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THE WORLD'S GREATEST MISSIONARY.

"So poor—alas, so poor!
Foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests,
He hath not where to lay his weary head;
Night comes, the dewy sod may be His bed,
The heavens alone may canopy His rest!

"So poor—and why so poor?
Heaven was His throne and earth beneath His feet
Moved in the sunlight of the eternal day;
Through utmost space His grand possessions
lay,
And stars unnumbered made His crown complete.

"Why is His visage marred
More than the saddest man that maketh moan?
Why is He marked with travail and with pain?
And why His garments dyed with crimson stain,
As if He trod the winepress all alone?

"Highest of all the train
That fills the court of Heaven with joy and song!
Worshipped of angels! See Him scorned,
denied,

Bearing the heavy cross on which He died,
And meekly suffering every cruel wrong!

"And this is He who bore
Our sins and sorrows on His loving heart;
Who seized our dreadful right, and made our
shame

And poverty His own, that we may claim
In all His honors and His glory part.

"So poor, and yet so rich!
So slowly, yet so mighty! Lord, we bow
In grateful adoration at Thy feet—
Feet wounded for us, through Thy love so
sweet,
Which made Thee poor—which makes Thy glory
now!

"What shall we bring to Thee?—
We who without Thy loving still were lost,
Owing Thee all we have, and all we be—
Say rather, what shall we withhold from Thee?
From Thee, who ransomed us at such a cost?"

—*The Foreign Mission Journal.*

CONSECRATION has come to mean vastly more than any private interchange of soul relationship between self and God. It consists rather in putting the whole self at work upon the things that God wants done. When we reflect upon the needs of the world, and upon how God feels toward those needs, the seeking of any mere personal or private benefit at God's hand causes us to feel some secret shame. In God's order, the world is to be made over into the kingdom of Christ not by the easy way of begging the Almighty to do the work, but by the vastly harder road of doing it ourselves.—*George Albert Coe.*

In Japan some of the people are said to worship the "Great Bright God of Self-restraint." One said to a missionary: "If I want to buy a garment that cost one dollar I buy for eighty cents; or give a feast that costs five dollars, I give it for four dollars; or to build a house for one hundred dollars, I build it for eighty, and put the balance in the box. At the end of the year we meet, open the boxes and give the contents to the poor. It costs us some self-denial, but we are always prosperous and happy.—*Selected.*"

We rejoice that Miss Morrow is to return to her beloved work in India this Fall, and regret that Miss Simpson is obliged to take longer furlough on account of ill health. She has the sympathy of the Society in her disappointment. We are very thankful that the desired funds have been coming in so as to enable the Board to send Miss Jones, but there is still an opportunity for any one so disposed to give a special offering for her support. Miss Jones will attend the Convention at Owen Sound, where we hope many will have an opportunity of hearing her speak.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

THE Annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West, will be held in the Owen Sound Baptist Church, on November 13th, and 14th, 1907.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Society will be held on Thursday, November 14th.

DELEGATES.—Each Circle of twenty or less is entitled to two delegates, for each additional twenty, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is, either Life-members or contributors of at least \$1.00 a year. Each Band shall have the right to send one delegate over 15 years of age. All are invited to attend the meetings, and may take part in the discussions, but only delegates, officers, members of the Board and Life-members are entitled to vote.

BILLETING.—Delegates wishing entertainment may communicate with Mrs. Sidney Day, 195 Paynter St., Owen Sound.

CERTIFICATES.—Railway Certificates may be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a full-rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines of railway, it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway. These tickets are only good for use three days after the meetings close, if the delegates go and return on the same line.

An agent will come to the church to sign the certificates, when a fee of twenty-five cents will be required to be paid by each delegate.

BOARD MEETINGS.—The Foreign Mission Board will meet in the Owen Sound Baptist Church, on Tuesday evening, November 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

The first Board meeting of the new Convention year will be held on Friday, November 15th. The hour of meeting will be announced during Convention.

NOMINATIONS.—The Treasurer, Secretaries and Editor of the LINK are appointed by the Board. The other officers and the following Board members, namely: Mrs. S. Dadson, Paris; Mrs. W. J. McKay, Toronto; Mrs. Jas. Wood, Peterboro'; Miss J. Norton, Toronto; Mrs. T. M. Harris, Toronto; Mrs. A. T. Sowerby, Toronto. Mrs. E. L. Hill, Guelph; Miss M. Rogers, Toronto, retire this year, but are eligible for re-election. Nominations or resignations may be sent or handed to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell, 92 Yorkville Ave., Toronto.

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FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

Programme.

Mrs. S. S. Bates, 1st Vice-President, Presiding.
Miss Eva Wilkins, Convention Secretary.

MORNING SESSION, 9.30 O'CLOCK.

- 9.30—Hymn 155—*Tune*, "St. Peter."
Scripture Reading and Prayer, led by Mrs. W. E. Norton, Toronto.
- 9.45—Reports—
Recording Sec., Mrs. G. H. Campbell.
Treasurer, Miss Sarah J. Webster.
LINK, Mrs. W. H. Porter.
Corresponding Sec., Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.
Bands, Mrs. G. W. Barber, read by Mrs. W. L. Newton, Durham.
Adoption.
Hymn 4—*Tune* "Hanover."
- 10.25—Prayer Service, led by Mrs. H. E. Allen, Wingham.
- 10.45—"The Mission Band Problem." Mrs. J. H. Nicholson, Brantford.
- 11.00—Election of Officers and Members of the Board.
Greetings from Sister Societies.
- 12.00—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

- 2.00—Hymn 566—*Tune* "Dix," at No. 90.
Prayer, led by Mrs. C. P. Day, Daywood, Minutes of Morning Session.
- 2.15—Work among Lepers, Miss Lila Watt, B.A.
- 2.30—Representatives from India, introduced by our Foreign Secretary, Miss Grace B. Alexander.
Solo—Mrs. Newton Large.
- 4.00—Prayer, led by Mrs. John Craig, India.
Bible Reading, Mrs. T. M. Harris, Hymn 809. [Toronto Offering.]
- Solo—Miss Irving.
- 4.30—"Other People's Children," Carey Mission Band, Owen Sound.
- 5.00—Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

Anthem.

Hymn, 567—*Tune*, "Almsgiving" at No. 311.

Scripture Reading.

Prayer, led by Rev. T. C. Cameron, Owen Sound.

Minutes of Afternoon Session.

Farewell Address, Miss Lucy M. Jones, Toronto.

Solo.

Offering.

"Glimpses of Mission Work in Burma," Mrs. Ernest Grigg.

Hymn 21.

Closing Prayer.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.



THE thirty-first annual meeting of this Society took place in Olivet Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, October 2nd, Mrs. T. J. Claxton of Montreal, in the chair. A most impressive prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Dick of Boys' Home, Montreal. All felt the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. After the opening exercises the minutes of last annual meeting were read by Miss Crossley, Recording Secretary, and adopted. One item of interest being that an excellent map of our Telugu Mission field had been published and would be loaned to any Circle wishing to use it for a public meeting. Miss Morrow, our returned missionary, had spent most of her furlough within the bounds of our convention and our Circles had greatly profited by her visits. The prayer circle published in the Link had been the means of great blessing both at home and abroad. The President's address followed and once more as in so many past years Mrs. Claxton's earnest words sank deeply into the hearts of all present. Miss Chandler presented the report of nineteen mission bands, reporting to her this year. They had contributed to Foreign Missions, \$212.20; to Home Missions, \$74.95; to Grande Ligne, \$35.25, and to Northwest, \$20.25. Miss Chandler had written letters to every church and Sunday-school in the bounds of the convention, trying to increase the number of Mission Bands. Some very interesting letters had been received, and several new bands organized. Ottawa First Church Cheerful Gleaners is the banner band this year for amount of money raised, but the small band at Allan's Mills should have the banner for highest contribution per member, \$2.12. Much interest was aroused by this report. The roll-call followed and the absence of many familiar faces was much regretted. Mrs. Dancy's report of literature sold within our bounds showed that some Circles, at least, were improving their opportunities of increasing missionary knowledge and zeal. The plea for a larger support of our foreign missionary paper, the Link, was presented so forcibly by Miss McLaren, of Montreal, that it was unanimously decided to request its publication in the columns of that

paper. After a hymn had been sung, the election of officers was proceeded with resulting as follows: President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. Hibbard Ayer, Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Recording Secretary, Miss Crossley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Motley; Treasurer, Mrs. Ramsey. Members of Board: Mesdames Therrien, Lester, McKergow, Utting, Bentley, Ohman, McLaren, Radford, Loudon, Salton, Muir, Patten-on, Sims, Halkett, Gates, Baker, Picard, Griffith, Watt, A. A. Ayer, and the Misses Allan, Barker, Cramp, Russell and Clarke. The following appropriations were made for the coming year: Miss Murray's salary, \$500; Miss Murray's work, \$220; Miss McLaurin's work, \$184; Dr. Hulet's work, \$337; Miss Morrow's work, \$112; Vuyuru Boarding School, \$200; Akidu Boarding School, \$200; Cocanada Zenana work, \$200; Samulcotta Seminary, \$150; balance on Girls' Dormitories at Akidu, \$121.11; Bible Woman's House at Vuyuru, \$75; Bolivia, \$50. It was felt that the time had fully come for our society to have a share in our foreign mission work in South America. A cordial and hearty vote of thanks for the efficient services for so many years of our retiring officers, Mrs. H. Hibbard Ayer, as corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Rickert, as treasurer, was carried unanimously by standing vote. During the intermission for luncheon greetings were given from sister societies as follows: W. C. T. Union by Mrs. Paull, Congregational W. F. M. Society by Mrs. Pedley, Methodist W. F. M. Society, by Mrs. Sowyer, Grande Ligne Association by Mrs. Therrien, W. B. H. M. Society of Ontario by Mrs. Halkett, and of the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario by Miss Morrow.

The afternoon session opened with prayer service led by Mrs. Sheldon, of Cornwall, after which the minutes of morning session were read and adopted. The reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, which will be printed in the Link, followed. Papers most interesting and instructive filled the next hour, "A Retrospect of Missions," by Mrs. Paine, of Westmount; "What Christianity has Done for Woman, and what Woman is Doing for Christianity," by Miss Calvin of Kingston; "School Work in India," by Miss Morrow;

an amusing address by Mrs. Leslie of Montreal, (a sister of Dr. E. G. Smith and Mrs. Chute of India,) telling the comforts and discomforts of the home life of our missionaries in India, as she saw them in a visit to her relatives in that far off country, made us realize how many things are endured without complaint by our representatives in India. Rev. H. F. Laflamme who had given one of his forcible and thought-inspiring addresses at the union platform meeting the evening before, now came to the platform by request, and in his own way pictured the need of our brothers and sisters in India and our ability, if constrained by Christ's love, to supply their need. A Question Drawer was then conducted by Mrs. J. B. Halkett, of Ottawa, and some interesting points brought up for discussion. The committee on resolutions reported, after which Mrs. Claxton asked all to join in a circle with clasped hands as we sang our closing hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." This was followed with a tender, earnest prayer from Dr. Gates, and our convention for 1907 was over.

ISABEL HALKETT,
Convention Reporter.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Madame President and Ladies:—As year by year the interests of this Society extend, it becomes more and more difficult to present to you a report, which will in a measure give you a correct impression of the importance of the work which we have undertaken.

THE PRAYER CYCLE.

It has been said that "the one solution of the problems of men, money and methods is prayer," and with the aim in view of making our petitions more definite and more united, the Prayer Cycle has been arranged and printed in the pages of the Link, at regular intervals since January. It is our desire that it should be a real help in the work of our Society, bringing before you the special needs of our missionaries, who feel that it is a bond, between them and their supporters. We would ask you to use it in the home and in the Circle meeting, for the more who engage in this appeal for prayer, the more successful will our work be both at home and abroad.

THE MAP.

Your Board have during the year become the possessors of a fine, large, cloth map of the Telugu country, which will be loaned to

any Circle desiring it on payment of postage. This map has the Mission stations distinctly marked, and an afternoon devoted to the study of the Telugu country, giving physical features and the climate and calling attention to the missionaries and the character of their work, will afford not only an instructive but an interesting programme.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Of the four associations comprising our Society, three have changed officers during the past year, and we have every reason to believe that those appointed are well fitted to the positions—Mrs. Daniel McLaurin, the energetic Directress of the Ottawa Association has added to her other duties a tour among the weaker Circles in the small towns and country places, where her presence was a source of encouragement to those leaders, who find it so difficult to keep up interest in missionary work, where the members are so scattered. Through her efforts new Circles have been organized at Layside and Kenmore and re-organized at South Gower and Kempville.

Mrs. Kellock, of Perth, who has carried on the duties of Directress of the Canada Central Association so efficiently, on account of change of residence which takes her outside the bounds of our Society, was obliged to give up the work in which she was so much interested and Mrs. Beal, of Brockville, was appointed in her place. We will miss Mrs. Kellock from our conventions and association meetings, where her face has become so familiar and where her zeal for our Mission work was so evident.

The rule of the Grande Ligne Association is a change of officers every year and we have Mrs. Lebean, of Quebec, occupying the position of President. The Eastern Association is at present without a Directress, but Mrs. White, of Moes River, is acting in that capacity until the vacancy is filled. We understand that a Circle has been formed at North Hatley in this Association.

BRANCH WORK.

Miss Chandler, Supt. of Bands, reports new Bands organized at Moes River, Barnston and Sawyerville in the Eastern Association. One also is reported at Ogdensburg, Que., due we feel sure to the efforts of Miss Morrow, whose residence in the east has been the means of stimulating new interest in our Circle work.

MISS MORKROW.

It is not often that a real live missionary spends her furlough in this part of the country and we would here put on record our appre-

ciation of the manner in which Miss Morrow has striven both in public and private to promote a greater love for the women of India in the hearts of our Circle members—and others. Our prayers go with her as she sets forth to take charge of the work among the women of the Narsaputnam fields, so long without a missionary.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of an anonymous donor, who desires to retain an interest in our Telugu Mission and who has become responsible for the support of the caste girls' school at Vallieru, amounting at present to \$156.00 a year.

NEW WORK.

Your Board felt that it would be advisable that the sum estimated for this object by our Society should be reappropriated, and by the courtesy of the Women's Board, West, Dr. Hulet's work on the Vuyyuru field has been transferred to us.

This was done after due consideration and was particularly desirable owing to changes made at the January Conference in India, relating to the division of the work of the first and second lady missionaries at Vuyyuru, by which Dr. Gertrude Hulet has taken over the superintendence of the school at Vallur and the Zenana and Caste School in the station, relieving Miss McLaurin, and setting her free to spend her time in touring. We rejoice that we once more support all the women's work on the Vuyyuru field and are grateful to the generous giver, who has made this possible.

THE REVIVAL.

Though the early manifestations in connection with the great revival which visited India and was mentioned in our last report, have ceased, yet it is evident that its influence is still strong and abiding. In Boarding Schools and Seminary this is shown by improved diligence and conduct on the part of the pupils and a greater earnestness among the native workers, which must sooner or later tell for good.

THE POLITICAL UNREST.

Referring to the political unrest in India, reports of which have rather alarmingly appeared in the newspapers, Miss Murray writes that beyond having the slogan, "Vande Mataram" or "Hail Motherland," shouted at her, she has detected no unfriendly feeling towards her in Yellamanchili, but she writes, "there is no denying the fact that there exists to-day in

the hearts of many an antipathy for the white race and anything connected with them.

Miss McLaurin assures us that there is no cause for anxiety, "We see nothing of it," she writes, "in our part of the country, and in Cocanada where there was a disturbance, things have quieted down."

"India," writes Mr. Chute, still remains fairly secure in the hands of the British race, in spite of all the unrest of the disgruntled classes."

It may be assumed from the above that no immediate danger is threatened and that in all probability this cloud will pass over without the uprising of the natives which was at first so much dreaded.

MISS MURRAY.

Yellamanchili and Narsaputnam Fields.—Miss Murray, our beloved missionary, has been enjoying good health since the attack of typhoid from which she was suffering a year ago. She has spent some time on tour, visiting every center where there are workers or christians, with one exception on both the Yellamanchili and the Narsapatnam fields.

The hot season was spent by the sea on the Tuni fields and even during this five weeks holiday, no opportunity was lost in preaching the gospel, in conversation or nightly service.

SOWING.

A number of the workers on the Yellamanchili field were wonderfully blessed during the revival and while on tour the joy of having all her camp followers christians, was felt as never before by Miss Murray. A hitherto unknown pleasure on one of these tours to Narsapatnam was the company of fellow missionaries, Miss Pratt and Mrs. Woodburne—and on another occasion Dr. Allyn was initiated into the sweets of going forth into the field, and lodging among the villages."

The sale of scripture portions on these tours, is always a source of great satisfaction, for the little books remain with the people to prove a blessing to some one some time, even though the missionary is unable to visit the district except at long intervals.

At one place the "Village of Five Fountains," where Elizabeth, the latest addition to the staff of Bible woman lives, the caste women showed unusual interest, coming freely to the tent at first nearly a hundred at a time and Miss Murray was received in their homes. She writes, "Perhaps their attempts to learn the precious name of Jesus were more general than

in any other village we had ever visited. Two influential men came running from their fields to greet me one day and told me the women of the village had held a meeting (he used the English word) under a certain tree, the whereabouts I was supposed to know, and had decided that our teaching was very good.

Here also in the outcaste quarter lives a widow whose interest in the gospel has brought her over the five miles to Yellamanchili more than once to attend our services and this, through the influence of a relative in another village, also a widow (these two widows are really the only women in all the surrounding region who have shown a real spirit of inquiry. Since our visits to those parts this village has been burnt and Elizabeth and her husband tells us we are blamed because we camped there. The widow also attributes this loss to her previous interest in Christianity and so the evil one has again seemed to triumph over the work of the spirit in these hearts. Let me ask your prayers for these two women and for Elizabeth in her work in and about the "Village of Five Fountains."

BIBLE WOMEN.

The crying need for more trained workers is emphasized by Miss Murray in her reports. Especially is the want of an earnest capable Bible Woman felt in the town of Yellamanchili to take the place of Blandinamma, who visited the women regularly. So much is she missed that those she visited feel neglected.

Besides the seven regular women on the staff, who receive salary the wives of the workers who are almost, if not all women, educated in Mission Boarding Schools, have since the revival shown a feeling of responsibility towards their heathen sisters, as never before, and the change in them continues to be a source of joy to the missionary.

The work among the christian women is encouraging. Those of the Godaveri Association have banded themselves together under the name of Honorary Workers and have voluntarily agreed to spend, without salary, at least one half day a week in preaching the gospel to the heathen. Then in Yellamanchili; they have been joining heartily with their husbands and brethren in the manual labor in connection with the erection of the new chapel which has probably been opened this month, another result of the deepening of spiritual interest due to the revival.

WORK AMONG THE CHILDREN.

Mrs. Woodburne has been superintending the

work of the Evangelistic Schools in Yellamanchili, as well as caste girl's school, since January.

The Sunday services at the Bungalow during the early part of the year were attended by an unusually large number of boys and girls, mostly Brahmims, who appeared much impressed by the teaching they received.

Each Sunday afternoon all of our Christians in Yellamanchili, men and women, who are capable of doing so, go out in pairs as a rule, to do Sunday school work in eight or more different quarters. "On Christmas day we held our annual S. S. Rally in my new tent by the bungalow. There were present one hundred and eight children of about a dozen different castes. I tell you," writes Miss Murray, "it was inspiring to see so many different castes, all telling and singing what they had been taught about Jesus."

"The Evangelistic Schools started by Solomon in the near villages are being carried on by Krupanandam, a new man, since the revival, in love with his work, but lacking in Bible knowledge. The majority had made progress. Though some of these schools had died, the order especially was improved. In some, the number of girls was a pleasure, but in others, their lack proved disappointing. In one school one of the brightest boys had died of cholera.

Caste Girls School.—Tshmail, the former headmaster and his wife have gone to another school and in their places have come John, a very successful teacher hitherto, and Saráh, his wife, a trained graduate of the Girls' School in Cocanada. The school has taken on a new lease of life under their management and the average attendance has increased. As there is no rival girls' school of any importance in Yellamanchili it is hoped by making it attractive by kindergarten, needlework, fancy work, and action songs, as well as efficient in the more substantial branches, that a large attendance may be secured.

That the influence of this work does not end in the school has been noted. A case in point being the fact that in attendance is a little girl, straight from perhaps the stronghold of Hinduism in Yellamanchili, the daughter of the Brahmim priest of the oldest temple in the town. They boast that the office of priesthood has been in their family for the past four hundred years, yet we receive a hearty welcome to that home, the way having been paved by the little school girl and by a suc-

cessful operation which Dr. Woodburne performed upon the eye of the grandmother."

BIBLE WOMEN.

Vuyyuru.—Miss McLaurin reports a good years' work on the Vuyyuru field, marked by growth and developments, especially for the workers.

All the Bible women were wonderfully blessed and revived, especially Ruth, the youngest and newest, who now with the other members of the staff, Mariamma, Amelia and Katashamma have given the missionary much joy by their earnestness and zeal.

These Bible women of Miss McLaurin are all supported by the members of the Sunday School and Circle, of the Ottawa First Church, and proud may they be of having such worthy representatives in India, as we are of the wonderful report from this, our "Banner Circle."

Miss McLaurin writes again of the pressing need for workers. The demand far exceeds the supply, for there are so few educated women on the field and none of these are free to give their time to the work. To train the uneducated takes such a long time. One young widow is now in training, but it will be four years before she can enter regular work. "Do pray," writes Miss McLaurin, "all this coming year for more bible-women, and for Martha our young widow."

Touring has been marked by good hearings, and an increasing number of caste women are learning and interested.

When the village of Lukshamma and Ratnamma, the two caste widows mentioned in last year's report as professing to believe in Jesus, was visited, the former was away, but Ratnamma was at home and listened as eagerly as ever. "I am really looking for Lukshamma to take the decisive step," writes the missionary. Six new villages were visited from a new place of encampment. The caste women had never heard before, but received the Bible women and missionary gladly. Only in one village was there opposition and this from the men. "The gospel," writes Miss McLaurin, "has its own place now in the hearts of the caste women who have heard for some time and the bible women are cordially and respectfully welcomed even when the missionary is not present."

Meetings with the christian women and for the children were held while on tour and encouragement felt frequently by the progress made in the Sunday Schools.

The work among the Christian women, teach-

ing them in meetings depends largely on the pastors' and preachers' wives, who are growing more interested in the work and the women in many congregations are making progress in their Bible lessons.

Some of the Christian women were greatly blessed during the revival and have shown a new interest in spiritual things.

"The work in the Station," reports Miss McLaurin, "is interesting and encouraging. The caste woman mentioned in my last report as having taken no part in the celebration of the cholera goddess' feast remains true to her faith in Christ. She has had many trials since then, serious illness, loss of a child, and ill treatment from a drunken husband. But only yesterday she said to me, "Christ is my only strength." In the midst of hard work, illness and ill treatment, she has prayed daily to Christ and reads the Bible with interest and conviction. Her name is Lanyasi. Do pray for her.

New Brahim and Komati houses are opening their doors and many a woman of these high secluded castes has heard the gospel for the first time this year. Though we have been teaching in the town for twelve years, ever since Miss Murray came, their doors have never opened to us. But now the doctor's kind hand, or the wee school girl has been the instrument God used.

The Caste Girls' School has not increased much in numbers, but is in better condition than when last reported, due in a measure to a new building which is fine, light and airy. There are twenty-six children attending. At the examination in April all but our two regular standby dunces passed and some received prizes for sewing, Bible, and general excellence. After the examination we had our prize-giving and for the first time we made it public, and a few of our friends from town came. The children sang and recited nicely the exercises prepared by Dr. Hulet. They make good progress in sewing and in the last class to enter sewing, there are Brahim children, the first Brahim girls to take sewing yet in our school. This means that they come into daily physical contact with the teacher, Amelia, whom all know was once an outcaste, (they would consider her one yet). Under any other circumstances such a thing would be well-nigh impossible, but our little school, under God is doing a great deal to overcome prejudice and teach the people of this conservative, priest-ridden town a "more excellent way." The

children come well to Sunday School and are learning many Bible stories and passages of Scripture. Some of them have bought hymn books. Dr. Hulet has very kindly looked after the Vuyuru Station work for me since January and the encouraging condition of the work is largely owing to that fact.

Vallur school since January has been under Dr. Hulet's oversight. In February we had a most interesting public prize-giving at the Municipal Chairman's home, which was well attended by the leading men of the town. Indeed the whole town seemed to be there. Beautiful prizes, sent by Walmer Road B. Y. P. A., were distributed and the "grown ups" seemed as delighted with the prizes as the little recipients. Our good friends, Mr. Virachadra Rao, attended at no little inconvenience to himself and in his wife's absence, distributed the prizes. His brother, whom we had never met before also came from a distance, and brought some very nice prizes with him. Miss Agnes's (headmistress) brother came too. So it was quite a gathering. We do thank God for these friends and all their kindness and interest. With grateful hearts we realize that God has prospered that school, "we know not how," (Mark 4. 27). It is our aim and desire this coming year to give ourselves more than ever to the work in the villages and on the field, to strengthen and develop the work among the Christian women in our churches, so that they may make greater progress in the knowledge of the scriptures, and may grow in grace and true Christian character. We close with praise to God for His abundant answers to our prayers and your's for the school especially and for Ruth. When you pray remember the Caste widows—five I know of who seem to be near the Kingdom.

Dr. Hulet reports further of the Valluru School—an attendance of 60, over forty children in the infant and first classes, who are making good progress in their studies. They love to sing and are able also to recite the commandments and repeat a prayer which their teacher Ratamma has taught them. The first class are learning to sew on bits of turkey-red cloth.

The older girls are well up in their Bible studies and in their secular work. They have learnt to pray readily and do so in their own homes as well as at school. The landlord, who raised so many difficulties in the way of renting the building where the school meets, when it was first started, made more trouble

when the time came for re-renting, but an amicable agreement was reached, when the man at last realized that he could not scare the missionary into giving in to his demands.

Dr. Hulet has two good Bible-women, both widows and both called Joy. They spend most of their time away on tour and are well received by the caste people.

Vuyuru Girls' Boarding School.—Mrs. Cross has the oversight of this school. She reports in many ways a peculiar year: nearly all the children were influenced by the revival, some receiving a deeper and lasting experience than others. Five were baptized although many made application. The number of girls in attendance through the year was twenty-two. The final examination took place in December and those in the highest class completed their course. Three girls passed on to Cocanada High School, and one day scholar of whom there are about fifteen in attendance.

In place of these some new scholars were received, some of whom are quite small and often get lonely for their mother's caresses. It is not always easy to have such small children in the boarding school, but their circumstances were such as was thought wise to admit them.

Akidu.—The Jennie McArthur Bungalow was nearing completion when last reported, over a month ago, and we trust that by this time Miss Robinson and Miss Selman are enjoying their new home. Miss Robinson's description is interesting: "The walls are of a reddish brown stone which is very pretty indeed. Then the location is excellent, between the canal and the road, facing the former (almost directly south) and fully open to the prevailing breezes from that direction. The plan is the best possible, under the circumstances, as we tried to give the building a presentable appearance from either line of travel. Our compound has only two trees as yet, planted by Mrs. Chute some nine years ago, but we hope to set out many more. Of course there is a line of young Palmyra palms all around the property, but these give no shade. As the compound has so few trees, we will not only have more glare from the sun than this bungalow (built in 1880) surrounded as it is by splendid trees, but we will have the compensation of a good view of the sunsets and the stars. Over the two bed-rooms, which are separated by the long middle room (which furnishes sitting and dining-rooms, divided by a screen) and which has an ordinary tiled roof, are flat roofs, ce-

mented. To the tops of one of these is to be a small stairway. There is no place in India like a housetop. There, at least, one can be alone."

In connection with the building of the Bungalow, we gratefully acknowledge the following resolution of the July Conference in India, and would assure our Missionaries that it is with a deep feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for having permitted us to help in our small way, that we have gathered this money and at last completed the promised sum of \$1,500. The following is the resolution:—

"Whereas the Women's Boards of Canada, East, West and North-West, have responded so readily to our request for funds for the erection of bungalows at Vuyuru, Akidu, and Ramachandrapuram.

"Be it resolved that we express to all the donors through our Boards our sincere appreciation of the loving promptness and munificent liberality with which they have fulfilled our desire.

"We have felt that they required but to hear of our need when immediately their hearts responded and their energies were bent to supply the need. Such action we consider to be ideal and pray that nothing may ever arise to mar the unity of thought between the Master's followers in the home-land and those whom they have chosen to be their representatives for the evangelization of India's women."

Akidu Girls' Boarding School:—Miss Robinson reports many of the children influenced by the revival. Some of them asked for baptism but it was thought best for them to wait awhile. Two girls and five boys were however, later, baptized in the canal.

At the annual examination in December, the Government Inspector spoke of the improvements in the general proficiency of the scholars especially in Geography and English. We began the term in January with only sixteen girls, that being an unusually small number. However, we closed the term with only ten, the smallest number ever in the school at one time, I presume. However of our sixteen girls, had I been asked to drop any six, I think the six who went for various reasons, would probably have been selected. So you see we have the best remaining—another example of the survival of the fittest. Of the ten, Pamu Suryakanta and Bandila Sarah are probably the cleverest. They are both doing good work, one in the IV. Standard and one in the III.

THE GIRLS' DORMITORIES.

We had school continuously from January 10th to June 19th. We were forced to close earlier than we had intended because of the

rains, which came on ten days earlier than usual and were heavier than for many years. As the workmen of India are proverbially slow, the work on the dormitories may take from two to four months, so we cannot expect to have the girls back before the January term.

How thankful I shall be when I see my girls in good, new, clean, safe, comfortable quarters, I cannot tell you. I am very grateful that your ladies are trying to raise the \$170.00 for pounding and cooking rooms. It will mean much to us."

Mr. Chute reports that all the material is on hand for the dormitories, the timber being sawed for the roof and he is ready to begin the mason work in a month. All that he is waiting for is the word from our Board, that he may count on the \$170.00 promised by our Society to complete the building, being forwarded at once. As only about \$50.00 of this amount has reached our treasurer we must look to you to form some plan by which the balance, may be gathered immediately, in order that the building may not be delayed.

Cocanada Zenana Work:—In reading the reports of Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs, who visit the women in their homes in the town of Cocanada, one is struck with the lights and shades which seem to pretty evenly balance one another. In one house, the women, full of curiosity, deluded, superstitious, more interested in the question, "What curry did you eat today?" than in one relating to their soul's salvation—grieving the worker by their inattention and lack of interest. In another, serious and compassionate at the tale of the Lord's suffering on the cross, asking the worker, "Teach us how to pray," and kneeling reverently while she leads them in simple petition to that Heavenly Father who looks down in love on their feeble attempts to follow Him.

Miss Beggs has ten young women studying the New Testament, among them some promising pupils who listen attentively and remember the Scripture lessons well. In many houses the older relations of the pupils are interested in the religious instruction and make a point of listening to the reading and the singing of hymns. That the seed sown is bearing fruit may be seen, extracts: "A young woman, who has gone to her husband's house some fifteen miles away, although she could not read, yet she used to listen very attentively to the Bible stories and often told us that she had given up everything and loves the Lord Jesus with her whole heart. Before leaving she gave me a

small silver bit for the mission box, as a thank-offering and said, "This is a small offering for the Lord, but I shall give more the next time I come home as all I have is the Lord's and I must give something for His work." I believe, writes Miss Beggs, "she has the true light in her heart."

Miss Gibson cites the following little episode as of interest, being different from the usual routine of work.

"On the day of the annual meeting of the English Baptist Church, I was visiting in some of the homes, where the women are particularly interested, and I told them of the meeting to be held that night and of the thanksgiving offering and what it meant. They thought it very good, but said nothing further. Imagine my surprise to see four of these women walk into the meeting and remain to the end although they could not understand a word of what was said. At the close they came up with their thanksgiving which they said they wished to give to prove their gratitude to God. They all four profess their belief in the Saviour. They expressed their joy at being present and thought it was like Heaven. One told me, the next day, that she was quite sad when she returned to her heathen home and surroundings. Like Peter they would stay on the mount always.

Another woman had made a pilgrimage to Benares, and was satisfied that the idol was a god because she saw it helped to its meals with a golden spoon. The fact that the streets of Heaven are said to be paved with gold, seems to make a more lasting impression on their poor deluded minds, than anything else."

Samulcotta Seminary.—An annual grant of \$150 gives us an interest in this institution, and as a thorough account of the work appears in the report of the general Board it is only necessary to state here that the school is being constantly improved. New class-rooms are in the course of erection which will afford increased accommodation to meet the needs, and it is hoped that new dormitories may be added during the year. Principal Stillwell reports a fine attendance at the Seminary, in Literary, Theological and Normal Departments.

And now after hearing these reports, and in view of the fact that the greatest need in our Telugu Mission, as in all other fields, is a sufficient force of native Christians trained for the evangelizing work of carrying the gospel

to their own people, and that a Forward Movement is asked for by conference, in order to meet the requirements of training a staff adequate to our force of missionaries, that extras are required for the completion of the Dormitories and for Bible-women's houses at Vuyuru, that our missionary, Miss Murray will in all probability return on furlough in 1910, leaving our Society without a representative in India, and her work unprovided for, it is quite time for us to study the question of finances. Our income has not come up to our anticipations and it remains with you, as Circle members, to see that the confidence reposed in us by our missionaries is not misplaced during 1908.

God bless these noble missionaries of ours, and help us to help them, until the time shall come when "the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,

Westmount, Oct. 1, 1907.

Cor.-Sec.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There has been six meetings of the Executive Board of this Society during the past year, four regular at which the attendance averaged twelve, and two special. Though the attendance has not been as full as might be desired the meetings have not lacked in interest, the reports from the field in India being carefully and regularly made by our missionaries, while reports from our directresses and superintendent of Mission Bands have kept us informed of the progress of work at home. Mrs. McLaurin's tour through the Circles of the Ottawa Association was much appreciated by the Board. This feeling of being in somewhat closer touch with the work at home was assisted by the appointment of representatives to the Associational meetings.

We were happy in having with us at one of our meetings Miss Morrow, who is so shortly to return to her work in India, and whose personal report on the progress of our Bangalore make it seem far more real. Another matter for congratulation is that we have obtained an excellent map of the Telugu field of which the great value has been proved on several occasions where it has formed the basis of an address. This has been a long felt need.

The half yearly Days of Prayer have been duly observed and the establishment of a

prayer cycle has greatly assisted in bringing home to many, the more immediate needs of our work. This cycle was at first published monthly in the "Link" but a quarterly publication has proved sufficient. Perhaps, however, this has meant more to our missionaries than to the Society at home, as their letters have often expressed their gratitude for this bearing up before the Throne of Grace. The reports that have reached us of the wonderful revival in India have touched our hearts to both humility and deep thankfulness to God for such an outpouring of blessing upon the work.

Although we are thankful that death has not called away any of our members, we have to regret that through removal from the city Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Webb have had to sever their connection with the Board, although we did not need the assurance of their continued interest. The only gloom that has touched our meetings was the announcement at the last that a deficit would have to be declared at this convention.

We are glad to welcome the six new Life Members that this year has been added to our roll, and also our first Life Directress in the person of Mrs. Blackader, of the Ottawa First Church Circle. In this connection we would like to record our appreciation of Mr. C. S. J. Phillips' generosity in his donation of twenty-five handsome Life Directress Certificates.

This year has been one of blessing and mercy on the part of our Father and as co-workers together with Him let us not despise our privilege.

Respectfully submitted,
 ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,
 Rec.-Sec.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ont. and Que.

Treasurer's Statement from October 1st, 1906, to September 30th, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION—			
	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Abbott's Corners.....	\$10 50		\$10 50
Beebe Plain.....	24 00		24 00
Coaticooke.....	20 00	\$20 00	40 00
Dixville.....	8 00		8 00
Mees River.....	5 00	12 00	17 00
Montreal, Olivet.....	100 75	15 00	115 75
" First Church.....	72 85		72 85
" Westmount.....	90 98	20 00	110 98
" Pt. St. Charles.....	8 00	5 50	13 50
" Tabernacle.....	5 00		5 00
North Hatley.....	1 70		1 70
Sawyerhill.....			
Sherbrooke.....			
Quebec.....	65 00	23 00	88 00
Total.....	\$411 78	\$95 50	\$507 28

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION—			
Breadalbane.....	\$8 15		\$8 15
Buckingham.....	00		7 90
Clarence.....	54 00	\$4 70	58 70
Cornwall.....	21 27		21 27
Dalesville.....	10 75		10 75
Dempsey.....	5 00		5 00
Dominionville.....	8 00		8 00
Grenville.....	22 00		22 00
Hawkesbury.....			
Kemptville.....	4 75	12 00	16 75
Kenmore.....		3 50	3 50
Lachute.....	12 00		12 00
Maxville.....	40 00		40 00
Ormond.....	14 50		14 50
Osgoode.....	64 00	15 00	79 00
Osnabrock.....	9 00		9 00
Ottawa, First Church.....	389 00	18 00	407 00
" McPhail Memorial.....	55 00	17 00	72 00
" Fourth Avenue.....	22 00		22 00
Rockland.....	86 00	15 00	101 00
Thurso.....	11 02		11 02
Vankleek Hill.....	25 00	7 00	32 00
Winchester.....	24 65		24 65
St. Andrews East.....	4 00		4 00
Total.....	\$897 09	\$92 20	\$989 29

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—			
Algonquin.....	\$5 00		\$5 00
Allan's Mills.....		\$20 00	20 00
Almonte.....	8 00		8 00
Arnprior.....			
Brockville.....			
Carleton Place.....	95 37	30 00	125 37
Delta.....	5 70		5 70
Drummond.....	21 00	7 50	28 50
Kingston, First Church.....	8 00		8 00
" Union Street.....	43 50	17 00	60 50
Lanark.....	17 00		17 00
Perth.....	2 00		2 00
Pembroke.....	37 50	15 00	52 50
Phillipsville.....	3 00		3 00
Plum Hollow.....	22 00		22 05
Renfrew.....	5 00		5 00
Smith's Falls.....	10 00	5 00	15 00
Westport.....	37 00	17 00	54 00
Total.....	\$320 07	\$111 50	\$431 57

GRANDE LIGNE ASSOCIATION—			
Grande Ligne.....	\$5 00		\$5 00
Montreal, French Church.....	10 00		10 00
Ottawa, ".....	10 00		10 00
Roxton Pond.....	10 00	12 00	22 00
Total.....	\$35 00	\$12 00	\$47 00

SUMMARY.

Balance on hand Sept. 25th, 1906.....	\$10 49
Total from Circles.....	1663 94
" Bands.....	311 20
" Sundries.....	426 45
Disbursements.....	\$2412 08
Balance in Treasury.....	37 32
Total.....	\$2412 08

Respectfully submitted,
 MARGARET C. RICKERT.

Audited and found correct.

ALFRED WALFORD,
 ALBERT E. PATERSON, } Auditors.
 Montreal, Oct. 1st, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

SUNDRIES—	
Collec'ns taken at Conve'n Thuro	\$9 66
" " Eastern Assoc'n	2 37
" " Can. Cen'l Assoc.	2 20
" " Ottawa Assoc'n	2 77
" " Union Meeting of Circles, Montreal	1 56
Refund from sale of "Among the Telugus"	1 74
Subscription card for Akidu School	2 00
	\$22 30

INDIVIDUAL AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS—

Master Gordon McCallum, Vank- leek Hill	\$15 00
" Margaret," Quebec	50 00
Mrs. Whithfield, Cowansville	15 00
Mrs. Hopton, Montreal	30 00
Mr. Morton, Montreal	5 00
"A Friend," for Valluru School	78 00
The Stewart family, in memory of Katie A. Stewart	15 00
"The Muir Children," Montreal	15 00
Estate Miss Jennie McArthur	86 10
Proceeds of Birthday Party, held in Olivet Church, Montreal	65 05
Ottawa First Church Sunday S. for support of Amelia, Vuyuru	30 00
	404 15

\$426 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

APPROPRIATIONS—	
Miss Murray's salary	\$500 00
Miss Murray's work among women and children	294 00
Vuyuru work among women and children	325 00
Vuyuru Boarding School	200 00
Akidu Boarding School	175 00
Cocanada Zenanns	250 00
Samulcotta Seminary	150 00
	\$1894 00

SPECIAL—

Bungalow	\$171 92
Akidu Dormitories	48 89
Bolivia	76 00
Leper work	5 00
Miss Murray	50 00
Balance on appropriations, 1905- 1906	50 00
	\$401 81

EXPENSE ACCOUNT—

Speakers expenses to Convention	\$15 00
Ribbon	50
Map and express charges	10 40
Harris and Hopton	4 50
Copies of "Among the Telugus"	7 30
	\$33 40
PRINTING AND STATIONERY—	
Report in Year Book	\$12 00
Post cards for Treasurer and Re- cording Secretary	10 00
Portage, printing, etc	23 55
	\$45 55

\$2374 76

LIFE DIRECTRESS.

Mrs. A. K. Blackadar..... Ottawa

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Alex. Edwards..... Rockland.
Mrs. Norman Morrison..... Moncklands.
Mrs. A. E. Matthews..... Ottawa.
Miss C. Ferguson..... "
Miss Lily K. Anderson..... Vankleek Hill.
Mrs. J. L. Gilmour..... Montreal

REPORT OF MISSIONS BANDS.

In presenting our Mission Band report we wish to place on record our sincere thanks to God for permitting our Bands to carry on their noble work for the Master during another year. In the early part of the year your Superintendent sought to come in contact with every church of the Convention and tried to ascertain the advisability of starting Bands where such was not already done. Some of the many letters written for this purpose received the courtesy of a reply; others did not. We are pleased, however, to report that at least four new Bands have been organized—at Barnston, Moe's River, Sawyerville and Ogdensburg, and the one at Point St. Charles again brought into working order. Some of these have no financial report owing to the fact that they have been so recently organized, but will, we expect, add their quota to our funds next year. The report of the various bands is as follows:

	Member- ship.	Amount Contributed.
Allan's Mills	15	\$33 50
Coaticook	28	46 00
Clarence	40	10 80
Kemptville	66	29 60
Moe's River	12	12 00
Montreal Olivet	34	25 00
Ottawa First Church	77	51 00
Ottawa Fourth Ave.	48	10 00
Ottawa McPhail Memorial	30	17 00
Point St. Charles	25	7 50
Perth	35	15 00
Quebec	24	31 00
Rockland	50	16 25
Sherbrooke	60	5 00
Smith's Falls	40	23 00
Sawyerville	12
Vankleek Hill	25	21 50
Westmount	45	29 50
Westmount Baby Band	30
Ogdensburg	23
Total Amount	\$383.65

There has been a substantial falling off in contributions from four of our Bands, while four which reported last year have failed to do so this, on the other hand we have at least the names of five Bands that did not report last

year, while a few have increased their offering; however the increase is not quite equal to the loss. The saddest note heard in our reports is that of a President who in writing of one of the officers of her Band said that she had grown weary in well doing. O, that the thought of the "Reaper's joy," "if we faint not," might enter more fully into our thought.

We are very loath to withdraw the Banner from Quebec as it has been so long and nobly held by that Band, but on the other hand we are pleased to accord this honor to the Mission Band at Allan's Mills, Ont. The amount contributed per member being \$2.23.

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA M. CHANDLER,
Supt. Mission Bands E. O. and Q.

DAY OF PRAYER.

Thursday, November 7th, the day set apart by W. H. F. M. Board of E. O. and Quebec for special prayer. Will the Circles, as far as possible take advantage of this opportunity to unite in asking God's blessing on our work in India, Bolivia, and in our own country.

H. M.

PAPER ON THE LINK.

Madame President, subscribers, and more especially non-subscribers to the "Link":—In presenting the claims of our energetic and faithful Foreign Mission paper, "The Link," I could wish that our devoted editor were not quite so modest in expressing her hopes and ambitions in connection with her work! As she herself says: "The paper has been dear to many of us who remember the time when our beloved brother Timpany started it, and if I were not the Editor I could say a good deal for "The Link."

"The Link," however, speaks for itself. In actual size, from the meagre first copy of scant news to the present copy of almost twice the original size, containing the latest news from the ever increasing stations in the foreign field, with bright reports from the different Circles at home.

Also, the more vital growth, from a very limited circulation to one that to-day passes the four thousand mark. When one sees all this and realizes into how many different homes this little paper has found its way, a silent but powerful influence for foreign mission endeavor. A "first aid" to Foreign Mission work I should like to call it—how can we but admire the courage and steadfastness of her who, under God, sends out this mighty Link that unites us with the great cause in the Foreign field. Who can measure the influence of such a paper in the homes, from the time when, as little ones, we gathered around mother's knee to hear what "Sister Belle" had for us, till later, when we began to be interested in it for

its own sake, realizing that it, together with the "Mission Band," had created in us the desire, to hear more, to learn more, and to do more, for missions than ever before.

The seed has been sown now for over 25 years. Surely its harvest will be great! Already it has at least three offsprings, the Visitor, the Home Mission organ, the Maritime paper, which cut down our subscription list considerably last year, and I believe there is also a paper of a similar nature published in the Northwest. Notwithstanding these other publications the report shows that there has been an increase of 128 over the subscriptions of last year, as follows: Nov. '06 we reported 4,169 subscriptions; Sept. 15, '07 we report 4,297 subscribers, which we expect will be added to before the Western Convention in November. Our editor says that she is sure the list would be much larger if we had a good agent in all our Societies. She also says, it is always desirable to have promptness of payment as it is essential to the success of the paper and relieves the editor of some anxiety.

Now may I in closing, say a word to non-subscribers, if there be any such present, or if all the delegates are subscribers will you kindly repeat this message to your Circles. What is the purpose of a link? Is it not to connect? Are you connected? A link is of no use unless it is connected with something at either end. This particular Link, we know, by its monthly reports is connected at the other end—India. How about Canada has that a good connection at this end of the chain? If there be one member of a Circle into whose home this little paper does not enter the chain is not complete, the paper will feel the loss, but—worse still—you will suffer a greater loss! Surely we should all be interested enough in our organization to support our official paper! In writing the editor for statistics, I asked her permission to suggest including the price of "The Link," in the membership fee, as is done in clubs and other organizations. Mrs. Porter thought this would not be feasible. Since then the thought has come to me why could not each Circle subscribe for enough copies so that one would be found in every home, and the extra expense could be met by special collections or in any way best suited to that particular Circle. If we really consider it seriously, how many honestly, would feel the extra two cents a month! No, my friends, you must look for a better excuse than that! Once more I ask, are you connected? If not, hurry up and get connected. Do not wait for the agent to hunt you up—you hunt her up. Give her a glad surprise. You will only have one regret that you were not connected sooner. If you are already connected, start hunting for the missing links—there's more than one, I assure you and let this coming year be a banner one for our paper. Respectfully submitted,

GRACE McLAREN.

Montreal, Oct. 2nd, 1907.

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Our Work Abroad.

TOUR ON THE NORTH COCANADA FIELD



IMMAPURAM is about six miles north of Cocanada and here we camped in a queer little bungalow made of bamboos and mud with leaf roof and mud floor. The place was burdened with neither doors nor windows—to take the place of the former were frames with canvas tacked over them and for windows there were just holes where the mud had not been plastered over the bamboos.

We took as helpers, Chinamma and Blandina, the medical Bible women whom Dr. Smith kindly allowed to come.

The first morning we went to Pandur, where we met with some inquirers and then after working some time in the Caste part, we went to Goressa, a village about a mile farther on. We had a good hearing in the Brahmin street and also among the Sudras. While speaking to a large audience in a Sudra street a young man came along and said in English that his aunt wished to see the English lady. After finishing our talk we went and found that we had been called to the Rajah's palace, a beautiful large place with wide verandahs supported by immense pillars. We were taken into the inner court where we were received by the lady who had sent for us. She is an intelligent, educated woman and she listened eagerly to our message. When we had finished reading about the birth of Christ and telling of His life and death she said, "Just as the angel brought the message of joy to the shepherds, so you have brought it to me but I wish you could stay and fill my mind with these words about Jesus." She offered us the upper story of the house and urged us to come and stay several days.

The next day we started out, about nine o'clock and walked over the field to a village a mile distant. As we walked down the hot sandy street only a few men were in sight and when we asked if we might speak with their women they refused and said the women did not need to hear. We tried for a long time to persuade them to let us see the women, but still they refused and we feared we would have to leave the village without being able to speak the message once. But at last an old man came along and said we might sit on his verandah. Several men gathered around and so we knew the women would not come out, but as we sang and talked the door opened a little and we saw three or four women were listening inside. Quite near us was a high wall surrounding a house and in a few minutes we saw several heads appear above the wall. In a little lane several other women were taking turns at peeping out, so while we appeared to be talking to the men our aim was to speak loudly enough so that all these women could

hear. After a while we asked the old man if we might go into the lane and speak with the women, to which he consented. At first they thought I was a man and so they all ran away, but the Bible women went in and assured them that I was a woman, and then a great number came out and listened well. While still there a message came from the young men who had at first refused us, begging us to come to their house. This time they took us into the inner court where we were undisturbed and where about twenty-five women listened eagerly. In the next yard was an old woman who wanted to hear, but for some reason, evidently could not come into the enclosure where we sat, so she got a ladder and climbed up to see over the mud wall about eight feet in height and there she clung for fully an hour, listening to every word that was spoken. From there we went to another village, where in the Brahmin quarter they did not listen well, but in a Sudra house a great number gathered and were very interested. One woman had heard the Gospel from Miss Eriest on the Tuni field, and so was eager to hear more. After we had told about the life of Christ, one old woman asked how long ago all this happened and when told it was so long ago she said, "Why is it that we have never been told before?" I have read and heard of people being asked that question, but oh how different it is to really hear it and see the sad longing look on the face of the inquirer. On Sunday night we went down to preach in the Mallapille (outcaste quarter). They led us in and out among the huts huddled so closely together until we came to the open space in front of the heathen temple. In a very short time the people began to gather and over one hundred listened for more than an hour without disturbing us. It was indeed an inspiration to speak to such a crowd whose interested faces could be clearly seen in the bright moonlight. As yet there are no Christians there but some are inquiring.

Altogether on the tour we worked in eleven villages, in all of which, with one exception, we were received gladly and in all we found interested listeners.

The work in Cocanada town is so great that it is impossible to get much time for touring but I would like to ask special prayer for the women in the villages on the Cocanada field for whom a burden has been laid on our heart.

LIDA PRATT.

Cocanada, Sept. 4, 1907.

A LETTER FROM MISS HATCH.

"Langdale," Darjeeling, Aug. 28, '07.

My dear Friends,—It is so long since I have written direct to the "Link," and over two years since I enjoyed a holiday in the Hills that I thought I must write you of one memorable day, a day on which the beauties of

nature were seen as I have never seen them before. What I am about to write is in substance what I have already written to my sister, and having written it, I bethought me there were other "sisters" who would be glad to hear of it.

Oh, my dear sisters, I have seen Mt. Everest, and I feel as if I could not be the same as I have been before. The wondrous beauty and glory of the whole scene baffles description. Try to think of us 8,500 feet above sea-level, away up above the clouds, for the clouds lay about us at our feet like great masses of surfi covered sea, or like large expanses of ice-bound lakes, where they are just breaking up, and the soft snow has fallen and covered the outstretched piles of broken ice, while the rifts in the clouds appeared like the currents of the lakes, as they make their way to the river, and the tops of the mountains appear like so many islands. Beyond those clouds, and away below, our vision could reach down, down and away, till the long distant levels of the great Bengal plains met our sight. There all on the one side of us, and on the other, those wonderful snow-capped heights, rearing their glorious peaks into the very heaven of heavens, and glistening and glinting and sparkling, as we know the beautiful snow glistens and glints and sparkles in the sunlight. Between us and this wonderful back-ground of everlasting snowy heights, 29,000 feet or more above sea-level and some 107 miles away from us, were many ranges of verdure-clad hills and on one range some seven or eight thousand feet high were the clustering towns of Katapahar, Jelepahar, Darjeeling and Lebony, with their houses and churches and prayer poles perched upon the crests or clinging to the many hill sides. Over the intervening hills and beyond the many valleys to our right, Kalimpery could be faintly seen.

In contrast to the wonderful white of those far-away mountains were the loveliest colors of purple shading down into grey, pink shading into white, darkest green and deepest blue in the clouds and hills and sky, and for a brief moment the appearance of a rainbow at our feet. The passing and re-passing of the mist and the ever-changing cloud-views made the vision kaleidoscopic, as it seemed as if every moment new beauties appeared. The clouds seemed to kiss the valley and retire and then come again and yet once again. Amid all the changes and re-changes of the clouds which ever hid them from us again and again, those snow-heights staid serene. Oh, it was all most wondrously beautiful!

"I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me."

When I was in Darjeeling before, seven years ago, I had tried three times in vain to see Everest, but the clouds simply would not lift and it remained hidden. Now we were to try again.

I had written my sister the night before that it was with doubts in my mind we were to start the next day. As we had to be up at

two a.m. to make the start, I was a little afraid of over-sleeping, so scarcely slept. We had prepared our lunch that evening to take with us, but had also a hot drink and a biscuit before we left and were well off at three.

It was beautiful moonlight, but the moon had an ominous ring about it. The mists, ah! yes, the mists were gathering in the valleys and oh! we are not to see Everest after all was our thought. We reached Tiger Hill the view-point at five, the scheduled time, the coolies having jogged us along in our handies for the six miles mostly uphill in two hours. Here we were completely enveloped in mist, and oh! how disappointed we were! The sun was rising, but we could not be seen. It seemed so disheartening, our night's rest gone, our efforts futile, and ourselves out of pocket. Well, we would have our coffee and also the generous lunch Mrs. C., our house-mother of the Y. W. Home had provided. We asked our head cooly if Everest would appear and he said, "Not if we staid all day." So we were just in despair when lo! a little break appeared. Yes, there was dimly seen the Kinchinjunga range, some forty miles away, our familiar friend of Darjeeling. "Would Everest appear, oh would Everest appear?" was our oft repeated exclamation. Yes, it was clearing to our right, the clouds were lifting, the mists were rolling away and there! yes, there was Everest! How we all rushed to reach the highest vantage ground that we might see this loftiest point of the earth's surface, this point nearest heaven! Serviettes were thrown down, cups and saucers were tipped over, lunch was forgotten, and up the little stone wall we clambered, and there we stood, fixing our gaze on the horizon. In so little time, in less time than it takes to write it, the mists on the horizon had completely cleared away, and the full range of Kinchinjunga and of Everest stood revealed in all their majesty and splendor. We bowed our heads in thankfulness, that we were permitted to look on so great a sight. Mrs. C. had put in our basket a prayer-book and some hymn books, and the Psalms for the day were from the 120th on. So appropriate and so we read them.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,"
"Unto thee lift I up mine eyes
O thou that dwellest in the heavens."
"So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God."
"Who hath made heaven and earth:

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as
Mount Zion which may not be removed, but
standeth fast for ever."

"The hills stand about Jerusalem, even so
standeth the Lord round about his people, from
this time forth forevermore."

We sang also:—
"The morning light is breaking,
From Greenland's icy mountains."

By one turn of the head we could see Him-
alaya's icy mountains and India's sunburnt
strand.

Also we sang:—

"When the mists have rolled in splendour,"

And I thought of

"Above the ills and cares of life,
Above the waves of earthly strife,
Where all is peaceful, bright and fair,
My home is there, my home is there."

Yes, that splendor was there. It was there, though but a moment ago all hidden from us. All had been so cloudy and misty and dull, but that glory was awaiting us just as soon as the clouds parted.

All at once the truth came home to me "when the clouds part, and they will part some day, in His time, in His own grand time, then all the glory will be revealed." Oh, what a consummation, what a grand consummation

awaits us! I was lifted out of myself, and I seemed to see the Beyond, and even while I wept many tears there and then, I seemed to realize as I had never done before that some day certain clouds would break, and it would be all right. We do not know. When we cannot tell and cannot know, yet sometime all will be well. What we do not know now, we shall know bye-and-bye. The clouds will be all scattered, the sun will shine in His splendor, and His glory will fill the Heavens.

When I came home, I opened my Bible to the passage of the day and it was the first of Ezekiel. "The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God."

Tired and weary I went to rest, but I hope I never may forget the 27th day of August, and what those visions meant to me.

I. L. HATCH.

Our Work at Home.

NOTICE TO MISSION BANDS.

A plan suggested by Miss S. E. Morrow has been creating interest among the Mission Bands of the Eastern Society. On a more limited scale it is to be attempted in the Western. 2,000 picture post-cards are being secured, 1,000 of the "Canadian Baptist Mission Boats at Akidu," and 1,000 of "Hindu Women at the Well." These are sold at the rate of two for five cents. The money earned by the sale may be forwarded to our treasurer, Miss Webster, and the sum credited to the Band which does the work. Bands may secure the number desired at the Owen Sound Convention, or they may order direct from the Band Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Barber, 35 Charlotte St., Brantford, remitting postage, 8c per 100.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

COLCHESTER.—The sixteenth annual open meeting of our Circle was held in the church, on the evening of Sept. 18th, and was in every sense both profitable and enjoyable.

There was a large attendance present, and the President, Miss Ritchie, gave an account of the year's work and also an encouraging statement, showing that \$36.04 had been raised for Home and Foreign Missions during the year. The steadfast zeal of the faithful few being very encouraging and the motto of the "Visitor," "Be not weary in well doing," being likewise a stimulus to greater effort in doing all we can for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

A letter was read from Mr. R. W. Sharpe, thanking the Circle for the kindness and interest taken in his work, and intimating his severance with St. Peter's Reserve.

We had the very great pleasure of having Mr. G. W. Ray, F.R.G.S., with us, who gave a most graphic and interesting account of his travels as missionary explorer in South America, that neglected continent of which we are so ignorant. He kept his audience spell bound for an hour and forty-five minutes, and was quite at home dressed in the costume of the Argentine Ganchos. He exhibited Indian

gods and many strange curios, and like the apostle Paul had been in perils oft and many.

Mr. Ray is a most interesting and entertaining speaker and the lectures he is giving from time to time we trust will bear fruit in making the churches more deeply interested in the Pagans of South America.

The choir rendered some pleasing selections during the evening.

The offering amounted to \$11.50 and the meeting closed by singing the doxology.

JANE RITCHIE.

VILLA NOVA.—Our Mission Circle held an open meeting at the home of Mr. Jacob Goble, Sept. 16th, for the purpose of doing honor to Mrs. Jno. P. Goble, one of our oldest sisters and also a charter member of the Circle. A short programme was rendered at the close of which Mrs. Weir, our President, presented Mrs. Goble with a certificate making her a Life member of the Foreign Society. Mr. Goble responded in behalf of his wife. Refreshments and social intercourse brought to a close a very pleasant and profitable gathering.

MRS. DELOS PETTIT,

Secretary.

WESTMOUNT.—The annual Thank-offering Social of Westmount Baptist Church Home and Foreign Mission Circle, was held in the church on Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, 1907.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Gates, occupied the chair, and in the course of the evening gave a stirring address on "Mission Work."

A paper, written and read by Mrs. Paine, on "The aims and object of our Circles," was listened to with deep interest. Appropriate music, readings and recitations added to the enjoyment of the evening. The offering amounted to the sum of \$113.60, which will be divided between Home and Foreign Mission work. After refreshments had been served by the ladies of the Circle, a very enjoyable and profitable evening was brought to a close.

P. RAMSAY,

Secretary.

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

Receipts from Sept. 16th, 1907, to Oct. 15th, 1907 (inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Woodstock, First Church, \$15; St. Catharines, (\$1.15 for bungalow, \$25 for Bible-woman), \$29.45; Woodford, \$3.60; Cobourg, \$2.45; Haliburton, \$4.25; Toronto—Dovercourt Road, \$19.20; Jarvis St., (\$5 special, \$14.86 for Miss Jones' passage), \$114.84; College St., \$12.20; First Ave., (\$3.25 for Miss Jones' passage), \$7.50; Bloor St., (\$39 for Miss Jones' passage), \$81.12; Western Ch., \$13.71; Century Ch., \$7.70; Olivet Ch., \$3.77; Ossington Ave., \$6.25; Kenilworth Ave., \$9.12; Parliament St., \$6.40; Beverley St., \$6.30; Bloor St., Y. L., \$10.25; Immanuel Ch., \$5.15; Immanuel, Y. L., \$3; Walmer Rd., (\$4 for bungalow, \$61 for Miss Jones' passage, and \$35 for Miss Jones' salary), \$142.05; Whitty, \$3; Colchester, (\$2 for bungalow), \$16.72; Gilmour Memorial, \$14; Tillsonburg, \$6; Kingsville, \$4.25; Owen Sound, Thank-offering, \$5; Brooke, \$2.58; Meaford, \$3.15; Burgessville, \$6.60; Pine Grove, \$1.50; London, Maitland St., \$2.50; Beachville, \$3.15; Dresden, \$18; Ingersoll, \$3; Iona Station, \$7; Oxford, East, (\$2.50 for bungalow), \$8.50; Collingwood, \$6; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$2.30; Chatham, Central Ch., (\$25 for Bible-woman), \$30; Southampton, \$5.44; Barrie, \$6.60; St. Thomas, Y. L., \$4; Lindsay, (\$25 for Bible-woman), \$32; Paisley, \$2.30; Leamington, \$4; Wilkesport, \$3.30; Port Burwell, \$4; Markham, Second, \$7; Kenora, \$2; Midland, \$6; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$3; Woodstock, First Ch., (\$2.05 Thank-off), \$9; Glenelg Centre, \$5; Salford, \$7; Calvary, \$10.50; London, Egerton, St., \$7.88; Petrola, \$5.28; Burlington, \$1.15; Listowel, 70 cents; Chatham, Wm. St., \$3.50 Brampton, (\$9 to complete Life-membership fee for Mrs. Brundell), \$15.70; Beamsville, (\$8 for Satyavedam), \$15.62; Windsor, Bruce Ave., \$10; Burk's Falls, \$5; Wyoming, \$2.50 Keady, \$3; Preston, \$3; Ailsa Craig, \$8.35; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., \$8.50; York Mills, (\$2 for Miss Jones' passage, per Mrs. McEwan) \$5.25; Fort William, (\$3.45 Thank-offering), \$11.20; Palmerston, \$3.70; Daywood, \$3.80; Hatchley, \$3.25; Brantford, Park Ch., \$30.05; Plympton, \$2; Arkona, (\$3.78 Thank-off.), \$6.28; Peterboro, Park St., \$3.30; New Liskeard, \$5.70; Walkerton, \$4.45; Scotland, \$14.75; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$5; Alvinston, \$4.90; Mount Forest, (\$1.50 special, \$20 Life-membership), \$25.24; Delhi, for bungalow, \$5; Tupperville Union, for Dr. Hulet, \$6.25; Warton, (\$4 for bungalow), \$5.55; Dundasville, for Dr. Allyn's surg. inst'n's, \$2.50; Onnaga, First, \$6; Burtch,

\$7; Clinton, \$4; London; Talbot St., (\$10 per Mrs. J. J. Ross for Miss Jones' passage), \$24.50; Port Hope, \$13.20; Cramahe, \$3; Shedden, \$6.50; Forest, \$2.60; Jaffa, \$2.50; Lobo, \$2; Blenheim, \$10; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$4.50; London, Maitland St., Y. L., \$3.50; Sarnia, Central, \$9; Galt, \$5.20; Lakefield, \$4.75; Port Colborne, \$2; Guelph, First Ch., \$11.37; Westover, (\$16 for Bible-woman), \$32; Vittoria, \$7; St. George, (\$1.50 for Dr. Hulet), \$5.60; St. George, Y. L. (sale of post cards for Akidu Mission \$2), \$3.25; Tiverton, \$6.50 Guelph, Trinity, \$13.50; Hartford, \$3.50; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$25 spec. extra mite fund, for Miss Jones' passage, \$23), 60.80 Dutton, \$1.50; Brantford, Calvary, \$11.35; Haileybury, \$3.77; Brooklin, \$5; Peterboro', Murray St., Y. L., for Miss Jones' passage, \$2; Stratford, \$10; Hillsburg, \$7.50; Wallaceburg, \$5.50; London, South, \$5; Cobourg, \$2.30; Courtland, \$3; London; Adelaide St., \$19.75; Calton, \$12; Durham, \$5.50; Norwich, \$10; Orangeville, \$2.90; Georgetown, \$4.50; St. Catharines, (\$1.80 for Bungalow), \$6.10. Total, \$1,366.48.

FROM BANDS.—St. Mary's for "Kandeli Mary," \$1; Fingal, \$1.75; Snelgrove, \$2.15; Bardsville, \$10; Gilmour Memorial, for Yadia Charles, \$17; Fullarton, \$7; Springfield, \$3.50; Brantford, Park Ch., \$11; Hespeler, \$3; Walkerton, for G. Sundramma, \$10; Lakefield, \$4; London, Adelaide St. Jr., \$6; Stratford, Y. L., \$6; Woodstock, Oxford St., for "Nethalia Mary," \$18; Dundas, \$8.37; Guelph, First Ch., Thank-offering, \$4.30; Wallaceburg, for "Matsa Martha," \$3.75; St. George, for "Palla Lydia," \$1.50; Guelph, Trinity, for Bolivia, \$4.50; Forest, \$1.96; Townsend Centre, for "V. Obed," \$8.50; Brantford, First Ch., \$15; Hamilton, Ferguson Ave., \$2; Durham, \$4.50; Delhi, \$5; Ridgetown \$3.00; Total, \$162.78.

FROM SUNDRIES.—St. Thomas, Jr. B. Y. P. U., for P. Samuel, \$7; F. & A., for Sayama, \$10; Members of the Board, (\$2.60 for Akidu Biblewomen's houses, \$25 special for Life-membership) \$27.60; Investment, Miss Davies' gift, \$10; Toronto, Bloor St. Ch., for Ramachandrapuram bungalow, \$160.95 Mrs. R. W. Elliot for "Cocanada Girls' School Rice Fund," \$200. For Miss Jones' passage—Miss Helen Reikie, Warton, \$100; Mrs. Wm. Davies, \$50; Mrs. John Firstbrook, \$15; Mrs. S. J. Moore, \$5; Miss G. B. Alexander, \$5; Mrs. D. Chisholm, Berlin, \$5; Mrs. F. Olver, \$1; Mrs. M. E. Davies, \$10; Mrs. Wilkie, California, per Mrs. Porter, \$10; Miss Chantler, \$1; A member of the Board, \$10. Total, \$627.55.

Total receipts during the month - - - \$2,156 81

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer for Miss Morrow's passage, \$350; on estimates for India, \$609.66; for advance payment on passages for Misses Selman and Hulet, \$500; Miss Simpson's, Furlough, \$25. Total, \$1,484.66.

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1906, to Oct. 15th, 1907 - - - \$11,666 35
Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1906, to Oct. 15th, 1907 - - - \$11,573 67

SARAH J. WEBSTER,

Treasurer of W.B.F.M. Society, Ontario (West).
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Youths' Department.

ONE BRAVE LITTLE MEMBER.

Ten little members, sitting in a line,
One dropped out, and then there were nine.

Nine little members coming in late,
One got excused, and then were eight.

Eight little members, by command of heaven,
One forgot his duty, and then there seven.

Seven little members found themselves in a fix,
'Cause one didn't pay, then there were six.

Six little members, all of them alive,
One moved away, and then there were five.

Five little members felt right heartsore,
One got discouraged, and then there were four.

Four little members, all officers, you see,
But the president resigned, and then there were three.

Three little members wondered what they should do,
One said she didn't know, and then there were two.

Two little members felt all undone,
One went away crying, and then there was one.

One little member stood all alone,
But she didn't feel discouraged, and she didn't moan;
She just went to work with a will and a way,
And she worked right along, from day unto day,

Until she had won every lost member back,
And the fund in the treasury did not lack;
For of boys and girls there were always a plenty,
And instead of ten, they now numbered twenty.

And you, little member, and you and you,
Can do what this one little member did do,
If you work and pray from day unto day,
And never get discouraged and stay away.

—The Children's Missionary.

WHEN THE IDOL REPENTED.

Here is another one of the pathetic stories of Chinese faith—pathetic because that faith is so earnest and yet so far from the truth. The story, quoted from an exchange, has its funny side, too:

A poor man in China went to pray to an idol that had been placed outside the temple. It is not known what he asked for, but he promised that if his idol would answer him he would

give him his cow. The man's prayer was answered, but he repented of his bargain, and as he did not wish to part with his cow, he went to the idol again to be released from his promise. He said, "I know I promised to give you my cow, but I am very poor. I have only one cow; if I give it to you, how shall I get my fields plowed?" and so on, asking to be allowed to keep his cow. The idol would not let him off, but said the vow must be kept.

At last the man could do nothing else but tether the cow to the idol's chair and go sorrowfully home, wondering how he was to get on without her. He sat down in his room to think over his troubles, and lo! he had not sat long before he heard a great shouting. He went to the door to see, and there was his cow coming along the road as fast as it could, dragging the idol after it. How the people laughed, and how glad the poor man was! It never occurred to him that the cow had brought the idol. No, indeed! He thought it was the idol that had repented of his hardness of heart and had brought his cow back to him.—The F. M. Journal.

SOME INTERESTING CUSTOMS.

We wear black when we go in mourning. The Chinese wear white and send out mourning cards on white paper, although the usual visiting card is the brightest red. After a time they send out other cards, on which is printed, "Grief is not so bitter now." They put on light blue for half mourning and at the end of the mourning period give a feast to their friends.

Chinese officers wear buttons on their caps, instead of epaulets on their shoulders to indicate their rank.

The Chinese begin their books at the back, instead of the front. Chinese theatres are carried on during the day, instead of the night. Instead of peanuts between acts, they have watermelon and pumpkin seed. They never drink cold water and their wine is served boiling hot. When two Americans meet they clasp hands. When two Chinese friends meet they shake their own fists at each other and if they are going in the same direction they walk off in single file, like geese.—F. M. Journal.