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"Laborers wanted. The ripening grain
Waits to welcome the reaper's cry.
The Lord of the harvest calls again :
Who among us shall reply,
'Who is wanted, Lord ? Is it I ?"

"The Master calls, but the servants wait ;
Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky ;
Will none seize sickle before too late,
Ere the winter's winds come sweeping by ?
Who is delaying ? Is it I ?"

—Selected.

Our Foreign Mission Board regretted very much that Miss Reekie was not in a position to accept her appointment as our missionary to India. We were very sorry we could not see our way clear to send her last fall, and since that time her thoughts have been turned to the China Inland Mission, and she believes that is the field in which her Master calls her to work. She has the fullest confidence and esteem of our Board, who all wish her great blessing in her chosen field.

As we hoped to send three ladies this year the Board would be pleased to hear from any young lady suitably qualified and called of God to this work. If she would correspond with our secretary, Mrs. Angus, 42 Howland Ave., Toronto, she would send her forms stating the necessary requirements.

In May issue of the Link a photo was printed of the Pithapuram Hospital, which was a mistake and should have been the Yellimanchili. We hope to have the Hospital and Mission House of Pithapuram sometime, where Dr. Smith is now located.

As vacation comes in July there will be no August number of the Link as usual. While we are resting the work will still be on our hearts and we will not cease to remember our missionaries. We wish all our readers a pleasant holiday.

FURNISHING FUND.

Now that house cleaning is almost over have you any piece of furniture that is a little out of keeping with other things, although very good, that you feel like passing over to the Mission Home ?

Would you like to order a set of dishes—stock pattern preferred ? We are glad to know that this need has been supplied.—Ed.

Have you any idea of giving a rug ?

Would some enthusiastic B. Y. P. U. supply the kitchen with granite ware ?

If you would, please pay express charges and send to 48 Howland Avenue, Toronto, care Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.

Never in the history of missions have the opportunities for carrying out the command of Christ been so many and so measureless. Every mission country in the world raises to the Christian churches one mighty cry for more missionaries. "Opportunity" is written across the councils of the Societies; the word is caught up and reiterated by the missionaries of every land; and is even echoed by the partially enlightened peoples of the East, who are straining their blinded eyes to catch a glimpse of Jesus of Nazareth passing by. No one can study present conditions in any country and not be impressed with the fact that the field is abundantly white to the harvest.—Dr. James L. Barton in "The Unfinished Task."

We are pleased to hear from latest reports from India that Miss Jones is rapidly regaining her strength and enjoying Coonoor.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Dr. C. H. Lincoln, Mrs. Dr. Woodburne's father, to whose home they were suddenly called. Their present address is 288 Huron St., Pontiac, Mich., U.S.

THE I.M.U. MEETING AT CLIFTON SPRINGS.



ISS Zimmerman and I have just returned from Clifton Springs where we had the pleasure of attending most of the meetings of the International Missionary Union, which was in session from June 3 to 10. As we were a day late in arriving we missed the address of welcome by Mrs. Foster, Wednesday evening, the Memorial Service the next morning, and the Anniversary Exercises that afternoon, but we were there for the "Review of the World," by Mr. David McConaughy on Thursday evening. This was a very interesting and comprehensive review of what has already been accomplished.

Each morning from nine to ten there was the "Quiet Hour," when doors were closed and no one allowed to interrupt. Mr. J. Campbell White was frequently the leader, and he led us into green pastures and beside still waters, and we were greatly refreshed and strengthened. Especially was this the case on Sunday morning when the service was held in the beautiful chapel in the Sanitarium. The other meetings were held in the tabernacle in the grove.

Friday morning we had the "Changed Attitude of Non-Christian Religions" for discussion, and it was very encouraging to listen to the different missionaries as they told of the advances that had been made in the countries they represented.

The Women's Meeting in the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Alice M. Williams, who went to China in 1891, and whose husband was killed at the time of the Boxer rebellion. She and her three little girls were in America at the time, or they might have met with the same fate.

Mrs. Hoskins, who labored in India in connection with the M. E. Mission from 1867-85, gave us some of her early experiences, amusing and otherwise. She was followed by Mrs. Harriet Phillips Stone, whose family has given about four hundred years of service to India, mostly in connection with the Free Baptist Mission in Orissa. Besides telling us something of their mission, she gave a brief sketch of the wonderful life of Chandra Lela, and of her death, which occurred only a few months ago. It was her sister who had the privilege of first explaining the way of life to Chandra Lela and of leading her into the light.

We next listened to a young girl—a native of India—who had been brought to America fifteen years ago by her parents and left here for her education. She has begun the study of medicine and expects to spend four more years in preparation before returning to India to work for her countrywomen. She was bright and pretty, and gave in beautiful English a very touching account of child marriage and enforced widowhood, and quite won the hearts of her listeners.

The next speaker was Miss Root, of Ceylon,

who had charge of a large boarding school for girls. She told us of some of the persecutions they had to endure when they decided to open the school to outcasts as well as caste girls.

Mrs. Grace Scott, who first went to China in 1869, gave us a brief sketch of the great strides the work has made since those early days, and of the way the Christians had grown in grace.

Miss Brackbill, of the Can. Meth. Mission in West China, told of their pioneer work and of what had been accomplished in fifteen years in boarding school, hospital, orphanage and evangelistic work. A Chinese girl next sang for us, and she was followed by Miss Straeffler, of Korea, who gave an account of the marvellous changes in that Hermit nation. She told of a young man who stoned one of their first missionaries, and who is now a home missionary himself; of the growth of the church, necessitating separate meetings for men and women, and all in less than twenty-five years.

Miss Mabie, M.D., and a niece of Dr. Mabie, of the A.B.M.U., told of her medical work at Banza Manteke, in Africa, and of the marvellous changes there. Miss Davis, also of the A.B.M.U., but a worker in Burma, gave a thrilling account of the Musos, and of their readiness to receive the gospel as soon as it was carried to them. She also told of their boarding schools, where they have all races and no castes, and all religions in one class—and of the college at Rangoon, where they teach from the kindergarten to the end of the second year in the University.

She was followed by Miss Dean, of Persia, a veteran in the work in Fiske Seminary, who gave a very interesting account of the Nestorians and Armenians, as well as of the Mohammedan girls. Another veteran, Mrs. Mumford, who has labored in Bulgaria for thirty-five years, gave us some very amusing incidents in her early life there. She told of a ride on a donkey at one time, and on a Turk's back at another; of how she was knocked down by a Turk once, and by a Greek priest at another time, and of escapes she and some of the Christians had experienced.

The national anthem of Japan was sung by a Japanese girl, assisted by three of the missionaries. It was a feast of good things from beginning to end.

The evening meeting was taken up with "Mass Movements," when we heard from Mr. Moody on "The Opening of Equatorial Africa" and the wonderful work in Uganda; from Mr. Lenington on the Latin nations and Brazil; from Mr. Nichols on the Karens and Musos of Burma, and from Bishop Harris on Korea, who told of women walking 150 and 200 miles in order to attend classes for the study of the Bible.

Saturday morning we had "The Progress of Medical Work in a Quarter of a Century," and when we remember that in our own mission we had no medical missionaries 25 years ago, and that now we have two men and three

women on the staff, you can form some idea of the great advance all over the world.

The meeting for children was in the afternoon, when Bishop Penick, Mr. J. Campbell White and Mrs. J. Sumner Stone told them several interesting stories about Africa and India.

At four o'clock the President's reception was held on the lawn, when the guests had an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other. The subject for the evening meeting was Africa, and we also had some excellent stereopticon views of two sections of that vast continent.

On Sunday there was a grand sermon in the morning by Bishop Warne, of India; a Young People's meeting in the afternoon, and a platform meeting in the evening, when the subject

was "The Inspirational Movements of the Age."

Monday morning the Conference discussed "Missionary Educational Movements," under the various heads of the Student Volunteer Movement, the Young People's Missionary Movement, and the Laymen's Missionary Movement. "The Growing Spirit of Union" was the subject for the afternoon, and "The Changed Interpretation of the Great Commission" for the evening, when Campbell White gave a grand address.

As we had to return on Tuesday we missed the Farewell Meeting that was to be held that evening, and which is always one of the best. I was much surprised to find that I was the only representative from our three Baptist Missions to the Telugus.

ADAH S. CRAIG.

Our Work Abroad.

Hanson Lodge, Coonoor, Nilgiris, April 29th, 1908.



DEAR MRS. PORTER,—Will you kindly convey to my many dear friends in the Mission Circles at home my gratitude for their faithfulness in prayer for me? The Heavenly Father has again proved able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we

ask or think, and has answered prayer, fulfilling every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Before leaving Toronto, friends prayed that I might have a pleasant voyage, finding favor with the officers of the steamers on which I sailed, and having congenial travelling companions. These friends will thank God with me for abundantly answering these prayers. The trip was delightful, and I was well enough with the exception of a few days' sea sickness, to enjoy it thoroughly. A rough sea on the Bay of Biscay served but to enhance the quiet beauty of the Mediterranean. On both the Lusitania and the Golconda I received every politeness and comfort possible. To one not used to God's ways of answering prayer, the fact that I shared with a dear old Scotch lady the best cabin on the Golconda might seem strange. This dear friend and others of the passengers made the times spent on shore, full of interest and pleasure.

During the journey I enjoyed very much of the Master's presence. One needs this as for the first time the masses of unreached peoples are met. Then too, I was grateful for some opportunities for quiet, personal service for my Saviour.

There was cause for thankfulness, too, that the arrangements for my long journey, though made in haste, and leaving no time for mishaps or delays, were successfully carried out so that I reached Cocanada the day before

Christmas, receiving on Christmas Day a royal welcome from the resident and visiting missionary families.

Perhaps some may think that with the speedy attack of typhoid fever, the answers to prayer ceased; but not so. Were not some praying that in India I might have much conscious fellowship with the Master? How near and dear He was to me during the days and nights while the fever held sway. "Underneath were the everlasting arms." Sometimes His preciousness made me almost anxious to enter His immediate presence, but He has given me instead the opportunity for service in this land. What a joy to know that restored health has come not only in answer to prayers in the home-land, and by the missionaries here, but also in answer to the earnest prayers of many of the native Christians.

I am now enjoying the stimulating air of the Nilgiri Hills. With returning strength I hope to see many of their beautiful scenes from varying view-points. At present I am content with short walks, an occasional rickshaw ride, and the study of Tehugu.

Mrs. Woodburne joins me in thanking the dear home friends for their sympathy and prayers for us during our illness.

Yours in the Master's name.

LUCY M. JONES.

P.S.—I have been delighted to read of the splendid results of Crusade week. This strengthens us in our faith that the Lord will send at least three new workers this fall.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MISS PRIEST.

Times are very hard and the people are feeling it much. Things are dearer than I have ever known them, and prices keep up. We find a good deal of diffidence ourselves, but they have no margin and besides many of them can get no work. Up our way the crops were such

a failure. We are hoping the rains will come well in June and that this year will be a better one. If it is not I don't know what the people up our way will do for they are in great straits now. Just before I came away two Christian women, widows, came to see me and I found out that they were living on Tamarind seed and water. Ah me! how such times takes much out of one. How it makes one long that India would turn to God with all her heart.

In a letter to Mrs. Angus, Miss Baskerville writes: "It is such a blessed thing to feel energy and strength in my body and to feel equal to the duties each day brings. For seven years all I could do was just the absolutely necessary work and I got quite out of the way of writing letters.

We rejoice in Miss Baskerville's restoration to health and hope she will favor the Link with a letter which will reach many of her friends.

**LETTER FROM MISS McLaurin to the
B.Y.P.U. OF WALMER CHURCH
WITH WHICH THEY KINDLY FAVOR US.**

Here in Vuyuru all is parched and dry and so very, very dusty. Not a drop of rain have we had since December. Our hot weather has begun with high winds, warm, sometimes hot, with clouds of dust rolling in on them. It has been 95 or 97 degrees in the coolest place in the house for days, but I am thankful to say the evenings and nights are still quite cool and pleasant.

I came home from tour on March 30th. I had intended staying out another week, but the workers arranged a farewell meeting for Dr. Hulet before she left, and of course, I felt I should be present at that. I couldn't let my faithful "partner" go away farewelled by everybody but me. So I got up on Monday morning at 4 o'clock and rode into Vuyuru in time for 11 o'clock breakfast. I felt the Bible women out in camp for another week to finish up the tour and visit the villages I had intended to see. They are such good, faithful women that they are able to carry on the work very well in my absence, and it is so good to have the assurance that they will do so.

Dr. Hulet left on Tuesday evening, the farewell meeting taking place in the afternoon before she left. Many words were said which showed that her work and ministry had been appreciated by her co-workers, the pastors and teachers and preachers. The school boys also sang farewell songs, which had been composed for the occasion probably by their teachers. All had a part in expressing their love for her, and their desire for a safe and pleasant journey and a most pleasant and profitable furlough for her.

Soon after Dr. Hulet left, Dr. Jessie Allyn and I were ushered into a new set of expe-

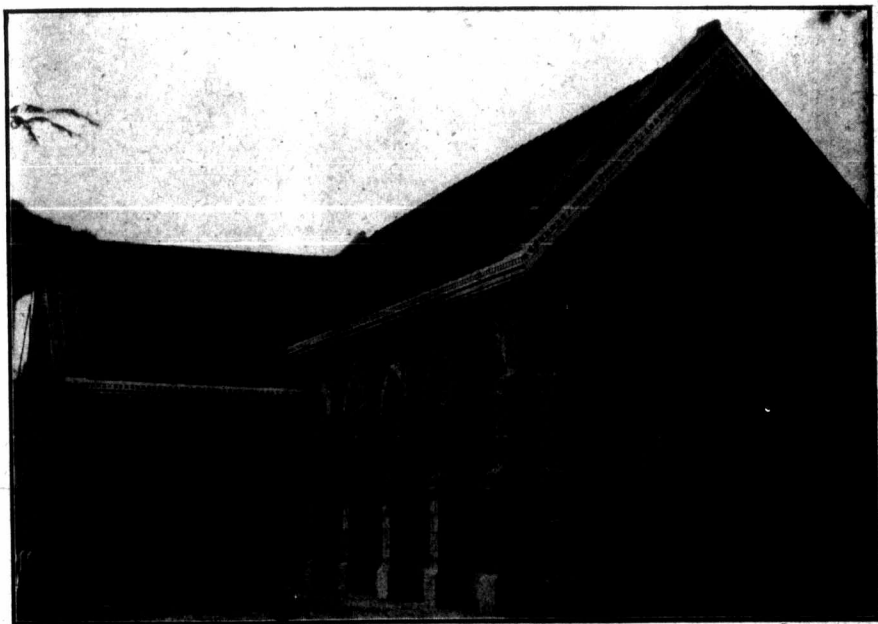
riences connected with cholera. We have had none in our compound I am thankful to say, but for some two weeks after my arrival from tour there were from two to four or five seizures every day in our little village, and a number of deaths. People were coming day and night for medicine, so that our sleep was much broken, and even sometimes when we might have slept in peace we couldn't, for our disturbed, half-waking dreams were still all of cholera. I woke up with a start one night to find my bedroom flooded with light and a man with a lantern standing right in the door (left open onto the verandah for air) asking me to come to his wife who was seized with cholera. In my confusion, half awake and half asleep, I thought he was drunk, and commanded him rather sternly and insistently to go away from my door, but found out afterwards he was quite a well educated Mohammedan man who spoke English. I went and roused Dr. Allyn, and she sent medicine, saying she would come soon if the symptoms did not soon subside, but they did, and we were allowed to finish what was left of the night in peace. Often our nights were disturbed by calls and shouts for medicine. Living as we do in a house entirely on the ground floor, and in a climate where one is obliged to leave doors and windows wide open day and night for air, one is often liable to be disturbed in many ways unknown and unimaginable at home.

Another evening, Sunday, as Dr. Allyn and I were enjoying the fresh air upon our flat roof, we were called to see a caste woman who is one of our regular learners at home of Bible stories and hymns. It was 6 p.m., and she had cholera, but her husband had given her the native remedies, which failed to relieve her and then they sent for Dr. Allyn. I went with her. We found the woman in a state of collapse, very weak and voice gone. We worked over her till 9 p.m. with medicine and restoratives, but it was too late. She died. And she was the mother of four little children, one of whom, a little girl, attended our caste girls' school. She herself was, as I say, a regular listener and was an interested learner but gave no evidence of saving faith. I wonder if her soul has gone out into the dark, or if in her hour of helplessness she turned to the Saviour, of whom she had heard so often.

While the cholera was so bad that people were dying by twos or threes every other day or so, the village simply went wild in their endeavor to find the cause and remedy it. Now that was, I am sure you will all agree, a worthy and sensible aim, but they were led in their search by reason not by superstition, and so instead of looking for a natural cause as we Westerners would have done—some bad well or contamination—they fancied one (or more) of their gods or goddesses were angry with them and had brought this evil upon them for spite. So they set about worshipping them with great zeal and gusto, vowing vows and giving gifts. It was all of no avail, the



BAPTIST BOOK ROOM AT COCANADA



ENGLISH BAPTIST CHURCH, COCANADA

cholera kept right on. Then they realized the gods were of no avail, and several who professed to be "possessed" and have the "frenzy" of some spirit, claimed to have received knowledge in some mysterious way, and in their "spells" of possession said that some Brahmins and some Malas had cursed them, and people were dying as a result of that curse! So the next thing was to find out who had done the cursing, and because he had not joined in their idol worship but had rather let it be known that he considered the cholera a visitation from God, suspicion fell on a Brahmin man who was until lately teacher in our Caste Girls' School. He is a Hindu, but really a just, upright man, who never meddles in their business nor knowingly does anyone a wrong. Even supposing there could be any such result from a human being's curse, he would never try to do such a thing, and all his best friends amongst the Hindus said so, but when the crowd is frantic with fear and anger they do not stop to reason, and so his best friends, afraid of their own lives should they show any special friendship for him, contented themselves with keeping perfectly quiet while his enemies on account of cholera planned to punish him. They set fire to his house one night, but the wind changed, and only part of it was destroyed, which was a considerable loss. Not satisfied with this, they threatened to beat and even kill him. He appealed to us for help, sending a note up to us one night after dark. Mr. Cross warned the police and they guarded his house all one night. The next day he left town and has since appealed to the head official of the police in our district capital for protection. The very day his house was fired cholera subsided, thus affording the people grounds for believing they had found the right clue and the true cause of the cholera, and I suppose nothing will ever make them think otherwise. One or two cases have appeared since, but nothing serious, and all is quiet again. For a time there was great excitement and danger of violence. We up here in the Mission Compound were kept in peace and safety, not excited nor distressed—save only distressed for others, and especially that after so many years of living and working in Vuyuru it seemed as if it had all been lost, and as if there was no one in the caste part of the village who remembered all they had heard. Of course our Christians were not influenced by these heathen excitements and worshippings. But among the Hindus are many who have heard for years of the true God, but alas! at such a time it seems as if they had not heard. Their fear is too much for them. Our regular listeners among the women however give us more encouragement. They welcomed the Bible women daily, all through the cholera and listened well, many of them saying they knew it was not of gods or goddesses, but of the one true God. And one woman, who professes to be believing in Christ had put no heathen marks on her house as the others had, no idol worship signs, and

was trusting only in God, and was encouraging herself by daily Bible reading, singing of hymns and prayer. So there are the faithful few here and there who have not bowed the knee to Baal." Thank God for the faithful ones—those who can trust Him when all others are full of unreasoning terror.

In a village three miles distant, where we have a congregation of Christians, between 70 and 80 died in the outcaste quarters alone. Dr. Allyn and I went one morning and visited house after house, administering remedies, leaving disinfectants and giving directions for the use of medicine. We must have given medicine to at least 20 people. One of the Christian men took us round to the different places and learned how to use the medicines, so that after we came away he kept the medicine we left by him, even sleeping with the bottle by his side they say, and he gave to all the people who were stricken as long as the scourge remained, coming to us for more medicine whenever his supply ran out. Our Christians there were very brave, calm and courageous, a strong contrast to the heathen who were in a state of panic, frantically rushing from one vain ceremony to another in order to appease the cholera-spirit. I noticed several little pits dug in front of the door ways of houses, and upon inquiring the reason of these, the Christians told me the people conceived of the cholera demon as a worm, an imaginary one, of course, and the pit was dug for it to fall into as it came to their houses! All the heathen had tied garlands of a certain kind of leaves to their doors, and all had little rags tied to their necks with tiny seeds or bits of camphor inside. All these were charms to protect them—but of course they didn't protect them—and yet they keep on believing in them, only sometimes they think they haven't done enough to appease the goddess' wrath. But our Christians were constant in prayer, groups of them meeting together and praying before retiring, often rising in the middle of the night to sing and pray, and again at dawn. Though a good many were seized, all our Christians recovered except two old people.

Yours sincerely,

K. S. McLAURIN.

THE BENEFITS RESULTING FROM THE S.S.S.S.

Or the Native Women's Missionary Societies in our Telugu Fields.

(By Miss Hatch.)

ENLARGEMENT OF VISION.

Hitherto so many had only thought of their village, or at most of their own and a few others perhaps in which their relatives lived, but the S. S. S. S. has given them the opportunity of hearing about those in the regions beyond and creating an interest in those they have not seen and of causing them to feel the responsibility of making known to them also the Word of Life.

VALUE OF UNITY IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

They have learned that though one or two persons or even one or two communities may not be able to support a worker, that altogether their gifts make a sufficient sum to support one or two or even three have been supported by the united effort of all our women.

Systematic Giving and habits of business have been cultivated. Though a pie a month only is asked many have learned to give regularly 3 pies a month and many Cradle Rolls have been found where a pie a month is only given by the little ones.

The study of the word is encouraged both in the curriculum of studies issued year by year at the time of the annual meeting, including chapters that must be learned by heart and in the fact that the women must take upon themselves the exposition of these various lessons, leads them to deeper study.

ENCOURAGING VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

This has become one of the strong points in our work and many are taking up work who had not thought of doing so before. Henceforth these women are asked specially to report at our annual meetings. The sense of responsibility brought home to the individual Christian woman is not one of the least of the benefits.

A spirit of prayer has been especially manifested in those who have joined the S.S.S.S. as they have realized the needs of the great work and their utter inadequacy to meet those needs. They know that without help from above all will be of no avail.

Courtesy of Rev. John Craig.

May it not be said of them: "Their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Do they not put us to shame in this land where God has so richly blessed us?

Our Work at Home.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

NORFOLK.—The meeting of Circles and Bands in connection with the 21st annual gathering of Norfolk Association, was held in historic Boston Baptist Church, June 9th. At two p.m. a prayer service was led by Mrs. Copsey, of Decussville, and Mrs. Hellyer of Villa Nova, read Romans 10th chapter.

Mrs. Rev. Burch cordially welcomed the delegates to Boston church and homes. The President, Mrs. F. C. Elliott, of Waterford, gave an inspiring address on "Woman's Place in Modern Missions." In verbal reports from Circles and Bands several speakers noted the need of harmonious work between Circles and Aid Societies in which connection the Director quoted, "This ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone."

Mrs. D. A. Mariatt, of Waterford, spoke of "Importance of Link and Visitor in Circle Work," and of the influence of these papers in the homes where they create a desire to be up and doing in the Master's cause. Miss Russell of Hagersville spoke on "The place of Mission Band Work in our Churches." An excellent paper on "Best Methods for Raising Mission Band Money," written by Miss Dora Dayfoot, of Simcoe, was read. Miss Beaupre, of Waterford, spoke on "Who is responsible for the Band Work." Discussion followed. The Director's report showed an increase in finances of \$143.09. The Crusade movement has increased our membership. One new Circle was organized during the year at Round Plains; two Bands were re-organized and one organized. Mrs. Weir of Villa Nova, gave "Gleanings from the Pittsburg Convention," and also a broader outlook over the work in Corea, China and India.

Mrs. C. Grey, of Eden, formerly Director of Brant-Oxford Association and a valued addition to our association, spoke of "Individual work—individual soul-winning." Mrs. W. H. Whitside, of Delhi, gave good methods to increase the membership of the Circles, and Mrs. Always led the discussion on "How to make the Circle hour profitable and interesting." Mrs. Catchpole, of Selkirk, led a service of prayer for our Missions and our missionaries. At the evening session the following officers were appointed: Director, Mrs. Geo. Davis, Simcoe; Assistant Director, Mrs. Birdsell, Delhi; President, Mrs. Catchpole, Selkirk; Vice President, Mrs. Weir, Villa Nova. Resolutions of sympathy were passed to Mrs. P. K. Dayfoot, who was unable to be present on account of Mr. Dayfoot's continued illness, and to the Simcoe Circle in the loss of one of their most efficient workers through the death of Mrs. Newton, Challow. Three-minute addresses on Young Women's Circles were given by Miss May Curtis, of Langton, Mrs. C. A. Berry, of Courtland, and Mrs. A. E. Culver, of Simcoe. These were followed by discussion. Miss Russell favored the audience with a well given missionary recitation. Thanks are due Miss Sweet, of Simcoe, and the church choir for most enjoyable music. A strong and interesting address on Grande Ligne was made by the Rev. L. A. Therrien, of Feller Institute. He said instead of ten Baptist churches in ten counties of Quebec, there are needed sixty-five for the sixty-five counties and the Baptists of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces could put them there. He noted the duty to give the gospel to the French Roman Catholics, that the Englishmen assumed when they conquered New France. The offerings amounted to \$11.24.

GUELPH.—The Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands was held in the King St. Church, Berlin, on Wednesday afternoon, June 3rd. The President, Mrs. Zavitz conducted the prayer service and opening exercises, after which Mrs. N. Boehmer, on behalf of the ladies of the church, cordially welcomed the delegates, whose appreciation was voiced by Mrs. Bridgeman, of Cheltenham. The President gave a brief address, in which she dwelt on the part of women in the great missionary crisis of to-day. In the absence of Miss Hulet, who was to have given the address on Foreign Missions, Miss A. C. Ruddy, of New York, gave an interesting account of her work among the Italians in that city, and spoke of the growing need in Toronto of some one to work among these people. Miss Senior, of Toronto, sang very expressively, "The Ninety and Nine." Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, of Brantford, gave some very useful suggestions to Band Workers. Mrs. Nicholson spoke of the need of energetic leaders for the Bands, and mentioned many excellent plans for insuring the interest of the children in the meetings. The Director's report showed two new Circles, at Snelgrove and East Nissouri and another ready to organize, also an increase in membership in almost all the Circles as a result of the Crusade. Several of the Junior Bands have not been holding meetings for some time, but are going to work again. One Band has been re-organized after two years, and another is ready to organize. Only one box was sent this year. After a solo by a member of the Berlin Mission Band, Miss Senior spoke briefly, on account of the lateness of the hour, on the work in Feller Institute, particularly the educational side. Miss Senior spoke of the complicated nature of the administration at the school, arising from the two sexes, two races, two languages and two religions. Feller Institute is a healthy, happy, busy place, the real object of whose existence is to lead its pupils to Christ.

Mrs. R. P. Lang, Berlin, was elected President, and Mrs. Haines, Freelon, vice-president; Miss Dayfoot, director, and Miss Evans, asst. director, being re-elected. The offering at the afternoon meeting was \$9.45.

HAZEL WATSON,
Asst. Secretary.

WALKERTON.—The Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands was held at Mount Forest, June 10th. A business meeting of delegates opened at 9.30 a.m. After the reading of the minutes the roll was called to which the Circles and Bands responded with short reports of their year's work. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Mt. Forest; Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Price, Listowel; Director, Miss R. Stovel; Assistant Director, Mrs. H. E. Allen, Wingham. The afternoon session opened with a prayer and praise service led by Mrs. Allen. The Director's report stated the total amount

raised by Circles and Bands to be \$334.58, also that boxes or bales had been sent to Mission Stations from Walkerton and Mt. Forest. Greetings from sister societies were received and were followed by a solo from Miss Jones. Miss Trotter, of Toronto, presented Home Missions in a very interesting and helpful address, making very real to us 'the needs of this great work. Miss Joy Cook and Mrs. D. J. Welsh gave interesting accounts of the work of two of our lady missionaries on the Foreign field. A duet followed by Misses Pickering and Cook. Dr. J. H. Farmer addressed us in the interests of Moulton College. The offering amounted to \$7.30 to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions. After singing Hymn 80, Pastor Riddiford closed the meeting with prayer.

RUBY M. STOVEL,
Director.

ELGIN.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of Circles and Bands was held at West Lorne, May 26th. The prayer services during the day were conducted by Mrs. Orton, Dutton; Mrs. Upton, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Rogers, Sparta. The President, Mrs. Doolittle, and the Directress, Mrs. Rinch, took charge of the meeting. Mr. Fanjoy, the pastor at West Lorne, in the absence of his wife, and on behalf of the church, cordially welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Burns, Gladstone, very fittingly responded. The Director's report showed that the contributions from the sixteen Circles and eleven Bands amounted to \$1,292.18, an increase of \$80.20. The advisability of more closely uniting the General Association and the Woman's meeting was taken up again this year, and it was finally decided that the ladies retain the morning and afternoon sessions as heretofore, but that the evening meeting be united. Mrs. Reekie gave a very interesting and instructive paper on the conditions and needs of Grande Ligne. The President also gave a fine address based on Malachi III. 1-3. She spoke of the one prayer, one desire common to us all that The Lord would suddenly come to us as individuals and as churches; that He would manifest Himself. But He may be in our midst, or at the threshold and we fail to recognize Him. He comes in unexpected ways. What will His coming mean? He comes to purify and the process is here described as by fire. Let us not fail to recognize Him and the graciousness of His purpose when He thus comes. Mrs. Hoyt conducted a conference consisting of three divisions, (a) How best to interest the women of our churches in Circle work. (b) Stewardship and the use of our talents. (c) Method in giving, which was ably discussed by Mrs. Treadwell, Mrs. A. P. McDonald, and Mrs. Buckberrough, respectively. Interesting papers were given by Miss Pringle, of St. Thomas, on Mission to Lepers, and Miss Wright, of Aylmer, on Band Work. In the evening Mrs. Craig, our returned

missionary, gave a very instructive address on the work we are doing by our representatives, the single ladies in India. Miss Trotter, Toronto, also spoke very interestingly on Home Missions, the needs and opportunities of the work and the obligations of the Circles and Bands. Music was furnished by the West Lorne Choir, and Miss Moore, of Sparta, sang several times during the day, adding much to the enjoyment of the meeting. Collection, \$7.70. Session closed by prayer. The officers for the year are as follows: President, Mrs. Doolittle, Sparta; Vice-President, Miss Lida Chute, Lake View; Director, Mrs. Rinch, St. Thomas; Assistant Director, Mrs. Brown, Iona.

LIDA CHUTE.

Secretary.

WESTERN.—The Circles and Bands met with the church at Leamington on Wednesday, 27th May, under most favorable auspices. The weather being very gracious, and all nature smiling in its green garb. The meeting was opened at 2 p. m. by the President, Mrs. W. A. Ganton, when twenty minutes was spent in devotional exercises. A very cordial welcome was extended to the ladies by Mrs. Appleford, Leamington, and pleasantly responded to by the President. The reports given by the Circles and Bands were very encouraging, especially from the Wheatley Band, showing the continued interest and growth in the work. Several report additional new members as a result of crusade week; boxes continue to be sent and Thamesville sent a box of S. S. papers and Baptists for the camp in New Ontario. One new Circle and two new Bands have been organized during the year, but there has been a falling off in Links and Visitors taken. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. W. T. Roberts, Wallaceburg; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Hatton, Chatham; Director, Miss Ritchie, Arner; Assistant Director, Mrs. L. S. Hughson, Windsor. Mrs. M. P. Campbell gave a well prepared paper on "Our Fields, Retrospective and Prospective."

A discussion of "What are the great obstacles to Mission Work?" was practically and effectively treated under topics: 1st. Indifference to Christ's Commands, by L. S. Hughson, Windsor. 2nd. Covetousness with regard to the Lord's money, Mrs. John Galt, Kingsville. 3rd. Ignorance concerning the condition of the heathen, and the glorious results of the work among them by Mrs. R. Hanna, Chatham. 4th. A narrow view of the Kingdom of our Lord, by Mrs. J. F. Roseburgh, Essex. "What are the great encouragements to Mission Work?" was also divided into topics as follows: 1st. The promises of God answered by several scriptural quotations, by a number of sisters. 2nd. The courage and hope of our missionaries, Mrs. John Atkins, Harrow. 3rd. The marvelous results on the fields in the

number and character of some of the Christians, Mrs. W. Lanspeary, Windsor, each paper being very impressive.

Greetings from Sister Societies were received from the Presbyterian, Methodist, and the W. C. T. U. of Leamington. Miss Ritchie gave a few echoes from the convention. The Mission Band favored us with a chorus, and Mrs. Chamberlain of Wheatley, rendered a solo in a very pleasing manner. The evening session was very largely attended, being a joint one. Mrs. R. Hanna read the scripture lesson from Psalms 103. The Director's report was full of interest, showing the Circles had given to Home Missions, \$255.78; to Foreign Missions, \$352.15. Bands to Home Missions, \$33.15; to Foreign Missions, \$87.00, making a grand total of \$728.76, being an increase of \$128.53, after which Miss Trotter, of Toronto, gave a very inspiring and pathetic address on Home Missions. Our work among the Lepers was very intelligently presented by Mrs. O. Cornell, of Wheatley. The choir favored us with some music and then Dr. Bates introduced our two missionaries elect for India, Messrs. Benson and Timpany, who, with no uncertain sound, gave their reasons for obeying the call to "go." Our share of the offering, \$8.76.

IRENE CHAMBERLAIN,

Secretary.

TORONTO.—The 21st annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Circles and Bands in the Toronto Association, met with Century Church, the meeting being held in Yonge St. Methodist church, on Wednesday, June 10th. The day was fine and the attendance very large. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Davis, the vice-president, Mrs. Hooper, took the chair. After singing a hymn Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Yorke led in the opening exercises. The sisters of Century Church gave the Association a very cordial welcome through their president, Mrs. McBain. The financial report was not as encouraging as last year, there being a decrease in the amount contributed. The total receipts for the year from all sources were \$4,892.98. Mrs. Porter reported 586 Links taken. Mrs. McMaster reported 1062 Visitors taken and urged the agents to try and bring the number to 1100. A conference on "Shall we drop our Crusade work now," was opened by Mrs. Lloyd. She said: "No, not until every woman in the church is a member of the Circle." Several ladies told of the good work done by the Crusaders. One Circle has the honor of having every woman member of the church and some of the young ladies, a member of the Circle. A Home Mission paper prepared by Mrs. Firstbrook, and read by Miss Wilkins, "Canada's need in this crisis of her history," was very much enjoyed. Canada's great need is the Gospel, the message of salvation, told by earnest loving hearts will do more for Canada just now than anything else.

Greetings were brought by Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Fitch of Kenilworth church, from the general association, meeting in Century Church. Mrs. J. J. Ross gave a very helpful Bible reading, basing her remarks on the first few verses of Mark 14, the old but ever new story of Mary anointing her Lord for His burial. Miss Waters and Miss Zimmerman, missionaries elect, told of their call to the Foreign field and the great joy they had in thus being honored by their Master. Our dear Mrs. McLaurin then said a few kind words to these young ladies and told of the great joy there would be in the hearts of the workers in India at the prospect of two new helpers. Miss M. Stockwell and Miss Richardson each favored us with a solo. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Ross; Vice-President, Mrs. Wallace; Director, Mrs. Scott; Assistant Director, Mrs. Urquhart. After singing a hymn, Mrs. McEwen closed the meeting with prayer. The collection taken up amounted to \$34.25.

J. M. SCOTT,

Director.

OXFORD AND BRANT.—The Women's Circles and Bands of this Association met in the Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, on June 3rd, 1908. Owing to the absence of the President, Mrs. Hawkings, of St. George, on account of illness, Mrs. C. F. Gray, of Eden, kindly consented to preside. Mrs. Bowyer, of Norwich, conducted the opening devotional service, following which Mrs. Oliver, the pastor's wife, of Tillsonburg, very cordially welcomed the visitors and Mrs. J. E. Hammond, of Brantford, graciously replied on their behalf. The report of the Director, Mrs. G. F. Mahon, Woodstock, showed that twenty-six Circles had raised for Foreign Missions \$1030.49, and for Home Missions, \$900.62, a total of \$1,931.11, which was a decrease of \$155.87 from the previous year's offerings. The majority of Circles, however, reported an increase in membership and growing interest. Of this amount \$108.02 was raised for Kenora Indians, \$5 for Grenfell Mission and \$26.65 special foreign work. A plea was made by the Director for more careful and more exact reports by means of the blank forms, as frequently mistakes are made and remarks omitted which are necessary to a full and correct report at Association and Convention. The report of the Band Director, Miss Annie Winter, of Brantford was very encouraging, twenty-one Bands had contributed to Foreign Missions, \$336.70 and to Home Missions, \$199.32, a total of \$536.02, which was an increase of \$217.52. This very satisfactory work of the Bands saved the credit; the total amount raised by Circles and Bands being \$2,467.13, a total increase of \$61.66.

We were delighted to have with us Dr. Gertrude Hulet, returned missionary from India. She was most heartily welcomed home by the audience standing and waving handkerchiefs; and as she belongs particularly to Oxford and

Brant Association, many eyes were filled with tears as she spoke of her going away, of her work there, and of her safe return, and of the help she received because of the prayers sent up by the workers at home.

An interesting subject "What we as women have undertaken as our share in the evangelization of the world," was dealt with by Mrs. A. Imrie, of Brantford, and Mrs. B. D. Smith, of Springford. Mrs. Imrie gave a comprehensive paper upon the work in Foreign fields. Mrs. Smith gave the aim of the Women's Home Mission Board and a sketch of the work on Home fields. Both these papers were so well prepared that it would be instructive to report them at length did space permit. Mrs. Dolittle, of Burgessville, gave a practical and enthusiastic talk upon Mission Band work.

The evening prayer service was conducted by Mrs. S. G. Reid, of Brantford. The minutes of the afternoon meeting were read and adopted. The Director, Mrs. Mahon, having held the position two years, finds it impossible to retain it, and Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, of Brantford, was elected Director, with Mrs. S. G. Reid, of Brantford, as assistant, and Miss A. Winter was re-elected Band Director. The President Mrs. J. E. Hawkings, of St. George, was re-elected with Mrs. T. Dolittle, Burgessville, vice-president. Rev. C. J. Cameron, of Toronto, in an earnest address spoke on Home Missions. Dr. Hulet spoke on her work in India, telling of the scarcity of workers in our field, and of the loyalty of the native Christians, and of the sadness of heart of the missionaries when they leave their fields without a leader upon their return to Canada.

Music was furnished by the Tillsonburg choir and by Miss Rushing who sang a beautiful solo in the afternoon.

The offerings amounted to \$9.05.

ALICE N. MAHON,

Director.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

SNELGROVE.—A Mission Circle was organized in this church May 17th, with a membership of 12. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. J. Bridgeman; Vice-President, Mrs. N. O. Watson; Secretary, Miss Kate Newhouse; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Groot.

G. H. DAYFOOT,

Director.

OTTAWA, FOURTH AVE.—Our Circle held its closing meeting for the summer months on Thursday evening, June 11th. There was a good attendance, quite a number of gentlemen being present. After the transaction of routine business a short programme was given. A reading, "Old-fashioned hospitality," by Mrs. McDougall; recitations, "Ezra and Me and the Boards," by Miss Lola Blair, and "Patchwork," by Miss Flossie Poapst; a vocal solo by Mr. Cohoon, and a vocal duet by Mr.

and Mrs. Marr. At the close cake and ice cream were served by the ladies. We have much cause for thankfulness that we have been able to do something to help spread the gospel at home and abroad. Our membership is 42 and we have contributed over \$90 to Missions this year. We are looking forward to the meetings of the convention of Eastern Ontario and Quebec to be held in our church in October.

I. M. BLAIR,
Secretary.

OTTAWA.—The Foreign Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, report progress and interest. We are endeavoring to do something for the fresh demand of the work and also to keep our giving up to high water mark along the old lines. For various reasons we have found it difficult not to fall behind our record this year, but after some anxious thought and consideration, a special meeting of the executive of both Circles was held at the residence of our president, Mrs. Sproule, to discuss ways and means of increasing our funds and it was then decided to undertake a new member crusade, which is now being carried on. It was also decided to hold a series of social gatherings at the houses of various hospitable friends. The first was held at the home of Mrs. C. Parson and was a great success, financially as well as socially. We hope to continue these evenings in the early autumn. Our closing Circle meeting for this season will be held in June.

BAND REPORTS.

PT. ST. CHARLES MISSIONARY BAND, Montreal.—The Link has not heard from us for some months but we have been going on with our work, with as much energy as usual. We look back, when the Band was organized with about 10 members, but the Lord has now given us about 75 members. We intend closing the last of June, and then come back in September with more zeal and energy for this loved work. "What shall we render unto the Lord for all of his benefits toward us."

G. L. B.

BRANTFORD (Calvary Baptist).—The mission Band here is still progressing favorably and is doing good work under the presidency of Miss Una Champion. A short time ago some of the band workers sold over 600 missionary post cards and have received much encouragement for their efforts. But though we are doing good work, yet we feel we could do more and we ask that everyone interested in Band work would pray that we may accomplish the Home Mission work about us, so that our work may be better crowned with success.

ALTON FARLEY,
Secretary.

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

Receipts from May 16th, 1908, to June 15th, 1908, (inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Waterford, (\$3 spec. Thank-off. to apply on Life-membership), \$20; Fonthill, \$3.25; Gladstone, (\$2 Thank-off., \$30 for Native Preacher), \$35.50; Aurora, \$3; Norwich, \$3; Onondaga, 2nd, \$2; Woodstock, First Ch., (In memory of the late Mrs. Henry Canfield), \$12.50; Brantford, Park Ch., \$3.65; Peterboro', Murray Street, (Y.L.) for Bible-woman, \$25; Steelton, \$5; Freelon, sale of post cards, \$1.25; Walkerton, \$3.95; Midland, \$4; London, Adelaide St., \$16.25; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., \$7.50; Springford, \$6.75; Chatham, William St., per Mrs. Mellish, for Chinnamma, \$25; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$13.38; Toronto, Jarvis St., (spec. \$335 for Harris Bungalow outbuildings, \$150 for Miss Morrow's tent, \$515 for new missionary Fund), \$1,029.04; Tiverton, (\$25 for Bible-woman), \$32; Toronto, College St., \$29.45; Walmer Rd., (\$50 spec.), \$99.66; Kenora, \$2.50; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$8.75; Palmerston, \$3; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss MacLeod, \$25; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$8., Eglinton, Zion Ch., \$3; York Mills, \$9.45. Total, \$1,440.83.

FROM BANDS.—Kingsville M.B. & B.Y.P.U., for "M. Paul," \$11; Toronto, First Ave., Y. L., for "P. Mary," \$17; Baddow, \$7; Springford, \$2.75; Iona Station for "D. Karunamma" \$5; Waterford, (52c. birthday money, for lepers), \$9.65; Peterboro' Murray St. for new missionaries, \$15; Woodstock, First Ch., \$4; Middleton, North, \$2.50; Claremont, for "Gudla Sundramma," \$17; Onondaga, First for "T. Martha," \$7; Toronto, Bloor St., \$5; Berlin, King St., sale of post cards, \$5; Jerseyville, \$2; Otterville, for student, \$17; East Toronto, for "N.P. Solomon," \$9; London, Maitland St., \$14.02; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$13. Total, \$162.92.

FROM SUNDRIS.—Miss Nellie Burnett, Brantford, sale of post cards, \$2.50; Interest on bank deposit, \$16.05; Grandma Robinson's "Curiosity Box" for lepers, \$1.30; Mrs. G. Lutz, Bothwell, for lepers, \$2; Mrs. T. Boon, for lepers, \$2; Miss D. Boon, \$2; Miss Maggie Boon, \$2; Association Collections: Western, \$4.38; Niagara and Hamilton (\$1.76 surplus expense tax), \$8.04; Toronto, \$17.13; Middlesex and Lambton, \$7. Total, \$64.39.

Total receipts during the month - - - \$1,668 14

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on regular estimates, \$730.17; Bungalow Fund, \$41.33; Specially contributed through Jarvis St. Mission Circle: In advance on regular estimates, \$515; Miss Morrow's Tent, \$150; and Harris Bungalow outbuildings, \$335. *Extrat. Other Extras:* For Native Preacher, (Gladstone M.C.), \$30; Lepers, (Waterford M.B.), birthday money, 52c.; Leper Venkamma, (Toronto, Elim M.C.), \$8. Total, \$1,810.02.

EXPENSE Account.—Four hundred circulars for Home Secretary, \$2.50.

Total disbursements during the month, - \$1,812 52

Total receipts from Oct 21st, 1907, to

May 15th, 1908 - - - - - \$7,221 10

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1907,

to May 15th, 1908 - - - - - \$7,223 55

SARAH J. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. E., Toronto

SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The regular quarterly board meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, was held in the Board room of Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, on Friday, June 5th.

Perhaps the two discussions particularly worthy of notice were "What is to be done about the shortage of income?" and "When shall we be able to send out to India another single lady missionary?" As to the first,—the only thing necessary is for the Circles to wake up to the fact that only one quarter of the year remains, while barely one-half of our obligations have been met. Dues must be paid promptly and over a thousand dollars must come in within these three months unless we are to report to convention a much heavier deficit than that of last year. Some one suggested that the appropriations were heavier this year than last, that probably accounting for the apparent shortage of funds. Only twenty-five dollars of an advance, however, was taken on and surely so much, or so little, could be met each year. If the Circle treasurers are retaining the money they receive instead of forwarding it promptly they are giving their Board and officers an unnecessary burden and should resolve to mend their ways. The money is needed; send it on; don't wait until the end of the year.

The question of money again, of course, entered into the discussion about the new lady missionary. It is some time now since Conference has been reminding the Board that there is place and work for a new lady missionary as soon as we feel able to meet the demand, but with the backward state of the finances dare we meet the request with any promise of consideration in the near future? The question was asked: Is there any lady missionary ready to go? Don't let that worry any one. Once the funds are in sight the candidate will be forthcoming and in the past the Board has had to dismiss several applications for just such positions. Meanwhile, Miss Murray must come home on furlough in 1910 and how do we propose to supply her place on the field? Let all the Circles think and pray over this.

The letters from our missionaries in India give us further subjects for earnest prayer. Two promising girls of caste families have been placed under Miss Murray's care. Their circumstances are peculiarly trying and Miss Murray asks for prayer in their behalf. She also reports the good work of the children's evangelist is at a stop while he returns to complete his studies. Her cry is "Workers are needed. Pray that God may send them," and that is echoed by Miss McLaurin at Vuyuru, for where she could easily put twelve Bible-women to work she is reduced to a staff of two, at present the only available workers.

For a closing thought the convention pro-

gramme committee was appointed and convention talked over. Let that also take a good place in our thoughts.

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,
Rec.-Sec.

NOTICE.

While thanking the Circles and Bands of the Eastern Board for their generous response to the appeal made for more funds, through the circulars and last months' Link, we beg to inform them that we still owe \$55.00 on the Akidu dormitories, and \$52.00 on the Bible-women's houses; in fact we need in all \$1,144 to be free of debt at the end of the year. Shall we not all do our very best to get every cent of the required amount. Pray, believe, work! "Freely ye have received, freely give."

MRS. N. OHMAN,
212 Greene Ave., Westmount, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Receipts from March 6th, to June 5th, 1908, (inclusive.)

FROM CIRCLES—Thurso, \$5.72; Winchester, \$3.85; Quebec, \$25; Brockville, \$15; Cornwall, \$13.50; Dalesville, \$5; Lachute, \$12; Maxville, \$13; Ottawa, First Church, \$40; Ottawa, 4th Avenue Church, \$3; Montreal, First Church, \$14.85; Arnprior, \$5; Osnabrock, \$9; Olivet, Montreal, \$25.63; Kingston, 1st Ch., \$7; Grenville, \$6; Abbott's Corners, \$10; Almonte, \$5; Dixville, \$5; Quebec, \$40; Beebe Plains, \$1; Osgoode, \$30; Westmont, \$20.25; Ottawa, 4th Ave. Ch., \$5; Perth, \$3.25; Ottawa, 1st Ch., \$47; Clarence, \$3.50; Ormond, \$3; Delta, \$5; Rockland, \$15; Breadalbane, \$13; Lachute, \$5; Kenmore, \$4; Delta, \$5; Montreal, 1st Baptist Ch., \$122.28. Total, \$547.83.

FROM BANDS—Sawyer'sville, \$8.40; Allan's Mills, \$10; Barnston, \$2.45; Point St. Charles, \$7; Westmont, \$17.50; Quebec, \$16; Moes River, \$3; Clarence, \$3.20; Vankleek Hill, \$2.75; Rockland, \$15. Total, \$85.30.

FROM SUNDRIES—Moes River, sale of Post cards, \$1.50; Rapid City, sale of post cards \$4; Collection taken at union meeting of Circles, \$1.45; Proceeds sale of post cards: Miss Milligan, \$5; Mrs. Halkett, \$3; Miss Briggs, Smith's Falls, \$5. Westmont Sabbath School, \$30; Vankleek Hill, sale of post cards, \$1; Sale of post cards, Mrs. McCoy, 20c; a friend for Vulluru School, \$78; Proceeds banquet Laymen's Missionary Movement; \$10.50; Interest, 78c. Total, 140.43.

Total from Circles	-	-	-	\$547	83
Total from Bands	-	-	-	85	30
Total from Sundries	-	-	-	140	43

Total	-	-	-	\$773	56
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JESSIE OHMAN,
Treasurer.

212 Greene Ave. Westmount.

Youth's Department.

FOR LOVE'S SAKE.

You have read of the Moslem palace—
The marvellous fane that stands
On the banks of the distant Jumma,
The wonder of all the lands

You have read of its marbel splendors,
Its carvings of rare device,
Its domes and its towers that glisten
Like visions of Paradise.

You have read of its marble splendors,
Of its pinnacles snowy fair,—
So pure that they seemed suspended
Like clouds in the crystal air.

Of the flow of its fountains falling
As softly as mourner's tears;
Of the lily and rose kept blooming,
For over two hundred years.

Of the friezes of frost-like beauty,
The jewels that crust the wall,
The carvings that crown the archway,
The innermost shrine of all—

Where lies in her sculptured coffin,
(Whose chiselings mortal man
Hath never excelled), the dearest
Of the loves of the Shah Jehan.

They read you the shining legends
Whose letters are set in gems,
On the walls of the sacred chambers
That sparkle like diadems.

And they tell you these letters, gleaming
Wherever the eye may look,
Are words of the Moslem Prophet,
Are texts from his holy book.

And still as you heard, you questioned
Right wonderingly, as you must,
"Why rear such a palace only
To shelter a woman's dust?"

Why rear it?—The Shad had promised
His beautiful Nourmahal
To do it because he loved her,
He loved her—and that was all.

So minaret, wall and column,
And tower and dome above,
All tell of a sacred promise,
All utter one accent—Love

You know of another temple,
A grander than Hindu shrine,
The splendor of whose perfections
Is mystical, strange, divine.

You have read of its deep foundations,
Which neither the frost nor flood,
Nor forces of earth can weaken,
Cemented in tears and blood.

That, chosen with skill transcendent,
By the wisdom that fills the throne,
Was quarried, and hewn, and polished,
Its wonderful corner-stone.

So vast is its scale proportioned,
So lofty its turrets rise,
That the pile in its finished glory
Will reach to the very skies.

The lapse of the silent Kedron,
The roses of Sharon fair,
Gethsemane's sacred olives,
And cedars, are round it there.

And graved on its walls and pillars,
And cut in its crystal stone,
Are the words of our Prophet, sweeter
Than Islam hath ever known:—

Texts culled from the holy Gospel,
That comfort, refresh, sustain,
And shine with a rarer luster
Than the gems of the Hindu fane.

The plan of the temple, only
Its architect understands:
And yet He accepts—(Oh, wonder!)
The helping of human hands.

And so, for the work's progression,
He is willing that great and small
Should bring Him their bits of carving,
So needed, to fill the wall.

Not one does the Master-Builder
Disdainfully cast away:—
Why, even He takes the clippings,
We women have brought to-day!

Oh, not to the dead—to the living,
We rear, on the earth He trod,
This fane to His lasting glory—
This Church to the Christ of God!

Why labor and strive? We have promised
We love Him—and that is all.
(And dare we the vow recall?)
To do it because we love Him,

For over the church's portal,
Each pillar and arch above,
The Master has set one signet,
And graven one watchword—Love.
—Margaret J. Preston, in *The Missionary*
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WHAT WAS SAID IN THE CELLAR.

It was only the middle of the afternoon, but it was dark in the minister's cellar, and its occupants might have felt like settling down for the night had it not been for the unusual commotion above ground. All the afternoon it had been going on—children's laughter and talking and running hither and thither. Now and then there had been an interval of comparative quiet, only to be succeeded by merrier outbursts. It was very disturbing to the cellar people, and not a little annoying.

"As if," said the Celery crossly, "it were not enough to be shut up here! They might at least let us be quiet."

"Or if we only knew what it is all about," said an Onion, almost tearfully. "I think the Cat might come down and tell us."

At the mere mention of such a thing a bright-eyed Mouse in the corner retired to her hole in a panic, although she knew very well the door was shut and the cat could not possibly get in. Presently, however, the door opened, and not the cat but the minister came down the steps with a half-bushel basket of potatoes in each hand. He set them down on the floor, and some one from above handed him two more baskets, which he placed beside the others, and then hurried upstairs and shut the door.

"Well," said one of a large pile of Snowflakes, "one would have thought there were enough potatoes in this cellar already without bringing in more!

"Oh, but we are Missionary Potatoes," said one of the newcomers, cheerfully.

"Missionary Potatoes, indeed!" said the Snowflake, scornfully. "You look uncommonly like Early Ohios, I should say! But perhaps you can tell us what all this disturbance upstairs is about."

"With all my heart," was the reply. "The minister's wife has been having a potato party and all the children of the Mission Band are here—twenty of them, I believe they said."

"And what is a potato party?" said the Celery, crisply. "Pray explain yourself. It is extremely trying to be always kept in the dark, as no one knows better than myself."

"Well," said the Missionary Potato, rolling over a little way so as to get into a more comfortable position, "last spring the minister's wife gave each member of her band a fine, large seed potato, and set them to raising potatoes for missions. They've had great times all summer, fighting weeds and potato bugs. The minister said he would put fifty cents in the mite box of the one that raised the most potatoes, and a silver quarter in the box of the child that raised the biggest one. They had great fun this afternoon measuring and weighing us, to see who had won the prizes.

"Before that, though, they had some readings and recitations; the pieces were all about potatoes or missions, and some of them were about both. The programs were written on colored cardboard cut out in the shape of potatoes, and then they had refreshments."

Here the Potato paused, and the Mouse, who had been listening just within her hole, crept out again and said eagerly, "Oh, do tell us about them!"

"That is the saddest part of the story," said the Potato, its voice quivering, "the very saddest part of the story. The refreshments were mostly potatoes. There were thin slices of bread and butter—I heard the minister's wife say that the bread was made with potato yeast—and potato salad and Saratoga chips."

"And what is to be done next?" asked the Snowflake. "What will become of you now?"

"Oh, we are to be sold as soon as possible, and the money is to go for missions! It wasn't a very good year for potatoes, but there are two bushels of us, you see."

"Well," said the Celery, decidedly, "it seems to me that was taking lots of trouble just for two bushels of potatoes!"

"That's just what some one said to the minister's wife this afternoon," said the Missionary Potato, meekly, "but she said she hoped she was raising missionaries as well as potatoes."

"I'm sure I don't know what she meant by that," said the Celery, and so said the Onion, and so said all the Potatoes. The little Mouse said nothing, but she looked very wise, so perhaps she understood.—Children's Missionary.