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YOU MAY HAVE THIS JOY.

In a long life time we have never heard any man express regret for having given too much to the Lord nor to the works which are building for Him in this world.

We have heard passionate plaints about every other investment—but never a murmur about that one.

Think it over. Did you ever give too much? Did your neighbor ever give too much?

There is, in glad giving, a joy which transcends all the pleasures of producing and all the satisfactions of hoarding. It is the cup without one drop of bitterness.

God pity the man who does not know that joy. His life is like an enforced journey across a scorching lava bed.—Sel.

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SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

We have reason to offer unto God thanksgiving "that in the recent revolution in Bolivia our missionaries were unharmed." Let us pray that our work there may not be hindered, but that all things may be overruled by God "to the furtherance of the Gospel."

Renewed prayer is asked that men may offer for Bolivia, and that a nurse may be found to relieve Miss Mangan, whose services are in such incessant demand that she may need to take her furlough before her term has expired.

It takes time to learn the language; while a nurse can be useful before acquiring it, she cannot impart the simplest gospel message without it.

The British Government is working out a new Scheme of Reforms in India. Among other things the control of education is being transferred from an Englishman to an Indian officer, and our missionaries are fearful of the effect on our evangelical schools. Pray that "He who turneth the heart of man whithersoever He will" may so guide events that no obstacles shall be placed in the way of the work of these schools.

Pray, too, that in determining the delicate question of what larger share in the control of our Mission work in India shall be granted to Indian workers, our missionaries may have wisdom from on high.

Pray for Miss Farnell, who has bravely taken hold of the Timpany Memorial School, her first independent work. It will help her to know that we are praying for her.

Let us remember Miss Munro, who expects to go to India in the Fall under our Women's Board. She is now attending Dr. White's Bible School, N.Y.

Pray that she may derive much benefit from the course there, that the way may be made plain for her, all needed strength and grace given and the necessary funds provided.

We are asked to pray that arrangements being made for the transportation by land and sea of any missionaries proceeding to India this Fall may turn out in such a way that all may reach their destination speedily and comfortably.

E. FOX.

SIGNS OF VICTORY AT THE FRONT.

R. L. Stevenson, a lover and supporter of Missions, was appealed to by a young friend for advice about giving her life to that cause in a foreign land. His reply was, "No, it would not suit you. You could not be happy doing anything where you could not see the chips fly." Perhaps chips fly more freely now than in R. L. S.'s day, certainly missionary work in India is not by any means altogether a matter of walking by faith of late years. Not to speak of the great mass movements in Missions other than our own, where thousands are waiting for baptism till missionaries are found to shepherd them, God is doing great things on our own field, and giving results so wonderful in proportion to the human cost that we are forced to own that it is the Lord's doings, and to us is altogether marvellous. Let us look for a moment at a few of the newer indications of victory at the front.

The **Native Church** is increasing in laudable ambition, devotion and self-denial. At its own request the Telugu Convention has been given, aided for a time by the Mission, the care and responsibility of a Home Mission field containing several churches, schools and workers to the administration and upkeep of which the Telugu Convention has enthusiastically pledged support.

Contributions from the churches have been larger than ever, in many cases, during the late very lean and hungry years. One reads almost with tears how, out of their deep poverty the liberality of these Telugu Christians has abounded. It is to them we may well look to learn what sacrificial giving really means.

Native leadership is really leading as never before. From Azariah, fully ordained Bishop of the Anglican Church, to our own good men and true, who, by their capacity and character, have won the love and confidence of their brethren, the Indian Church is becoming rich in worthy leaders.

New Territory Being Won.—This from a late letter: "A few years ago there was no congregation anywhere near this part. Now on every side the country is dotted with them. There is a very nice crowd in this village." **Good-will is taking the place of persecution and insult.** At K— an indigenous plant has sprung up. It used to be a very hard, bigoted place. No out-caste was allowed to walk the main street. Dr. Joshee was called there professionally. He said he could not go where other-Christians were refused admittance. Opposition notwithstanding, he was brought to the sick, and finally the people became so friendly they gave land for a dispensary for his use, and even for a church. At the last Association (Southern) for a pandal (shed) to seat 800 delegates the materials were largely the gift of new Christians who themselves attended the services with keen interest, wondering at the spirit of joyful brotherliness prevailing through it all. **Personal work** is being done more than ever. "Christians have developed such a taste for soul-winning that they are at it more or less all the time," says a letter a month old. "Membership nearly doubled" is added.

On tour.—"Fifteen men from a distant village came asking baptism. They are entirely the fruit of the "win one" effort now abroad among our members. **There is a brighter outlook for the poor** as to material things. Government is making great efforts to get the out-castes on a self-supporting basis, and to this end, with the aid of the missionaries, is making apportionments of waste lands to this class. This involves a lot of extra work, but is well worth while. **The Brahmins are frightened.** They have discovered that the Pariahs are not cattle, but after conversion and training, are a people very much to be reckoned with. With dread they anticipate the time when, largely Christians, they will form a body that will have no love for Brahminism or any of its ways. So these haughty overlords, who for generations have treated these "untouchables" as dogs are now bidding them to feasts, calling them to meetings where they are harangued on Home Rule and the beauties of their "mother religion" and even invited to free schools, with the result, in more than one instance, that when the scholars have made some progress they have straightway gone to the missionary and enrolled themselves as inquirers. A policy of ignorance would suit the purpose better.

Interdenominational co-operation and sympathy is growing. Of a late inter-mission Conference we hear: The Conference in Beywado (where our own as well

as several other Missions were represented) "was a pattern of brotherly love and co-operation in spite of differences. Missionaries out here are possessed by one master passion—winning souls for Christ. They are great souls on a great quest."

Our medical work has gone forward by leaps and bounds, and is almost measureless in its benediction. Take this for a sample of what is going on: Dr. Hulet alone had 6,723 new patients last year; dispensary cases, 17,323; confinements, 109, as part of her work. Now remember, please, that there are only 365 days in the year—in India as well as here. Remember, too, that to all of these was made known something about the Great Physician who alone can cure sick-sick souls, heal broken hearts and save from endless death.

Thus is God leading on in India. We can but praise Him, continuing instant in prayer. That is vital.
M. B. Mell.

FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

Willowlea, Ootacamund, May 30, 1920.

Dear Editor of The Link:

Perhaps some of your readers who are interested in the Women's Hospital work in Pithapuram will be interested to know what a big part our "Ford car" is playing in the work. We know there are some of your readers who had a particular part to play in the bringing into the work of the said car. The following is a letter from the Plains which I received a week or so ago from my doctor sister:

"I have not written to you, little Sister, for several days, but there is a reason for it. On Friday morning I was awakened by Atehamma, the night nurse, standing over me at dawn to tell me I was wanted nine miles off at Chebrole for a lady in pain for three days and unable to deliver her babe. I sent off word to Isaac to come and get the car out and hastened along the preparations for my morning bite, and was well on my way by about 6 a.m. I found the lady just beginning labor, and the possibilities strong that she would have a tedious time. I left Atehamma there and was back in 7.30 a.m., giving directions to the coolies at work digging the foundations for the new European wards, hunting up work for the tailor to do, ordering the meals, etc. By 8 a.m. I was at the hospital and we did two abdominal operations and one minor, besides the regular hospital work and the dispensary work, and were at the breakfast table by 12 noon. The afternoon had a score of duties, and writing and work in connection with the new building, ordering of materials, etc.

"I was expecting every hour to get a call back to the case, but we had dinner, and Miss North and I rested ourselves with a game of "halima," while Miss McLeod read to us. I had only nicely fallen asleep at 11 o'clock when a bicycle approaching the bungalow awakened me. It was a call back to the woman. Was I angry? Well, I think so. I had told them explicitly to call me by 3 p.m. if help was needed, and here after a full days' work in this dreadful heat of May they came to make me work all night too, when I could have gone by day.

"I said, 'I won't come. She may wait now till dawn,' and I sent them off; but I couldn't sleep, knowing the woman needed me. I got two of the nurses up to go for Isaac, and I dressed. They came back to say Isaac had a cough, and was tired, and would not come. This time I wasn't angry, for he had been sitting in the full blast of the sun's rays all day guiding the digging operations; I just took the lantern and went over for him. I called him, saying, 'Isaac, you are not more cross at this night call than I, and I think you are not more tired from your day's work than I am. But I cannot sleep knowing that the woman needs the help which I only can give. You only can take me there. Will you not come?' And I heard him moving as he answered, 'Coming, Madam.' So we went and surprised the people. I could do nothing but give the woman some medicine for a sleep and rest, and I got back to bed about 2.30 a.m. At 6 they were calling for me to come again. Poor Isaac was stuffed up with asthma, but we were off again early, this time to stay till afternoon. They gave me my breakfast there, and the man of the house served me himself. I sat on a mat on the floor and ate with my fingers from a leaf plate. The repast was rice, omelette, pickles, pepper water and ripe mangoes. After breakfast I delivered the woman

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with instruments and wrapped myself in an Indian quaca to make myself presentable on the street once more. Oh, but I was so tired. I had sent word back cancelling the operations for the day, and when I got back I was almost too weary to go down to see the in-patients. A bath and tea helped a lot, and I settled up the week's building accounts, etc., before retiring. We had a nice rain-storm which cooled the air wonderfully in the evening.

"Sunday morning, May 16th, dawned cool and cloudy. The temperature inside the house was only 86 degrees and about 96 degrees on the verandah. All the operations were normal and it looked as if we were going to have a calm Sunday. Before I left the table a letter came, calling me to a Brahman girl at Kilumpudi, twenty miles away. While I was getting ready to go, Miss North phoned that a case of obstruction of the bowels had just come into the hospital. So we reduced her obstruction under chloroform and started out for Kilumpudi. En route they stopped us at Chendurti to attend a patient with an abscess. Fancy how we laughed when we saw our patient being pushed and pulled on all fours—a nice buffalo calf. We lanced its abscess, and the whole village seemed grateful.

"What a blessing the car is! As I thought of all the work I was able to accomplish in those three days, besides attending to the patients in Chebrole and Kilumpudi, I couldn't help but think how different it, in this suffocating heat I had to go in a palanquin and stay all Friday and half of Saturday for the maternity case, and instead of a three hours' trip to Kilumpudi and return I should have been a whole day and very much worn by the heat, whereas I went and came in the car in comfort, even in the hottest day of the season.

"Isaac has been having asthma very badly. When I had to rout him out myself I saw him in the midst of an attack and found out the cause of the cough which has been evading all treatment heretofore. He was very good to make those trips when he was feeling so miserable." Thus the Doctor writes.

It is such a help to have Miss McLeod in Pithapuram. She does so much which would otherwise not be done or would be hurriedly done. She has morning prayers at the Hospital with the nurses and those of the in-patients who are able to attend, and those out-patients who care to attend. If any of the out-patients are interested she sings hymns and tells the story of Jesus with untiring zeal. Then she visits the wards and quite often she is hurried on her rounds by some who are more eager than the others. They love to hear her sing and tell of the love of Christ, and while she tells it the love which He shows in His followers must impress the listeners. So His way is being pointed out and many are seeking Him.

Sincerely,

LAURA C. ALLYN.

MISS HATCH'S REVIEW OF LAST YEAR'S LEPER WORK.

Written for the Missionaries' Conference.

It almost seems as if the twentieth year of our work for lepers in Ramachandrapuram has been the most blessed in our history. Some of you may remember the year opened with congratulations from the Governor for honors bestowed, and it has now closed with a cause of far greater rejoicing (because the recipients were worthy) in the wonderful Christmas gifts that were given.

And throughout the year one event after another has been a cause of rejoicing. The Sunday before Christmas fourteen lepers were baptized after giving good witness.

It was a source of great gratitude to me that Dr. Joshee, one so long associated with me in the work, should be appointed by Conference to care for it in my absence, thus relieving our Mission of some of the heavy burdens of Ramachandrapuram.

Then again the words have been fulfilled, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." We needed to enlarge the Phillips' Home, and a Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell made, through the Mission to Lepers, ample provision for boys' dormitories. As they did not wish their name attached, we have called the new building "Peace Lodge," in memory of the event of the year. That was opened on the day before Christmas by Mrs. Stillwell, in a service of praise and prayer.

We also put in the foundations for a new dispensary, not knowing where the money for superstructure would come from; but by the time they were completed, the money had come, and on Christmas Day our new "Bailey Dispensary" was opened by our dear Dr. Campbell, who was presented with a silver key by Charlie Joshee. And Dr. Campbell tells us that he is going to open with this key many a heart at home, many a purse, many a money-box.

Then again, the lepers have been coming in in such numbers that we were full to overflowing and huts had to accommodate many. Then the Mission to Lepers also sent money to dormitories, and while we were wondering where we could find room in our full compound for more dormitories, the munificent gift of the Rajah of Pithapuram came to our hands, Rs. 3000.

But we had been praying for the Christmas boxes, special, over and above what had been given in other years, towards maintenance for the coming year, and the lepers and ourselves had been asking for Rs. 1000.

Well, the gifts kept coming in, coming in, and every gift, whether twenty rupees, twenty annas, or twenty pies, just gave me so many extra heart-beats of thankfulness, and they came in till my very heart overflowed, and on Christmas Day, amid great enthusiasm, and a most wonderful programme conducted by the Chairman, Mr. Stillwell, the sum had reached Rs. 940, and before the boxes were closed, a total of Rs. 1083 was reached.

Of those who were missionaries of our Ontario and Quebec Board twenty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Chute, with their two boys, Miss Eolsom, Miss Baskerville, Miss McLaurin and Miss McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell, together with Miss Selman, Miss Jones and many twenty-year-old workers of other fields, and all the workers, with hundreds of Christians from our own field, joined with us in thanksgiving to God, not only for the gifts but for the volume of prayer we knew was behind them all.

And after all the rejoicing in the opening of the Christmas boxes, and the singing and the gladness and the lepers were sitting down to a most sumptuous feast of rice and delicious curries, ghee and sweets, provided by two Hindu friends and served also by them, we felt like joining with the heavenly choir on this glorious Christmas Day, singing, "Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth, good-will to men."

S. I. HATCH.

AMONG THE CIRCLES

FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Dear Link Readers:

What a many kindly passing thoughts we have! How many good deeds we think we'd like to do, yes, some day will do, we fancy! How many letters we have in mind to write, which never see pen and paper, so our friends can never read!

There are different reasons for this, of course. Sometimes it is a lack of real purposefulness. Sometimes the days are so full of detail and things which seemingly must be done, that there is no time or force left for many things we really wish to do.

One of the things all our friends are united upon is our love for and interest in Missions. Yet our missionaries do not feel much personal touch from us. They are just a part of our good and useful Society. We have often wished to be in closer touch with our work and the workers, and think of writing a letter or sending a cheering message of some sort, yet seldom do we quite accomplish it.

We don't know which of all the missionaries to begin to write to. Then we think so many people are writing to them that we'll drop it for a more convenient time.

Now we want to plan at the Convention in Bloor St. Church in the Fall to overcome this to some extent. There we may call for volunteer Circles or Associations who will take the name of a missionary, whom they will make it their responsibility and pleasure to write to, and to send some little token to, once or twice a year. It may be a book or two, or a year's subscription to a magazine, or a parcel made up of several small articles, each brought by a different person. Also, we will find out whether our missionary needs cards or

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picture rolls or little prizes for the children on other fields. Some have been short of these lately. They are so little to send and mean so much to those who receive them. If we are already corresponding with a missionary, we must not drop that one, but add another. By some means, then, we may obviate the difficulty of choosing which missionary we will write to, and the efroneous idea that many others are doing it.

As sort of a P.S. before I close, I want to add to what I was first saying regarding the many letters that get no further than our minds, and kindnesses which we perform in our hearts only, and seem powerless to make real. Let us not drop even these as being altogether futile; but make the thought become a prayer for some particular blessing, upon the friend, whom we think we cannot reach by word or deed that day. In one of our beautiful hymns we sing, "While I breathe I pray." In this case it will be, while I think I pray.

Very sincerely yours,

MAUD W. MATTHEWS.

Lachute and Dalesville Circles held their Thank-offering meetings on June 10th and 11th. We waited to have Miss Hinman with us. Good-sized audiences greeted her both nights, and her addresses were listened to with great interest on the part of old and young. In Lachute special music was rendered by the Baptist Quartette, also a beautiful solo by Mrs. Parris, Lachute's leading soloist. Refreshments were served after both meetings, and a social hour spent. Offerings Lachute, \$31.75, and \$10.00 special for Foreign Missions; Dalesville, \$21.75. MRS. G. VICTOR COLLINS.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Middlesex and Lambton.—The annual meetings of Circles and Bands was held in Adelaide St. Baptist Church, June 8th. Afternoon Session: After the reading of Scripture and prayer, an address of welcome was given and replied to by Mrs. C. W. King of Arkona.

The President, Mrs. E. R. Mackay of Sarnia, spoke on "Medical Missions." She gave a vivid picture of the condition of India and the great need of medical missions. A quiet hour was conducted by Mrs. Haverstock of Strathroy. "Our Literature" was represented by Mrs. Matthews of Denfield. Two little girls represented the "Visitor" which visits in the homes every month, and The Link that connects the missionaries with the homeland. It was suggested that we have a Missionary Corner in our homes—books on Missions from the Bureau of Literature, photos, relics, etc., of mission fields.

Speaking of "Our Circle and Its Problems," Mrs. Taylor of Sarnia told mothers to instill into the minds of the children love of Christ and Missions.

Mrs. Mills spoke on "Band Work," and the members of the Adelaide Street Band gave an exercise called "Little Lights," showing how the Gospel can be carried to heathen countries.

The evening session opened with a song service. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. (Rev.) Roy and prayer offered by Mrs. Pellock.

Directors' Annual Report was read. A chorus was given by members of the Young Ladies of the McLaurin Mission Circle.

Four little girls sang a missionary piece. An inspiring address on "Home Missions" was given by Mrs. Holman. Her subject was "Missions the Greatest Work in the World for the Greatest Master." Miss Alma Bryant was dressed as a nurse and represented Miss Laura Allyn. She gave a description of one day's hospital work in India.

Meeting closed with prayer.

GRACE PICKETT, Secy.

Norfolk.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands was held in the church at First Haughton, June 8th. From all over the county autos brought delegates for the church is eight miles from the railroad. Mrs. (Rev.) E. C. Rolph welcomed the delegates most cordially, and the President, Mrs. C. C. Wilson, of Vittoria, briefly replied. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, Goshen. The reports of Circles and Bands showed an increase in members, a new Band at Villa Nova, and a new Circle at Eden, and an advance

of nearly one hundred dollars in contributions. The Rainbow Exercise was in charge of Miss Maude Saively of Boston, Mrs. J. A. Wallace of Simcoe speaking on "Home Missions" and Mrs. C. C. Wilson on "The White Light of a Consecrated Life." The prayer hour for Home Missions was in charge of Mrs. Dr. Cunningham and Mrs. Russell Hillyer of Villa Nova, who presented our objective, "Soul Winning, Intercession and Sacrificial Giving." The Villa Nova Ladies' Quartette stirred our souls with their beautiful songs. Mrs. R. E. Gunton spoke for The Link, and then Mrs. Audrey Hillyer, after a neat little speech on the links of love and friendship, on behalf of the Circles, presented Mrs. Pearce with a gold wrist watch in token of their appreciation of her eight years' service as Director.

We were fortunate in having with us our missionary, Miss Lyda Pratt, and her earnest, vivid addresses afternoon and evening brought a strong appeal to our women. Her visit will long be remembered.

Mrs. J. Price, St. Williams, conducted the devotional exercises in the evening, and interesting echoes of the Des Moines Student Volunteer Convention were given by Miss Marion Pearce, Waterford and Miss Maude Fleming, McMaster delegates to Des Moines.

Whitby-Lindsay.—The Women's Meeting was held in the Uxbridge Baptist Church, June 8th. The meeting was opened by singing of hymns, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," followed by prayer by Mrs. Ryley of Lindsay, who occupied the chair. The roll was called by Mrs. J. T. Priest of Cannington, and response was made by the representatives of the various Circles and Bands. The Question Drawer was led by Mrs. Ryley, and questions of vital interest were discussed and explained. During the singing of a hymn the Nominating Committee retired and returned with the names of the officers for the coming year. Mrs. J. T. Priest of Cannington was elected Directress; Miss A. Chrysler, Uxbridge, Assistant Directress; Mrs. King of Claremont, President; Mrs. Ryley, Lindsay, Vice-President. Mrs. J. T. Priest gave the Directors' Report, and splendid work is being done among the various Circles of the Association, Scotch Line being the banner Circle, having sixteen members out of eighteen women in their church.

Mrs. Fearin of Toronto gave an address on "Home Missions and Our Duty Towards That Great Work." Miss Alexander of Toronto gave a wonderful address on "Foreign Missions," and the meeting closed in prayer by Dr. Farmer. L. BAKEE.

Owen Sound.—The Mission Circles and Bands held their annual meeting in the Baptist Church, Warton, on June 16th. Mrs. Day, of Leith, Director, presided. After devotional exercises and reading of minutes, Mrs. Day read the following report: Amounts raised by Circles for Home Missions, \$548.85; from Circles for Foreign Missions, \$510.80; amounts raised by Bands for Home Missions, \$40.00; from Bands for Foreign Missions, \$40.00; Total, \$1,139.65—an increase of \$383.95 over last year. Encouraging reports from Circles and Bands were given.

Officers for the ensuing year: Director, Mrs. C. P. Day, Leith; President, Mrs. H. C. Packham, Paisley; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Julian McLean, Durham; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Elmwood.

After a solo by Mrs. Emmons, Warton, a paper on "Soul Winning" was given by Mrs. Harpell of Owen Sound.

Afternoon Session.—Rev. Mr. McDonald gave an inspiring message on "The Church of God." God's intention, illustrated by the story of Elisha receiving the mantle of Elijah, is that we should carry on. To continue the work of Christ is the Duty, Privilege, Legacy of the church.

The offering was \$16.04.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Tyson of Warton. She said it had been eight years since they had met in Owen Sound. She remarked upon the many pastoral changes.

"Pastors may come and pastors may go,

But Mission Circles go on forever."

Mrs. Packham replied suitably, emphasizing the need for Mission Circles. After a solo by Miss Day, Mrs. McLaurin spoke on "Foreign Missions." She

referred to her personal experiences, and described a Sunday in the life of a missionary in India. The address inspired us all. Mrs. Howell of Owen Sound read a paper on "Giving."

Mrs. J. G. Brown of Toronto spoke on "Home Missions." She sketched the early history of Ontario Missions, and presented many problems of church life which are our opportunities.—MRS. WM. FULTON, R.R. No. 4, Elmwood.

Collingwood.—The women's meetings were held in the Bracebridge Church on June 22nd, with afternoon and evening sessions, at which Miss Watterworth of Orillia presided. Heartly welcome was extended by the Baptist Mission Circle from the other missionary societies of the town and from the W.C.T.U.

A questionnaire, consisting of seven questions, was conducted by Mrs. Strachan of Collingwood. These questions were of vital interest to Circles and Bands. The discussion was most helpful and showed that most of the Circles had put forth special effort to increase their membership and their subscribers to Link and Visitor.

Prayer services were led by Mrs. Boyce of Collingwood, Mrs. Raviland of Gravenhurst and Miss Gillespie of Stayner.

Miss Trotter of Toronto made us realize how very much of true worth and indispensable value there is in every month's issue of The Link.

Miss Aldridge of Toronto spoke on "Our Spiritual Objectives," and thrilled all present. The theme was—the ultimate ideal of the Christian is to become like Christ. How many reach this ideal, and what are some of the hindrances?

In the evening the Director, Mrs. Wm. Denniss, gave her report. It was encouraging, showing an increase of \$112.61. One young women's Circle and three Bands have been organized. She asked for special prayer that some one from our Association might be called to active service in missionary work.

Miss Gillespie, the President for the coming year, spoke very earnestly on the influence of personal testimony.

A Rainbow Exercise was given by seven young ladies, representing the foreigners in our land, and showing the great need of evangelizing them.

Miss Marion Stillwell of Toronto spoke on the great need in foreign lands and the great call to service.

The meeting closed with music and prayer.

MRS. H. R. COX, Gravenhurst.

At a number of Associations the claims of Wallingford Hall, the new Residence for McMaster women, were presented and received with enthusiasm. This is not mentioned in most of the reports, but the writer of the Norfolk report says "McMaster a Home Base for Missions" was ably presented by two '20 graduates, Miss Helen Duncombe of Waterford and Miss Florence Franklin of Simcoe, and the Director urged the Circles to undertake a large share in the furnishing of the new Women's Residence.

It is hoped that interest in this Residence will be wide-spread and constant among the women of our churches, as it is vitally connected with the welfare of those who will be the future leaders in our Mission work and in all the activities of our church life.

WALLINGFORD HALL.

The readers of "The Link" have very largely become familiar with the name at the head of this note. To a very great extent, it is the women who read "The Link" and "Visitor" who go to the Associational gatherings where our new possession was formally introduced, and who read the "Baptist" the columns of which have been so generously open to present the needs of the new house. There will be many of you therefore who will be glad to know how our enterprise is progressing.

And it is progressing. The paper-hangers and painters are making the rooms look fresh and attractive; the plumbers are making the alterations necessary for comfortable living conditions with a large household such as will soon be under that roof; the coal is in the cellar for the winter; much generosity has been shown in the matter of fruit being supplied, and we hope there is much more being done along that line than we have heard of.

The girls' applications are in hand, and Mrs. Trotter in her summer home is planning and thinking for them. The House Director will soon be in residence, and the Buying Committee is forging ahead with its work as quickly as funds will allow.

There is every prospect of a pleasant home being ready for our McMaster girls by autumn, but for those women who are helping, and planning to help, it must be said that the summer inactivity along so many lines has affected our receipts, both of money and furnishings. Contributions of linen, bed linen, towels, table linen, and so on, will be one of the most acceptable gifts which any woman or group of women can make. There must be in some homes furnishings not now in use, which could find a place,—such as hangings, book-cases, tables. The fruit shelves are not yet filled. But, as before, the chief need still is money contributions. The simple furniture necessary for such a home is expensive, but must be purchased; the enterprise has been undertaken and most heartily endorsed by our Baptist people everywhere; the time is getting very short in which the work must be done,—and there are many who have not yet given, who could do so, and who, in many cases, intend to do so,—and there are some who, when they find the expense has not yet been met, will try to send a second contribution.

The Committee in charge urge upon you all that you do not allow the matter of your individual or group contribution to slip into the pigeonhole labelled "ought to be looked after." Put it into the one marked "to be done to-day," and to-morrow push it safely back in the deep one marked "has been done."

Fruit, or any contribution which needs storing, may be sent in care of McMaster University, Bloor St. W., Toronto.

Money contributions go to Mrs. J. H. Cranston, 67 South Drive, Toronto.

JACQUELINE M. NORTON.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

VUYURU.

By Miss E. Bessie Lockhart.

The Vuyuru field lies in the delta of the sacred river of Krishna or Kistna. The work began there as part of the Akidu field, of which Mr. Craig was in charge. He baptized eleven converts in 1894. By 1891 there were almost three hundred Christians, when Dr. Brown took charge of the work, with Vuyuru as a separate field.

A short time after Dr. Brown took over this new work, he founded a boarding-school for the Christian boys and girls. Since that time, the wives of the missionaries have done the important work of managing this school. At present, the children must study, as far as the fourth class, in their village schools, before they are allowed to enter, as there is not accommodation for more than a hundred pupils. "To go to boarding" seems to be a great ambition among our boys and girls.

Miss Murray, who now is at work in Yellamanchili, was the first missionary for women and children. She bought the tent that is still in use for touring. After her followed Miss McLaurin, who is now in charge of the women's work in Avanigadda. Often, these missionaries would be on tour for three months at a time, and would frequently be sixty miles from the bungalow. At this time Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell were the field missionaries. This was exceedingly pleasant, as Mrs. Stillwell and Miss McLaurin were cousins and girlhood companions.

It is interesting to note that Vuyuru's first missionary, Dr. Brown, who was forced to return home through illness in the family, was for many years the General Secretary of our Canadian Baptist Board. Now, his successor on the Vuyuru field, Mr. Stillwell, is again his successor in this position. Another interesting thing is that this field has always had missionaries of the first term. Mr. Cross, who followed Mr. Stillwell, afterwards took up educational work in our mission. His successor, Mr. Bensen, has come, in his second term, to the Oceanada High School. We are hoping that no higher educational work will take Mr. Gordon away.

There have also been a great many women engaged in the women's work. Miss Selman, who substituted for Miss McLaurin on the latter's first furlough, afterwards went to Akidu field. Miss Zimmerman worked for seven years, but on her marriage

to Mr. Cross, the work fell to Dr. Hulet's management. After four years of this double burden for her, last January Miss Lockhart was appointed to the evangelistic work.

The medical work was started by Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell in a small way with a dispensary. Since their time it has been in Dr. Hulet's care, and has grown greatly through the years. This work has been of the greatest benefit to the sick and suffering women and children of the whole district. Last year they had 18,000 treatments. Dr. Hulet needs a new hospital very badly, as there is very little accommodation for patients. She has been faithfully at her post for seventeen years. In her first furlough Dr. Jessie Allyn looked after her medical work.

Miss McLaurin started two caste girls' schools, which have been going on, in spite of many difficulties. We are sure that, through these, many caste women, although not openly confessing Christ, are true believers in Him as their Saviour. Different women have told me that they pray, and are teaching their children of Jesus.

The whole work of the field has kept steadily growing. In 1913 there were so many Christians needing attention that the southern part and "Divi Island," were made into the new field of Avanigadda, where Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin and Miss McLaurin are now preaching the Gospel.

When Dr. Brown organized the field in 1891, there were fewer than four hundred Christians. There were only two mission bungalows, a boarding school, with two sets of dormitories, a Biblewomen's and nurses' home, a pastor's house, several store-rooms, and a large stone church, used also as a school-house. Near the school are tennis grounds, where every evening the boys and girls and missionaries, too, can play. Across the road are the hospital, a compounder's house, and, in process of building, a "choultry," or lodging-house for the friends of the hospital patients.

Throughout the field are more than three hundred hamlets in which there are Christians, while the Gospel is being preached in twice as many. As yet, there are Christians only from non-castes, but many caste people know of Christ. The women are eager to hear more, but there is no one to teach them. In each Christian village, wherever workers can be found, there is a teacher, who, besides teaching school, must have prayers with the people, and teach them the prepared Bible lessons. Each church comprises at least ten villages. The pastors have all the Christians and teachers under their oversight. Each month from fifty to sixty workers gather in Mr. Gordon's presence to talk over the problems of the field, and to give reports.

The missionaries tour by horse, by tent, by bicycle, by ox-cart. They pitch their tents so that they can visit the villages within a radius of five or six miles. They examine the schools, the Sunday schools, the Christian women, and hold meetings. The Good News must chiefly be told to the Hindus by the Christians themselves. The present work of the missionaries needs must be to lead those who already know Christ to go out and bring those other lost ones into the fold.

A LETTER FROM MISS LOCKHART, IN "TIDINGS".

Vuyuru, Kistna District.

Dear "Tidings": Even if I am in this unpronounceable place, I want you still to visit me. If you say we, and then your, and then oo, it is not very hard anyway.

I am just starting out on tour this afternoon. The ox-cart, with all sorts of things, went off this morning.

My first tour alone lasted three weeks. Once we had our tent pitched under some thorn trees. The caterpillars got into everything, and they made the flesh burn most painfully everywhere they touched. The next place, to avoid the caterpillars, we had to tent in the village, next to the church. Well, every child in that village took it for granted that we were a sort of show for them, and proceeded accordingly. While the cook was cleaning out the ants from the kahvirdi box, the children made themselves at home under the flap of the tent. When he ran around to drive them away, the ants flocked back again. But just the same we had a good time with all the Christians and with the caste people, too.

In that three weeks I saw more than thirty villages where there are Christians. I could not tell you how many miles we walked, but it was a good many. The natives say, "You should not walk in the fire." That is what they call the heat of the day. But they always add, "Nobody can walk as fast as you." The Orientals take their

time at everything. Nevertheless, a woman or a man at 55 is really old. Perhaps our Western ways are not so hard on us as some think.

Part of the time I toured with Miss McLaurin, as there was no one to look after my food. At last, a boy who did not know very much, but who was willing to learn, came. Sometimes I would go out at six o'clock in the morning, have a nice rice and curry feast at some Christian house at noon, and return in the evening. One night, he thought I should have a dessert, and so he served me two boiled potatoes with mustard for sauce. Despite all that, I found the town delightful, and have managed to get rid of malaria.

Yesterday, the pastor of one of our ten churches came, asking to have some Biblewomen sent to three villages on his field. He says they all want to become Christians. People are coming by the hundreds. I saw nine baptized last Sunday just in one village. Reports like that are coming from all the Churches. Pray that we may be guided. Pray for Dr. Hulet and the patients who crowd her hospital; for Mrs. Gordon and her large boarding school; for the work of the field, that many may be called of God for His service in teaching and leading those who are eagerly coming into the Kingdom.

It is so hard to give an adequate idea of the life and the work here. Still I shall write from time to time. Please send my "Tidings" to Vuyuru. I long for the home news.

E. BESSIE LOCKHART.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

Another Letter to Gan'ma in Canada.

345 14th St., Brandon, Man.

Dear Boys and Girls: Here is another letter from Telagu land, yet written with his own hand in our English tongue. As he is quite a man (eight years old!), he signs himself C. L. Josh-e, instead of "Charlie." Again I wonder how many of our boys of eight could write a letter like this in two languages.

Gan'Ma, S. I. H.

Ramachandrapuram,

Date 21-4-20.

To my dearest Gan'ma:

How are you? We are all well. Come soon. We have holidays from April 30 to July 5th. I am going to school every day. Father has finiced his court. We are hungry for you. 10,000,000 kisses.

C. L. JOSHEE.

Date 21-4-1920.

Note.—"Finiced his court" refers to Dr. Joshce's attendance as assessor on an important court case regarding counterfeit notes some one had been mailing.

THE HAPPY COMRADES' BAND OF THE WALKERVILLE CHURCH

Meets every Sunday morning at nine forty-five. The last two or three months it has been greatly increasing in interest and numbers. Our leader tries to make our Band a training school, where we learn to pray for our missionaries and prepare topics on our mission work.

We have adopted Miss Priest as our own special missionary, since we believe it is easier to take an interest in someone we have seen, and we have learned to love her since she was with us a year ago. Last fall we sent her a Xmas box of things that could be used for the children, and also an apron, and the book Pollyana for herself. Miss Priest replied that there were lots of chances to play the Pollyana game out there, since there has been so much sickness and famine.

Our aim this year is to make several life members and to support a native boy in India. To help increase our funds we have used the following methods.

On Easter morning our leader asked the children to sacrifice their breakfast egg and bring it to the Mission Band. The children responded splendidly, and a real straw nest was filled to the brim. Then we started to gather newspapers, magazines and rubbers. When we get a ton we hope to realize between thirty or forty dollars.

About two months ago we were given envelopes by our leader, in which we were to put money that we had earned ourselves, and tell how we earned it.

Last month we had a Mission Band concert, at which we took up a free-will offering, which amounted to over twenty-three dollars, and so we hope to keep working throughout the coming year, and run a race for the banner with the other Bands of the Association.

In closing, we wish to sympathize with Wheatley Band in the loss of one of their splendid workers, Graham Reynolds. During his short stay with us we learned to appreciate his help and interest in our Mission Band work, and his sterling Christian character. We believe his influence both in Wheatley and Walkerville, will be felt for years to come.

Dalesville and Lachute Bands have almost reached their second-birthdays, and have made marked advance financially in their second year. We hope they have made advancement in the knowledge of missions. In May, concerts were held in both places, the numbers of the respective programmes being of a missionary character. We use Mite Boxes, and open them in May and December. Proceeds from concerts and boxes in May; Dalesville, \$15.00; Lachute, \$21.00.

ANNIE VIRGINIA COLLINS, Supt.

July 12, 1920.

THE LITTLE BROWN GIRL AND I.

Away on the other side of the world
Lives a little brown girl I know,
Away off there in a distant land,
Where they never have frost or snow;
I have a home that is bright and glad,
She wanders where shadows lie,
Yet the same dear Father has made us both—
The little brown girl and I.

The little brown girl is to sorrows born—
An orphan, with none to care,
With no one to kiss her a sweet good-night,
Or smooth out her tangled hair.
Perhaps she is needing my love to-day,
To stife the orphan's cry,
Since we are one in the Father's heart—
The little brown girl and I.

The little brown girl has never heard
Of love that is over all,
Of a Father who cares with an equal care
For all who will heed His call;
Perhaps she is waiting for me to send
The news of a God on high,
That together we two may lift our prayers—
The little brown girl and I.

Then she, too, may go to the Father's house—
To the home where the angels are;
And for her and for me they will welcome speak,
And the gates of that home unbar;
I will take her hand on that blessed day,
In the mansion beyond the sky,
And we both will sit down at the Father's feet—
The little brown girl and I.

—From Lutheran Boys and Girls.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

This is the Rally month in all departments of church life. Don't forget to rally all the forces to carry on the campaign for "The Link" and "Visitor." Save our papers from financial embarrassment, and add to the number of our readers by securing many new subscribers. All lists of subscribers to "The Link," with the money for the same, should be sent to Mrs. J. Holland Pettit, Business Manager, 67 Woolfrey Ave., Toronto. Always say whether the subscribers are new or renewals.

REPORTS FROM CIRCLES.

As space in "The Link" and "Visitor" is very limited, the editors of these papers have decided to ask those sending reports of Circle meetings to kindly send different reports to the two papers, or else to send reports of different meetings, so that the news in each may be as fresh and interesting as possible to those who take both.

TREASURER'S CORNER.

We read a great deal about the "forty-cent dollar," and we know it means that the dollar of 1914 only buys forty cents' worth of the necessities of life to-day. If this is true, it follows that the six hundred dollars of pre-war days is worth only two hundred and forty dollars now. In 1914, no Board of sane women would have offered to any missionary a salary of two hundred and forty dollars. Yet to-day we are practically doing that very thing. I am quite aware that no person who serves our denomination cares to have his or her lack of remuneration commented upon—especially as usually nothing is gained thereby—but here it seems to me exists a wrong that must be speedily righted.

There is another phase to this money question. If our Canadian dollar is worth only forty cents of pre-war money, then our Circle-fee dollar isn't worth one cent more. The real trouble is that we expect a forty-cent dollar to expand in some miraculous manner, and do the work of the pre-war dollar. I imagine the only solution to the problem will be that for every dollar we formerly give to Missions we should now give two dollars and a quarter, and at that we would not in reality be increasing our gifts one iota.

Leamington Church has, as far as our women's work is concerned, been a model church. Now, in addition to a Circle, a Young Women's Circle and a Band, all properly alive, we have recently heard from a new organization, "The Hustlers' Club." Of course they are boys, "hustlers" too, evidently, for they have made and sold birdhouses, and sent us \$16.50 towards Miss Baskerville's car. The B.Y.P.U. of Verdun, Quebec, gave an entertainment, and raised five dollars for this purpose. We have received, also, during the summer, for Miss Baskerville's car the following gifts: Mrs. P. C. Blackburn, \$3.00; Toronto, Walmer Road Y.W., \$25.00; A Friend, \$5.00; Dundas B.Y.P.U., \$19.00; Pine Grove Circle Member, \$1.00; Nissouri East Circle, \$12.00; Toronto, Bloor St. Y.W., \$1.00; Mrs. Wm. Craig, \$25.00; Mrs. Geo. Woodley, \$1.00; Miss Josephine Wright, \$25.00; Hespeler Circle, \$8.50; Peterboro, Murray St. Circle, \$7.00; Mrs. Menzies, \$1.00; Mrs. S. Vail, \$1.00; Hagersville Circle, \$1.00; Mrs. Wm. Gorman, \$1.00; St. Thomas, Jr. B.P.U., \$12.35; Mrs. Geo. Allison, \$1.00; Mrs. H. V. Cameron, \$1.00; Dundas Circle, \$14.50; Mrs. C. F. Gray, \$1.00; Miss Abbie Garbutt, \$1.00; Campbellford Circle, \$5.25; Mrs. Wm. Garside, \$1.00; "Holiday Cash," \$10.00.

Our new life members are: Circle—Mrs. W. J. Marshall and Mrs. H. S. Norris, Toronto, Parkdale Circle; Mrs. T. Powrie, Forest; Mrs. A. J. Loveday, Brooke and Enniskillen; Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Kitchener, King St. Bands—Miss Eva Kohl and Mr. Lee Begg of Walkerville "Happy Comrades" Band.

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ITEMS.

On July 16th, in Walmer Road Church, Miss Edith Craig, our true yoke-fellow in service and prayer for India, became Mrs. W. C. Dengate. It was a beautiful wedding, and although most of the bride's nearest and dearest were far away in India, she was encircled by relatives and friends by whom she is loved. Blessings on the home-to-be at 140 Quebec Avenue.

Let us not forget to thank the Great Physician for His gracious dealings with dear Mrs. Scott during the long homeward journey, and since arrival. Mrs. Scott is much improved in health and with her family now happily settled, for the present anyway, at 103 Ellsworth Avenue, under the kind eye of Mrs. Dr. Chute, who is next door, at 105.

The new Memorial Hospital at Akidu, erected by the Harris family in memory of their parents, Dr. Elmore and Mrs. Harris, was opened April 22nd. A gathering of three hundred Christians and others crowded the big verandah. Congratulatory addresses were given by leading workers and Hindu friends. A Telugu young lady sang an English hymn very nicely, accompanied by Dr. Brooke on his violin. After prayer and an appropriate address by Miss Knowles, she unlocked the door and declared the Hospital open. The building, we read, "is commodious, the operating rooms excellent, the compounding room all that could be desired," while the cement sinks in various rooms are a great boon. Within a few days after this joyful opening all available beds were occupied. This Hospital will doubtless be a very fountain of hope and healing to thousands.

The Vuyuru Church has formed a co-operation society which already has a fund of Rs. 2000 to be used for the development and improvement of the land granted its members by Government. Also their Temperance Society has nearly 1,000 members and is growing. Any connection between these two facts?

At the Owen Sound Association, Mrs. Lorne Harpell read an excellent paper, suggestive and stimulating. It has been secured for the Bureau of Literature, and is available to any Circle by sending for it to Mrs. Moor.

Misses McLeish and McGill have greatly enjoyed and been benefited by residence in the Mission Cottage at Muskoka this summer. Our friends, the Priests, are now occupying the bungalow. That kind gift from the Pugsley family seems to grow in missionary appreciation year by year. We all rejoice in it.

M. B. McL.

EASTERN SOCIETY TREASURERS PLEASE REMEMBER!

The Books of this society close on September 25th. Kindly be prompt in sending in your money, or it can not be credited in this year's statement.

Amount still required is made up as follows :

On regular estimates	\$ 986.00
Exchange	\$ 800.00
	<u>\$1786.00</u>

Treasurers, please do your utmost during the next few weeks to gather in this amount.

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