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## CHRISTMAS ODE.

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Luke 2, 10.

What vision bright on Judah's plains appears!  
What rapturous song salutes the shepherds' ears!  
Angels with tidings glad to earth draw near,  
Tidings the world had waited long to hear:

Tidings which must have thrilled the astonished skies,  
Bringing new wonders to angels eyes,  
Filling them with such strange and sweet delight  
As tuned their tongues and winged their earthward  
flight.

No tidings sweeter angel lips could sing,  
Or from the court of heaven to mortals bring,  
Than that God's Son should leave His throne on high,  
Becoming man, for sinful man to die.

O message blest! well may we bear thee on  
To every tribe and realm beneath the sun,  
Till to all kindreds thou hast told the way,  
And hastened on the world's millennial day.

W. W. P.

Our Convention at Hamilton was considered one of the best we have ever held. The weather was propitious, and the hospitality of the ladies in their homes, and their arrangements throughout for the comfort and convenience of the delegates, were much appreciated. The meetings were largely attended, but we wish more of our sisters could have been there to have enjoyed the "feast of fat things." Both Home and Foreign reports were encouraging, shewing a considerable increase in our funds over last year, evidencing increased interest in our work. A spiritual atmosphere prevailed our meetings and it was indeed a time of refreshing. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for what He had enabled us to do for the extension of His kingdom, and joy that we had been permitted to share in this noble work. We hope all who were not privileged to attend our Convention will read the reports carefully and preserve them for future reference.

In consequence of the space required for our Convention reports the Home work will be held over till January issue.

## NOTICE.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF  
EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC,

Circles and Bands in Eastern Ontario and Quebec are requested to note the change of Treasurer in our Society. Mrs. W. Gordon Pickert, 30 Staynor Ave., Westmount, P. Q., now fills this position and will gladly acknowledge all sums sent to her.

Our appropriations for the coming year are very large as we must prepare for Miss Murray's return to India, as well as keep up with the increased demands for the work which we support, and it is very desirable that the successful effort of the past year should be sustained by our Circles and Bands.

E. C. A., Cor. Sec.

We are pleased to learn of the safe arrival of Miss Folsom and Corning at Cocanada, on October 8th. They had a very smooth passage and both were in good health. Many of their fellow passengers were prostrated by heat in the Red Sea and one young lady died from sun stroke, but our missionaries were mercifully preserved. We are also pleased to record the safe return of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. H. Walker, and hope his health will be speedily restored. Miss Priest and Miss Pratt with Mr. and Mrs. Cross are on their journey. Let us remember them in our prayers.

THE United study of Missions for 1903 is Lux Christi, or Study of India. As it is the country in which our Telugu Mission is located, it will be especially interesting to our Societies. Those who do not pursue these studies will miss a rare opportunity of enriching their minds with missionary information. Mrs Manning, whose visit at our "Silver Anniversary" we all remember with pleasure, says: "Lux Christi promises to be of even greater interest than Via Christi, if that were possible. We have a very successful class here in St. John." The book can be had through the Bureau of Literature, or Standard Publishing Co., 9 Richmond St., W., Toronto.

# BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST.

HELD IN HAMILTON, NOVEMBER 12-13, 1902.

## FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

(Abstract of Report by Miss Jacqueline Norton, B.A.)

**T**HE Convention for 1902 has come and gone. Almost 300 delegates came from churches large and small to see and learn and gain fresh inspiration for the new year's work. Nor was their coming in vain, for the Lord Himself was with them.

The James Street Baptist Church was the place of meeting, and this Mission Circle with all the other Circles of the city, united in doing all they could to make the delegates comfortable and the Convention a success.

The meetings began at 9.30 a.m., Wednesday, with Mrs. T. M. Harris, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Society, presiding. Thanksgiving and praise seemed to be the dominant note through every address, prayer, Bible-reading and hymn during all the sessions, the first note of which was struck in the opening hymn:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Gratefully adoring, our song shall rise to Thee:"

Mrs. Booker, the beloved President of the Society, read from Revelation a description of the glorious consummation of our efforts. Mrs. S. J. Farmer led in prayer for God's promised presence in the meetings.

The annual reports were next presented, most of which appear in this number.

The Editor of the LINK, Mrs. Porter, reported the total number of subscribers to be 4,631, an increase over last year of 377. The anxieties of the editor would be lightened if those now in arrears would forward their subscriptions promptly, especially in a year of large extra outlay.

The financial statement gave the receipts as \$881.63, and the expenditure as \$868.48, leaving a balance on hand of \$13.15.

Mrs. Dancy, of the Bureau of Literature, reported having sold during the year 1,317 leaflets, 38 books, 50 Prayer Cycles and 12 Baby Band Certificates. The receipts were \$53.82; the expenditures \$30.92, leaving a balance of \$9.31.

In place of the usual reports from the Directors, Mrs. Lloyd conducted a Conference of Directors, where many took part in asking and answering questions regarding our Mission work.

The first address of the Convention, a very in-

teresting and instructive one, was given by Dr. Smith, of Yellamanchilli, India, on "Medical Missions." We regret that lack of space forbids our giving the full report of this and other addresses.

A prayer service conducted by Mrs. Holman followed this address, with earnest petitions for our missionaries and for the recent converts.

The afternoon session, opening at 2.15, was pervaded even more than the morning, with thanksgiving and praise for the wonderful way the Lord had blessed His work, and with testimonies of the reality and preciousness of His presence to His people. After singing, and prayer by Mrs. Budd, of Owen Sound, the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Booker; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Freeland; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. M. Harris. Members of Board:—Mrs. W. J. MacKay, Mrs. S. Dadson, Mrs. P. C. Parker, Miss Brodhead.

The address of Mrs. Harris, the presiding officer, on "Remember—Forget," will be long remembered by those present.

After Miss Buchan's able and comprehensive report of the work on our foreign fields, Miss Murray, of Cocanada, was the next speaker. She brought the greetings of the Women's Societies from Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and then talked to us of the spiritual aspect of the missionaries lives and their secret of strength.

Mrs. Hill, of Guelph, followed with a Bible reading, right along the line of Miss Murray's address, emphasizing the importance of the rightness of the inner life.

At the evening session Rev. Mr. Hoyt, of Hamilton, read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, and the Rev. Mr. Bennett led in prayer. Miss Katie McLaurin, of India, gave a graphic description of the actual work of the lady missionary, and the gradual displacing in the heathen mind of a religion of fear by one of love.

Mrs. Stott, of the China Inland Mission, for thirty years missionary in China, followed Miss McLaurin, and she could say with our missionary, that heathen lands had never been a desert place, and that sacrifice had meant blessing. A hymn, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Bracken, brought the Foreign Mission Day of the Women's Convention to a close.

**SECOND ANNUAL HOME WORK REPORT.**

The silvery tinkle of the bells that ushered in our 25th anniversary as a Society has died away in the distance and we have steadily plodded on a whole year toward our golden celebration. Again the books are closed, audited and found correct. The reports have been written, read and enjoyed by some of us as much as ever.

For this year it has been thought advisable to dispense with the usual reports of the Directors and embody them all in one, thus giving time for the Conference which is to follow. Many have complained in previous Conventions that not sufficient time was given for questions, and answers from those who had more knowledge of the work. To remedy this the present change has been made as an experiment.

I come before you therefore as a condensed Director, as well as Secretary of the Home Department of the F. M. work.

We have in our churches, according to Directors reports, 12,686 women. Of this number 3,837 contribute to Foreign Missions, and about 4,000 to Home Missions, through the Women's Society. Where are the others? Will each woman try to get one other interested during the next year?

Our Home Mission paper *The Visitor*, has found its way into 6000 homes. It is well worth the price of admission, 10 cents a year.

The LINK, our Foreign Mission paper, has 4631 subscribers, an increase of 377 over last year. Let us increase that number largely this year. If we wish to keep posted on current events among our own missionaries we will need to read the LINK.

You will see by consulting our Treasurer's report that our thirteen Associations have contributed \$6973.15 to Foreign Missions, being an increase over last year of \$331.23.

Let each sister look at the Treasurer's Report for this year, then if you have one of last year compare the two and see whether your Circle has fallen behind in its giving, or taken a step forward. The Directors will take the whole Association into account, but our part is the individual Circle. Do not let us be utterly discouraged if we are behind, but let us be more determined to do our part in this great missionary work. Have we denied ourselves, tried to give as much information about them, and prayed as earnestly for missions as we should?

During the year two of our Directors have

changed their spheres. One we hope to soon count our missionary in S. America. Our best wishes and earnest prayers follow Mrs. Reekie wherever her lot may be cast. Her sister, Miss Annie McDougall has taken her place and we are confident that the work in Walkerton Association will be well looked after under her able supervision.

Then our able Director of Lambton and Middlesex will no longer be known as Miss E. Park, but Mrs. E. J. Haines, wife of the pastor of Wyoming. We wish our sister a long, happy life of continued usefulness, and trust the same splendid work will continue to be done there in the future that has been in the past.

The thirteen Directors with their 216 Circles and 114 Bands, have done good work during the year and some of them have items of interest to report if time permit, new Circles formed, Bands re-organized, interest increased, influence exerted for lasting good. Page after page might be written but we forbear.

The grand result will be reached when each individual does her best, no matter how small, and does it to please the King, whose we are and whom we serve.

L. LLOYD, Sec.

**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).**

During the year four regular meetings of the Board have been held, with an average attendance of seventeen; one special meeting of members residing in the city, and five meetings of the Executive Committee.

The monthly meeting for prayer on behalf of the workers and the work has been held regularly on the last Thursday of each month. The importance of these meetings can hardly be over-estimated. It has been a joy and inspiration to have Miss Priest at a number of these as well as the Board meetings. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board, held in Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, November 14th, 1901, regular estimates amounting to \$6,163.50 were passed. Special estimates came to \$1,241.87, making a total of \$7,405.37.

The resignation of Mrs. C. W. King, who for years had charge of the Bureau of Missionary Information, was received with sincere regret. As a Society we are deeply indebted to Mrs. King's wise planning, and loving service, in this department of work.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in December, Mrs. Dancy, a member of Walmer Road Church, was unanimously appointed Mrs.

King's successor. Let us remember that a new recruit cannot accomplish quite as much as a trained soldier, but that wonderful possibilities lie in a consecrated head and heart.

At the February meeting the invitation for the Convention to be held in Hamilton, was accepted.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held in March, letters were read from Miss Edna Corning, of Wolfville, N. S., and Miss Lida Pratt, of Petrolea, who had offered themselves for work in India.

At the May Board meeting, after much earnest prayer for guidance, Miss Corning and Miss Pratt were appointed our missionaries. At the same meeting it was decided that in future the Mite boxes will be issued by both Home and Foreign Mission Boards, in order that the money so collected may be divided.

Thank-offerings have been sent in by ninety-two Circles, six Bands, and three individuals, amounting to \$797.76, the largest amount that has been received for this purpose. It is encouraging to note that the number of Circles contributing to this fund is steadily increasing. Another pleasing feature is that in most cases where an extra effort has been made to constitute a Life-member to commemorate the Silver Anniversary the Thank-offering was larger than last year.

Twenty-one Life-members have been added from October 21st, 1901, to October 20th, 1902:—Mrs. James Grant, Ingersoll; Mrs. L. C. McConnell, Lakeside Calvary Circle; Miss Charlotte Jeffrey, London, Talbot St.; Mrs. John Hume, Port Hope; Mrs. James Mills, St. Catharines, Queen St.; Mrs. C. B. Spohn, St. Thomas, Centre St.; Mrs. Wm. Lutes, Waterford; Mrs. Wm. Craig by Mr. Wm. Craig; Mrs. S. S. Bates, College St., Toronto. The nine above were specially to celebrate the Silver Anniversary as a Society. The following were also added to our list:—Mrs. T. Hatcher, Chatham; Mrs. Charles Clarke, Aylmer; Mrs. Adoniram Davis, Aylmer; Mrs. Elizabeth Wingfield, Hespeler; Mrs. Andrew Dale, London; Miss Lottie McLeod, India, London Adelaide St.; Mrs. G. H. Slipper, Port Arthur; Miss L. Pratt, Petrolea; Miss Elizabeth C. Wells, Simcoe; Mrs. Edmund Burke, Jarvis St., Toronto; Miss Amy White, Parliament St. Toronto; Mrs. Annie Wurtle, Western Church, Toronto. Total number of Life-members, 264.

Miss Pratt is the first one for whom the special rule in regard to continuing a Band Life-membership has been put into practice.

Again we are called to mourn the loss, by death, of one of our most faithful members. In October our dear sister Mrs. Forbes, heard the Master's call and entered into rest. We will miss her in our meetings but rejoice to know that another stands ready to take up the work she has laid down.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ESTIMATES FOR 1902-1903, PASSED AT BOARD MEETING.

Items.	Bal ces avail- lable.	Still to be under- raised.	Total taken.
Regular—Bible-women (on fields where we have no single lady).....	\$68 00	\$68 00	
Village Schools, grant.....	330 00	330 00	
Samulcotte Seminary, grant.....	300 00	300 00	
Akidu: Miss Morrow and work.....	635 00	635 00	
Cocanada: Miss Simpson and Zenana Work, our share.....	836 50	836 50	
Cocanada: Miss Baskerville and School.....	1200 00	1200 00	
Peddapuram: Miss MacLeod and Work.....	600 00	600 00	
Ramachandrapuram: Work.....	220 00	220 00	
Tuni: Miss Priest and Work.....	685 00	685 00	
Vayyuru: Miss Selman.....	500 00	500 00	
Miss Folsom.....	500 00	500 00	
Miss Hatch's furlough allowance.....	300 00	300 00	
return to India.....	350 00	350 00	
Expenses of the Society.....	125 00	125 00	
Total regular.....	\$6099	\$6099	50
Special Estimates:			
Dr. Gertrude Hulet.....	\$243	\$243	41
Miss Corning's salary and munsh.....	110 74	104 26	275 00
Miss Pratt and munsh.....	17 08	557 92	575 00
Special Grant in Addition—			
To Village Schools.....		170 00	170 00
To Samulcotte Seminary.....		140 00	140 00
Mrs. A. A. McLeod's return.....	325 00		325 00
		\$1,288	20,198 50
Total undertaken, both regular and special.....			\$6884 50
Total to be raised this year.....			\$7987 79

A. MOYLE,  
*Recording Secretary.*

## MISSION BAND REPORT OF W. ONT.

Last year our Mission Band Report contained a note of regret. There had been a falling off in the number and contributions of our Bands. This sad fact, while it disappointed and humbled, by no means discouraged our workers. With renewed prayer and energy they set themselves to accomplish greater things this year.

Have they succeeded? Did anyone wait upon God in vain? Did anyone ever continue faithfully in well doing and not reap in due time? Never! And so the note of sadness has changed to one of gladness, and with joy we have to tell you of the year's work. From every Association comes the message of increased interest. With but one exception each of our Directors tells of one or more Bands; fifteen in all. Several Leaders, when the interest seemed to flag, adopted the plan of re-organizing, and with great success.

In the Foreign Society 114 Bands have been heard from, the largest number ever reporting in one year—22 more than last year. Contributions to the Foreign Society amounted to \$1,156.51. Not as large an amount as in some years, but \$328.93 more than last year. Of Life Members we have seven—Brampton M. B., Miss Luella Snell; Brampton M. B., (a member) for Miss Jennie Spence; Guelph, Trinity St. M. B. (a member) for Miss Alice M. Evans; Hamilton, Wentworth St. M. B., Miss Francis A. Wodell; Petrolia M. B., (a member) for Miss L. Pratt; Port Arthur M. B., Miss Alice L. Evans; Weston M. B., Miss Lizzie

May Shaver, by her mother. One of the features of this list is that four were constituted Life Members by individuals, but they wished the money to be credited to the various Bands.

The report of the Home Mission Society shows a marked increase over that of any former year. 95 Bands have sent to the Treasurer \$595.80. Our Mission Band workers for some years have tried to bring our offerings up to \$500.00. One year they reached \$450.00. Last year they fell below. Truly God has given us cause for encouragement in this offering of nearly \$600.00. Is it not evident that our young people are waking up to the needs of our own country, and their responsibility in view of these needs? Not only do their gifts in money prove this, but they have given of their time and work also. A rag carpet was sent to St. Peter's Reserve by one Band; comforts to Grande Ligne by several; bags containing various gifts to Mr. Burgdorf for the Galicians; presents for the Christmas tree at New Liskard; quilts, clothing, literature and sundries, to Mr. Dutand for his work in Quebec; scrap books for the Children's Hospital in Toronto, all telling of self-denying efforts. We cannot estimate the loving thoughts and deeds that were crowded into those boxes and bales, which were variously estimated at from \$8.00 to \$25.00. The life membership list in the Home Society is as follows:—Miss Helen Trotter, St. Catharines; Miss Laura McTavish, St. Catharines; Mr. James Scott, Boston; Mrs. S. C. Walker, Chatham. The Baby Band roll grows apace—Murray St., Peterborough now numbers 23. This band has the honor of introducing this feature of the work into our Society in Canada. In looking over the report the Secretary was delighted to notice how many boys are holding office this year. This is a notable step in the right direction. Our girls, when they outgrow the Band, join the Mission Circle, as the Young Women's Band of College St. Toronto, have just done. But our boys, alas, too frequently drift. How important then that we should keep them in the Mission Band as long as possible, and to do this we must give them work and responsibility.

One of our reports stated that the Pastor of the Church was President of the Band. That Pastor will reap spiritual results from that field.

Bands in each of our Associations are supporting students in India. A powerful argument for Home Missions is seen in the fact that some of our youngest and weakest Bands of Home Mission churches have representatives on the foreign field. The heroic little Band in Bardsville in the Northern Association, is contributing to the support of two students, and in that little village there is neither Baptist Church nor Mission Circle. The Leader when writing for the second student said, "It keeps the interest of the young people, and it is so sweet to know that we have a real live representative in India. Something too for our prayers to centre around. I have awakened to the importance

of devoting time and money to Women's work. We can make but little real progress till we have an intelligent Christian motherhood, and so we want our second student to be a girl."

Here is a pretty picture of how two little boys were interested. "The other day," said the Leader, "I was writing a letter when my little nephew Rex came into the room. He likes me to read aloud to him, much better than to write letters, but I explained to him that this letter concerned my Band, and then, thinking this a good opportunity to interest him, began talking about our work. His expressive face lit up, and he hastily left the room, but returned soon with 25 cents, which he gave me thinking it would help a little. Of course I was delighted, and explained that he could become a member for a year, which pleased him very much. Presently, his little brother Burleigh came in and as he always wants to do what Rex does, nothing would do but he must pay his quarter and be a member too."

I was told of another little lad five years old, who proudly brought five cents to the Band, saying, "I earned it all myself, one cent a week, carrying empty baskets into the cellar of father's grocery shop; and it tired me too."

Only one Band reports a lack of interest on the part of the children. May the Secretary suggest a remedy? Let the Circle appoint one of its younger members to the next Convention, if necessary, providing for expenses. The Holy Spirit will do the rest.

It is delightful to read the enthusiastic words of some of the Directors with regard to the Band Presidents. For instance, "O. S. rejoices in a model President. It would be difficult to find a Band so devoted to a President, or indeed, a more loving and harmonious Band of workers anywhere. A plan has been adopted by us and carried out for about a year with gratifying results. A Leader is chosen at each meeting for the next. In this way the older boys and girls learn to appreciate order and helpfulness, and are preparing for future work."

Another plan that has been tried in a number of places, is that of planting missionary potatoes, and in some cases pulling them up frequently to make sure that they are growing.

Woodstock, Oxford Street, sends us the following: "Our Potato Social was a success, the children enjoyed it and so did the older people. Many of the children could not grow their potatoes for they had no garden, so those who wished to do so were told they might bring as many as they thought would grow from one. Some of them did so. Only ten grew their potatoes, and those ten brought in a bushel altogether, and there was one half bushel of what we called donation potatoes. This bushel and a half sold for 95 cents, and as two of the boys each had one peck from the potato he planted, there was a tie, so each boy had a prize of 10 cents given him to be dropped into the box with the other potato money. Then one of the little

girls got a prize for her composition on 'How I grew my potatoes,' she also had 10 cents to put in the box. R. S. had the largest potato, it weighed 15¾ ounces, and he was very proud, I can assure you, so he took the prize of 10 cents for the largest potato. So this made our potato money \$1.35. Then we cleared \$11.50 at our social, making \$12.85 in all."

Wiarnton Band prepared topic cards, dainty and pretty, with the names of the Mission, to be studied at each meeting. The President asked the children to offer a prayer each time they put any money in these barrels, that it might be blessed in giving the Gospel to the heathen.

Will it be a surprise to anyone to learn that three of our Band workers have been appointed as missionaries this year. Miss Copland, of Mount Forest, and Miss McDougall, of Tiverton, to Bolivia, and Miss Pratt, of Petrolia, to India. Miss Pratt tells us that her first desires for missionary work were awakened in the Mission Band of Petrolia, then under the care of Mrs. St. Dalmas, wife of the Pastor. Is not this the crowning joy and honor of our year's work?

Mission Band workers, count not the time and thought and prayer that you give to your Band unimportant. To be the means of interesting and preparing one worker for the great harvest field, were worth a life-time of service for the Master.

Be not weary in well-doing, for in due time ye shall reap if ye faint not.

A. M. TAPSCOTT.

#### MISSION BAND REPORT OF E. ONT. AND QUE.

Owing to the difficulty of getting reports from some of the Bands your Superintendent's report is incomplete. In the Bands reported there are 729 members; contributions amounting to \$412.84; averaging 56 cents a member, which is very good considering how many of the members are young children. The Quebec Band has the surprising average of \$2.42 a member, having sent \$158.31 to Home Missions, and \$254.56 to Foreign. With the exception of three small Bands that support a student in India, all the Bands contribute to both Home and Foreign Missions. Two new Bands have been formed, one at Grande Ligne, and one at Coaticoke. These will take the place of those Bands that have discontinued the work.

#### CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

*Atlan's Mills.*—This is a branch of the Perth Church, and although they have two members less than last year, their contributions have increased \$9. Given to Home, \$5, Grande Ligne \$5, North-West \$5, Foreign Missions \$20. Membership 20.

*Brockville.*—This Girl's Band numbers 84. They have given \$30 to support two students at Akidu and to Home Missions \$4.20. They also made a number of pretty articles for one of the rooms at Grande Ligne.

*Delta.*—This Band though numbering only 15 members has bravely continued the work for years. \$16.12 was sent toward the support of a girl at the Akidu school.

*Perth.*—Membership 43. Sent for educating a Telugu boy, \$17.

*Smith's Falls.*—Membership this year not so large, being 40, but contributions much larger. Sent to Foreign \$17, Home \$5, Grande Ligne \$5, North-West \$5.

*Phillipsville.*—This Band, formed last year, with a membership of 18, sent \$4 to Foreign, and \$2 to Home.

*Westport and Kingston.*—No report.

#### OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

*Clarence.*—Another Band formed last year. It has 40 members and is much interested. Contributions \$10.52, divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

*Ottawa, First Church.*—This Band, the largest in the Association, has a membership of 97. They are furnishing a room in Brandon College at a cost of \$35; sending also \$18 to Home, \$18 to Foreign, and \$5 to Grande Ligne. They also support a student at Akidu.

*McPhail Memorial Church Band.*—Membership 75. Four of the members are studying for the ministry, and they will be sure to advocate missions. Contributed to Foreign Missions \$17, Home \$5, and support a student at Samulcotta.

*Osgoode.*—Membership 50, increase of 15. Many of them earn the money to support their student at Akidu. They have sent to Foreign \$20, Home 3, Grande Ligne \$3, North-West \$3.

*Rockland.*—Membership of this Band 30. Support a girl at Akidu, and have sent to Foreign \$15, Home \$1.

*Roxboro'.*—Membership 22. This Band has had a successful year, the contributions being larger than ever before. Sent to Foreign \$9.50, Home \$1, Grande Ligne \$2, North-West \$1.25.

*Winchester.*—Membership 25, and total collections \$11.15, Foreign \$5.15, Home \$3, North-West \$3.

#### EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

*Montreal, Olivet.*—Membership 45. Some of the members of this Band send their Sunday School papers regularly to people in India. They support a student at Akidu, and sent to Foreign \$23, Grande Ligne \$11.

*Montreal, Grace.*—No report.

*Montreal, Pt. St. Charles.*—Membership 35. This Band made 100 little booklets of lesson cards, and sent \$50 to the North-West Indians, and \$50 to India, and \$12.50 toward the support of a student at Akidu.

*Grande Ligne.*—We are very glad to report a Mission Band formed at this place so interesting to Canadian Baptists. It was organized last June, and has now a membership of 40 and a great deal of interest is manifested.

*Quebec.*—Again we are pleased to report the sum of \$75 contributed by this energetic Band of 31 members. Besides sending \$35 to Foreign, \$18 to Home, \$10 to Grande Ligne and \$10 to the North-West, they have sent \$10 to our Indian Mission.

*Sawyerville.*—Membership 16. Amount collected not reported. It has been for the support of a student at Akidu.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA MUIR.

Oct. 4th, 1902.

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST.)**

*"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."*

**T**HERE have been anxious days during the past year and some difficult problems have had to be considered, but He who commanded His disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," also promised "Lo, I am with you alway." This promise has been realized as step by step we have been led in answer to prayer, in the appointment of two new missionaries this year, Miss Lidā L. Pratt, of Petrolea, Ontario, and Miss Edna Corning, of Yarmouth, N. S.

When a little over a year ago Miss Pratt offered herself to the work, the Board was obliged, because of the low state of the treasury, to postpone taking any action. The promise by a lady in Petrolea, of fifty dollars a year toward Miss Pratt's support, as long as she continued in active service in India, gave a gleam of hope. In the meantime, while looking for an assistant for the Timpany Memorial School, Miss Folsom had met in Boston, one who had special qualifications for that work. Here again, unsurmountable difficulties arose, but Miss Folsom believed the call was from God, and was urgent, proposing to make personal sacrifice in order to have the appointment made. Miss Corning offered to go on so small a salary that the Board hardly dared to accept it. This led one who is greatly interested to make an equally generous offer. On hearing this still others "provoked to good works," promised additional help to extend over one, two and three years. God's will being thus plainly indicated, at the meeting of the Board, held on the 16th of May, 1902, these two ladies were unanimously accepted as our missionaries to India.

Miss Corning sailed with Miss Folsom from New York, in the *S.S. Kroonland*, on the 20th of August, and on the 1st of November, Miss Pratt with Miss Priest, sailed in the *S.S. Mesaba*, for London, where they expect to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Cross, the newly appointed missionaries of the General Board, leaving London on the 13th of November for India.

In the early summer we had the joy of welcoming Miss Hatch home on her second furlough. Our hope is that the invigorating climate of the far west may prove so beneficial that she may return to us in the spring completely rid of the Indian malaria which has prostrated her.

To-day we gladly welcome to our Convention Miss Kate S. McLaurin and Miss Anna C. Murray, after nine years' service in India, Miss McLaurin as the missionary of the Walmer Road Church and Miss Murray as the missionary of the Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. During all these years they have been very closely allied with the missionaries of our own Board in the work for the women and children of India.

**INDIA.**

**COCANADA.**

ZENANA WORK—MISS SIMPSON AND ASSISTANTS.

This work amongst the women and children of Cocanada has, Miss Simpson reports, gone on much the same as in other years. A great many visits have been made; a great many women and children have heard, and we would like to be able to say, that a great many have believed; but it is not ours to deal with the results.

Fifty-three new houses have been opened to the visitors, a larger number than usual, partly owing to the number of new girls at the school, whose friends have welcomed the visitors into their houses. Three hundred and seventy-eight houses are being regularly visited in Cocanada, 3,315 visits have been made to these houses, and to 154 villages. Some villages hitherto not visited have this year been visited regularly by the missionary or by Chinamma and one of the women in the Bible Training Class. One afternoon a week has been devoted to this work.

Changes in the *Bible-women's* staff have hindered the work to some extent. Soondramma's husband was sent to take a course of theology at the seminary, and she accompanied him and so is lost for a time to the work in Cocanada. Her place has been taken by K. Lydja. Seelum Sarah, formerly a

boarding school girl, but for nearly a year on the Bible-woman staff, was married in March, to one of the seminary teachers, so has also gone to Samalkot to live. Chinamma was lost to the work in Vuyuru for a short time. Minnie's time is now entirely given to teaching those who desire to be taught regularly. Miss Gibson, Miss Beggs, Chinamma and Lydia, each have as pupils, those who desire weekly, or by-weekly lessons. Some of these have made very good progress; some of them under great disadvantages. This is a most encouraging work.

The *Caste Girls' School* staff has also had changes. In July Josiah Burder being unable to continue his studies, returned to his post as head master in the Robinson Street School. He was married in March and in May he and his wife and brother Titus moved into the down stairs rooms of the Caste Girls' School buildings. Miss Simpson has long coveted a place for some of the Christians here in the heart of the town, and believes this move to be a great step in advance, as Josiah and his wife are earnest consecrated Christians, whose lives will tell for Christ in that community.

It is difficult to retain the older and more advanced girls in the Caste Girls' School, and the school has suffered in this way, but as a number of new little girls have entered the attendance is much the same as last year.

Several of the girls have been withdrawn because they carried too much Gospel into their homes. The Christian teaching was objectionable to their friends.

The *Sunday School* work was continued until the middle of May, when the girls in the boarding school and the young men in the Industrial School were nearly all dismissed for vacation and so a number of the Sunday schools were also dismissed for a time.

Miss Gibson, in her report, describes the women of India as "without God and without hope." "Three hundred and thirty-three names to worship but no God" "How many gods are there?" she asked one of the women. "When we are free from care and trouble there are many Gods to worship" she replied, "but when sorrow comes there appears to be but one, the Father above."

Miss Gibson tells of success and defeat during the past year, of joy and sorrow, of encouragement and discouragements and of constantly meeting fresh women who have never heard the message of Truth

before. "Eternity alone will reveal the triumphs of the Gospel among these women." She tells of the death of the old deaf woman who has so often been mentioned in former reports and says "not long before she died I went to see her. Several women followed me into the room; to these women she testified of the forgiveness of sins through Christ the Son of God, and said she was not afraid to die. They were astonished and realized that it was well with her."

During the past six months Miss Gibson has been invited into more new houses than ever before. In these houses she is sure to meet some who have never heard the Gospel. A few houses where the hearers have become indifferent have been dropped or visited less frequently.

In most houses visits are made once a month or once in two months, except in those where girls who have left school are learning regular Bible lessons. To these fortnightly visits are made, and to one or two others where good attention is paid and a desire is shown to know more of God, or where one seems really anxious about her soul and with simple faith grasps the truth as she hears it for the first time. One old woman who said she was troubled about her soul, when told that the Saviour had paid the debt and set her free, accepted the message with joy as if she had no doubt about it.

Miss Beggs has had great joy in her pupils who have made fair progress in their studies. She reports the Bible students as interested in the Life of Christ, and other women remembering the Bible stories when but once told, which formerly had to be repeated several times. They not only listen very attentively to the Scripture lessons but make Miss Beggs ask them questions the next time she comes to prove to her that they have not forgotten.

Many interesting stories she tell about her "dear women." One, a Brahmin, came to her in great darkness and weighed down with sorrow because of the death of her brother and sister within a month and asked Miss Beggs to relate something about her Saviour. The story of Christ was told and a couple of hymns sang. One of the women remarked "He must be a true God to do such a miracle, all that you have said is true." The sorrowing woman said "I feel the weight from my heart gone now. I will serve that great Saviour. The light has come to my heart."

In some of the houses the older relations of the pupils are interested in the religious instruction

and make it a duty to listen to the reading and explanation of the Scriptures. The marked interest and spirit of inquiry shown by these women has made it a perfect delight to talk to them.

All have not continued so eager to hear, but there are some who have remained the same and are really believing in Christ. One of these is a young woman belonging to a large and influential family. Miss Beggs asks us to pray for these women because every effort is used by the great enemy to undermine their faith.

#### COCANADA GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

*Miss Murray* continued in charge of this school until her home-coming last April. In her report to the Conference she speaks of having experienced blessing in both the secular and spiritual work. This she attributes to the increased prayerfulness of God's people in Canada and India on behalf of the school, due largely to the introduction of the Prayer Cycle. Conversions have taken place, and additions made to the church by baptism. The health of the girls has been good.

*The Sunday School* work in the town carried on by Miss Simpson has afforded the girls opportunity for active Christian work.

Three girls and women have continued in the Bible training class throughout the year and three others a portion of the time. Salome has become a much appreciated worker on the Anakapalle field, being supported entirely from the funds of the native Christian women's Helpmeet Societies of the Godavery Association.

*Miss Baskerville* returned to this school when Miss Murray left and for some time had both it and the Timpany school under her care. They are two miles apart. She writes:—

"When, after an absence of two and a half years your missionary was permitted to return to the land of her adoption, it was with deep joy and an intense desire to be used of God in the work. It was with *ing home*, and the overflow of gratitude found vent in the fixed resolve,—'Henceforth this people, shall be my people, this land my own land.'

"As Miss Murray has reported the work of the school until the end of 1901, six weeks or so only remain to be accounted for before vacation, which began on May 15.

"Miss Murray left on March 31st and on April 1st I came to live in the compound here, where I could look after the work to some extent, as that

was the best arrangement that could be made. No one was available to help, and if we had engaged a teacher for the Timpany school for April, it would have involved the payment of her salary for May and June as well, an expense we could ill afford.

"Miss Murray had arranged the time-table before she left, so that the teachers of each standard taught that standard Bible lesson, in order that I might not feel it necessary to do any teaching while keeping up my classes in the English school.

"Miss Simpson very kindly undertook to visit the dormitories every morning to report any irregularities or cases of sickness, the early hour at which I was obliged to leave preventing my doing anything at all in the Telugu school until afternoon and evening.

"The withdrawal of close supervision resulted in much laxity in the domestic department, and there were disagreements and quarrels among the girls to an unusual degree. My efforts, for the six weeks I was in charge before vacation, were given to the settling of these matters, the care of the sick, the providing and giving out of supplies, and keeping the school accounts. After school closed a two weeks' visit to Pudimadaka, a little fishing village up the coast, where the Woodburnes and Miss McLeod were camping in an empty store house, helped to relieve the tedium of a hot season almost universally conceded to be unusually trying. I felt considerably benefitted by the change and rest, and invigorated by the daily salt water bath.

"Pray for me that I may be 'strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man,' and that I may be 'rooted and grounded in love.'"

#### TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

On the 4th of December, 1901, Miss Baskerville reached Calcutta on her return to India and at once took train for Cocanada, where a most hearty reception awaited her.

When she left Canada her hope and expectation had been to oversee the women's work on the Tuni field until Miss Priest's return; but at the request of the committee of the T. M. S. and with the consent of the Women's Board, she at once went to the Timpany School and entered upon her duties as Acting Principal. Her report is as follows:—

"The period during Miss Folsom's absence on furlough has been full of changes, and changes in school work are always more or less disastrous. Mrs. Woodburne returned from the hills in June, 1901, with the germs of the fever that afterwards

developed into typhoid. Late in July Miss Miller assumed charge and served very acceptably as Principal until the Christmas vacation, about the middle of December. For the first three months of 1902 I lived in the school and gave my whole time to the work. From the 1st of April I came to the Mission Compound to live, supervising the work of the Telugu School, while keeping up my classes in the English one until it closed for vacation on the 1st of May. It has been the custom to have school in the forenoons only during April, from 7 to 11 a.m., and this made it possible for me to divide my time between the two institutions. School re-opened on June 19th, and in order to save the expense of a teacher's salary for the few days remaining, I resumed my classes until the end of the month. Miss Martin's resignation at the end of 1901, left her place to be filled as well as that of Principal, but as funds were very low we divided the work among us as best we could, and were able to keep up the classes with a little extra assistance from Miss Morris, and the addition to the staff as pupil teacher of Miss Eveline Beggs, whose home is in town.

"Two of the successful candidates in the last Lower Secondary Examination remained in school as boarders and we arranged for them to pursue their studies in the next higher grade, though our curriculum and staff have really no provision for it. Munshi P. Venkataratnam Garu, rendered valuable assistance to these young ladies in the mathematics of the IV Form (VIII Standard).

"Conscientious, faithful work has been done by the whole staff, and the children have made satisfactory progress, but we have not been able to hold our own in point of numbers. We find the parents much more exacting and hard to please here than in Canada, and children have been withdrawn from our school and sent to the convent for the most foolish and insufficient reasons, in fact, almost anything will serve as an excuse. Though the school is undenominational, the fact that it is so largely under the control and influence of Baptists, accounts to a great extent for this state of things, as Baptist principles are essentially unpopular.

"Between July 1st and the end of the year we had 36 day scholars and 16 boarders, of the day scholars 7 were boys. During the first term in the present year the number on our rolls was 40 day scholars, of whom 12 were boys, and the number of boarders numbered 12. The number of boarders

decreased at the end of the year, two of the girls had passed the highest grade taught in the school, one was withdrawn because her parents were transferred to a great distance, and they wished to put her in a school nearer at hand; one, after some five years of patient and prayerful effort on the part of those in charge, was deemed incorrigible and handed over to her guardians.

"The day school suffered from removals also. Two of our day scholars were sent to England and one to a school on the hills, three others removed with their parents from town.

"Besides the secular work of the school, the Bible classes and Temperance lessons were kept up in all the standards, the daily Bible lesson giving place to a Temperance lesson once a week.

"The 12 girls who were boarding in the school when I took charge were all professing Christians, and there were some among them who proved by their faithful consistent lives that their love for their Saviour was deep and true. The week days were very busy and full, the girls had their studies and recreations; my own time was occupied with the five hours daily teaching, the preparation of lessons, which thirteen years' disuse of English, and the difficulties presented by an entirely new set of textbooks, and an unfamiliar curriculum rendered necessary, the accounts and correspondence of the school and a little visiting among the families of our day scholars, but we met for an hour or so on Sunday mornings after Sunday school for spiritual strengthening, and I trust the little informal meetings were helpful. When the girls come to the first meal of the day at 6.30 a.m., each one recites a verse chosen by herself. This has been the custom for many years in the school, and the beautiful words give fragrance to the day.

"My experience in the school convinces me that we must do our very best for it, bringing it to as high a standard of excellence as possible, in order that the name of our Master may be glorified, and the councils of our enemies brought to naught.

"Miss Folsom's return is eagerly looked for and it will be a relief to all concerned when she is once more at the helm. She has manifestly been endowed with special grace for this work and it is cause for great rejoicing that one has been found to be her associate in bearing its burden."

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Laflamme writes:—

"The village schools are doing important work

for the furtherance of the Gospel. There are five on this field under my care. The most primitive is that at Sarpavaram conducted by the paralytic Vinakoti Appanna, and the most advanced and best equipped is that right here in the compound taught by a convert from Brahmanism. . . . Two of the little girls from Appanna's School are now in the boarding school in Cocanada and one of the boys is now in the Seminary at Samalkota. These schools exist primarily for the children of native Christians, but the Hindu and Mohamedan children are encouraged to come and do come. But our idea in opening them is to enable every child of God to learn to read the Word of God in his own tongue and to know enough to raise him above the scandalous impositions only possible upon an utterly illiterate people.

"The gilt-edged school of this field has been down at the village of Coringa, the old home of the Gibson family. This little school of fourteen children is presided over by Atchamma, the wife of the preacher. She has the nicest little school there is and has done a good work amongst them.

"One of the three schools in the town is in a Mala suburb, another in a Madiga suburb and the third is in the compound.

"From the school in Jagganaikapur have come some of the best Christians in the church to-day. The school was taught for years by the late pastor, the Rev. Jonathan Burder, when he was a lad, and his work then was so true that long years afterward when his pupils had grown to be men and he became the pastor of this church they came out in response to his earnest appeals and are now pillars in the church here.

"Pray for our schools that in them the word which is so faithfully taught and the prayers offered, and the life and influence of the teachers may tell on the young life of the little ones and bring them to know the Friend and Saviour of the children."

#### AKIDU.

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." These words have been *Miss Morrow's* help and comfort in her work, both among the heathen and the Christians during the past year. "Day by day" she writes, "the precious promises of God must be our strength or we would be discouraged and give up in despair."

"The months of August and September were spent by Miss Morrow in touring on the eastern side of the Akidu field, accompanied by the faithful Bible-woman Rutnama, who, although in consumption and not able to work very hard, loves to do it for Jesus' sake. Christians and heathen were visited and the Lord blessed the work. In many villages the women begged them to stay longer. All October was spent touring by boat with Miss McLaurin, thus reaching a part of the Vuyyuru field that is only accessible by boat. Here two weeks were spent, the other two were spent on the Akidu field. On reaching a village each would take a Bible-woman and go to different parts of the village. In this way, by the time each had preached in about three houses, all the women in that village would have had an opportunity to hear. From eleven till five was the time chosen for these visits, for although the heat at noon-day was intense, it was the very best time to find the Sudra women at leisure, as the men were away on the fields. The women would all gather at a neighbor's house where there was a good verandah or shed and sit for an hour or so without any interruptions. On this tour Miss Morrow found several villages that had not been visited for a long time and some of the people were hungry for the Word. In one village nearly all the people were thinking of becoming Christians; in another, about half were inquiring. Here, Miss Morrow found a young woman who could read and so took her on as a Bible-woman to work among the women in her own village and vicinity, her name is Ruth. It has not been possible to visit that part since, for where there are so many villages it is hard to know which ones to work and which to pass over and it is impossible for one person to see them all once a year. The town of Akidu with its surroundings took Miss Morrow's time during November. A tour among Christians with a coolie woman as companion being made the last week. December, with her Bible-woman Jemina as helper, was spent in touring, and January, February and March in visiting the Christian villages on the west side of the field, those in the Moturn and Zunnapudi churches and those in the canal of the Peyyuru and Achavaram churches.

"A short rest in company with other missionaries during the intense heat was greatly enjoyed.

"Four Bible-women assist Miss Morrow in her work, but she is still praying for a touring Bible-

woman, one who has no home ties. A few simple medicines are used in touring, but the sick are always sent to the hospital in Akidu. Gospel and religious books are sold in the villages, papers and tracts are given away.

"One hundred and forty-three days have been spent in touring. Miss Morrow writes of this:— 'There is enough work right here within three or four miles of Akidu to keep one busy all the time. I do hope there will soon be another lady sent for this field.' While Telugu does not come with great freedom, Miss Morrow is advancing and believes that this year's work will be much better than the last, she realizes 'It is God that girdeth me with strength.'"

#### TUNI.

The enforced absence of Miss Priest has left the women's work on the Tunni field without an overseer. Before Miss Priest left for her furlough she called the Christian women together for prayer and counsel. They laid their case before God and determined in His strength to do all they could to keep the work from falling back until the missionary's return. This they have faithfully done. Miss Priest is now on her way back to her loved charge and no doubt will find them stronger Christians because of their work for one another and their Master during their loneliness. Nothing has been reported about the village schools on this field.

#### RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

In reporting the work on the Ramachandrapuram field *Miss Hatch* says:—

"As I look back over the past eight years and see how during that time the work has opened up in so many villages, when I see how many houses have been opened up to us and how many hundreds and thousands of women have heard the Gospel from our lips, when I see the staff of workers increased, notwithstanding the losses by the call to come up higher, when I see our Cockshutt School for caste girls opened and think of the numbers who have come to us and gone from us with so much knowledge of Bible truth and with a memory stored with sacred songs about the Saviour Jesus, when I think of the day schools that have been helped and encouraged through the examinations and prizes we have given them and of the many Sunday Schools that have also been opened up through our efforts, when I think of the Women's Circles and Temperance Societies that have been organized and the number

of women and children who though illiterate have been led to commit so much of the precious Word to memory, when I think of the beginnings of work among many of the Hindu schools that we have been invited to visit and of the Hindu women who here and there among the homes we visit are professing a real love for Jesus Christ and of the many women among the outcastes who through the efforts of our voluntary and our paid workers have been led to accept Christ and be baptized, when I think of the Dr. Kellock Home for Lepers where nearly 70 of these poor suffering ones have not only found relief to the body but where 33 have found Christ as the salvation of their souls, when I think of the coming of the hospital assistant who is giving himself first to the lepers then as he has time for the sick and the suffering that are always around about him and of the influence he may wield among the highest castes who have as yet scarcely been touched, when I think of these things my heart is filled with gratitude and my soul overflows with joy.

"Regarding the work of this last year I would just say that several tours were made, though necessarily short ones, as the building of the chapel for the leper compound, the buying of a new compound on which is to be built the Home for Untainted Children of Lepers, the building of the hospital assistants or doctor's quarters and other buildings, demanded that much of my time be spent at the station. On one of these tours Miss Morrow who wished for some more experience, on another Dr. Hulet who wished an introduction to some of the work in the field, accompanied me.

"A special interest among some of the Sudra women in Mendapetta must be mentioned. One Narsamma seems really to have entered into the light and comes to the services in the little chapel there notwithstanding the jeers of her neighbors.

"Of our Bible-women, M. Sarah and G. Martha have worked about as usual. Bullemma who had a few month's training at Cöcanada, married soon after, but will reside in Ramachandrapuram so hope she will not be lost to the work. P. Mary who did such noble work in and about Kaleru has had some training and is now working among villages where there are no other Christian workers except when the missionary makes an occasional tour.

"One of our teachers in the Cockshutt school was sent for training but her health failed. We have had the joy of engaging M. Cassie as our head

teacher, one who had had long and valued experience as a teacher in the Cocanada boarding school. She and Dora make an excellent staff for our girls' school. At Christmas all but one who appeared passed their examinations. About 25 are on the roll.

"We have had the joy of laying the foundation of the chapel and dispensary in the Lepers' Compound and of dedicating it to the service of God during a visit of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey who represented the Mission to Lepers. The corner-stone of the doctor's home was laid amid much ceremony in the presence of the leading officials of the town and addresses were made by some of their representatives by Mr. Davis and Mr. Laflamme. To this building there is also a dispensary and, when funds permit, we hope to complete two more rooms for the accommodation of patients who may come from a distance.

"The new graduate of the medical school at Agra, D. L. Joshee, one sent for training from our own mission and who came after I left with the congratulations of his professor for having come out first in a graduating class of 57, has had his welcome from Dr. Hulet who rejoiced at this new accession to her forces.

"The last two months of the year reported, May and June, were spent in travel homewards. How we would love to have seen your faces at the Convention and to have felt the warm grasp of your hands, but rest is so necessary. I feel very much like a disabled hulk of a vessel which every breath of adverse wind turns to its will and I must be thoroughly replenished, oiled over and trimmed up before I can be of any use to any one. While in Winnipeg and Topeka I hope the Lord may replenish me as He will and make me fit to return to His blessed service in India by the time another Convention meets. Pray for me to this end.

"Summary of work for nine months.

Houses visited	232
Villages visited	105
Meetings	81
Special talks	11
Bible classes	108
Schools examined	15
Days on tour	55
Visits to Leper Home	75"

Miss Hatch started for Canada on the 24th of April, leaving Dr. Gertrude Hulet in charge of the field. Dr. Hulet has tried to keep up the regular

monthly meetings with the Bible-women, the weekly meetings with the Christian women on the compound Pusalpudi, and the meetings with the leper women in the leper chapel, the charge of the Sunday schools and of the caste school as well as her medical work.

The Sunday school workers have been faithful during all the intense heat of the past summer. They meet at 2.30 to pray and sing before starting out, then books for recording the attendance of boys and girls, men and women are given them, also little colored slips with pictures illustrating the lesson and the golden text, these are given to the children who recite the golden text. Dr. Hulet hopes great things for the Caste Sunday school and gives some interesting instances of good being done there.

The medical work has been pressing. As it was necessary that Dr. Hulet should have her mornings for study, no patient was seen then unless a very urgent case. For some time it was necessary to have the assistance of a compounder, Benjamin by name, who had been trained by Dr. Smith. He did much in giving the Word to the people while Dr. Hulet prescribed. Dr. Joshee is a very great help to Dr. Hulet in the medical work, she describes him as valiant for the Truth. Whenever a case is not very urgent he makes it his first duty to tell his patients about Christ.

Through the medical work our missionaries are making their way into the homes and the hearts of the Brahmins, notwithstanding the fact that those in Ramachandrapuram had made up their minds to keep this religion out.

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

There are thirteen village schools on the Ramachandrapuram field. From them four girls have gone into the boarding schools and three boys. Two girls have been baptized. All attend Sunday school and help to sing in the church. They are the only ones in the congregation who can read.

There is still a lack of good teachers, but now that there is a Normal school to which the boys can be sent for training, it is hoped that want may be soon met.

#### PEDDAPURAM.

A measure of restored health has made the past year a very happy one for Miss MacLeod, who reports having spent fifty-four days on tour and seen the work of the Bible-women in outside villages. In

the neighborhood of Shankalapudi, Nagamma, whose home is there about, worked with Miss MacLeod. Although Nagamma does not seem to be a power among the caste people, a number of candidates were examined there for baptism who must have received a great deal of their teaching from her. They seemed to understand and to have laid hold of the way of salvation in a way that made Miss MacLeod's heart very glad. Miss MacLeod writes:—"One day we drove seven and a half miles and then walked four more, where we had to scramble over rocks, up hill and down dale, till we reached a tiny village on a hill and surrounded by hills where there are a number of Christians, whole-hearted sort of people, who looked upon our visit as a great event in their lives, and indeed, it was a great event to me also, for it was the first time I had been there. The work amongst the caste people in that vicinity was not very satisfactory; but at Kilampudi, Rebecca took Miss MacLeod each afternoon to visit the caste houses where she is accustomed to work and there it was very gratifying to see how interested many of those women are, and to find how much they know of the true God and only Saviour.

"When visiting Pithapuram and the surrounding villages, Miss MacLeod took Leah who lives in Peddapuram and works with her. Here they had many good hearings and happy times together. Sayamma, is also a great help to Miss MacLeod in Peddapuram, where she lives and works. 'She knows whom she has believed.' 'Many of the Bible-women are only half-day workers and all have household cares.'

"This, says Miss MacLeod, 'is the brief record for another year, what and when shall the harvest be.' The promise is, 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' We have gone forth with the precious seed and have come again with rejoicing, but where are the sheaves? Was our travail of soul not sufficient, and the seed unwatered by our tears unfruitful? Sometimes we sadly ask the question, but again we remember the promise which cannot fail, 'He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied' and with joy we looked forward to see the day of His satisfaction."

#### SAMALKOTTA.

##### BIBLE-WOMEN.

Ever since moving to Samalkotta Mrs. Craig

has had Bible-women at work. Lately they have been under Miss MacLeod's direction and attend the monthly meetings at Peddapuram. These women have up to the present time been supported chiefly by friends of Mrs. Craig, and an extra offering from the Beamsville Circle. They are Satyavedam, a trained worker who goes out every day and all day, often accompanying Miss MacLeod on her morning visits in Peddapuram, and also when on tour. Ellamma—Mrs. Craig's ayah—who is a voluntary worker, and by no means the least zealous, and Mary and Karanamma, the wives of teachers. Miss MacLeod has promised to visit Samalkotta one afternoon each week to direct these women in their work which is growing all the time.

#### THE SEMINARY.

In writing of the work of the Seminary Mr. Craig says:—"In the work that is directly spiritual we aim at two results; one is the growth of those who are God's children, and the other is the conversion of those who are not. During the year under review several of the boys were baptized on a profession of their faith. Others wished to be baptized, but we were not fully assured that they had experienced the new birth. We work for and look for the conversion of the unsaved boys, and the Lord grants us some souls from time to time. To Him be the glory!

"We have all kinds of boys in the school. Some are fairly bright, and others are very dull; some are industrious and others are lazy; some are good faithful boys and others are unreliable.

"In many Mission schools Hindu teachers are employed year after year, and no effort is made to get Christians prepared to take their places. That has not been the policy in our Mission. Mr. Stillwell began many years ago to give financial help to some Christian young men in their High school course on the understanding that they should become teachers in the Seminary. The first one to complete his preparation joined us in January last. After passing the Matriculation examination he had taken a year's training at a Government College. His name is Israel, he is a brother of our headmaster Mr. Abraham.

"I thank the sisters for their prayers in the past and ask for a continuance of them in the future."

#### VUYVURU.

The women's work on the Vuyvuru field belongs to the East Ontario and Quebec Board and is

always reported to it. *Miss Selman* is now in charge of that work during the absence of the missionary on furlough and reports of her movements as follows:—"The first few months of this Convention year were spent in Cocanada, trying to put my study into practice by teaching a class in Sunday School. Sometimes I accompanied *Miss Murray* to the women's prayer meetings to observe her plans of conducting such meetings and to listen to Telugu and get acquainted with the people.

"I came to Vuyuru after January Conference and during February toured with *Miss McLaren* on this field, meeting some of the workers and trying to get acquainted with the work.

"In March I wrote on my second examination. It was not thought wise for me to stay alone in the station during the hot season, so I went with *Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell* to the hills and completed preparation for my third examination.

"Last week after the Conference meetings were all over I wrote on the third examination and had the pleasure of teaching a Bible class before the examiners.

"The year has been a very full one and truly a very happy one. The Lord has been teaching me more of himself. I have been realizing more of what it means to live moment by moment in the faith which is in the Son of God.

"Were I to look at the work, apart from the promised source of strength and wisdom, my heart would utterly fail. But thanks be to God His commands are His enablers.

"Pray that wisdom may be granted unto me to teach the Christians on the field, and so preach Christ and practice His teachings that heathen may ask after God.

"God has graciously granted unto me health and strength. He has done great things for me whereof I am glad."

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS—VUYURU.

*Mr. Stillwell* reports "that two of the oldest and best schools on the Vuyuru field ceased working through their supply of pupils being spent and have been replaced by two other vigorous and promising ones each with an average attendance of about fifteen. There are fifteen schools with two hundred pupils in more or less regular attendance. Progress has been made in the more permanent character which many of the schools are assuming, 'a very real gain indeed.'

"The great hindrance to progress is as on former

years the poverty of the people and lack of appreciation of an education for their children, and yet village schools are a great factor in evangelizing the people; where they exist Sunday schools can be maintained."

*Mr. Stillwell* says in closing his report, "Possibly the greatest need of this field, from a human standpoint, is more and better village schools. 'Pray that the need may be met adequately and soon.'"

#### WOMAN'S WORK ON THE ANAKAPALLE AND NARSAPATNAM FIELDS.

*Mrs. McLeod* writes:—"Eight months of the year *Salome, Rachel* and *Ruth* worked in Anakapalle and near villages. The homes in Anakapalle opened up to the number of one hundred and ninety-seven (197) and the attendance in the fifteen Sunday schools grew steadily, and the quarterly examinations gave unmistakable evidence of ever-increasing interest in the lessons and hymns taught. Early in March we moved to Narsapatnam. *Salome* and *Rachel* accompanied us, and ten (10) of the Anakapalle schools dropped out of existence. Ten new schools have, however, been begun in Narsapatnam and near villages, bringing the total number of Sunday schools on this field up to twelve (12).

"Of the twelve, but two meet in the chapel, the others gather under trees or in the shade of a wall, or on some friendly Hindu's verandah, or in the open street. Some of the new schools have met with much opposition from parents and relations; and more than once a school has seemed to make a place for itself, and to be fairly established, when without any apparent reason, not a boy or girl of all whom we counted regular attendants could be gotten to come near the school, and a new lot of children had to be looked up. In one school the attendance has changed in this way, three times in five months.

"Instead of giving to the beggars any hour of any day of the week, we bid all come on Saturday morning. When they are gathered (usually they number about thirty) one of the Bible-women teaches them a verse of scripture, a verse of a hymn and a lesson from the picture roll, and we call them the Beggar's Sunday school. Some are lepers, some are blind, others are lame, or crippled in some way, others are simply old and wretched, and all seem to find it extremely difficult to learn the lessons and their teacher is often discouraged. The Bible-women on this field now number four—*Annamma, Kannamma, Salome* and *Rachel*. *Salome* is sup-

ported by the Telugu Women's Helpmeet Society of the Godavery Association, and Rachel is supported by the Telugu Women's Helpmeet Society of the Kolair Association.

"With exception of a few Brahmin houses, every house of every caste in Narsapatnam, is open to these Bible-women and to me, and in addition to this work here in the town, forty-two (42) near villages are being visited regularly. The welcome accorded us in these villages, and the eager earnestness with which the Word and the Message is listened to, make us hopeful for the future of the Kingdom hereabouts.

"Our Circle of the Telugu Woman's Helpmeet Society has been a source of joy all through the hot season. We meet weekly for Bible study and over the Word, have come very near to each other and to the Father. We have also been memorizing portions of scripture—I Cor. 13, Romans 12, and James 3. One meeting a month is given to Roll Call, payment of fees and the programme appointed by the Society.

"The Dharmasagram day school reports the best year it has yet had—ten pupils passed from the Primary into First Standard and one pupil passed examination into the Third Standard."

This is the record as far as has been told us of the seed sowing. The harvest will not be fully known until we gather with that "great multitude which no man can number of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues before the throne and before the Lamb."

In the meantime our missionaries are pleading for more workers. Yellamanchili has for years been asking for a single lady missionary. Tuni has been vacant during all the months of Miss Priest's furlough. The work at Ramachandrapuram is stupendous, Dr. Hulet is not able to compass it, her whole time could be taken up in the medical work alone. Akidu calls for more help. When Mrs. McLeod comes home next year after about fifteen years service Narsapatnam and Anakapalle will again have no one to oversee the work for women there. From every station the cry comes "we cannot overtake the work."

Mr. Davis says, "The women hold the keys of Hindooism and they must be reached before we can have any great turning to the Lord." He also writes, "A lady for touring and a lady for station work on all the fields is needed, and I hope with that as your motto you will push forward."

JANE BUCHAN.

### Treasurer's Twenty-Sixth Annual Report.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.				
Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Aldborough Plains.....	\$ 5 50			\$ 5 50
Aylmer.....	83 95	\$10 00		93 95
Calton.....	13 85			13 85
Dutton.....	5 50	2 25		7 75
Pingal.....	8 00			8 00
Gladstone.....	32 45			32 45
Jaffa.....	7 78			7 78
Lakeshore, Calvary.....	83 38			83 38
Lorne, West.....	5 00			5 00
Malabide and Bayham.....	30 00			30 00
New Sarum.....	11 80	4 08		15 88
Port Burwell.....	9 40			9 40
Shedden.....	14 04	6 50		20 54
Sparta.....	14 77			14 77
St. Thomas Centre St. Association Collection.....	95 95	4 00	\$17 00	116 95
				5 50
15 Circles. 6 Bands	\$421 77	\$27 75	\$17 00	\$472 02
GUELPH ASSOCIATION.				
Acton.....	\$5 65			\$5 65
Berlin.....	\$7 50	\$4 82		12 32
Belfountain.....	3 50			3 50
Brampton.....	9 40	34 00		43 40
Cheltenham.....	25 00	2 50		27 50
Erin.....	2 00			2 00
Fullarton.....	30 00		5 00	35 00
Galt.....	32 40		4 35	36 75
Georgetown.....	17 85	Late		17 85
Guelph, First Church.....	29 30	10 00		39 30
Guelph, Trinity Church.....	30 05	10 75		40 80
Hespeler.....	24 35	33 00		57 35
Hillsburg.....	7 95			7 95
Orangeville.....	12 25			12 25
St. Mary's.....	6 06	22 10		28 16
Stratford.....	16 00	9 00		25 00
Association Collection.....				1 45
13 Circles. 9 Bands.	\$216 06	\$141 35	\$14 17	\$371 93
MIDDLESEX AND LAMTON.				
Arkona.....	\$20 10			\$20 10
Ailsa Craig.....	23 65			23 65
Alvinston.....	5 20			5 20
Brigden.....	16 30			16 30
Brooke.....	14 81			14 81
Brooke and Enniskillen.....	18 50			18 50
Calvary (Wanstead).....	5 00			5 00
Courtright and Moore Centre.....	16 80			16 80
Denfield.....	8 30			8 30
Forest.....	6 30	2 00		8 30
London, Adelaide St. Young Ladies.....	(113 20 Y.P. 8 20)			121 40
Egerton St.....	25 00 Jr. 5 00)			30 00
Maitland St.....	5 55	5 30		11 85
South.....	54 50	26 95		81 45
Talbot St.....	131 38	7 00	17 21	155 59
Nissouri, West.....	7 00			7 00
Parke Hill.....	5 40	12 00		17 40
Petrolia.....	104 66	38 00		142 66
Plympton.....	13 50			13 50
Poplar Hill.....	10 50			10 50
Sarnia.....	(35 62 9 50)			45 12
Young Ladies.....	(8 00)			8 00
Brock St.....	15 00	1 05		16 05
Township.....	38 05	3 00		41 05
Strathroy.....	18 00			18 00
Watford.....	2 40			2 40
Wyoming.....	(10 00)			10 00
Young Ladies.....	(3 78)			3 78
Association Collection.....				3 29
27 Circles. 13 Bands.	\$726 89	\$131 14	\$17 21	\$875 53
NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.				
Beamsville.....	\$21 25			\$21 25
Birchok.....	5 00	\$17 00		22 00
Caistor.....	2 50			2 50
Dundas.....	7 75			7 75
Fonthill.....	2 75			2 75
Fredton.....	7 00			7 00
Grimsby.....	12 00			12 00
Hamilton, Herkimer St.....			Jr. C.E.	
James St.....	47 15		Pr. Dpt.	64 15
			5 00	

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NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Victoria Ave.	31 10	36 00		67 10
Junior		Late		
Wentworth St.	16 00	30 10		46 10
Baby Band		77		
Port Colborne	9 00			9 00
St. Catharines, Lyman St.	21 84	3 00		24 84
Queen St.	71 48	24 50		96 98
Tyneside	2 40			2 40
Wentworth	33 30	10 00		43 30
Association Collection			2 86	2 86
<b>16 Circles. 8 Bands.</b>	<b>\$297 32</b>	<b>\$128 77</b>	<b>\$17 00</b>	<b>\$445 95</b>
Bloomsburg	\$6 00	\$8 00		\$14 00
Boston	20 00	13 50		33 50
Cheapside	5 00	3 75		8 75
Culton	8 00	20 00		28 00
De Cewville	13 00	2 00		15 00
Delhi	7 15	17 50		24 65
Eden		1 00		1 00
Forestville	6 50	4 00		10 50
Hagersville	8 00	4 00		12 00
Hartford	16 50	4 32		20 82
Houghton, First	4 60	10 00		14 60
Langton	5 60	6 00		11 60
"One Cove		2 94		2 94
Port Rowan	1 50			1 50
Selkirk	25 75	4 20		29 95
Simcoe	12 50			12 50
Young Ladies		13 38		13 38
Townsend Centre	3 00			3 00
Villa Nova	20 00	12 00		32 00
Victoria	53 65	19 00		72 74
Waterford			5 24	5 24
Association Collection				
<b>17 Circles. 17 Bands</b>	<b>\$216 75</b>	<b>\$145 88</b>		<b>\$362 63</b>

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Barr	\$22 16	\$3 00		\$25 16
Bardsville		16 50		16 50
Bracebridge		6 00		6 00
Burk's Falls	13 10	5 00		18 10
Collingwood	11 40	6 07		17 47
Doe Lake	3 75			3 75
Fort William	13 37			13 37
Gravenhurst	14 00			14 00
Midland	5 50			5 50
New Liskeard	10 10	2 25		12 35
Perry Sound	14 00	30 00		44 00
Port Arthur	3 00			3 00
Sault Ste. Marie	7 17		\$3 00	10 17
Sprucedale	3 00			3 00
Staysner	5 00			5 00
Stroud	7 17			7 17
Uthoff	3 00			3 00
Association Collection			4 09	4 09
<b>15 Circles. 7 Bands.</b>	<b>\$128 05</b>	<b>\$68 82</b>	<b>\$3 00</b>	<b>\$200 87</b>

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Bentick	\$12 00			\$12 00
Bruce, North	21 75			21 75
Burgoyne	5 35			5 35
Chesley	13 75			13 75
Daywood	14 35			14 35
Durham	5 00			5 00
Elderslie	5 00			5 00
Flesherton	5 00			5 00
Keady	2 75			2 75
Mealord	7 68			7 68
Owen Sound	3 80			3 80
Baby Band	34 00	25 00		59 00
Late				
Paisley	17 00	15 05		32 05
Port Elgin	6 50			6 50
Sullivan	5 00			5 00
Straven (formerly S. Sydenham)	4 00			4 00
Tara	6 35			6 35
Warton	4 00			4 00
Association Collection			4 25	4 25
<b>17 Circles. 2 Bands</b>	<b>\$163 68</b>	<b>\$40 05</b>		<b>\$203 73</b>

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Ayr	\$3 45		\$ 55	\$4 00
Beachville	9 18			9 18
Brantford, Calvary Ch.	48 00	11 00		59 00
First Ch.	600 00	17 00		617 00
Immanuel Ch.	21 80	2 80		24 60
Park Ch.	75 72	11 35		87 07

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Brownville	8 25			8 25
Burford	8 25			8 25
Burgessville	39 00			39 00
Burch	9 00			9 00
Ingersoll	14 45	5 75	3 80	18 55
Norwich	36 10	4 65		40 75
Onondaga First	7 10			7 10
Oxford East				
West	10 00	10 75		20 75
Paris	30 51	4 50		35 01
Stairford	15 00			15 00
Scotland	28 20	7 42		35 62
Springford	3 00			3 00
St. George	40 80	8 50		49 30
Tilsenburg	9 50			9 50
Woodstock, First Ch	28 35	27 00		55 35
Oxford St.	23 19	18 00		41 19
Association Collection				3 45
<b>22 Circles. 13 Bands.</b>	<b>\$1,134 57</b>	<b>\$135 59</b>	<b>\$4 15</b>	<b>\$1,274 96</b>

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Belleville	\$21 50	\$3 88		\$25 38
Bewdley		11 00		11 00
Cobourg	19 52			19 52
Colborne	6 00			6 00
Cramahe	8 75			8 75
Gilmour Memorial Ch.	31 05	7 00		38 05
Haldimand	7 75			7 75
Lakefield	21 35	6 00		27 35
Norwood	1 25	1 50		2 75
Peterborough Murray St.	113 43	34 25		147 68
Baby Band		1 85		1 85
Park St.	5 25			5 25
Port Hope	108 45	35 13		143 58
Baby Band		7 00		7 00
Selwyn	4 23			4 23
Stirling	3 38			3 38
Association Collection				2 00
<b>13 Circles. 9 Bands.</b>	<b>\$151 91</b>	<b>\$101 31</b>		<b>\$253 22</b>

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Aurora	\$8 50			\$8 50
Bethel	20 48			20 48
Markham, Second	20 00	5 00		25 00
York Mills	28 20			28 20
Toronto City				
Beverly St.	59 84			59 84
Y. W. Aux	205 15	7 51		212 66
Thank-offering	41 30			41 30
Century Ch.	39 32	4 46		43 78
Christie St.	17 00			17 00
College St.	62 71	17 00		79 71
Dovercourt Rd.	32 10			32 10
First Ave.	27 40			27 40
Immanuel Ch.	59 94			59 94
Jarvis St.	510 57	7 00		517 57
Kenilworth Girls	4 04			4 04
Memorial Ch.	12 88	4 00		16 88
Moulton College.	5 00	28 00		33 00
Olivet Church.	15 70	7 42		23 12
(Formerly Sheridan Ave.)				
Ossington Ave.	18 25			18 25
Parliament St.	61 50			61 50
Walmer Road	110			110
Western Church	115 48	3 21		118 69
East Toronto	81 05	17 00	17 00	115 05
West Toronto Junction	12 51			12 51
Association Collection	8 07			8 07
<b>23 Circles. 11 Bands.</b>	<b>\$1,461 88</b>	<b>\$82 70</b>	<b>\$52 00</b>	<b>\$1,606 58</b>

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other	Total.
Atwood	\$0 60			\$0 60
Clinton	4 00	\$1 25		5 25
Farewell		2 35		2 35
Glamis	15 70	5 84		21 54
Kenilworth	11 30			11 30
Listowel	13 96			13 96
Mount Forest	42 47	5 00		47 47
Palmerston	3 65			3 65
Teeswater	14 50			14 50
Tiverton	20 00			20 00
Walkerton	25 84	7 30		33 14
Wingham	7 33			7 33
Association Collection				4 70
<b>11 Circles. 5 Bands.</b>	<b>\$168 35</b>	<b>\$21 14</b>		<b>\$189 49</b>

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## STATEMENT FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Name.	Circle.	Other		Total.	RECEIPTS.		
		Band.	Organ'n				
WESTERN ASSOCIATION.					Balance forward Oct. 20, 1901:		
					Special funds.....	\$415 00	
					Regular work.....	1374 99	\$1789 99
					Amount from Circles (including \$278.10 extras).....	5486 66	
					Amount from Bands (including \$97.88 extras).....	1136 31	
					Amount from other organizations (including \$5 extras).....	124 73	
					Amount from Association Collections.....	52 25	
					Miscellaneous (including \$84.15 extras, \$15 from Convention East, and \$165.47 refund).....	1203 10	\$8107 34
					Total.....		\$9877 33
WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.					DISBURSEMENTS.		
					By General Treasurer:		
					Regular estimates (as amended).....	\$602 00	
					Additions to estimates.....	135 46	
					Special estimates.....	700 00	
					New missionaries.....	666 68	
					Small extras as designated by donors:		
					For lepers.....	72 26	
					Extra girl at Cavanada School.....	6 00	
					Extra Bible-woman, Satyavedam.....	8 00	
					Deficit of General Board.....	12 08	
					For Bolivia Mission.....	50 25	
					Home Expenses: (including \$5 to General Treasurer for purchases on our behalf).....	104 53	
					Total.....		\$7677 00
					Balance October 20, 1902:		
					New Missionaries (Misses Corning and Pratt).....	127 82	
					Refunds.....	38 72	
					Regular work.....	1949 26	
					Total.....		\$9877 33
MISCELLANEOUS.					"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.		
					Balance forward October 20, 1901.....		\$353 70
					Amount from Circles.....	1292 00	
					Amount from Miscellaneous.....	268 06	427 06
					Total.....		\$785 76
					By General Treasurer:		
					Dr. Gertrude Hulet and <i>Munshi</i> , as per special estimate.....	\$541 87	
					Balance October 20th, 1902.....	243 89	
					Total receipts from our Society.....	\$855 93	
					Total disbursements during the year.....	823 40	
					Income Available for regular work.....	6704 80	
					Total number of Circles heard from, 216		
					Total number of Bands heard from, 114		
					NOTE.—On the new Missionaries' account \$150 of the passage money to India was provided by a transfer order on the General Treasurer, from funds paid last year.		
					VIOLET ELLIOT, Treasurer.		
					Toronto, 27th Oct., '02.		
					Audited and found correct.		
					JOHN FIRSBROOK, } Auditors.		
					FRED L. RATCLIFF, }		

NOTE.—"On account of lack of space the list of receipts from October 15th, to November 15th, 1902, is held over until the January issue."  
VIOLET ELLIOT, Treasurer.

**COST OF CONQUEST.**—It is said that the Boer War, up to March '02, cost Great Britain \$1,100,000,000, each Boer costing \$3,400, and the conquest of each soldier costing \$32,000. How much more expensive this than the Church's war, and the conquering of Christ's enemies and making them His willing subjects.

**MISSIONARY FIGURES.**—These figures are increasing continually, but at present there are, in round numbers, 558 foreign missions, with 18,000 mis-

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Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other Organs	Total.	RECEIPTS.		
WESTERN ASSOCIATION.					Balance forward Oct. 20, 1901:		
					Special funds	\$215 00	
					Regular work	1274 99	
						\$1789 99	
					Amount from Circles (including \$278.10 extras)	5480 66	
					Amount from Bands (including \$97.82 extras)	1196 51	
					Amount from other organizations (including \$85 extras)	124 73	
					Amount from Association Collections	52 25	
					Miscellaneous (including \$841.15 extras, \$15 from Convention East, and \$165.47 refund)	1203 10	
						\$8107 34	
					Total	\$987 33	
12 Circles. 4 Bands.					\$189 50	\$39 62	\$233 99
WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.							
Bobcaygeon	\$4 50			\$4 50			
Brookline	12 00	\$6 00		18 00			
Claremont	20 00	17 00		37 00			
Fensation Falls	13 00	4 00		17 00			
Goodwood	4 20			4 20			
Greenbank	5 18			5 18			
Green River		1 75		1 75			
Lindsay	25 05	10 00		35 05			
Oshawa	6 00	8 50		14 50			
Pickering	10 55			10 55			
Port Perry	10 90	7 75		18 65			
Reabrook	5 50	10 45		15 75			
Stouffville	8 30	10 14		18 44			
Uxbridge	8 67	17 00		25 67			
Whitby	9 00			9 00			
Whitevale	9 18			9 18			
Association Collection				3 85			
15 Circles. 10 Bands.					\$152 03	\$92 39	\$247 47
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Collection from Silver Anniversary Convention				\$109 09			
Interest on Deposit—General Account				\$44 22			
—Medical Lady Fund				5 06			
Contributions from Individuals—General Account				\$49 28			
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Investment—Miss Nellie Davies' gift				1175 11			
"Redemption Home" for lepers				40 00			
Legacy from Miss J. Shenstone, balance				4 04			
Convention East, Tabernacle S. S. Montreal				3 26			
Refunds—From sale of "Prayer Cycles"				15 00			
General Board, 5th and last instalment				8 39			
Cocanada school buildings				157 08			
				165 47			
				\$1961 25			
					By General Treasurer:		
					Regular estimates (as amended)	\$6026 00	
					Additions to estimates	135 46	
					Special estimates	700 00	
					New missionaries	666 68	
					Small extras as designated by donors:		
					For lepers	72 86	
					Extra girl at Cocanada School	6 00	
					Extra Bible-woman, Satyavedam	8 00	
					Deficit of General Board	12 08	
					For Bolivia Mission	90 25	
						\$7677 00	
					Home Expenses: (including \$5 to General Treasurer for purchases on our behalf)	104 53	
						\$7781 53	
					Balance October 20, 1902:		
					New Missionaries (Misses Corning and Pratt)	127 82	
					Refunds	38 72	
					Regular work	1949 26	
					Total	\$987 33	
					"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.		
					Balance forward October 20, 1901	\$355 70	
					Amount from Circles	159 00	
					Amount from Miscellaneous	268 06	
						427 06	
						\$785 76	
					By General Treasurer:		
					Dr. Gertrude Hulet and Munshi, as per special estimate	\$541 87	
					Balance October 20th, 1902	243 89	
						\$785 76	
					Total receipts from our Society	\$853 93	
					Total disbursements during the year	823 40	
					Income Available for regular work	6704 80	
					Total number of Circles heard from	216	
					Total number of Bands heard from	114	
					NOTE.—On the new Missionaries' account \$120 of the passage money to India was provided by a transfer order on the General Treasurer, from funds paid last year.		
					VIOLET ELLIOT, Treasurer.		
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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER:—*For Chicacole, that the Spirit's power may be experienced in a large measure by the missionaries and their helpers, the schools, reading-room, hospital; and that a lady medical missionary may be called by the Spirit for this station; also, that generous Xmas gifts may be given to our Home Missions.*

### A CHRISTMAS LETTER.

#### *My Dear Friends:*

Nineteen hundred years ago there lived a man who had a wonderful vision of things eternal. Among other objects strange and holy, "he saw the dead, both small and great, stand before God and the Books were opened."

What a day that will be! The day of days! Will the Judge of all the earth find your name written therein? In that day, will there be seen some who have found an entrance through your influence and mine? Already our eyes are turned towards the birthday celebration of our Lord. We look backward naturally, and wonder where the weeks and months have flown. We say to ourselves "Old Father Time travels swiftly." We are almost face to face with another year. Is the record just as you would like it to be? Have we always kept in mind the "book of remembrance?" As we work and plan for the happiness and comfort, the joyous re-unions, the blessed fellowships of earthly friends and loved ones, during this holy Christmas time, will there be any special gift to Him who is the source of it all?

There are many who stand in the Christ child's place. Do not forget to make a special offering at this season of the year, for them. Do you know we are nearly \$100 behind in our Home Mission Collection for this first quarter?

Soon the bugle note will sound from eternity's shore. What we have been, and what we have done will be recorded on high. "Search me O God and know my thoughts, try me and know my ways," was the cry of the man after God's own heart. Shall we as a Union re-echo it, until the very throne is shaken and Jehovah Himself looks down in pity, saying, "O woman great is thy faith be it unto thee even as thou wilt?"

Life seems so small and eternity so large. Death but removes the bridge and lo we already stand on the borders of that vast unending sea. How much more are we occupied with the lesser things instead of the greater.

What shall we eat, what shall we drink, and where with all shall we be clothed, are necessary questions to be asked and answered. But after that, what is this life? Surely something higher and nobler was meant

by "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly."

When we think of Moses the law giver, Joshua the leader, Caleb the faithful, Elijah translated, Paul the great apostle, Peter the martyr, John in exile, Judson in prison, Carey, Paton, Williams, Chalmers and hosts of others who carried about with them the marks of the Lord Jesus, we cannot help asking, "What is life?" What is *my* life? Do we know the meaning of the words *power, prayer, sacrifice*, as these men knew it? Does He reveal Himself to some and not others? Why are we so indifferent while others fought to win the prize? Why has He put this treasure in earthen vessels? Why does He not work without us and bring lost souls to Himself? Oh why should there be such need of human help?

God who at sundry times and in divers manner revealed Himself, can in these last days manifest the true life to His people. Has the Christian world gone wrong regarding the interpretation of the birth and life of its Redeemer?

Do we merely gratify earthly ambition, vain glory, and selfish pride in our giving and exchanging of gifts? Does the merit of sacrifice always enter into the act? Can we ever know what it meant to Him who spared not His own son, but delivered Him up for us all?

The dear Father in Heaven who yearned over a lost world until He gave such a gift, looks with tender compassion upon mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, friends and loved ones, as they commemorate His glorious act.

But there are so many "out in the desert wild and drear," with no loving hearts to shield them, no tender hands to guide, and these He would have us bring.

Sometime, somewhere these lines brought a message to one who sought the easy walks of life. May they speak to all who read, their sweet meaning, at this happy Christmas time.

I said, Let me walk in the fields;  
He said, No, walk in the town.  
I said, There are no flowers there;  
He said, no flowers, but a crown.  
I said, but the skies are black.  
There's nothing but noise and din.  
And He wept as He set me back.  
There is more, He said, there is sin.

## MISSION BANDS, NOVA SCOTIA.

A note from the Provincial Secretary informs me that the letter, for the LINK, on Mission Bands in Nova Scotia, must reach the editor by the 12th of November. I supposed I had a week or more yet in which to gather items relating to the work. The time being limited, the news from Bands must of necessity be meagre.

On page 29, of October LINK, the following sentence may be found, "after 22 years of mission life, I am convinced that *no work pays so well as that for little children.*" From my somewhat lengthy experience in work for missions, in churches and Aid Societies, as well as Mission Bands, I am persuaded there is no effort pays so well, or is more important than among the young. A goodly number of the sisters are awaking to this fact. Many of our pastors' wives are becoming convinced of the need of early training if right results are to follow. As it has been said, "The offerings from churches depends largely on the interest taken in the work by the ministers," so I find, as a general thing, the interest in Mission Bands is largely dependent on the interest taken in them by the minister's wives.

Mrs. M. C. Higgins is moving in Band work in Hants County, which is evidenced by three Bands organized in the field over which her husband is pastor, upon which he entered a little more than a year since.

Our Associational Directors, and some of our County Secretaries are making efforts to establish Bands in churches and sections of churches, where it is possible so to do.

Miss F. Ellen, Secretary for Yarmouth, Co., has consented, in order to re-organize a Band at Pleasant Lake, to be leader, which takes her beyond the limits of her own church. Miss Crooke, Queen's Co., Secretary, works in three Bands, in two of which she is President.

There seems to be a growing interest in this work. Fourteen new Bands were reported at our Convention at Hebron, for the year; and since then five others have been launched and are moving out filled with new life.

There are now 90 Bands engaged in studying the world's need and their relation to that need; which may be expected, in after days, to bring forth a rich harvest in the kingdom of God.

As far as I am able to learn, the W. B. M. U. is the only Society which publishes lessons in leaflet form, for the use of Bands. These the leaders find very helpful.

A course of lessons are being prepared by Miss Etta J. Yuill; nine of which are on Foreign Missions, mainly relating to the Telugus. Three on Canadian Missions, the North-west, Grande Ligne and Maritime Missions, one on each. These leaflets are published at the very low rate of three cents per copy per year; which makes it possible, for even the poorest family to procure a

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MRS. P. R. FOSTER,  
Band Superintendent, N.S.

## QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

Amount received and disbursed during Quarter ending October 31st 1902.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Rec'd fr Nova Scotia, W. M. A. S.	\$365 12	\$50 67	\$415 79
" " New Brunswick, "	190 86	12 00	202 86
" " P. E. Island, "	22 66	12 22	34 88
" " Tidings.....			12 88
" " Leaflets.....			12 74
" " Annual Reports.....			85
" " Photos.....			8 75
" " Annual Collection.....			48 70
			\$737 45

## DR.

Paid Trea. F. M. Board.....	\$2043 75
Printing Annual Reports.....	67 57
Postage.....	11 98
Printing Tidings or Leaflets.....	5 40
Mission Band L. M. Certificates.....	2 90
Miss McLaurin.....	15 00
Pro. Sec. Nova Scotia.....	10 16
" " New Brunswick.....	3 00
Recording Secretary.....	1 22
Asso. Director.....	2 00
Postage.....	3 20

\$2166 18

MARY SMITH,  
Trea. W. B. M. U.

Amherst, Oct. 31st, 1902.

## LETTER FROM BOBBILI.

Dear Sisters:

As my last letter reached home a few days too late to be printed in the number for which it was written, and so had to lie over for half a year before it was printed, I am commencing this somewhat earlier. I see in that letter that we had just had an examination before I wrote it; and now we have another. It came two months earlier this year than last, so we have had only nine months instead of eleven to prepare for it. But I believe it was a very successful examination. The inspectress, who stopped with us, confided to me that there were very few failures. We shall know more when we receive her pass list of pupils. To-night in our school prayer meeting I said, "How many of you have anything to thank the Lord for, and how many wish to thank Him for help during the examination?"

In a second there were more than twenty little girls on their feet, their eyes closed and ready to pray.

Three of our boarding girls were baptized last Sunday, and the Inspectress looked on and saw the second immersion that she had ever witnessed. Mr. Churchill had had fever all Saturday night, and was perspiring very freely on Sunday afternoon, but concluded to have the baptism, as the baptistry had been filled on Saturday, and the candidates were waiting. One of the girls had fever, and her people were afraid to have her baptized, so left her at home. I sent my Bible-woman for her, not knowing why she was absent. When she came I told her not to be afraid to follow Christ. He would see that no harm came to her, that Mr. C. had had fever three days, off and on, and he was going into the water. She went forward and was at school the next day, and the day after passed the examination very creditably; has had no fever since.

We had the "Brazen Serpent" lesson in our Bible Class a few Sundays ago. I tried to show my pupils as clearly as I could what true faith is, such as would secure to us eternal life. At the close of the lesson I said, "How many of you want to rise and ask God to give you this saving faith, or enable you to exercise it in the *lifted up* Son of Man?" There were six Hindoo girls in the class and two children of Christians, unsaved. Five of the Hindoo girls, and one of the others, stood up and earnestly prayed, one after another, for saving faith and eternal life. It was a happy season for me. O, if there were no *castes*, I believe some of my dear Hindoo girls would come out and follow their Lord.

On the 12th of July was the All India Sunday School examination, on the lessons for the half year. We could not return from the hills till the following week, so I requested Miss Harrison to go to Bobbili, and take charge of the examination for us. She came gladly and saw that everything was conducted according to rule, and sent in the examination papers to Dr. Boggs, who was appointed to test and mark the value of the Telugu papers sent in from different Sunday Schools in the Presidency and from Burmah. After we returned to our station the doctor sent me a note for my encouragement, and the encouragement of our helpers, who had faithfully taught the lessons in our absence, saying that "the Bobbili papers were by far the best of all. Among the 24 papers from the Bobbili Sunday School there was not one failure, and most of the marks were high." Besides these 24 who passed in the written examination, most of them in the 1st class, there were a great many of our younger pupils passed in the viva voce examination, and also pupils from our Panchama School, to all of whom certificates will be awarded. Miss Harrison said, our Gadaba pupils would have passed too, but they know so little Telugu that they could not understand the questions as printed. When she put them into simple Telugu they answered well, but no

examiner was allowed to change the question at all, from the words in which it was printed. We feel that so far as our work and our Sunday School work is concerned, we have had a very successful year so far, and for this we thank the Lord and take courage. But oh, we long for the conversion of the heathen around us, and out in all our villages.

If Mr. Churchill is able, we hope to go to Razagadda next week. The Jeypore Rajal has granted us the land for a mission compound that we asked for. And if there are no further delays, we intend to locate it, and get the writings drawn while out there.

We want special prayers for that section of our field, that we missionaries may have faith to go on and do all that the Lord wants us to do, in this needy place, where He has so signally gone before, and opened up the work for us, and that a great ingathering may speedily come from the work in the Razagadda Valley.

Ever your sister in Him and the work,  
Bobbili, Sept. 12, 1902. M. F. CHURCHILL.

REFLEX INFLUENCES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE LIVES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.—It has been said that God is more glorified, and it might be added, man is more benefitted, by one conspicuous Christian, than by many ordinary ones.

This being so, how great the influences for good, not only in heathen lands where they have labored, but in Christian lands where their labors have been known, of such men as Carey and Judson, Livingstone and Paton, Moffatt, and indeed of our own beloved Timpany, with many others, the memory of whose lives will long continue to be a pattern and an inspiration.

Dr. Theodore Parker said that if the modern missionary enterprise had resulted in nothing more than the production of an Adoniram Judson it was worth all it cost.

What uplifting and enlargement, what interest and enterprise, what zeal and devotedness, what faith in God and in the power of the Gospel, such lives and labors tend to inspire and perpetuate. Indeed, it is hard to tell to how low a state the devotion of the home Church might have sunk but for the salutary influence upon herself of her Foreign Missions and Missionaries.

We believe in evangelistic work among the children more and more. Who form the inner circle of the average Hindu audience? the children. And what a pleasure to hear them sing the songs of Zion and answer questions about which their elders are seemingly ignorant.—Mabel E. Archibald, Chicacole.