed to our hands."

A. C. HUTCHINSON.

Moncton, N. B.

"Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

"According to your faith be it unto you."