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## REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board was held Friday, February 16th, at 2 p.m., Mrs. Booker presiding.

The Treasurer reported a slight increase in contributions as compared with the same quarter last year. Circles have done better, Bands not quite so well.

It was decided to have the Convention meet the second Wednesday and Thursday in November, the Board meetings to be held the Tuesday preceding and Friday succeeding the full Convention. An invitation from the First Baptist Church, Brantford, to meet there this year was accepted.

A letter-read from Miss Stovel, one of our young lady-missionaries, who, after ten years of most efficient service resigned her position owing to her marriage with Mr. McLeod and consequent removal to another part of the field. The resignation was accepted, and the best wishes of the Board conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. McLeod. The Board then considered the applications of two young ladies who wished to be sent to India as missionaries—Miss Mary R. B. Selman, of Wilkesport, Ont., and Miss Gertrude Hulet, M.D., of Norwich, Ont. After the most careful consideration of the letters of recommendation, medical certificates, etc., all of which were highly satisfactory, the two young ladies were introduced to the Board by Mrs. Booker. After replying to a number of questions they retired. They were then unanimously app our missionaries to India, Miss Selman to go out in the autumn of 1900, Dr. Hulet as soon as her salary is provided for.

Other applications have been received but could not be considered owing to lack of funds.

A. MOVLE,  
*Rec.-Sec.*

## DR. GERTRUDE HULET.

Ten years ago when we were first seeking for a

medical lady to go as missionary, some one wrote Miss Buchan of a young lady, Miss Hulet, a strong Baptist, who was then studying medicine and had a desire to go to India. Upon inquiry, Miss Buchan found that she was not nearly through her course, and was only eighteen years old. She said that if on the completion of her course her parents were willing, she thought she would like to go.

Miss Hulet pursued her studies in Woodstock Collegiate, then graduated in Toronto Medical. She has practiced medicine for three years. During this time she has been resisting the call to go to India. She now gives up her own will and offers herself to the work.

Rev. J. B. Kennedy, her former pastor at Norwich, says: "I cannot speak too strongly in her favor. She is a combination of a number of excellent qualities, such as self-reliance, modesty, tact and sweetness of disposition. She also possesses will power to remarkable degree, evidence of which was seen in the determination and perseverance with which she left her beautiful country home and went to pursue a medical course among strangers in the city. I know something of the conflict she has had to pass through in giving up good worldly prospects in order to become a missionary."

Dr. Hulet is advised to take a course of Bible study in the training school here this summer. A member of our Board has offered to pay the expense of this course. She will be ready to go out in the fall if the money for her salary and passage are provided.

## MISS MARY R. B. SELMAN.

For some time our Secretary has been in correspondence with Miss Selman, and has made very thorough enquiry from those who know her. All that has been learned is of the most satisfactory nature.

She was born in Wilkesport, Ont. After her public school course she studied one and a half years in

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Woodstock College. She spent some time as telegraph operator, and did some work in the post office. She has been interested in missions for a long time and was for a time director of the Western Association.

She has spent the last three or four years in Chicago, studying in the Baptist Training School one year, and two years in the Hospital, taking the nurse's course. After nursing for a while to make money for finishing her course in the Training School, she has returned, and expects to finish in June.

Miss Burdett, Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society of the West, and connected with the Training School, says, "I would not hesitate to send Miss Selman to any mission field at home or abroad. She is a young woman of excellent judgment and admirable disposition, and an earnest Christian, and successful in everything she has undertaken."

Her former pastor and others in Ontario testify to her earnestness in Christian work and special fitness to be a missionary.

**THE FUNDS.**—Miss Selman goes out in the Fall to take the place of Miss Stovel, as to salary. The Board will be able to pay her passage. Dr. Hulet's salary and passage are not yet provided. It will rest with the Circles and Bands to say when she shall go. Remember, do not designate money that is not over and above your usual gifts to this purpose—the work already resting upon the Board is dependent upon that—; but it must be by an increase of gifts. We have waited and prayed a long time for a medical lady of our own. Now that she is ready, the responsibility is with us to send her.

**THE PREPARATION.**—Both of these ladies have had preparation which has been *expensive*, has required great perseverance, and shown much ability in the power to study and acquire. They both have the fitness to succeed well in this country. It will add greatly to their usefulness in India.

**MARRIED.**—At Akidu, India, December the twelfth, by the Rev. J. E. Chute, Rev. A. A. McLeod to Miss Fannie M. Stovel. At Home at Anakapalle, India. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. McLeod our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

## TWO PICTURES.

(MISSIONARY RECITATION.)

In a warm and dainty oradle  
Lay a baby, sweet and fair ;  
And the tender parents watching  
Guarded her with zealous care.  
Loved and shielded was the maiden  
As she grew to womanhood.  
By all love and care surrounded,  
What knew she of aught but good ;  
Happy wife and loving mother,  
Richest blessings on her shed ;  
Loved, respected, honored, cherished,  
Into peace and comfort led.

In a hut a heathen mother  
Wept beside a sleeping child,  
And with bitter sobs and wallings  
Cried in lamentation wild :  
"O my baby !" moaned the mother,  
While her tears fell fast and hot,  
"Well I know the cruel sorrows  
That await a woman's lot.  
Scorned, neglected, shamed, degraded,  
Love and pity finds she none ;  
At the mercy of a tyrant,  
Hopeless, helpless, sad, alone."

'Tis the Saviour's blessed gospel  
That makes one so glad and free,  
And without it must the other  
Live in sad captivity ;  
Yet God looks on all as equal,  
Ah ! it rests with you and me  
To make glad our heathen sisters  
Far away across the sea.  
Shall we sit at ease unheeding,  
While our sisters suffer, die—  
No kind hand to soothe their anguish,  
And no loving helper nigh ?

They are calling ! let us heed them ;  
Send the good news far and wide ;  
There is light for those in darkness,  
'Twas for them the dear Christ died.  
There is hope and peace and comfort  
In the place of wild despair,  
And the love of God our Father  
They with us may gladly share.  
Let us help them. Over yonder,  
When the great white throne we see,  
We shall hear the Master saying,  
"Ye have done it unto me."

—The Helping

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE WOMAN'S DAYS OF THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE, NEW YORK.**

*April 24th.*—Tuesday is set apart for six sectional meetings, three in the morning and three in the afternoon. These are for practical discussion of problems and methods. It is proposed that anything of real value at these meetings, conclusions reached, etc., shall be presented at the public meeting Thursday, April 26th. These meetings will be simultaneous, and in different buildings. Subjects as follows :

**MORNING.**

- I. *Meeting for Evangelistic Work*, under the Canadian Committee, subjects :
  1. Methods of Presenting Christian Truth.
  2. Work of Native Christians.
  3. General Public Work on Behalf of Women.
- II. *Meeting for Educational Work*, under committee from New York and vicinity.
  1. Education of Children in Mission Schools.
  2. Higher and Normal Training.
  3. The Training of Missionaries.
- III. *Meeting for Medical Work.*
  1. The Relation of Home Church to Medical Missions.
  2. Legitimate Field of a Medical Missionary.
  3. Medical Missions in Facts and Figures.
  4. The Power of Medical Missions as a Spiritual Agency.
  5. Self Support in Hospitals in Foreign Lands.
  6. Medical Missions Among Children.

**AFTERNOON.**

- I. *Meeting on Giving*, under a committee in Chicago and vicinity.
  1. Giving, one of the Foundation Stones in Missionary Work.
  2. Bible Doctrine of Giving.
  3. Why?
  4. What.
  5. Symposium.
  6. Proportionate Giving.
- II. *Meeting on Work for Young Women and Children*, under a committee in Nashville, Tenn.
  1. The value of Foreign Missions as an Educational Agency in Training Young People.
  2. The Relation of Young People to the Foreign Missionary Work of the Church.

3. Economic Value of Foreign Missions in Training Young People.
4. Most Effective Methods in Training Young People in Foreign Missions.
5. Reasons for Junior Organization.
6. Value of Public Meetings in Young Ladies' Work.

III. *Meeting on Literature*, under committee in Boston and vicinity.

1. Systematic Study of Missions.
2. Christian Literature for Women in Mission Lands.
3. Publication of Books.
4. Distribution of Literature and Circulation of Magazines

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, PUBLIC MEETING, 10 A.M.**

Devotional exercises, welcome to delegates, response, roll call.

Paper, The Place of Woman's Foreign Missionary Work in the Evangelistic Forces of the Church.

Paper, The Responsibility of Woman in Foreign Missionary Work.

Recommendations from the sectional meetings, addresses on the subjects given for Tuesday

**AFTERNOON.**

Further suggestions from the sectional meetings and address. Addresses from Missionaries.

**AFTERNOON (another meeting.)**

Address, Results of Woman's Foreign Missionary Work in the Home Churches.

Paper, A Great Need.

Address, Results of Woman's Foreign Missionary Work in the Field.

Address, Outlook for the Future.

Closing exercises.

**THE SUPREME OPPORTUNITY.**

**THE PASTOR'S INTEREST ESSENTIAL.**

(Continued from last Month)

For the success of all this planning there is one condition which is absolutely essential, the intelligent interest, the enthusiastic co-operation of our pastors. They hold largely the key to success or failure of any plan: it will be like so much dead machinery without their support. As a rule, the interest of the pastor in missions measures the interest of his church. The remark is often made that the ministry does not have the influence it once did.

While admitting that times have changed, and that the pastor is no longer the only educated man in his parish, yet still he is our "pastor and teacher." He is by our side in the hour of sorrow; he still marries our children and buries our dead. His touch of love still binds us to him, and he may, if he will, lead his people on to higher and better things. It is for the pastors, by their own enthusiasm, to kindle a passion for missions which shall stir the careless and the indifferent, and make all feel that missionary zeal is at once the heart and the life blood of the church of the Pilgrims. It is to the credit of our ministry that so many are thoroughly aroused, and are practically at work in various ways. A friend recently told me of a plan he once followed of having every Sabbath morning, before his sermon, a five minute prelude on missions, adapted especially to the men of his church. In contrast with this, a pastor recently, who came from another denomination, abolished the whole system of our denominational missionary work, on the ground that these collections cut into the money wanted for current expenses. A man who has not sufficient interest to make a missionary plan for his church, and a heart to push it when made, ought not to be settled over a Congregational church. To quote from Dr. McKenzie, "The American who does not believe in foreign missions, denies his ancestry, his country and his God."

There is one thing certainly every pastor can do, viz., provide at least once a month, in the mid-week, a missionary meeting. I fear in a majority of our churches, the old "Missionary Concert," so called, has gone. I would not ask for a revival of this exactly, but for a service which shall take its place; a service which shall make a study of missions in the whole world. In our late Civil War the heart of the nation was with the army, for every family had some representative "at the front." Our churches ought to consider our missionaries at home and abroad as our representatives "at the front," and follow them as we did the army. Lay out a whole year's work and assign different portions of the field to different individuals for them to study and report upon. There is no story more glorious or fascinating. Why do all our churches want to hear the missionaries? One reason certainly is that they have something to say of personal and definite work. Let us make our meetings very definite and practical, with the latest facts. What a place in these meetings to study *God in history*! And the man who reads history without this thought has left out the key. Such a study broadens men. Professor Irving Wood, of Smith College, has said, "No subject for study will give culture more than the study of missionary work. Philistinism is provincialism, and nothing opposes provincialism and broadens sympathy as the study of missions." Change the name of the meeting.

Call it "The work of the army at the front," in India, or China, or Alaska, or Porto Rico, as the case may be. There will be a new definiteness and earnestness in our prayer. Our thoughts will follow not the "flag" only, but the "cross," without which there would never have been a flag worth following. Yes, with a new purpose, we want together to plan the work and then work the plan.

And I would press this interest in missions upon the pastors of small and feeble churches, as of equal importance to them as to those settled over stronger churches. From experience on Home Missionary Boards I know very well the discouragements in the little communities, and sympathize with the burdens of the men who are placed over the feeble churches. But is it not true that one reason for discouragement is the narrowness of their vision? It is the home missionary church that especially needs the uplift that comes with the broader outlook. Even if the gift of the little church is but a few dollars, it would feel that it was definitely connected with the great movements of the age, even to the ends of the earth. It is a part of the great army, and is, therefore, no longer small. It has fallen into line, having put on the uniform of the king, and is doing service in his name. Let the pastors everywhere make it known that missions are the business of the church, and not its pastime, and the world will honor the church as never before. We glory in the "Student Volunteer Movement," and their enthusiasm to be sent to the front. Let us kindle a new fire in our churches that shall provide the money to put these young soldiers, as fast as they are ready, out on the fighting line. We rejoice in the splendid leadership of so many of our pastors in all missionary work; and may we not urge upon all the magnificent opportunity to be earnest and true in this holy war, not only to save America, but to carry the gospel of the Son of God into all the earth.

#### REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN MISSIONS.

We should be interested in missions, first, because Jesus was; it was His life-work and as He was, so are we in the world. "As thou has sent me into the world; even so Father have I also sent them into the world." Christ's advent was not for one time nor for one people; it was for the world universal. His mission to earth was to save the lost. And when we have found in Him a personal Saviour, is it not our mission to tell to others the glad message of salvation; the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

A distinguished characteristic of the religion of

Jesus Christ is the desire which each of its disciples feels to win others to accept it. It ought to be the chief business of every Christian, to give Christ to those who have Him not; to act as a missionary towards all within the reach of His influence, who are not yet followers of our Lord and Saviour. Jesus was a soul-seeker, and His quest for souls was inspired by His deep consciousness, that all the world without His salvation is under condemnation. So unless we are interested in this cause of missions, we are signally unlike the Captain of our salvation.

The second reason is, because our gracious Saviour has commanded that His gospel is to be preached to every creature. He led the way and won the first victories, and then He said, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and on earth," "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." No instruction could be more definite, more emphatic, than this last great, positive and universal command of our Saviour. However little interest one may feel in the wretched lives of the heathen far away, when once we understand that it is not only our Saviour's wish but His command that we do this work, how can we profess to love Him, and yet make little or no attempt to obey Him? Is our Master not waiting for the loyal obedience of His subjects; that He may put forth the power which He declares is His? We cannot carry out His command unless we are interested in missions. Let the condition be fulfilled and then surely His salvation shall speedily be revealed amongst all nations. And with that command is the precious promise, "Lo I am with you alway. even unto the end." We have not to do anything in our own strength for he will strengthen us; He has promised that we may have His presence continually with us.

"Then let us go forth, the call is clear,  
Let us go forth, no tarrying here."

Third reason is, because those who will be affected by our interest are lost, and the knowledge of Jesus which we have will save them; and they can get it only through us. God has entrusted us with the gospel that we may pass it on to others. He bids us sow beside all waters. It would appear that some entertain the thought that we must first reach out and save the people all about us, in order to save the multitudes far away in heathen darkness; but that is not the gospel plan; it is not what the Master did, nor is it what He taught. No; where in all the

Bible are we taught that we are to wait until the majority of people in our own land are won to Jesus Christ before we do anything for those far away in the darkness of heathenism. The fact is, and has been frequently shown that the best way to reach those at home is to do something for those far off. The world has been given to Christ, the uttermost parts of the earth. Other countries than ours are teeming with immortal souls, capable through the Gospel, of goodness and greatness. We cannot all cross the ocean and labour in the harvest fields which God in His wonderful Providence has now thrown open. But it is our privilege and our duty to aid in the support of those who have already gone, to follow their careers with intelligent interest, to uphold them by our sympathies and prayers. The question for us is not, will the heathen be saved without our help? but shall we be saved if we do not try to help them, by sending to them the blessed Gospel light? If we are not interested in the salvation of the perishing, we have good reason to doubt our own discipleship. Much of lack in all our church life and work is due to the spirit of self-consecration; we work for ourselves, pray for ourselves and give for ourselves, and forget apparently that the way to do most for ourselves is to do most for others, especially for those who can do nothing for us in a direct way. Then let us labour to send the Gospel tidings to every land,

"Till earth's remotest nation,  
Hath learned Messiah's name."

Again we should be interested in missions, because this world belongs to Jesus, and yet He is not in possession of it; the greater part of it is under immediate control of His enemy.

It was never the Lord's will that after nineteen centuries of Christian life and activity there should be more people on earth living in the dark, than have seen the light and are walking in it. Our love for Jesus should be so great, that we should have the deepest interest in everything that will bring the world to His feet; that He may "See of the travail of His soul and be satisfied." The debt we owe to Him as Christians is great. We can never pay it. It is beyond our ability to do so. We can only show our gratitude by doing our best to carry out what must ever be the dearest wish of our Lord and Master, and that is the bringing to the peoples of earth who sit in darkness, the great Light of the world. Oh, how can

we enjoy all these blessings and know that so many are in the dark, and yet do so little to bring them into the light! Yes, the restless millions wait that light whose dawning maketh all things new.

"Christ also waits, but men are slow and late.  
Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you?  
A cloud of witnesses above encompass us,  
We love to think of all they see and know;  
But what of this great multitude in peril, who sadly wait below?"

Oh, let this thrilling vision daily move us,  
To earnest prayer and deeds before unknown;  
That souls redeemed from many lands may join us,  
When Christ brings home His own."

If we are not interested in missions, we will not pray for the extension of Christ's kingdom. Much may be accomplished by prayer. It is the great power which man has with God to bring a lost and guilty world to Christ. Then let us earnestly pray to be emptied of self, and filled with the Holy Spirit, that we may be guided aright, and be more successful in our efforts towards the extension of Christ's kingdom, for our Lord has taught us that the first petition in time and importance is "Thy Kingdom Come."

Then again not to be interested in missions is supremely selfish. A returned missionary recently said, that if we could take the uninterested two-thirds into the foreign field, and leave them there for a few weeks, that they might have an insight into the missionary's life and work and then bring them back home again, we would have no reason afterwards to complain of their selfishness or indifference. Lack of information on this theme closes the avenues of interest. Yes, if we could be in India or in the slums of some large city with the workers, we would know why we should be interested in missions. Look at life here in this Christian land, and then look at life in heathen lands. Take home life for instance; what a beautiful, blessed thing the Christian home is! We have our happy homes, but while we rejoice in the fact, let us spare a thought for the homes of the heathen. In them the spirit of blessed home-fellowship is almost unknown; what has made the difference? The knowledge of Jesus Christ. Knowing this to be so, have we the moral right to go on enjoying this blessing, and a multitude of other blessings, unmindful of the less favored condition of others? We certainly have not. God knows it, and we know it. Therefore a strong reason why we should be interested in this cause, is that we may bring about in the lives of others, what has been brought about in our own lives.

And lastly, we should be interested in missions, because of the wonderful reflex influence upon our own hearts and life and happiness. It broadens our outlook and widens our sympathies; it softens the heart and gives us a deeper hold on God; it is elevating in its influence and through it we are trained in self-denial and self-sacrifice, and therefore in Christ-likeness.

None of the reasons here given can produce that amount of interest, which every disciple of Christ should have, unless He puts within us His own love for a lost world. Then may our earnest prayer be, that He will give to us that same yearning over those lost ones, which made Him leave all the glories of the heavenly home and endure what none but the Son of God could have endured, in order to redeem from the power of sin and death, those who had been made for the glory of God and in His image.

It may be well for us to remember that those who are not missionary Christians here on earth, will be missing Christians before the great white throne.

There is work for every follower of Christ in this great cause in which we should all be interested, and if we cannot all gather sheaves for the Master, let us each glean an ear.

"I to the Master's presence came  
With weary toll-worn feet,  
Bearing as my gathered harvest,  
But a single head of wheat.  
Then I laid it down with weeping,  
At His blessed pierced feet,  
And He smiled upon my trembling,  
Ah! His smile was passing sweet.  
"Child it is enough" He answered,  
"All I asked for thou has brought,  
Add among the band of reapers,  
Truly, bravely, thou hast wrought."  
Never mind what others gather,  
Do what'er thy hand can find,  
Those who seek to help God's servants,  
And to make their labors light  
They shall share the gathered harvest  
And Christ's welcome glad and bright."

IDA G. LEWIS,

North Sydney, C.B.

Missionary work is the attempt to establish the kingdom of God in the world; to make the gospel universal in its acceptance.

Making a pledge in accordance with apportionment and sending in advance solves the question of stress and strain.



## Work Abroad.

### AMHERST, BURMA.

Rambling by the sea during the past nine months, while the pastor (Rev. F. Deunk Crawley) of the English Baptist Church was on furlough in England, Mr. Grigg took the oversight of the church in connection with our own Burmese work.

Though there were only three weekly services, viz., Sunday School, public worship and prayer-meeting, still these, pleasant as they were, with constant visiting, added not a little to our regular duties.

Besides Cupid seemed to be busy sending his darts hither and thither, so we had the pleasure as well as the excitement of no fewer than three weddings in the English church and two in the Burmese, as well as one at our home. As there had not been a wedding in the English church for some years, there seemed to be none outside the missionaries who would undertake to decorate for the occasions.

By borrowing a few rugs and plants, I managed to give the auditorium a somewhat attractive appearance. Such labors of love at home seem very trifling, but in this climate, where exercise soon exhausts, it is otherwise, hence, on the former pastor's return, we found the need of a few days' rest. After attending to a simple Christmas treat for two schools (native) under our supervision, we hied us away from the haunts of men to the historic village of Amherst on the Gulf of Martaban. We left our own fair City of Maulmein at 6.30 p.m. one Friday evening, arriving here about 1.30 a.m.

A nice little cottage ready furnished was rented at the rate of \$5 per week. "Such extravagance for missionaries!" do we hear some one say in an undertone? Well, perhaps it is, but we think it much cheaper than doctor's bills for an attack of nervous prostration.

Amherst an historic place? Yes, here, as long ago as 1826, the saintly Mrs. Judson was buried; here also, that Godly man, James Haswell, labored long and arduously, and here his worthy, and in many respects wonderful, daughter now lives.

The grave of Mrs. Judson has been carefully preserved during these past years, and is a spot to which all visitors resort, as it is quite close to the shore.

Amherst is now beautiful in its wild beauty. Large trees as well as shrubbery are covered with blossoms, from which birds and insects extract food.

A few days ago we went in a bullock cart five miles through a jungle fragrant with the scent of wild blossoms, and the haunt of many kinds of deer.

I wonder if any of my readers ever rode over a corduroy road? If so, you have but a faint idea of the roughness of a part of our journey. As usual, one of the animals was refractory, at times ascending the bank skirting the side of the road, and at times standing still with its hoofs firmly planted in the soil. Once when he assumed this attitude, the driver took from a dirty rag a piece of coon or beetle nut, put it in his mouth, and then opening an eye of the offender, spat some of the liquid juice into it, after which operation we had no further difficulty in that particular line. Perhaps the driver should have been arrested for cruelty to animals, but, well, we were too thankful at not being upset to do more than utter an exclamation of pity.

We have now been in this rural retreat eleven days, have visited the native Christians, given the school children (fifty) a Christmas treat, held services in Burmese and English, and to-morrow expect to return home for a few days, then away North for a month to visit schools and churches, as many as can be reached.

MRS. GRIGG.

### RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

*Miss Hatch's work among the Lepers.*—We are beginning with one leper in a small leaf hut. We may put up a few more huts after conference, which will last through the hot season. Our opening was on Christmas Day, when I gave dubs to all the lepers who assembled with us, about 15 or 20 of them.

### COCANADA.

The new bungalow for our lady missionaries on the Davies Memorial Compound was, at last accounts, rapidly approaching completion. An extra number of carpenters had been put to the work. It was hoped that they would be able to move into it between Christmas and New Year's. The ladies were looking forward to have the new house well warmed, the missionaries, the Eurasians and the native people too.

## Work at Home.

## NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

**PENTH.**—The Woman's Mission held a Thank-offering service in the Church Dec. 4th, at three o'clock. Invitations had been given to most the women in Church and congregation, also a little silk bag to put their offering in. Quite a number were present from town and country. Mrs. J. F. Kellock, Home Mission Pres., presided.

The programme in the Nov. *Visitor*, was rendered, which we found very helpful, a number of the members taking part in it. Mrs. McKerracher sang very sweetly "Count your many blessings one by one." At the close of the programme we adjourned into one of the side rooms, where Mrs. Rock had kindly provided a "tea." While seated at the table, the Pres. announced the contents of the bags were \$29.29. All stood up and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Soon afterwards we separated, each one feeling, if not expressing, "it was good to be there." Some who were unable to be present sent in their offering, since; the amount is now \$36.55.

AGNES A. ROBERTSON.

**PETHOLIA**—In summing up our work for the past year we feel that gratitude to the Father of all mercies should be first in our thoughts, that he has opened to us so many doors straightened so many crooked places and prospered us as a society, true there yet remains "much to be done" true, too, there has been at times much of disappointment, much to dishearten, nevertheless, with strong faith in God, let us go through the coming year with greater effort, taking courage in the thought that though our numbers may be few, yet "one with God," let us go on in faith, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Sincerely yours in the work for our Master.

L. C. HARRIS, Cor.-Sec.

**ST. GEORGE.**—There are encouraging features in connection with the work of our Mission Circle over which we rejoice, and we are sure the LINK readers will rejoice with us. Twelve new members have joined us during the year past. So that now we have twenty-two in the Foreign Mission department, and thirty-one in the home. Our monthly meetings are characterized by a spirit of prayer and earnestness and the programs rendered are interesting and instructive. The average attendance is sixteen. Our Thank-offering meeting was held on Oct. 31. We had with us two ladies from Chicago, who were on their way to China as missionaries and they assisted us not only by their sweet singing, but by addresses. After a season of devotional exercises in the afternoon, we had a good program of solos, readings, a paper on "Women who Leave their Stamp on Nations," and an address on "Rejoice in the Lord Always," Phil. 4:46. Tea was then served in the vestry and the ladies enjoyed the social hour. A larger audience was present for

the evening meeting. The program was varied and Miss Diester's address was on "Sent Ones." The offering was \$14.25 to be divided equally between home and Foreign Missions. We hope to do still better work in the future, as we learn more thoroughly the truth of these lines from Lucy Larcom's gifted pen:

"The secret of life—it is giving;  
To minister and to serve;  
Love's law binds the man to the angel  
And ruin befalls if we swerve."

S. M. BAROLAY, Sec'y

**GILMOUR MEMORIAL, PETERBORO.**—Our Circle here held its Thank-offering meeting in the Church on November 1st at 8: p.m. The attendance was good. Our meeting was very interesting and helpful. We were all very pleased to have with us Miss Baskerville who gave us a good address, showing us the condition and needs of India. Three of our young people favored us with a trio on the organ, auto-harp and violin. We also had a duet by two of the members of the choir and an anthem by the choir. The offering amounted to \$14.04 which was divided equally between home and foreign missions. The pastor closed with prayer.

At our regular monthly meeting in December we were pleased to receive a gift of \$10.00 from one of the members of the Church, Mr. G. W. Mann. This was divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. J. R. GUNTON, Pres.

**MONTREAL.**—A Foreign Mission Circle was organized in the Tabernacle Church, Montreal, in November, with nine members. Officers Pres., Mrs. Tuddenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Balmfirth; Sec., Mrs. Owen; Treas., Mrs. Davies; Organizer, Mrs. Chandler; Agent for the LINK and *Visitor*, Mrs. Goodwin.

L. C. GRAHAM, Director of Eastern Association.

**PHILLIPPSVILLE.**—The Annual public meeting of the Women's Circle was held on the evening of December 12th, and in spite of muddy roads, and a very disagreeable evening, it was largely attended.

After the opening exercises, the programme consisted of the report of the year's work, vocal music by Miss Robinson of Smith's Falls, recitation by Miss Robinson and Miss Powell, and addresses by our pastor Mr. McLeannan and Rev. G. N. Simmons of Athens. The proceeds amounted to \$11.83. We have been much encouraged during the last few months by having four new members join our ranks.

M. A. K., Sec.

**STRATFORD.**—Our Thank-offering meeting was held Tuesday, Dec. 5th, the evening proved to be stormy but we had a good attendance and a delightful meeting. The meeting was presided over by our President, Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. McKay, and after the opening exercises she called on the Treasurer and Secretary to read their Annual reports, both of which showed an increased interest in mission work. Mrs. McKay then made a short address urging upon every one the need of becoming a subscriber to the LINK and *Visitor* and so be better posted in the work of our mission

aries. After a solo by Mrs. J. L. Cornwell, the envelopes containing the thank-offering were opened, and the verses of Scripture read by the various members, this made an interesting part of our programme. Then came the address of the evening by Mrs. W. B. Morry, and a very earnest and inspiring one we found it. Her topic was "Jewels" founded upon Mal. 3, 17; "They shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up my jewels." She drew attention to the precious jewels, the costly jewels, and the glittering jewels mentioned in the Bible. The practical part came in in the thought that we should be bright and earnest in carrying out the design of our Circle in endeavoring to search for some jewels, now lying in the mire of sin and heathendom, and bring them to the feet of our King.

The Thank-offering amounted to \$20.00.

MARY CLUTTON.

COLBORNE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 6th, the Circle met at the pastor's residence. After spending one hour in the regular Circle meeting, the members and a number of their friends sat down to a most enjoyable tea. Some time having been spent in pleasant social intercourse, the president called the company to order for a Thank-offering service. An interesting programme was rendered. Envelopes containing Thank-offerings accompanied by appropriate texts were opened. Three new names were added to the membership roll. An offering for Foreign Missions amounting to over three dollars was taken. Everyone present expressed gratitude for favors past, and earnest hope for better things in days to come. With praise and prayer there closed one of the most encouraging meetings ever held in the history of this Circle.

M. A. W.

PARK STREET, PETERBORO'.—The Woman's Mission Circle held their Annual Thank-offering meeting on Nov. 14th, with a very large attendance. Mrs. Mowrey the President, occupied the chair, and after the regular opening exercises Miss Nellie Pilling sang a solo, then Mrs. W. A. Gunton, wife of the pastor of Memorial Church, read a very interesting paper on "Missionary Effort in Africa." The paper was an excellent one, and we heard words of praise and commendation on all sides, the information given of the country and people was both new and surprising to many. Mr. F. N. Miller then sang a solo, after which Mrs. Armstrong who for 30 years has labored among the Telugus and Tamils in Rangoon and Malmeim Burmah, gave a most interesting account of her work. Through the efforts of herself and husband a large school is now established at Rangoon with over 600 scholars and a staff of 40 teachers. She closed with a very earnest and searching appeal to all present to either go or send the gospel to those who are in spiritual darkness.

At the close, light refreshments were served and a pleasant season of social intercourse was spent before the meeting was concluded. About nine months ago our Circle adopted the milk box plan and have found them very helpful in raising money. They were not all returned but we realized some-

thing over twelve dollars from what was sent in, our collection was a little over seven dollars making in all just \$20, four of which went to pay Mrs. Armstrong's expenses. Our Treasurer sent eight dollars to Home and eight to Foreign Missions.

S. ELLIOTT, Cor.-Sec.

NEW SABUM.—The Anniversary meeting of our Mission Circle was held in the Church on Friday evening, Jan. 19th. The weather being unfavorable there was not as large an attendance as usual, but those present enjoyed the interesting programme that was given, and we hope some good was accomplished to the mission cause in our Church by this eleventh Anniversary of our Circle. In the absence of our President, Mrs. Emory, through illness, our 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Gray occupied the chair and presented the following programme:—Hymn, To the Work; Prayer, Pastor Spencer; Anthem, Te Deum, Choir; President's Address, Mrs. Gray; Secretary's report; Solo, "The Homeland," Mr. Jas. Gray; Paper, prepared by Mrs. J. I. Bates, read by Mrs. C. Newcombe. Refreshments were then served, and a pleasant social time enjoyed. The meeting being again called to order the programme was resumed: Address, "The Relative Value of Home Mission Work," Pastor Spencer; Solo, "Immanuel," Mr. Percy Newcombe; Reading, "The Needs of Foreign Mission Work," Mrs. W. Elliott; Duett, "O Morning Land," Mrs. Newcombe and Miss Coughlin; Closing Hymn, "Blest be the tie"; Prayer, Pastor Spencer.

Our present membership is 21, average attendance at meetings 14, raised for Home Missions \$18.30, for Foreign Missions \$18.10, for Indian Missions \$2.50, total \$38.90. There are 7 copies of the LINK taken which are much appreciated, and help us greatly in our work for the Master.

(Mrs.) ADA L. NEWCOMBE, Sec.

OTTAWA, McPHAIL MEMORIAL.—In our Annual report to the Church in January, we were able to state that the year just closed was the most successful period in the Circle's history, we have much reason to believe that the present year has greater blessing in store for us.

At our February's meeting we were fortunate in securing a visit from Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, who, in the afternoon, gave an address to the ladies on the duties, responsibilities and trials of the missionary's wife in India. The work which seems to fall most naturally and which interferes the least with her duties as wife and mother, is that of teaching in the schools, this work is doubly tedious and trying because not only have the minds of the scholars to be cultivated but the teachers themselves have to be enlightened and taught the methods of teaching. Mrs. Walker is deeply interested in the boys' schools and urged the importance of this work on the grounds that from these institutions must come the future native preacher and teacher whose privilege it will be to finally evangelize India. The girls' schools are important and graduates therefrom are doing and will continue to do a mighty work, but they never can reach the great masses as their brothers can.

In the evening an open platform meeting was held. Mrs. Walker's theme being "The Women of India." The scenes and incidents so graphically pictured by Mrs. Walker will long remain fresh in our memories inciting us to increased effort to do our utmost to win this portion of the heathen world for the Master.

P. W., Sec.

PAISLEY.—The Cheerful Workers Mission Band wish to tell their friends of a very successful Hindu social we held last November. It was in behalf of our student, Kandalo Appaloma, whom we are supporting in the Cocanada Seminary; and our proceeds amounted to over \$35.00. We introduced the public to Hindu life throughout the evening by having Telugu ushers. The special features of the programme were,—an exercise called "Lighting up India" by seven girls dressed in costumes and carrying lighted candles; a tableau of a Sedan chair and seven little Telugu tots singing "Jesus Loves Me." After the programme we spent a social hour, being served by Telugu waiters to a typical Hindu tea consisting of millet and rice cakes, tea and boiled rice, eaten with chop sticks, much to the amusement of the audience. As it required much time and planning, our Band thought, we would write our programme and all arrangements, to any Band, wishing it, for 10cts., thus saving them time and thought, and adding to our Band's treasury.

F. F., Secy.

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

Receipts from January 16, 1900, to February 15, 1900, inclusive.

FROM CIRCLES.—Brampton, to make Mrs. Joseph Adams a life-member, \$25; North Bruce, \$2; Brantford, Park Ch. (\$18.05 Thank-offering), \$15.55; Brantford, First Ch. for Miss MacLeod, \$25; Bothwell \$3; Brownsville, \$4; Campbellford, \$4; Collingwood, \$2; Calvary, Thank-offering, \$2; Elderslie, \$6; Forest, \$1.72; Georgetown (\$2.50 Thank-offering), \$5; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., (\$4.80 Thank-offering), \$7.60; Hamilton, Herkimer St., \$5; London, Talbot St., \$18.25; Nissouri, West, \$3; New Sarum, \$5; Norwood, \$1.60; Owen Sound, \$10; Petrolia (\$1.21 Thank-offering), \$9.25; Port Hope, \$11; Oshawa, "Famine Fund," \$2; Selkirk, 85c.; St. Catherine's, Lyman St. (\$1.94 special collection), \$5.90; Stratford, (\$11.30 Thank-offering), \$16.50; St. Thomas (\$29.74 Thank-offering, \$25 to make Mrs. H. U. Broderick a life-member and balance toward another fee) \$38.59; Sarnia, \$4.75; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$7; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd. (\$5.04 Thank-offering), \$11.19; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$23.52; Toronto, Beverley St. (\$3.50 Thank-offering and \$17 for Pasala Ratnam \$29.52; Whitby, \$3; Wallaceburg, \$5; Wyoming (\$2.55 Thank-offering) \$7.55; Wingham, \$3.60; York Mills, \$1.20. Total \$329.14.

FROM BANDS.—Brampton to make Minnie Pratley a life-member, \$10; Barrie, \$6.50; Boston, \$5; Georgetown, \$1; Gladstone, \$4.55; Gilmour Memorial Ch., for Lydia, \$5; Peterboro', Park St., \$2.60; St. George, \$17; Selkirk, \$1.39; Sarnia, \$3.25; Toronto, Walmer Rd. \$1.50; Wyoming (\$1 Thank-offering), \$2. Total \$59.79.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Galt, B. Y. P. U., \$12; Hamilton, James St., Women's Bible Class, \$16.50; Maggie Boon, Bothwell, for work for lepers, \$5; Mrs. John Alexander, Toronto (\$5 for work for lepers), \$10; Collection Union meeting of Toronto Circles, \$9.62. Total \$49.12.

Total receipts during the month..... \$438 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Treasurer:  
 For regular work..... \$513 25  
 Extras:  
 From Burch B. Y. P. U. for lepers..... 4 00  
 Salford M. C. for Bolivia Mission..... 1 00  
 Total..... \$518 25  
 Home Expenses:  
 100 Post Cards for Miss Buchan (stamped)..... 1 00  
 Total disbursements during the month..... 519 25

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since May 1, 1899..... 5002 03  
 Total disbursements since May 1, 1899..... 5897 02  
 Total Thank-offerings reported to date amounted to \$602.  
 22; they are included in the total above.

NOTE.—The Treasurers of Circles and of Bands are reminded that they should close their books for the financial year on March 31st. Will the contributors kindly endeavor to have all money due paid in to them and entered in their books on or before that date? The amount then on hand for Foreign Missions should be forwarded to me promptly.

ALL the money the Treasurers of Circles and of Bands receive IN APRIL they are requested to hold until May.  
 VIOLAT ELLIOT,  
 Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:—“We are labourers together with God.”

PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.—For the Missionaries at Bobbili; the schools and the teachers.—For the native Christians, that they may grow in grace, and win others to Christ

SOMETHING BETWEEN.

’Twas but a rush of service,  
 Making the heart rejoice;  
 But there was danger ever  
 Of missing the Master’s voice,  
 Oh! to know more of His presence sweet,  
 Spending more time at the Saviour’s feet,  
 Learning to be like Him.

’Twas but a prayer unanswered,  
 Had it been laid in vain  
 At the feet of Him who made me  
 Plead it in Jesus’ name  
 Oh! to be willing to leave it there,  
 And, when the waiting is hard to bear,  
 Casting the care on Him.

’Twas but a sharp word spoken,  
 Thoughtlessly giving pain,  
 And ’twas hard not to answer  
 Hastily back again.  
 Oh! to know more of restraining grace,  
 Putting myself in another’s place.  
 Oh, to be more like Him.

’Twas but a disappointment,  
 But from the heart it tore  
 All that was planned for service,  
 Leaving a blank before.  
 Oh! to know more of a trustful rest,  
 Knowing, not hoping, it will be best  
 Leaving it all with Him.

’Twas but—yes, always something  
 Tempting the heart away;  
 Small, but how hard to conquer,  
 Coming anew each day.  
 Oh! to walk constantly in the light,  
 Knowing it’s “not by power or might.”  
 But that it’s all through Him.

MACD A. BUSSELL.—*London Christian.*

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, and their daughter Bessie have arrived safely at Bobbili. A warm welcome awaited them from Miss Harrison, the native Christians, and even the heathen.

HARDY—WILLIAMS.—At Perambore, Madras, Dec. 11th, by Rev. S. H. Curtis, John Hardy, of Chicacole, to M. Augusta Williams, of Onslow, N. S.

Mrs. Lanford, Miss Gray, and Miss Helena Blackadar have also reached their desired haven in safety. God grant to all a glad season of service this year.

To enthusiasts in Foreign Missions the name of Dr. Griffith John, L.M.S., is a synonym for whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ in China. He reports splendid prospects for mission work in Yochou, in Hunan. On four previous occasions, Dr. John sought to establish a mission in this ripe field for harvesting, but on the first and second occasions he was “pelted out” by an infuriated mob. On the third effort he was carried in and out of the place in a Sedan chair, and nothing was organized. Now all opposition seems to have been dissipated. He writes: “As to houses, we found the people not only willing but extremely anxious to sell. More than twenty offers were definitely made, and we went to see more than ten. We succeeded at last in fixing upon one of the best sites of the place, on which are two houses”—*The Christian*.

The expression “enthusiasts in Foreign Mission” is surely misleading to say the least. To the average reader it sounds as though the work of “Foreign Missions” was the work of a few, and they “faddists.” Did not Christ mean that every Church member, *i.e.*, everyone of His children—should be an “enthusiast” in Foreign missions? Is this work only for the few, and not the many? Do some read Christ’s command aright, and some wrong? If so who reads aright?

This is an age of question; and the above cannot help being asked. So much progress has been made in mission work during the century; the Church has seemed to be awaking from her sleep, it would seem that such questions were useless. But apathy still remains, and to a more alarming extent than many

imagine. Earnest prayer must be made for the *Church at home*. God will not give large additions on our mission fields while the Church members are as indifferent as now. "According to your faith, be it unto you." We must help to answer our own prayers.

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion" . . .  
 "Shake thyself from the dust." . . .

Our Treasurer reports \$25.00 from Mrs. J. E. Robertson, East Point, P. E. I., to constitute herself a life member, support of a Bible-woman in India, and our Treasurer for Mission Bands \$20.00 to constitute Mrs. V. J. Mode, and Miss Annie Fish, Mission Band life members.

The Band at Dartmouth, N.S., invited the Band of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, in the town to meet with them last Friday and hear an address from Mrs. Archibald. Mrs. Archibald kept the close attention of all for more than an hour. The children are still talking about the meeting; and the leaders are praying for good results.

CLEMENTSVALE, W. M. A. S.—Our Society is still moving along. This year we cannot report as many members but the work is not losing ground. Both officers and members are faithful. We do lament the large number of sisters in our Church so uninterested in mission work. If they could but realize the claims of the heathen world upon us as Christians and also realize the command of our Saviour surley their hearts would turn lovingly toward our dark sisters. Our meetings are well attended, and oh, so many times the presence of the Master is most deeply felt, we go away feeling it was good to be there. Our esteemed pastor's wife is a grand help to us. Oh, the wideness of God's mercy. May His love kindle a flame in every heart that we may do more and yet greater service for Christ, our King.

MRS ALDEN CHUTE, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
 W. M. A. S. FOR 1899.

The work of our Society has been carried on in a regular quiet way. We have held our weekly prayer meetings and monthly missionary meetings regularly. The meetings have been more interesting this year owing to an increased correspondence with our lady missionaries on the Telugu Field which has brought us into closer touch with them, and given us an interest and insight into their work which has been most helpful. In March we held an "At Home" in the vestry from 4 o'clock until 6. at which Mrs. Kelley, wife of the returned missionary from Burmah, gave a very pleasing and instructive Talk on the domestic life of the Burmese, illustrating her remarks

with native costumes and showing the various articles in use in their homes, bazaars, etc., which was listened to with much interest and enjoyed very much by the Juniors who were present. In September a Union-meeting was held by the ladies in the vestry on the afternoon of the 22nd, followed by a public meeting in the Church in the evening. The meeting was held as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald and a farewell to Miss Eva LePrazer, one of the early converts on our Tegulu Field, who had been visiting these provinces and whose visit has proved such a revelation to us of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Both these meetings were very successful and largely attended. The collection was \$23. In August we sent two delegates to the W. B. M. U. Convention held in St. Martins and they came back very much inspired by what they saw and heard and filled with a desire to do more for missions this year than ever before. Financially we have done better this year than last, the collections for the year were, Foreign Missions, \$150.69; Home, \$9.84—\$260.53, this includes two life members, Mrs. J. H. Harding and Miss M. Duval. Since the closing of the year in August we have made another life member, Mrs. F. Bowman. We have reason to feel encouraged and hopeful on entering upon a new year knowing that God will reward our labors if we are faithful to him.

January, 1900.

A. VAUGHAN, Sec'y.

Amount received by the Treasurer W.B.M.U., during  
 Quarter Ending January 1st, 1900.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Received from W. M. A. S., Nova Scotia	6739 21	\$263 74	\$999 05
" " " " New Brunswick	448 47	105 33	553 80
" " " " P. E. Island	125 71	37 15	162 84
" " " " Mission-Band Treasurer		50 83	50 83
" " " " Inc. fund, Mr Burgdoff's salary		12 25	12 25
" " " " Mrs Corning Boston	40 00		40 00
" " " " Tidings	10 78		10 78
" " " " Reports	7 60		7 60
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Paid J. W. Manning Treas., F. M. B.	\$1470 75
" H. E. Sharpe, " N. W. M.	267 78
" Joseph Richards, " G. L. M.	120 03
" A. Cobson, " N. S. & P. E. I. H. M.	133 67
" J. S. Titus, " N. B. Con. H. M.	24 08
" E. M. Sipprells, " N. B. Con. H. M.	24 09
" Bureau of Literature	10 00
" Tidings	9 00
" Printing leaflets	3 00
" Drafts, discounts, postage	0 19
	\$2071 06

MARY SMITH  
 Sec. Treas. W. B. M. U.

Feb. 6th, 1900.

REPORT OF SECRETARY FOR HANTS  
 CO., N. S.

Dear Miss Johnstone,—

You must not think I have been indolent in my county work because I have not written any account

of what I have been doing. The fact is, I have never been so busy as during the past year, you know I have had no help in the house keeping, yet I am taking on more and more outside work. I have charge of our Band of Hope, also have a good deal of work as superintendent of Evangelistic work in our W. C. T. U. I have so many engagements of various kinds I am hardly ever at home in the evenings. Last week I attended ten meetings, spoke in all, led two; this week have conducted three, and attended seven yesterday with two friends from our W. M. A. S. drove out to Windsor Plains, five miles out, where the colored people have a nice Church. I have been there to hold some meetings and show them the need of the Christian women falling into line, so yesterday we went and organized an Aid Society with about ten members, and I can truthfully say that in all the societies I have organized I never saw so beautiful a spirit of willingness and heard such warm-hearted prayers as among those coloured sisters. I only wish our sisters in some of our larger towns could have seen the business-like manner in which those sisters undertook the work, as every motion was moved and seconded the speakers always rose and gracefully performed their part, as each officer was named there was the most hearty assent, not one offered an excuse, so seldom this is the case I find. Officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Amos Hamilton; Vice President, Mrs. Andrew Upshaw; Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Blackman; Treasurer, Mrs. Prescott Allison; Auditor, Mrs. Andrew Upshaw.

Most of these women get their living by laundry work, many of them go out washing and housecleaning; yet when I asked them to put aside four cents a week to bring up their dollar before the end of July, they smiled and cheerfully consented. I expect this society will be a great blessing; there is such good material to work upon. Could you send to their President a copy of the LINK every month, if you have not any for free distribution I will send you the 25cts, they deserve some encouragement, they must have Tidings too. I never had better meetings in all he county than this year, the work goes on deepening in interest.

RACHEL NALDER,

Windsor, N. S., Jan. 19th, 1900.

## Young People's Department.

### MISSION BAND LESSON.

#### YELLAMANCHILLI.

To-day we are to visit one of the northerly stations on our Telugu field. The name is an odd one; yet there are two sounds in it that boys and girls like to indulge in—yell and munch—and you all have sometimes felt chilly. So when you want to remember

where Mr. Lafamme used to be, and where Dr. Smith is now, just think of these three things and they will suggest Yellamanchilli (the a is pronounced like u, and the l like e). Some one will tell us where this town is!

1. *Ans.*—It is 60 miles north of Cocanada. If we got on board the train at Cocanada we would first pass Samulcotta, then Tuni, and 25 miles further on we would come to Yellamanchilli. Mrs. Lafamme describes it thus, "the village site is very beautiful, to the east and west are two hills some 300 ft high. Clustered at the foot of these hills and radiating from them in all directions, are the native huts of the common people, with here and there some more pretentious buildings having tiled roofs, but most of the roofs are thatched with straw and leaves. Stretching away to the north and south as far as the eye can reach, is a broad level plain of rich cultivated fields and lovely groves of trees, walled in east and west by hills outlining themselves against the clear sky in points and curves of graceful beauty. All about are villages. The population of the town is between 6,000 and 7,000. The main road running through the center of the town is wide and well kept, being a government road, as is also the one leading to the railway station. The other passages between the houses and dividing the various pettas cannot be called roads, they are merely lawns and foot paths. The people have a superstitious and childish fear of living apart in separate families, thus families of one caste huddle together."

*Leader.*—When did any Christians go to this heathen place?

2. *Ans.*—Before Mr. Lafamme went there in 1890, the London Missionary Society had kept a native preacher, in the town, but he had little success, so that this large field with 900 villages was practically unoccupied; the nearest missionary on the north being 36 miles away, and 25 miles on the south, none between the town and the bay of Bengal 12 miles east, and none for a long distance on the west. But with a brave heart Mr. Lafamme entered on this new field and for a long time he had many discouragements to meet with. For two years he tried in vain to get land to build on, nearly all the land was owned by the Rajah. However at last he heard of a fine building site which was owned by the government, and he received permission to build on it. The

house is built at the foot of one of the hills referred to called Shepherd's Hill. It is of stone, one storey high, has five good rooms and a veranda ten feet wide all round. While it was building and for two years before, Mr. and Mrs. Lafamme had lived in a leaky thatched roofed building in an unhealthy locality.

*Leader.*—We can sympathize with Mrs. Lafamme when she says, "I was carried from my sick bed to the new house and never shall I forget the joy with which I gazed upon the hills, the clear sky and waving tree tops. How my eyes lingered with pleasure upon the clean straight walls, and pretty vaulted roof, and how deliciously quiet it seemed away from the constant noises of pigs, dogs, donkeys and goats, and the quarreling of drunken men and scolding women. I thanked God for the blessed chance to rest." Mr. Lafamme preached in the town and in the cool season travelled about among the villages with one or two Telugu Christians to help him. Did he get any one to listen to him?

3. *Ans.*—After a time when some began to understand the message from God that Mr. Lafamme was telling, a few of them received it and had courage to confess their faith in Christ, and a small church of nine members was formed. It was such a joy to see these fresh volunteers join the army of Jesus, and lift up His banner among the great host who worshiped Satan.

*Leader.*—About 27 miles from Yellamanchilli there is a place called Narsapatnam, where Mr. Barrow had begun work. He had gathered some boys into a boarding school. In 1894 God saw fit to take Mr. Barrow away from this earth and the Mission house at Narsapatnam had to be closed. The boys school was moved to Yellamanchilli and Mrs. Barrow continued to take charge of it until she left India the next year. Is the boarding school there still?

4. *Ans.* Yes, it has been carried on ever since. When Mr. and Mrs. Lafamme came to Canada in 1895, Dr. Smith took charge of the station and Mrs. Smith had the oversight of the school, which work she has done ever since. She also teaches the English classes. Last year there were 23 boys in the school, three of which joined the church.

*Leader.*—When Dr. Smith took charge of the field Miss Kate McLaurin was appointed as lady Missionary. She had two noble women under her, and when-

ever she could she used to go over to Narsapatnam to look after the woman there. She enjoyed her work very much and met with many who were willing to listen to her. Is Miss McLaurin there now?

5. *Ans.*—No. The Conference decided that she had better go to Vuyuru, and although she was sorry to leave those who had grown to love her, and who looked to her for help, she went to take up Miss Murray's work. Since then there has been no lady Missionary at Yellamanchilli. The Bible women still do their work, and two women were converted and baptized as a result of their labors. Lately the Missionaries have opened a caste girl's school and there are 23 girls attending regularly. There is also a girls' Sunday school.

*Leader.*—Has the little band of Christian soldiers grown?

6. *Ans.*—Yes there are now 45 members in the Church, and they are learning to be unselfish. It has been customary to have an annual feast, but last year the Christians decided they would forego their usual social and give the amount it would cost to the Home Mission Society, for the spread of the Gospel.

*Leader.*—What other work does Dr. Smith do besides preaching?

7. *Ans.*—He does a great deal of medical work. When the other Missionaries are ill they send for him and he has built a dispensary near the Mission house where he receives patients. He says "our new building is provided with a large veranda in which we daily talk of the great Physician to those who are waiting for treatment." During the five months Dr. Smith was absent, on tour, large numbers were treated in camp. As a result of helping so many people who are sick, he says "it is now a very rare thing to find a village where no welcome awaits us even at the first visit."

*Leader.*—Our Telugu field now covers a distance of about 200 miles north and south, in which we have nine stations with resident Missionaries and one Narsapatnam, with a church membership of 221 without a resident Missionary. There are nearly 4,000 Christians living in 284 villages, let us think of them often and ask God to help them to be good, and not dishonor the uniform they wear, or the banner under which they serve. Let us think too of the 1300 villages in which there is not one Christian yet, and try and help them by sending more people to show



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them about the love of God. How few hear the cry which comes from India "send us the Gospel faster."

AMELIA MUIR.

Montreal, February, 1900.

NOTE:—This completes the series of Band lessons on our Telugu stations. I am glad to know that some have found them helpful.—A. M.

### ANUSAYA.

BY MANORAMARAI MEDHAVI.

In the large cities of India human sacrifices were long ago stopped by the English Government, ut it is found that in some of the small villages this custom is still practiced. In ancient times it was the custom or Kings and other rich men to bury their money in the ground that it might not be stolen; and now the Brahmins sometimes tell poor, ignorant men that there is some wealth buried in their grounds which will be revealed to them by the gods if they offer certain sacrifices. A certain family living in a village of central India were deceived in this way by their priest who told them that the only way by which they might hope to obtain the hidden treasure was by offering a human sacrifice. The priest agreed to come to their house on a certain day, when the members of the family must present themselves one by one before the god who should choose his own victim. The people did not quite like the idea of doing this, but they were very anxious for the money and so they decided to first present the widows in the house to the god, hoping that he would choose one of them, since a widow's life is considered to be of very little value.

On the day appointed, the priest came and little Anusaya who was the youngest widow in the family was dressed by her mother-in-law in a very pretty white dress and adorned with flowers and jewelry. Anusaya, knowing nothing of what was about to occur, was surprised and pleased to have so much attention paid her. But when her mother-in-law took her in a dark cellar where sat a priest by a deep pit dug in the ground she began to be afraid. When no one was looking the priest had placed a little earthen vessel in the pit, and he now lowered the girl into it and asked her if she saw anything. At first it was too dark for her to see, but on looking again she told him that she saw an earthen vessel. The priest immediately announced that Anusaya was the one to be sacrificed and then said that the gods had revealed to her eyes the earthen vessel as an earnest of the treasure which was to come. He then fixed the day when Anusaya must die, and departed. But Anusaya by this time thoroughly understood what was being planned and she determined to run away. Her brother lived in a town near by and she sent word to him that she wished to see him. When he came she told him all her trouble and with his help escaped. She is now a bright promising girl and we hope she will soon be a true Christian.—*Bombay Guardian.*

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