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BE SWIFT.

Be swift, dear heart, in loving,
For time is brief,
And thou may'st soon along life's highway
Keep step with grief.

Be swift, dear heart, in saying
The kindly word;
When ears are sealed, thy passionate pleading
Will not be heard.

Be swift, dear heart, in doing
The gracious deed,
Lest soon they whom thou holdest dearest
Be past the need.

Be swift, dear heart, in giving
The rare, sweet flower,
Nor wait to heap with blossoms the casket
In some sad hour.

Dear heart, be swift in loving—
Time speedeth on;
And all the chance of blessed service
Will soon be gone.—*British Weekly.*

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THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

A WORD FROM YELLAMANCHILLI.

We have found plenty of work to do in our station these last few months. Indeed, we almost felt sure that that was the work which demanded our attention at the time. The Yellamanchilli Malla Hamlet, where work has been faithfully done from the time that this station was opened, and where there has been so little fruit for all of the work, has shown signs of the working of the Spirit. There are many who are in the valley of decision, but who lack the courage to come right out boldly. One man and a boy only have been baptized. Many said, "After Addyya comes we will all come," but now they seem just as far away as before. They have found new excuses, which they are putting up between God and themselves. One great hindrance is Sunday work. They think that they will suffer if they refuse to work on Sunday. Please pray that the Spirit of God may fall on these people, convicting them of sin, of righteousness, and judgment.

We rejoice that the Malla Hamlet school attendance has improved so much. There are about forty day and twenty-six night pupils. We are very grateful for our earnest, faithful teacher. We had a very happy Christmas with these children, who sang hymns and recited a great many Scripture texts.

The Madiga Hamlet is also doing good work. There is a marked change in the conduct of the children since they have been coming to school. We had the very first Christmas treat for them that they ever had, and I think they really enjoyed it.

For three new schools, two of which are held under trees as yet, we praise God. The teacher of one is a poor crippled humpback, who was educated in his youth by a kind-hearted English Government official. He was discovered over a year ago in his native village, a few miles away, by our pastor, who took an interest in him, and last September he was baptized. After some weeks of Bible instruction, we placed him in a little village nearby to teach school.

The people are showing a very intelligent interest; some have said they do believe. Another school is in a Malla Hamlet two miles away. In that village is a Christian man, who, although he has been a Christian for a few years, has not seemed to be one at all, but now he has begun to come to church again, and seems anxious for the salvation of his friends. The teacher whom we placed there was dismissed from High School for misconduct, but he publicly confessed his fault, and is taking this work as a trust from God. Pray for him, that he may be a blessing there, and that he may become a real Christian Worker.

The third school is among the weaver and farmer castes of Yellamanchilli. It is a large school of over fifty pupils sometimes, but very irregular in their attendance, because they must do so many errands to help their elders. These last two schools are held under trees, but the people in both cases have agreed to give the ground and build schoolhouses

The tour we made to Anakapalle in October was somewhat hindered by rains, but we found the people in all of the Malla Hamlets particularly eager to listen. On one occasion we spent the whole of the afternoon in one. In Kasimkota we found a caste woman ready for baptism, and others thinking of it. We realized that Anakapalle's great need in connection with the Christian work was a chapel. We are praying, and the Christians also, are praying, for one, as now they have only the little varandah of the pastor's house to meet on.

In Yellamanchilli also we have had encouragements among the caste people. Two caste people, one of whom was a former Caste Girls' School pupil, are very near the kingdom. One has requested baptism. We have met with two men also who claimed to have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, but who have not come any farther yet.

Our prayer is that God will bring to fruition all that looks promising now.

EVA McLEISH.

ANOTHER YEAR AT SCHOOL—SAMALKOT.

We have had during the term, July to December, one hundred and twenty-seven boys entered as boarders. The discipline proved too much for a number of them, and they one by one followed the prompting of their own desires and went off home, wasting no time either in asking leave or saying good-bye. A few left because of sickness. So, gradually, the number decreased until in December we closed school with an even hundred boarders.

There was a falling off in the number of our day pupils also. In July about forty entered, but little by little they dropped out, until in December only twenty were left. This was due to a number of causes, one being the distance of our school from the centre of the town, but the principal one (found everywhere in this country) being the lack of appreciation of education on the part of the parents and the consequent want of energy and application in sending the children. A number of the day pupils who persevered throughout the term were boys from caste families, two of them Brahman lads, walking every day from a village three miles distant.

The attendance in the new Fifth Standard kept up to twenty-four to the end of the term. Five of this number were day pupils, all caste boys. During the quarter this class was supplied with double seats having backs and desks. The boys were highly pleased, as they had never used anything previously but ordinary long benches with no desks.

We were visited in November by the Assistant Inspector of Schools, who promised to return in January and examine the work more thoroughly. However, through his report, our school has been recognized by the Government as an "Elementary School teaching up to the Fifth Standard."

During the 'six months' term we had one case of typhoid fever, and one of general debility, both the patients being new boarders, and very young boys. Both went from us to the Pithapuram Hospital, and thence to their homes for the remainder of the term. In September an epidemic of influenza took nearly thirty of our boys at once. We had a busy week, but Dr. Wolverton came to our assistance, and soon all were well again. Aside from the above disturbances, the health of the school was unusually good, even the ever-present enemy, the itch, being fairly well subdued.

The spirit of the school seems good. Occasionally we have a fracas of some kind, but generally things move along smoothly and happily. The boys really appear to be getting some idea of proper behavior and obedience. You will be interested in knowing that the boarding boys throughout the six months gave from their food supply of rice, enough to provide each of them with three pies (equal to half a Canadian cent) collection for every Sunday, and six pies extra for each monthly Sunday, and at the end of the term had a balance of fourteen rupees (about \$4.67), which by their unanimous vote, was sent to the Syrian and Armenian Relief Fund.

The teachers, now five in number, are all Christians, and are working faithfully and harmoniously, with a sense of pride in the well-being of the school. At times the work seems monotonous, but we know that "precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little." So we go on, planting and watering, and trust in God to "give the increase."

Your co-laborer in the field,

JANET F. ROBINSON.

SCHOOL CLOSING AT COCANADA.

"Selam yeppudu!" A group of boarding girls surrounded me, their happy, eager faces upturned to mine, waiting for this much-desired information in answer to their question, which means, "When will you give leave?" or as we would say, "When will our holidays begin?" As this question was first asked soon after school opened in July, I gave them the very informing news that it would be in December, and they enjoyed the joke. As the time drew nearer, this did not satisfy them, and so the actual date had to be announced, which was Friday, December 21. On Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock we all gathered in the school hall for our closing. After singing and prayer, there was great excitement, for on the table were interesting-looking piles of picture cards, books, bags, etc., and there was just as intense excitement over these as there ever was at home over the most elaborately decorated Christmas tree that was ever displayed before 200 children.

All the presents had been sent from Bands and Sunday School classes at home, and many times during the afternoon I wished that those who had worked so hard to prepare the things could have seen the keen joy they gave. First came the prizes for first, second and third girl in each class—these were scrapbooks, also picture post cards joined together on tape or ribbons. Then came the distribution of bags—some tiny ones two or three inches in size up to those six or eight inches, made from pieces of silk or bright cotton. Unfortunately, there were not enough to go all around—two classes had to do without—but the promise that next year they should be served first, consoled them. Then the distribution of cards, of which we had enough for everyone. There were jackets and little dresses for some of the poorer children, which made them very proud and happy, for their parents were too poor to get them any new clothes for Christmas—and Christmas and New Year's without a new dress is not a bright prospect. I never saw the children so wild with delight as they were that afternoon when all the gifts had been distributed. When I asked what message they would send for all these loving gifts there was a great chorus of "Send our many salaams." So I hereby wish to forward all these salaams, and ask that each member of each class and Band will pick

one up as it comes from the little Telugu girl that you helped to make happy at this Christmas time.

Since then I have received several more parcels, one of them containing some daintily dressed dolls, which I shall keep for the prize-giving at the Caste Girls' School.

I shall try to write personal letters to all who sent things, but in case the letter is late, or, worse still, in case it should go to the bottom of the sea, I am sending this with my hearty thanks.

LIDA PRATT.

THE MISSION CIRCLE DEPARTMENT.

ARE WE MAKING USE OF ALL OUR STUDENT ABILITY ?

"Coming! Coming!" Here they come, trooping home from colleges, boarding and normal schools, from courses in art, music and library work, girl students to the number of thousands in the aggregate, while scarcely a church but has received some small percentage of the total. If the home church loses its quota, by means of marriage and occupations at a distance, some other churches may be the gainer. These young women remain, in any locality, the trained product of our higher schools, and presumably the possessors of valuable commodities which the cause of missions needs—such commodities as experience in living and working with other girls; the power to lay out a subject logically and write up something about it readable or tellable; a taste for history or science, or sociology; left sketching fingers; a voice to delight the lovers of music; a touch for white keys or vibrant strings; and a liking to "do things." A vital question for our missionary leaders in the local church is this:—

ARE YOU SECURING THESE COMMODITIES FOR THE ENLARGEMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF THE MISSIONARY INTEREST IN YOUR CHURCH ?

"How CAN I secure Them?"

There are probably as many ways as there are desirable young women of this sort, so let us suggest only a few general principles and a small handful of details.

The Few Principles.

1. Become aware of these girls—at home, school teachers, professional and business women and young wives. Acquaint yourself with their presence in your parish. Sometimes it needs a flashlight to search them out, for it is a rare girl who proclaims, "I am educated—now use me." Approach these. Do not wait for them, even if you have never been to college yourself. Show that you need them. This leads to the second principle.
2. Realize that the young woman who has been away from home four years or less, living a unique community life with many other girls, comes back to feel a bit strange and shy. Things have been shaken up in the old church since she left it. Perhaps all her summers were spent away from town on vacation trips or visits. A new pastor; shifting of the Bible School class where she used to attend or teach; some new organizations under way. She does not know where the church

people would like her to take hold. And she hasn't age enough yet to take the initiative in making adjustments. Not a learned but a loving caller will be welcomed by her, and your invitation to come and help will receive consideration in nine cases out of ten.

3. Ask her to take a definite position, and one of leadership if it be possible on your side and on hers. And then give her a fair tether of liberty. She may make mistakes—but then others have been made. Perhaps things won't be any worse, and there is a big probability that some little garden patch in the church will be improved. The soil will receive fresh fertilizing, and the plants will have a filtering of scientific treatment. Sometimes it is good for a church, like the New Year bells, to "ring out the old, ring in the new!"

The Handful of Details.

(Possible Requests to be made of these young women.)

"Will you look into the Young Women's Circle Movement and lay plans for one in our church?"

"Will you take the office of secretary in our Woman's Society?"

"Will you go to Conference as our representative and come home ready to serve as chairman of our Programme Committee?"

"Will you take hold of our fainting Circle and apply first aid and bring it back to life? It seems to need evening meetings, for many members are occupied by day."

"Will you serve on the Church Missionary Committee with special reference to the development of missionary education in Sunday School?"

"Will you act as a peripatetic instructor in missions for the same needy Sunday School, and now in one department, now in another, as the Sundays pass, will you devote five or ten minutes to courses of adapted live teaching through stories, object lessons and programmes?" (Don't fail to give her references—your own Board and the Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.)

"The pastor is desirous that missions in the Christian Endeavor Society be put upon a firmer basis. Would you take their committee in charge and help to make their monthly programmes really tell in the lines of sound learning and continuous enthusiasm?"

"Since your duties confine you so much by day, will you form an evening study class for six weeks and use some biographical book?"

"I am commissioned by the Programme Committee of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Department to ask you to take charge of our music this year. We would like you to meet with the Committee monthly when possible, so as to know our lines of study and have the music in harmony."

"It would be a great favor if you would be chief hostess at our teas this year when they follow our missionary programmes. You may choose your helpers or we will suggest some of our young women."

"We want to make more of eye-gate effects in our work this year—posters, programmes with little artistic touches, luncheon cards, a good home-made map to show missionary stations—will you be our Art Director?"

Can we not in this stimulating year attack the returned student problem with fresh vigor and discriminating tact? All leaders who will enter with renewed zeal upon these lines will receive the sincere gratitude of all mission leaders.—Sel.

M. L. D.

A LITTLE TE DEUM.

We thank Thee, Lord,
 For mercies manifold in these dark days;
 For Heart of Grace that would not suffer wrong;
 For all the stirrings in the dead, dry bones;
 For bold self-steeling to the time's dread needs;
 For every sacrifice of self to Thee;
 For ease and wealth and life so freely given;
 For Thy deep sounding of the hearts of men;
 For Thy great opening of the hearts of men;
 For Thy close knitting of the hearts of men;
 For all who sprang to answer the great call:
 For their high courage and self-sacrifice;
 For their endurance under deadly stress;
 For all the unknown heroes who have died
 To keep the land inviolate and free;
 For all who come back from the Gates of Death:
 For all who pass to larger life with Thee,
 And find in Thee the wider liberty;
 For hope of Righteous and Enduring Peace;
 For hope of cleaner earth and closer Heaven;
 With burdened hearts, but faith unquenchable—
 We thank Thee, Lord!

—John Oxenham.

HERE AND THERE.

Whitby.—It is a long time since our Circle has sent a report in to the LINK, but we have not been sleeping. Our Circle has grown in numbers, three new members having been added since the New Year. Contributions have also been increased, and it is our aim this year to raise fifty dollars for missions.

Interest has been deepened, and the study of "An African Trail" is being taken up and is much enjoyed. This study is giving us a deeper insight into African conditions.

We have had two Thank-offering services during the year, one in October and one at Easter, when Miss Evelyn Smith, McMaster University, addressed us on "Customs in India." On May 30th, Miss Baskerville addressed the Circle and Band, which address ought to be an inspiration and help to us in our mission work.

One of the strong features of our Circle is the work done by the Visiting, Flower and Programme Committees. Over three hundred calls have been made since November, 1917, and flowers sent to sick ones in the church and congregation are much appreciated, while programmes as arranged are enjoyed and satisfying.

S. L. JAMES, Secretary.

Vankleek Hill.—The Woman's Mission Circle of the Vankleek Hill Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Paul Jausse, Main St. There was a full attendance, and as this was an annual business meeting, our Recording Secretary, Miss M. A.

McIntosh, read the report of our year's work, which was most encouraging, and showed plainly that our women are fully alive to the needs of the hour along the line of missions. Of course, the proceeds are being equally divided between our Home and Foreign work, so we are beginning the work of another year with renewed energy and pressing on to greater efforts in behalf of missions, our watchword still being, "Work, for the night cometh when no man can work."

As to official changes, our President, Mrs. H. McCallum, who has been untiring in her efforts to increase to the full the efficiency of each meeting, and, as a consequence, has been of late feeling the strain, has resigned the presidency in favor of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Elliott. Mrs. John R. McLaurin, who has filled most worthily the office of Treasurer for some time, has resigned this department of the work into the hands of Miss M. A. McIntosh, while Mrs. John L. Campbell has been elected Vice-President for the coming term.

A few evenings previous Mr. McEwen gave an illustrated lecture (under the auspices of the Mission Circle) on the last week of the life of our Saviour, proving very helpful to all who were fortunate enough to hear it, and for which we are all most thankful to Mr. McEwen.

MRS. J. L. BROWNE, Cor. Sec.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

Cocanada, India, March 20, 1915.

Dear Girls and Boys:—

I wonder how old you were when you had your first party. However young you may have been, I am sure that the little Telugu baby who had a party on Monday evening was not so old as you were, for this tiny baby girl had looked out on the world for only ten short days. She had come to the house of the Rev. N. Abraham, the pastor of the McLaurin High School Church, to make her father and mother glad, and to play with her brothers. You may have heard that little girl-babies are not welcome in Indian homes, but when there are already some boys in the family the father and mother are glad to have a daughter. I think this little baby was very welcome.

The baby's uncle, Mr. Venkathachellam, who is a teacher in the High School, invited some friends to come to his house the evening that the baby was to receive her name.

When we arrived at the house we found some Telugu men seated outside in the cool breeze, but there were no women present. We asked if the women were inside with the baby, and were told that they had had their party in the afternoon. In the evening there were about a dozen Telugu men and about half-a-dozen missionaries present.

Before dinner was served some of us went in to see the baby. There she was on her mother's lap—a tiny, fair girlie, with black hair and eyes. She was dressed in a short blue dress and blue bonnet, and on each wrist were two little bracelets: one glass, and the other gold, the gifts of her uncle. We thought that she was lovely, but she didn't seem to think the same of us, for as soon as she saw the strange white faces, she puckered up her little mouth, and began to cry.

During the dinner we sat on mats in a good-sized room, made with bamboo walls and a thatched roof, in front of the house. A lamp hung low, for we all sat on the floor. First of all, we were given our plates (large leaves sewn together) and tumblers, but no knives, forks or spoons, for we had them already; they were growing on our hands. We were very liberally helped to rice, chicken currie (chickens are cheaper here than they are in Canada), mutton, a vegetable sauce, and pickles. Perhaps if you had been there you would have thought that the curry was too hot; but everyone who was present enjoyed it. For dessert, oranges broken up into sections were passed round.

After dinner we had prayers. We sang first in English two children's hymns which you all know, "When He Cometh" and "Jesus Bids Us Shine." When a hymn had been sung in Telugu, Mr. Dixon Smith, the principal of the High School, read from the Bible, and Mr. Walker prayed. Then the great event of the evening came, when Mr. Abraham asked Mrs. Smith to show his little daughter to the guests, and announce her name. The little baby was fast asleep when she was brought in, and carried around the room. In telling us her name, Mrs. Smith said, "We have named her Doreas, and we hope that she will grow up to be a woman full of good works." Then one of our teachers made a short speech, in which he recited an English rhyme about the kinds of children born on each day of the week. "Friday's child," he said, "is loving and giving." That was just like the name, wasn't it?

After that, Miss Robinson told the people about Japan. Although the women had not had dinner with us, they had served us, and during Miss Robinson's talk they came in to listen. She told about her visit to that pretty little land, and the strange sights she had seen there. When she told them about a tiny gnarled tree two hundred years old, I think they had an idea that she was saying that in fun, for they laughed heartily.

While she was talking, our hostess took Mrs. Timpany into the house, and when she came back she was dressed as a Telugu woman in a handsome red and blue garment and many pretty jewels.

If the little baby has all the good wishes fulfilled that we made at her naming party, I'm sure she ought to be a very good, happy little girl.

Next time you go to a party, think of the kind of parties the little children in India are given.

With best wishes to you all.

Your sincere friend,

LAURA J. CRAIG.

Whitby Band.—The attendance at our Band meetings is good, and collections are being well kept up. Some members have moved away, but we still have forty-two active members on the roll. This year we have studied "African Adventurers" and the boys and girls like it. The quilt begun last year has been finished for us by the Cirele and sent away, with clothing, etc., to Memorial Institute, Toronto. We have had two missionaries address us on India and a Thank-offering service at Easter, and we hope to send more money to missions this fall.

DOROTHY A. JAMES, Secy.-Treas.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.**ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS.**

Niagara and Hamilton.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands was held in Victoria Ave Church, Hamilton, Tuesday, June 4th, Mrs. O. C. Gray, Niagara Falls, presiding.

The programme for the day had been well arranged and was so varied that every phase of the work was touched upon some time during the day.

The morning session opened at 11.30. Mrs. Wm. Ross of Hamilton gave the Scripture reading, Mrs. W. E. Blandford the address of welcome.

The Director, Mrs. Doherty of St. Catharines, gave a concise and encouraging report of the year's work, showing: (1) a "forward step" of 4 new Bands—Dundas, Dunnville, Barton St. (Hamilton), Jepson St. (Niagara Falls); 3 new Y. W. Circles—Park St. (Hamilton), Jepson St. (Niagara Falls), Port Colborne; 1 reorganized Circle—Barton St. (Hamilton). (2) an increase in membership of 68 in Circles, 59 in Y. W. Circles, a decrease of 10 in Bands. (3) an increase in gifts of \$777.43 in Circles, \$127.23 in Y. W. Circles, a decrease of \$1 in Bands (2 Bands failed to report).

Helpful conferences were then conducted, Mrs. Bengough of Grimsby dealing with the Circles, Mrs. Dickinson of St. Catharines in charge of Y workers among our young women, and Mrs. Pearce of Waterford, our Bands.

After a basket party the afternoon session opened with a Prayer Service conducted by Miss Copp of Hamilton, who asked for prayer for many definite objects and in closing, requested our women to keep these objectives constantly in their minds when praying for our work.

Mrs. Sloat of Toronto addressed the meeting on Home Missions, taking as her subject, "Evangelism, a necessity to make Canada safe for democracy." Reference was made to conditions in Quebec, in New Ontario, and also among the different foreign elements throughout the Dominion, and if we wish to meet the conditions and win Canada for Christ, our watchword must be "Evangelize."

The question of giving was presented by Mrs. Veals of Hamilton; that of our Literature by Mrs. Grattan of St. Catharines, Mrs. Booker and Mrs. Taylor of Hamilton. Mrs. Pearce of Waterford illustrated a Band lesson on Africa, which was most interesting to the women present, as well as to the little folks who assembled for this exercise.

Just here a presentation was made to the Jepson St. Band for the best poster exhibited in the auditorium of the church. Little Evelyn Baxter, President of this Band, very graciously accepted the gift, which was a model of an African kraal.

In the evening we heard and saw something of Africa. After a consecration service led by the Victoria Ave. Young Women, Miss Gill of St. Catharines told the story of "The African Trail," showing the value of the study book, which was followed by lantern slides of Africa, explained by Mr. Watson of Toronto.

Miss H. Brown of Fonthill dealt with "Our Foreign Mission Objective," after which Rev. John McLaurin, who is home on furlough, gave a most interesting and instructive address on India. He referred to the emigration which is beginning there now. Many are settling in Mesopotamia, others coming to our Western

shores. In leaving his country, the Hindu loses his caste to a great extent, which makes it easier for the missionary to reach him. Mr. McLaurin, in his wonderful word pictures, can almost make one see the awful conditions existing among these people, fifty millions of whom are looking toward Christianity and are desirous of knowing about our Saviour and accepting our religion. A strong appeal was made for more concentrated effort on the part of Christians at home.

The singing, led by Mr. Devine and his Male Quartette, was much appreciated.

The officers for the following year are: Director, Mrs. J. C. Doherty, St. Catharines; Assistant Director, Mrs. H. Dickenson, St. Catharines; President, Mrs. H. F. Veals, Hamilton.

MRS. H. SHERK, Secretary.

Western.—This year our Association met with the Church at Blenheim. The ideal weather and the kind, generous hospitality of the sisters in Blenheim all helped to make the meetings a success.

The Tuesday afternoon session opened at 1.45, the President, Mrs. M. P. Campbell of Bothwell, in the chair.

After the devotional exercises the following nominating committee was appointed: Mrs. Scofield, Windsor; Mrs. Wilson, Chatham; Mrs. Wigle, Kingsville; Mrs. Campbell, Bothwell; Mrs. Watson, Thamesville.

Mrs. Wylie of Blenheim gave a warm and hearty welcome to the delegates, to which Mrs. Cameron of Chatham made a suitable reply.

The reports of the Circles and Bands were received and were very encouraging, and nearly all showed an increase in giving. Thirteen Circles and eight Bands reported.

The summary of reports given by Miss Ritchie was very encouraging. In spite of the many calls for money there was an increase of \$91.81. The grand total was \$1,570.86.

The quiet hour, led by Mrs. J. Toffemire of Ridgetown, was most inspiring, and many earnest prayers were offered.

Mrs. Holman of Toronto gave a splendid address on Home Missions. She pointed out quite clearly the great importance of our Home Mission work, and that our sons and daughters are needed for this wonderful work. The Home Mission Board is as a mother to the Home Mission churches and their pastors.

A duet by Mrs. Omstead and Miss Edith Hyatt of Wheatley was much appreciated by all.

An address by Miss Ritchie on the advantages of attending the convention led us to realize that if we are to get a greater vision of the work we must attend the Convention, and it will broaden our sympathies, and then we will pray more and be willing to give more.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, as follows: President, Mrs. Saunders, Wallaceburg; Vice-President, Mrs. Gosnell, Ridgetown; Directress, Miss J. Ritchie, Arner; Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Macgregor, Wheatley.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Ritchie for her faithful services in the Association.

It was moved by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Boomer, Walkerville, that we leave the time of the Women's meeting as it is for another year.

The offering amounted to \$17.30.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Scofield of Windsor.

IDA MACGREGOR, Secretary.

Toronto.—The thirty-second annual meeting of Circles and Bands in the Toronto Association met in Boon Ave. Church on Tuesday, June 4th. There were three sessions. At the afternoon meeting Miss Ellis of Moulton College reported for the LINK, and Mrs. Kingdon for the "Visitor." Don't leave the work of getting subscribers to the agents of these papers. "Pray for them; read them; seek to get others to."

A prayer conference for the Foreign Mission objective was led by Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, who spoke first on our papers and regular work. Earnest and loving prayers followed for our medical missionaries, for those on the way home, for an extra class at Samaleotta School, for two new missionaries in 1919, for Miss Morton and Mrs. Wilkinson of Bolivia. Mrs. E. J. Zavitz spoke on Band work. "Every Circle is constitutionally responsible for a Band in their church." The Foreign Mission address was given by Rev. John B. McLaurin on some of the "Great Movements in India toward Christianity." If the Christians at home are alive to their opportunities just now, the results cannot be overestimated. "In winning India for Christ we shall influence all Asia." Our responsibility is staggering. Pastor Albert Hughes, in his Home Mission address in the evening, thrilled all our hearts. Miss E. Taylor and Miss E. Aldridge brought most helpful messages to the young women. Owing to an error in copying, there was reported a deficit to our Foreign work. A correction shows an increase of \$265.63.

These are a few of the good things in a day of much inspiration and helpfulness.

ANNIE F. SMITH, Secretary.

Eastern.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies met with the Temple Church, Montreal, on June 11, 1918.

The favorable weather, the good attendance and the interest manifested all combined to make the meetings successful.

Mrs. Kirkland of Olivet Church, Montreal, occupied the chair with great acceptance.

Mrs. Hunt of the Temple Church extended the address of welcome, to which Miss Higgins suitably replied, after which the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. Kirkland, in her opening address, said that we required a new vision of Christ and of the world in need of our aid, and that those visions have to be obtained on the mountain-top of prayer and communion. She spoke of the desirability of the young women of the churches undertaking the Circle work now being carried on by those who will one day have to lay it down, and forming Young Women's Circles. Coaticook and Westmount churches already have such Circles.

Miss Wallace of Coaticook stated that the Young Women's Circle there had been in existence six years and had 30 members, who were expecting to do good work during the coming year.

The very encouraging report of Home Missions was given by Miss Clarke of Ottawa, who took Mrs. Farmer's place. This report was very much enjoyed.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Directress, Miss Chandler, due to the illness of her sister, Miss Stevens read the report of Circles and Bands. Contributions from Circles and Bands: Foreign Missions, \$787.71; Home Missions, \$613.28; total, \$1,400.99. LINKS taken, 121; "Visitors," 153.

Mrs. Fray's Mission Band address was read by Miss Miller and showed a thorough knowledge of the work. The Superintendent of Bands must be wide-awake to keep up the interest in missions in the children, and the parents must be interested. If we work and sacrifice for the work we are sure to love it. Miss Russell, treasurer of the Foreign Board, spoke regarding the finances.

The Board is asking \$700 this year in advance of last year, and 600 women of the Circles are requested to contribute 10 cents a month extra this year. Eight months have already passed, and so far the response has not been as generous as might have been expected.

Before the adjournment of the afternoon meeting, it was carried, on motion, that a message of condolence and regret for her absence be telegraphed to Miss Chandler from the Association, and at the evening session it was announced that this had been done.

The devotional exercises of the evening session were conducted by the Rev. C. G. Smith (pastor of the Temple Church). The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Richardson, Moos River; Secretary, Mrs. Hadlock, Barnston; Directress, Miss Chandler, Coaticook.

The address of Miss Marsh, Quebec, returned missionary, was listened to with rapt attention, and proved most interesting and instructive.

Several young ladies of the churches and the little son of Rev. C. G. Smith, dressed in Indian costume, represented the women of India and the pupils of the schools there.

Miss Marsh spoke at length on four phases of the foreign work, namely, educational, evangelistic, medical and industrial. Help is needed in all departments of work in India as never before. She appealed for an increase of workers, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the self-sacrificing work of Dr. Chute, Dr. Hulet and many others. The two high schools and eight elementary schools are doing good work. The singing throughout, which was conducted by Mr. Bentley, without whose presence no Association would be complete, it is needless to say was very successful.

JESSIE OHMAN, Press Reporter.

Middlesex and Lambton Association.—A splendid gathering of Circles and Bands met with the Wortley R. Church, London, on Tuesday, June 11th. The afternoon session opened at 1.30, with Mrs. R. R. McKay, President, in the chair. After singing a hymn, Mrs. Pollock of Alvinston read the Scripture, Mrs. Martin of Courtright afterwards leading us in prayer.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Brighton, President of the entertaining church, and very ably responded to by Mrs. A. A. Fanjoy of Ailsa Craig. The Directress' report showed cause for great gratitude in the increased giving, and interest shown in the Circles and Bands.

Solos were rendered by Miss E. Kunz and Mrs. Brighton, which were much enjoyed.

Our President, in a very able manner, reminded us that everyone should be a recruiting officer in the interest of Missions, that we should realize our own responsibility; the underlying foundation of all missionary work is prayer; the supreme cry of the missionary is "pray for us;" prayer to help diffuse the message of everlasting love.

The quiet hour was led very effectively by Mrs. J. N. Norton, when all hearts were drawn near to Christ. Mrs. Barber of Sarnia introduced our Literature in a way which will long be remembered, and we feel confident will result in more interest being taken in our denominational papers.

Mrs. H. Stillwell of Toronto gave a delightful talk on her work in India, when a missionary, showing how great was the need of the Gospel.

The blind woman gazing up into the sun and pleading for one ray of light was a symbol of the great need of India. Mrs. Stillwell touched all hearts as she told the story of sacrifice by Telugu woman that the work may spread and the Gospel be made known.

Half-Hour with our Bands was effectively taken by Mrs. N. Mills, London, who spoke on Programme Building, and showing that children should be given an opportunity to express themselves.

Six boys and girls from Talbot Street Mission Band represented our Missionaries on the platform, which exercise was much enjoyed.

The Nominating Committee's report was as follows: President, Mrs. R. R. McKay, Sarnia; Vice-President, Mrs. Stewart, Ailsa Craig; Directress, Mrs. J. Baldwin, London; Assistant Directress, Miss Pickett, London.

Committee of Resolutions.

That in view of the splendid response of our women to the Medical Missionary Fund, and the fact that Miss Laura Alyn has been assigned to us, we recommend that, as an Association, we adopt her and contribute to her maintenance while she is on the Foreign field.

Secondly, that the Middlesex and Lambton Association of Mission Circles places on record its deep appreciation of the splendid work done by Miss Baskerville during her tour of our Circles, and also our pleasure in meeting one who has given so much of her life to our Foreign Mission work.

Our evening meeting opened with a song service led by Rev. H. H. Bingham. Scripture was taken by Miss Carson, one of our young women. Mr. McLaughlin of Strathroy led in prayer. The Directress' report was extremely gratifying, showing amounts raised for Home Missions, \$1,042.22; for Foreign Missions, \$1,040.74, an increase of \$348.76.

Mission Bands raised for Home Missions \$232.36; for Foreign Missions, \$275.97, an increase of \$70.61; raised for new Medical Missionary, \$481.02, making a total increase of \$900.69.

The work of our Young Ladies' Circles, of whom many were present, was introduced by Miss E. Aldridge, Toronto, on the subject of "Our Reserve Battalion." We wish it were possible to have this address in print, as no brief report can do it justice. Every sentence was full of deep truth, and the loud applause given by the crowded audience testified to the enjoyment of Miss Aldridge's address.

Miss Laura Allyn, our new Medical Missionary, then came to the platform and was warmly greeted. Miss Allyn, in well-chosen words, told of her sister's work in India, and what she herself hoped to do. We pray that God will bless her abundantly.

A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Shoebottom and an anthem by the Choir, which was much enjoyed. Rev. J. J. Jones of Ingersoll spoke on Home Missions and was listened to with great interest, showing that Home Missions was worth while. Mr. Jones' address was a fitting close to a day which had been full and overflowing with interest.

Offering and a pleasing solo, led by Master Kenneth Marsh, and prayer by Mr. Walker closed our Woman's meeting.

MRS. J. BALDWIN, Director.

Peterboro.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands of this Association was held in the Gilmour Memorial Church, Smith Township, at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of June 11, 1918. A gratifying number of delegates were present, and the proceedings were followed with the interest and attention of all.

Mrs. W. D. Scott of Peterboro, our President for the past fourteen years, conducted devotional exercises. Mrs. McCormack led in prayer. After the appointment of a Secretary and a Nominating Committee, the Scripture lesson was taken by Mrs. Wardell, Pieton, the subject being Mary's act of devotion in anointing the Saviour with the precious ointment. Some beautiful thoughts were impressed upon us: (1) She poured it ALL—love without limitation. (2) It was her one valuable possession. (3) The sweetness of the offering reached all through the house. May our lives be so filled with the love of Christ that the fragrance may permeate the whole house.

The President expressed her pleasure at seeing so many present, and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mrs. Gordon Mann extended a kindly welcome to all on behalf of Gilmour Memorial Church. A reply was made by Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Belleville. After singing a hymn, Miss Nicholls called the roll of Circles and Bands. The responses and reports were very interesting and encouraging. Cramahe Circle, with 10 women in the church and 14 in the Circle, was declared the banner Circle. Norwood Circle has been reorganized. Gilmour Memorial reported the organization of a Young Ladies' Circle. There are 13 Circles and Bands in our Association and they reported an increase in giving of \$155.88 over last year.

Our Directress, Miss Nicholls, discussed briefly the objectives of the joint Boards for the ensuing year, and urged us to help all we could, that these objectives may be reached. Mrs. Davies of Lakefield spoke for the LINK and "Visitor" in a very convincing way. During the conference the following day a suggestion was made to take a short time at our meetings to question the members on the contents of these papers. No doubt, if sides were chosen, the interest would receive stimulation.

The singing of "Work, for the Night Is Coming" was followed by a bright, helpful talk on Mission Band work by Miss Mabel Darling of Peterboro. The work was discussed from organization, preparation and proceeding forward. The great responsibility of the leader was emphasized, and her great need of prayerful

preparation. A deep sympathy and interest for the Mission Band leader was asked of the Circles and older members. The Ladies' Quartette of Gilmour Memorial Church presented an enjoyable selection. We then listened with interest and pleasure to Miss Baskerville's address on work among the women of India. Although many evils have been remedied by the British Government, there are still child-marriage and the tragedy of child widowhood. Let no Circle, Band or individual be discouraged because a student whom they have educated becomes married. These girls exert a great influence in their own homes, and the evidence is seen in the children attending the schools who have been blessed with trained mothers. Miss Baskerville appealed to the women of Canada that the same spirit of wholeheartedness and sacrifice might enter our mission work, that has been shown in all our patriotic undertakings.

The closing address of our meeting was given by Rev. W. F. Spidell of Port Hope, owing to inability of Mrs. Spidell to be present. The speaker's topic was "The Loan of a Boat." Jesus sat in Peter's boat and preached to the people on the shore. Peter made no excuses for the condition of the boat, but joyfully gave it to the Lord to use to His glory. Are we always willing to lend our boat? Jesus so conditions himself that human instrumentality is necessary to execute what He desires accomplished. Let us be joyfully willing to place our all at His disposal for the prosperity of the Kingdom of God.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows: President, Mrs. W. D. Scott, Peterboro; Vice-President, Mrs. Wardell, Pieton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Galt, Peterboro; Directress, Mis Nicholls; Asst. Directress, Miss Jackson, Port Hope.

An expression of appreciation of the faithful and helpful services of Miss M. A. Nicholls was moved by Mrs. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Galt. Carried. The meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

ELEANOR YOUNG, Secretary.

Items of Interest—Eastern Convention.

We are glad to know that Miss Murray is now on her way to Canada.

The annual convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec will be held with the Smith's Falls Church the second Tuesday in October.

Miss Marsh of Quebec, returned missionary, has been made a life member of the Foreign Board by the Quebec Mission Circle.

TREASURER'S CORNER.

Considerably more than half the Convention year has passed, and still I am asked repeatedly to explain some part of our estimates; indeed I think some folk are just beginning to wonder what work we are supporting this year. Maybe Associational speakers have set people thinking along new lines.

"We support 15 missionaries." Who are they, I am asked, and by intelligent people, too. They are: Misses Selman, Pratt, Folsom, McGill, Craig, Hatch, Jones, McLeod, Robinson, Priest, Farnell, McLeish, Baskerville, and Drs. Cameron and Hulet. In addition, Miss Jessie Findlay is attached to our staff, and is now studying medicine with a view to going out as a medical missionary. Miss Muriel Brothers is under appointment to go to India in a year or so, and Miss Laura

Allyn is going this fall. The sending of Miss Allyn is made possible by the splendid work of Middlesex and Lambton Association. We must certainly give them a good clap! Not only has this Association raised nearly (or quite) \$500.00 for this purpose, but they have increased their regular giving to Home and Foreign Missions.

The support of these Missionaries, the work of about half of them, and a grant to Bolivia of \$500.00 constitutes our regular work. Two or three items contained in our list of estimates might perhaps be explained or commented upon. "Dr. Camerons' Instruments, \$50.00"—this item has been taken care of by Brantford Park Church Circle as an extra above their regular giving. "Samalkot School, \$500.00," means that a new class of boys—about 30 in all—has been formed in Samalkot School. This class was originally at McLaurin High School, but had to be removed from that school to avoid overcrowding. Thirty boys at seventeen dollars a year cost just a little over five hundred dollars a year to support. Here is a chance for a group of Canadian boys to become responsible for the education of some Telugu chap. Then our Building Fund this year is, as everyone knows, Miss Baskerville's Caste Girls School. I am asked repeatedly about this. One says, "If a friend is going to build the School, what is our money needed for?" There is, on part of the land we bought last year, a building worth at least \$500.00. We want to repair this to do for a residence or Primary, or some other purpose. Of course we must fence the property, and we must furnish the School. "How much will it cost?" That is impossible to say until plans and estimates come from the Building Committee in India. It is safe to say that the more money given us for this School the better equipment we will be able to buy.

All this looks big, doesn't it? It is really quite a bit more than any preceding year; and I often think that many more people than ever before are praying for our work, and giving, too, because the money is coming in month by month, to meet all these needs.

New Circle life members for May are: Mrs. George Bush of Burlington and Mrs. Wallace Smith of Villa Nova; new Band life members: Mrs. Cline of Georgetown, Mrs. Milton Porter of Townsend Centre, and James Bruce Wilson of Woodstock First Church.

M. C. CAMPBELL.

THE SECRETARY'S WORD.

The Associational gatherings are, in many cases, a thing of the past. Only three more remain. Reports are coming in of splendid meetings, of inspiring addresses, of helpful conferences. Miss Laura Allyn is now well known to the Middlesex and Lambton Association, and what a difference it will make to her and to them when she is far away. Those who were so willing to fill the vacancies caused by the non-appearance of our three lady missionaries have been amply repaid. They were well received, and we know good results will follow. Miss Buby Stovel and Mrs. Bagesley have retired from the Directorate and have been succeeded by Miss Kate McCormick and Mrs. McKinney.

Too much cannot be said of the work of Miss Agnes Baskerville, who has worked so faithfully and joyfully for us. As she smilingly told us at the Board meeting, her holidays begin now.

Let us now "Go Forward" to the Convention.

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