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Editorial.

OUR Convention is now an event of past history and will be recorded the most interesting since our organization, as it was our "Silver Anniversary." We rejoiced with the H. M. B. that they were enabled to close the year with a clean sheet, and our hearts were filled with gratitude to God when it was announced at the close of our F. M. day, that the small deficit which we deplored in the morning, had been generously removed and that both departments of our work were in the same happy condition. The interest in our meetings was increased by the presence of Mrs. Castle, whose heart is still with us in the work; also Mrs. Manning, Pres. of the W. B. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces. If our impressions were mutual our appreciation and interest in each other will be much increased and the bond grow much stronger between the Provinces. We ask ourselves the question, will there be permanent results from our Convention? Will it tell in the coming months by increased membership in our Circle, consequently increase in our finances? We believe it will, and expect next year to show an advance in our regular income; which is what is to be depended on for carrying on our work. If each woman in our churches would ask herself the question, "How much owest thou?" there would be no lack in our treasury.

MR. STILLWELL'S appeal in the *Baptist*, Nov. 7th, must have touched the hearts of all who read it. As an auxiliary of the general Society the W. F. M. B. deeply sympathize with them in the situation and desire by our prayers and efforts to avert such a calamity befalling our mission work.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE LINK will kindly remember that Mrs. Newman has removed to Texas. Remittance by postal order should be made out to L. L. Porter.

We unite with the editor of the *Visitor* in wishing that its circulation should increase to 6000 and

would desire the same for the LINK. Knowledge of our work increaseth interest and is the means of more being accomplished for the extension of Christ's kingdom on the earth.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY, HELD IN JARVIS STREET CHURCH, TORONTO, ON THE 14th NOVEMBER, 1901

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session of the W. F. M. S opened at 9.30 a.m., Mrs. T. M. Harris, 2nd Vice-President, in the chair. The hymn "Oh God our help in ages past," was sung, after which the scripture lesson was read by Miss Rogers, and Mrs. Freeland led in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and tokens of fruitfulness during the twenty-five years He has permitted us, as a Society, to work for Him.

Mrs. C. T. Stark was appointed Secretary for the day. The first item of business was the appointment of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mrs. Dryden, Brooklin; Mrs. Johnson, London; Mrs. H. Lloyd, Toronto, and the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Buchan, this committee to meet during the noon hour and report at the afternoon session.

Mrs. Harris called on the President, Mrs. Booker, for her address, expressing the pleasure of all, that she was permitted to be here this Convention. Mrs. Booker called attention to the peculiar cause of thankfulness that filled every heart, that the Society had completed twenty-five years of work and recalled the fact that on the 24th of October, 1876, in this church, the Society first came into existence. She briefly reviewed the work, and paid a tribute to the noble band of missionaries who had served so faithfully, and said that our own lives had been broadened and strengthened by trying to help the lives of those in heathen lands. The ideal aimed at in the beginning—that of getting every woman in our churches to give two cents a week—had not yet been attained, but the outlook for the future was bright. The various reports of the Society followed. Miss Moyle, the Recording Secretary, reported six regular meetings held during the year, also four executive meetings and one special. 25 Life-memberships had been added, making a total of 243. Reference was made to the fact that Miss Iler had been obliged to resign her position as our missionary on account of ill health,

the Board regretfully released her. The report was moved, seconded, and adopted. The Home Department was represented by Mrs. H. H. Lloyd. The work had enlarged so greatly that it was found necessary to have two secretaries. In her department are thirteen Associations, each with a director and a president. To these directors the individual Circles report, these in turn send to Provincial Secretary, and are urged to send in returns promptly, which in this case means "at once." The report was adopted. Mrs. Porter represented the LINK Reference was made to the removal of Mrs. Newman, and the great loss the Society had sustained, not only in connection with the LINK but in every department. The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$41.09. Number of copies taken, 4,254, a greater circulation was hoped for. Discussion as to the time of closing the year of the LINK ended in a decision to allow each Circle to decide the term for itself. The report was moved, seconded and adopted. The report of the Treasurer, Miss Elliot, showed a slight deficit. Four additional Life memberships have been added to the number already mentioned in the Secretary's Report, and the hope was expressed that very shortly the 250 mark would be reached. After the adoption of this report Miss Tapscott reported for the Mission Bands, which showed a slight decrease both numerically and financially. Yet many evidences have been given that the work is progressing. Eight new Bands have been organized and five re organized; one Life-member has been added to the Foreign Society; 17 boys in Samulcotta and 30 girls in Cocanada, are supported. One Band worthy of example is that of Ingersoll, called "The Win One Band," whose aim is for each member to bring in one new member and win one for Christ. The report was adopted.

Earnest prayer was offered by Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Holman and others. Mrs. Merry, of Stratford, who was to have given a Bible-reading, had met with an accident and was unable to be present; Mrs. Harris gave a Bible-reading in her place. She took for her theme, "Christ in the Midst." The midst of the earth, giving a thought of security, stability and hope. In the midst of the fire, of adversity, sorrow and temptation, to comfort and sustain. In our midst to-day, a central figure in our work. Special prayer was offered for Mrs. Merry.

The greetings from sister societies were brought from the China Inland Mission, McAll Mission, Congregational Society, Methodist Missionary Society, Presbyterian Society. The Baptist Society of the Convention East sent greetings by Mrs. Halkett. The Maritime Provinces were represented by Mrs. Manning, President of the Baptist Missionary Union, and has the honor of being the first Women's Missionary Society on the continent. Letters were read from individuals closely connected with our work in its early history, but who are now at a distance.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing, and prayer led by Mrs. Castle.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock, by the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Mrs. John Harris, of Brantford, led in prayer, specially remembering Rev. Mr. Pady, of Toronto Junction, in his great bereavement. The Nominating Committee returned the following names as officers and members of the Board: Pres, Mrs. Booker; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Freeland; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. M. Harris; Rec. Sec., Miss Moyle; Board, Mrs. William Craig, Port Hope; Mrs. J. W. Robertson, Mrs. Firstbrook, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Elliot, Mrs. Geo. Cross, Toronto. It was moved, seconded and carried, that these be elected for the ensuing year.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Firstbrook, seconded by Mrs. Holman, and

"Resolved,—That we as a Convention, wish to place on record our high appreciation of Mrs. Newman. For over sixteen years she was the able editress of the LINK. As a member of the Boards her sound judgment and timely advice were invaluable, we wish her every success in her new sphere of labor, and we will pray that the Master's blessing may ever attend her."

This was passed at the Convention and will be forwarded to Mrs. Newman.

An interesting part of the programme was the hearing from the representatives of Circles which have been in existence for 25 years. It is encouraging to note that all these years meetings have been held, interest sustained, money collected, and work accomplished. Many of those who were present at the organization are still earnest, devoted workers. After one verse of "Work for the Night is Coming," Miss Buchan, the Corresponding Secretary, gave her annual report, which was brimful of information and interest. Much has been accomplished in the past year but there is much to be done and the cry is ever, "Come over and help us."

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted as read.

A beautiful poem, entitled, "Christ the First Missionary," which was written for and read at a convention in Brantford 20 years ago, was read by Mrs. Baker. Prayer followed, led by Mrs. Raymond, of Guelph. We were then privileged to hear Miss Priest, lately returned missionary from India, give a talk on a woman's society in India, which was started among the Christian women, to teach them among other things, how to help each other. Already there are some fruits from this society.

A solo by Miss Fergusson was very much enjoyed. The "Historical Sketch of the LINK," by Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, gave the reason why the paper was first started—to be a link between our newly organized Women's Circles and their missionaries; by whom edited, and

its progress during the twenty-five years. Mrs. Halkett, of Ottawa, gave a very complete sketch of the Society since its organization, which was so instructive and interesting that it was thought well to have it printed in the LINK, in order that all persons interested in our work might have the benefit of reading it. The last item on the programme was the report of the Committee on Resolutions, presented by Mrs. Cline, as follows:

Resolved.—As this is the first meeting of our Convention since the removal of our beloved H. M. Superintendent to higher service for the Master, we desire to place on record our deep sense of loss. For years we had not only looked upon Mr. McEwen as a wise and trusted counsellor, but as a valued Christian friend. To our dear sister we would still express our deep sympathy in her bereavement and pray that the Husband of the widow and the Father of the fatherless, will be her constant strength and stay till she joins her loved ones where partings are no more."

Resolved.—That we as a Convention declare ourselves in full accord with the present agitation by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, against the cigarette, that deadly menace to the physical, moral, and intellectual well-being of the youth of our land."

Resolved.—That we the delegates of the Baptist churches of Ontario, do heartily and sincerely thank the ladies of all the Baptist churches of Toronto, for their generous hospitality, and untiring efforts in our behalf.

"Also, be it resolved that we do earnestly thank the Trustees of the Jarvis St. Church, the friends who have so kindly presided at the organ, and those who have sung so sweetly during our Convention."

These resolutions were adopted. A verse of a hymn, followed by prayer, led by Mrs. Booker, brought the session to a close.

EVENING SESSION.

A large congregation assembled at the closing meeting of the Convention. Mrs. Harris presided; on the platform were Rev. Dr. Thomas, Dr. S. S. Bates, Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Walker. After the usual opening exercises, Mrs. Castle, of Rochester, N. Y., was called on and gave an interesting and able paper on "Some Missionary Work Accomplished by Women." She referred to the success they had achieved in foreign lands. At one time it was thought quite impossible to educate a woman in India, but a change of thought has come in twenty-five years, and now schools were established in connection with all Mission work. The moral tendency is upward rather than downward, an acknowledged factor in this is the Christian missionary. Who are the missionaries, are they only those who go to foreign lands or the far away places in our own land? Some are called to go, but others are called to send, so none need be left out. Each individual woman is responsible for her share. What are we doing?

Mrs. Walker, of India, gave a most eloquent address on "The lacks of India." In looking at the lacks of India, we must also see what she does not lack. She does not lack wealth, she is one of the wealthiest

countries in the world. The soil is remarkable for fertility. Then why her sufferings? Does she lack religious instinct? The very life of the people is filled with religious instinct. What then does she lack? Buddha has said ye suffer from yourselves. What India needs is the awakening touch of love. The love of Christ shall fill up all the lack of India.

One part of the programme greatly enjoyed by all was the singing of the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Vogt; an unaccompanied chorus, "God so Loved the World," expressed so beautifully in music the thoughts emphasized by the speakers. Before the Convention adjourned it was announced that the deficit reported in the annual statement, had during the day been wiped off, and the year started with a clean sheet.

The meeting closed with prayer, led by Mrs. Holman. Collections for the day amounted to \$95.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

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

At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board, held in Brantford, in November, 1900, estimates amounting to \$6335.00 were passed, and special appropriations of \$1080.00. Total \$7415.00. The material for a Prayer Calendar having been most carefully prepared by Miss Hatch, assisted by the Misses McLaurin and Morrow, a committee was appointed to have it published. One thousand copies were printed at a cost of \$90; 272 of these have been sold, realizing the sum \$66.10; \$25 was given by a friend of the Society, so that any future sales will produce an income for the direct work of the Society. At a meeting held in February, Miss A. Grace Iler was appointed our missionary to India, to go out in the autumn. Owing to the failure of health during the summer the Board decided that it would be wiser to have a second medical examination, and upon receiving the doctors' report with very great regret released Miss Iler from her appointment.

At the May meeting, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department of Foreign Missions.

Owing to the removal of Mrs. A. H. Newman to Waco, Texas, it was necessary to appoint a new editor and manager for the LINK. After considerable urging Mrs. W. H. Porter accepted the position, and we bespeak for her the hearty co-operation of the Circles in her arduous task. The Board has sustained a great loss in Mrs. Newman's removal, for 20 years she has been one of the most faithful and capable workers.

Thank offerings have been reported by eighty-four Circles, three Bands, and one other organization, amounting to \$642.10. This is \$126.32 less than that sent in last year, taking the year ending April 30th, 1900, as the standard.

Twenty-five Life-members have been added during the year:—Mrs. John McDiarmid, Aylmer; Mrs. Mary E. Kidd, Aylmer; Mrs. Charles Gundry, Aylmer; Mrs. Snell, Brampton; Mrs. W. J. Summer, Toronto, credited to the Beamsville Circle; Mrs. D. B. Harkness, Barrie; Mrs. S. J. Farmer, First Ch., Brantford; Miss Jane Lindsay, Calvary Ch., Brantford; Mrs. E. Mellish, Chatham; Mrs. B. W. Merrill, First Ch., Guelph; Miss Euphemia Starnaman, Hespeler; Mrs. Joseph Jeffrey, Talbot St., London; Mrs. J. H. Morgan, Adelaide St., London; Mrs. Jas. E. Chute, Lakeshore Calvary Circle; Mrs. Edgar Muma, Paris; Mrs. Elizabeth Whitiwam, Toronto, credited to St. Thomas Circle; Mrs. John Evans, Bloor St., Toronto; Miss Mary G. Buchan, by a member of Jarvis St. Ch., Toronto; Miss Agnes Baskerville, by a member of Jarvis St. Ch., Toronto; Miss Catharine Carrich, Westover; Mrs. Edwin Massecar, Waterford, Ont., by her daughter Miss Rhoda Massecar, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. D. B. Thomas, Toronto, by a friend; Miss Jane Buchan, Toronto, by the lady missionaries of our Society. Miss Rose Crittenden, Toronto, by a friend; Mrs. Chas. G. Pease, Toronto, by a friend. Others have been partially paid for but could not be completed in time for the closing of the Treasurer's books. Total number of Life-members belonging to the Society 243.

ANNA MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

During these twenty-five years God's presence has been constantly manifested. His hand has directed us and His ear has ever been attentive unto our prayer. "Goodness and mercy" have indeed followed us all along the way.

Many who were active in the formation of our women's work for the women and children of heathendom are with us to-day, others are with us in spirit, while a few who at that time joyfully gave their service are now rejoicing in the unwearied service and perfect bliss of the redeemed in heaven.

Throughout these years the work for which we banded ourselves together has continually opened out before us; still there remains "much land to be possessed" and from India the cry is constantly sounded "Come over and help us." During the

past year this cry has seemed specially urgent; the answer has been returned that help would be sent, but to the very great disappointment of all concerned, the lady who had so gladly offered herself to the Board, and who had been so thankfully accepted, proved unequal in physical strength for the important work to which she had been appointed.

We gladly report that *Miss Baskerville* is on her way back to India. Her stay in Canada has, we hope, done much in increasing the interest of our sisters in the great work being done for the women of India. *Miss Baskerville* left Toronto on the 15th of September for Manitoba and the North-west, speaking for missions on her way through that country. She sailed by *S. S. Coptic* from San Francisco on or about the 17th of October.

To-day we welcome to our Convention *Miss Priest*, our missionary on the *Tuni* field, and *Miss Folsom* who has been for sixteen years the Principal of the *Timpany Memorial School* in *Cocanada, India*.

Prayer.—"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in heaven," and "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," are Christ's own promises. Relying on these promises a *Prayer Cycle* has been prepared and published with a view to the united, intelligent prayer of God's people in *India*, in *Bolivia* and in *Canada*, that He will pour us out a blessing. A copy of this Cycle has been sent by the Board to every single lady missionary and to every missionary family both in *India* and *Bolivia*. It is much prized by our missionaries and constantly used at family prayer both in *English* and *Telugu*. We hope every family in our own land is daily remembering to join in the petitions as arranged in this Cycle.

INDIA.

COCANADA.

Amelia Keller's Death.—Those who attended *Woodstock College* in the year 1876 or 1877 and others who lived in *Toronto*, where she attended a few medical lectures, will remember the gentle, loving *Telugu* girl whom Mr. and Mrs. *Timpany* brought with them on their first furlough. Last year her husband died. Early this year the sad news came that *Amelia* had developed symptoms of leprosy, and in the early summer word came of her death, but no particulars were received, except that she had suffered much. Within the last few weeks Mr. *Lafamme* has written, "*Amelia Keller*, the widow of our late pastor *Jonathan Burder*, passed away in *April*, following her husband after an interval of only eight months. Her death was a blessed relief as she was suffering from brain softening that would have cast a cloud over her once bright mind through life. Four boys are left

orphans. One the head master of the Caste Girls' School in Cocanada; the second is teaching in the Leper Home at Ramachandrapuram; and the other two, whom we fear are leprous, are being supported with mission funds and are attending school in Cocanada."

OUR NEW LADIES.

Early in November, 1900, Misses Mary Selman and Gertrude Hulet arrived at Cocanada. Very soon after her arrival Miss Selman was stricken with fever which laid her low for many weeks. Strength, however, gradually returned and a visit to the hills completed her recovery. Since then she has been busy studying Telugu which has been a joy to her. She has taught a class of girls in the Sunday School and has gone with the native teachers to the heathen schools. All the way Miss Selman has felt the presence of the Lord.

The Conference has appointed Miss Selman to take the women's work in Vuyuru during Miss McLaurin's furlough in 1902.

Between the things one has to unlearn and the things one has to learn, Dr. Hulet has found her first year in India a very full one. When Mrs. Woodburn took charge of the Timpany School, Dr. Hulet took her class of some of the older English-speaking boys from the college. In this work she has received great blessing. Her prayer is that the Word of Truth may be received and believed by these proud, self-satisfied Brahmins. Dr. Hulet has also taught a Sunday School class in Telugu.

As Miss Hatch is expected to come home in 1902, it has been decided by Conference that Dr. Hulet shall go to Ramachandrapuram in her place.

TELUGU GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Change, has been a marked feature of the work during the past year. Keziah having unexpectedly resigned from the teaching staff, A. Deevanamma, educated in the A. B. Training School in Nellore, was engaged in her place, and has already done good work, proving herself to have been sent of God. In November the third assistant, T. Mary, went to join her husband in Rangoon. The staff now consists of:

Head master,	M. Kesavaro,
1st Assistant,	A. Deevanamma,
2nd "	M. Mary,
3rd "	P. Satyavedamma,
4th "	T. Martha.

Miss Murray writes:—"Another great change took place when Veeramma was pronounced a leper and was obliged to leave the school in which she had served for about fourteen years. This pronouncement was a great blow to her and for some months she refused to accept it, preferring to live among her heathen relatives to taking refuge in the Leper Asylum recently so providentially opened in Ramachan-

drapuram. At Christmas time, however, she came broken in spirit, sorrowfully confessing her sickness and expressing her willingness to go to R——, whither she was sent.

"Having been highly respected while among the heathen, and more especially among the Christians (she had long been a deaconness in the Cocanada Church), she has felt keenly her situation in a leper compound and her life has been unreconciled and joyless. Her disease has been making progress and recently she thought the call 'home' had come. Although the end was not so near as she anticipated and doubtless hoped, yet the bitterness has gone from her cup, the waters of Marah have been sweetened, and she is full of the joy of the Lord.

"As yet no suitable matron has been found but the girls of the Training class, namely Salome, Degala Mary, (Tuni) Ellamma, (Narsapatnam) Mungasmuri, Karunamma, (Ramachandrapuram) and Martha the teacher already referred to, have formed as it were my executive and it may please their supporters to know that they have rendered invaluable assistance in the care of the girls. Some of them have proved remarkably trustworthy and willing.

"Very few of the older girls remain in the school.

"Seelam Sarah was engaged by Miss Simpson in February to teach in the Caste Girls' School in the mornings. In the afternoon she does voluntary zenana work. She still boards in the school.

"Kolla Karunamma and Ponamalla Veeramma, (the latter a day scholar, but for a short time a boarder) have been sent to Nellore for training as teachers.

"Busi Sarah left school in December, having studied a year in the Fifth class and has since been engaged by Dr. Smith to teach a village school on the Yellamanchili field.

"Matsa Sundaramma left school in December and died most mysteriously and suddenly in her own home in March.

"Maddukuri Annamma and Bura Papamma have not returned. They help to support themselves by doing field work when it is in season, at other times Papamma especially helps Miss Hatch's Bible-woman Sarah much in her work among the women and children.

"Thooloori Esther was successful in passing the Primary Examination in December and has since left school. Others have been dismissed because of lack of industry and slowness of progress.

"Four girls have been baptized during the year. As in former years, discipline has in some cases been necessary. On the whole the health of the girls has been fairly good. Two deaths have taken place. There is reason to hope that in both cases they 'departed to be with Christ which is far better.'

"The enforcement of the rules *re fees* and clothing are affecting the attendance somewhat. However, the parents are slowly beginning to realize that the

missionaries are in earnest and are gradually assuming more of the responsibility which is theirs.

"Two of the day scholars have been married during the year, one a Christian girl, the other a child of heathen parents. The latter a sweet girl of about thirteen, and who is, Miss Murray believes, really trusting in Jesus, has expressed her dislike to the heathen marriage ceremony.

"The number of boarders enrolled during the year, 92; the number of day scholars, 31; average attendance of all, 71."

Miss Murray says, "In conclusion we would thank God, that amid all the changes which would almost have dismayed, had they come earlier in our experience in the work, He has remained the same.

"They shall perish but *Thou remainest*. . . . They shall change, but *Thou art the same*." We desire the prayers of our supporters, that during the coming year the Spirit of God may be present to convince of sin, of righteousness and of judgment."

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Miss Simpson tells of another year of seed-sowing with the prospect for a bountiful harvest appearing dull and far distant; but relying on His promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," prays for grace to leave the results with Him.

One precious soul had been gathered from one of the Brahmin houses. Miss Simpson and Dr. Gertrude Hulet were called in to assist at a birth. The mother, aged twenty five, was called home a few days after the birth of her first little girl. She had often been visited, told of God's love and His plan of salvation, but had not appeared interested. In her great suffering she asked them to pray to Jesus for her, she too calling upon Him for mercy, and every day she drank in His messages of love, trusted them and Him, then the prospect of the mansion prepared became very bright. Washed in the blood of the Lamb she has now a place amongst the redeemed with Him.

Another event which gave joy was a visit to a new home when the man of the house told of his faith and love for our Master, and assured the visitors that there were one hundred men in the town, whom he knew, who were Nicodemuses, afraid of their friends, afraid of being put out of caste, but are Christ's at heart. He and they had wondered why "Our Jonathan's" visits had been discontinued and were missing him. They had not heard of his death.

A new worker, Seelum Sarah, from the Boarding School and Bible Training School, teaches in the Caste Girls' School in the morning, and visits in the houses in the afternoon.

Thirteen villages outside of Cocanada but within driving distance, have been visited during the year. These visits are generally made by the missionary with two Bible-women and one girl in training. On entering a village they separate, two going in one direction and two in another, and are thus able to visit a good many people.

As a rule the women in the villages are much more ready to listen than the townspeople, so the good hearings on Monday afternoons are an inspiration to the missionary in her work for the rest of the week.

There are 330 houses being visited regularly in Cocanada. In 35 of these regular weekly visits are made. The women or girls in these houses are learning to say hymns, are being taught a simple scripture catechism and portions of the Word. Some are learning Matthew's gospel, some Luke's, others are being taught to read. In all 2692 visits have been made in the houses.

In the seven malapillies and four madagapettas which help to make up the town of Cocanada, 131 visits have been made in ten of the houses. An occasional afternoon is given to the examination of the Jugganaikpuram Caste Girls' School.

Changes in the staff.—In January, in order that Josiah Burder might continue his studies in Ongole College, Mr. Laflamme very kindly gave M. Venkalakiddi, one of his best men, for work in the school on Robinson St; he was with us until July. In January, S. Soondramma was married to M. Venkalakiddi, and since that time has given up her work in the school, but continues to visit in the afternoons. The school has been kept open 250 days, with an average attendance of 42. There have been seven classes; names at present on the roll, 66. The Jugganaikpuram school has been kept open 237 days; average attendance, 13½; this has greatly increased during the last few months. Names at present on the roll, 34. Results of examinations in both schools good.

Sunday Schools.—Sunday schools are carried on in connection with each day school. Three of the older girls have Sunday Schools in their own homes where they teach a Bible story, the catechism and a hymn, and open and close with prayer. Besides these Sunday Schools there have been twenty-five others over which the missionary (Miss Simpson) and an assistant have been permitted to have the oversight. In this work nearly all of the Christian community who can do so heartily co-operate with us, which makes it a pleasure and a delight.

Mr. Laflamme writes:—"Miss Simpson has taken over the beggars and teaches them in a Sunday School each Saturday morning when they come for the weekly dole of rice." He describes them as "a motley crowd of human wreckage, diseased, deformed, disgusting and yet worth saving; they number 137."

Miss Simpson closes her report: "We are thankful for all the blessings of the year, and desire that His will may be done through us throughout the coming days."

ZENANA VISITING.

It has been Miss Gibson's privilege to visit over 300 women during the year. Some have heard

the Word for the first time, and her aim has been to reach as many of these as possible, and to carry the gospel to the very many who have never heard of the love of God. Many in the Zenanas are well versed in the truth, they know the story of the Cross as well as any one. Some of these have evidently made up their minds not to give up their caste at any cost, but others are the best of listeners and although doers of the Word are held back by the power of caste from entering the church.

A number of the girls who have left school are glad to be visited and taught the Bible in their own homes, they are much more intelligent listeners than their ignorant and untidy elders. With their New Testaments they must exert a good influence. None of them are willing idol worshippers, and yet one family where both girls and the mother professed to believe, Miss Gibson was greatly discouraged on finding they had all gone on a pilgrimage some hundreds of miles away to pay vows which were made and premeditated long before. For a long time Miss Gibson kept away from them, but on hearing one was ill she went to see her. The girl threw her arms about her neck and wept bitterly, confessed her wrong-doing, said "we forsook the Lord and went after other gods to our hurt." She prayed and asked Miss Gibson to pray with her for forgiveness and cleansing, and promised to have nothing more to do with idol worship.

There are now a few houses where idolatry is not tolerated in any form, where it is a pleasure to read the Word of God, which is treasured up in the heart of the women who listen.

Miss Gibson says:—"The difficulty of teaching the women in their own homes has to be experienced to be understood. Each mother has the care of her own child who is anything but well trained. Many of the mothers are but children themselves. Often a neighbour will step in and want to talk, or perhaps pick up a quarrel about some trifle, so that it seems impossible to pray with them even where prayer is desired. The old deaf woman mentioned in last year's report continues to give wonderful testimony at times. She has been a widow since before she can remember, is so poor that she eats but one meal a day for want of a second one, is homeless and has not a single relative left, yet she will try to express her joy and fail for want of words. When asked how she can be so happy under the circumstances will exclaim, 'God loves me—old Looboo!' Wherever she goes she is constantly witnessing against idols, and for Christ."

Miss Beggs like Miss Gibson meets with disappointments as well as encouragements in her visiting. Her old pupils are a joy to her, and many of the women in the homes are eager to hear the truth, have given up idol worship, love to hear of Jesus and His love and say they never forget what she tells them, and yet one woman had a shrine in an inner room of her house and on it eight idols. Another told Miss

Beggs that she had given up doing puja but at certain times of the year got another woman to do it for her, as she feared the people would be down on her. Some women are really anxious about their eternal welfare. As a mother listens every night to her little girl, who attends Sunday School, repeat the hymns and verses learned there, the seed is wafted to soil on which it was not sown and the Word of God reaches the homes of those who perhaps are not visited. Cunumma longs to confess her Saviour more openly and is praying that the Lord may open the way for her. We are glad in the confident hope that He will do it in His own good time.

TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

After sixteen years of constant devotion with scarcely any rest on the hills, Miss Folsom has come home on her second furlough. Mrs. Woodburne very thoughtfully and unselfishly volunteered to take the work, but was not in it three months before the health of Dr. Woodburne compelled them to leave for Conoor. A few weeks after their return in July, Mrs. Woodburne was prostrated with enteric fever from which she has not yet recovered. The missionaries were fortunate in securing the assistance of a Miss Miller, but her services can not be retained after the close of this year. The missionaries plead with us very earnestly to send a teacher out at once. Such a one is ready to go, the money to send her is on hand, but the income of the Society has fallen so badly behind on this our silver anniversary instead of increasing, that the prospect of supporting another missionary seems, humanly speaking, hopeless. And yet the promise of blessing is conditional on our "bringing all the tithes into My storehouse that there may be meat in My barns."

TUNI.

Miss Priest writes:—"The year was a more trying one than any before experienced on account of famine. Every day we were face to face with the fact that God was dealing in judgment with these people. There is reason to believe that many are coming to realize, to some extent at least, that their idols are powerless to help them.

"The year has witnessed better hearing both in Tunni itself and out through the district. While on tour in November we visited a large village where many call us and amongst them an old woman and her daughter who had somewhere heard a little of the true way. At the first visit we made they listened so carefully and told us they did not know very much yet, but were worshipping the true God the best they knew how. This time the old woman told me that after we went away last year, she thought so much of what we had read from our Book and when she laid down to sleep she prayed to Jesus to give her some sign, to appear to her in some way, as she knew so

little about Him, yet was really anxious to know. That night she had a vision. It was as though a beautiful cloud came near and seated on it was a person with such a kind, gentle face; when she saw Him she said, 'Oh Jesus, you have answered my prayer, and now I know surely that the Word they read is true.' So sure was she that she wakened her daughter and told her. Do you wonder that it was a joy to read John's gospel to her? She listened as one whose heart had been prepared. And as we prayed before leaving, asking God to reveal Himself more and more by His Spirit, she entered so earnestly into the petition. How sorry we were that in all probability a year if not more would pass before we could see her again.

"In Tuni itself are many who seem glad to see us and some who think much over what they hear. They have learned that we are their friends and that this God whom they cannot see, loves them and has sent me to tell them so. The Brahmins are still very conservative, though now and then some government official who is more friendly than usual, welcomes us to visit his women folk. These are among the bright spots."

Work Among Christian Women.—This has been a joy and is a very important part of the work. The numbers continue to increase. The new ones need much teaching, and those who can read must help them in learning what their new Master expects of them.

Sunday Schools.—This work increases in interest and hopefulness. Besides the one in connection with the church, five others have been regularly carried on. On Sunday School day in October, the Tuni church was filled with scholars from the various schools, and their behaviour and the answers given proved that the year's work had not been in vain.

It was a trying experience for Miss Priest to say good bye, last April, to those whom she had watched and prayed over during all these years. Her hope is that it is God's plan for developing the Christian women and making those older in the faith feel more responsibility concerning those who have but lately come in. She has found her fellow-helpers true yoke-fellows given by the Master, says they are greatly in need of our prayers, for as natives of the country they can come into closer touch with their own people than we can ever hope to.

AKIDU.

On the 1st of September, 1900, Miss Morrow entered upon her work on the Akidu field, glad to reach the place to be thenceforth her home.

The first three months were occupied in studying Telugu, becoming acquainted with the people, looking after the five Sunday Schools for heathen children within walking distance, occasionally visiting the heathen in Akidu and neighbouring villages in

company with some Christian women, and holding weekly prayer meetings with the women in Akidu.

Touring was not attempted until the middle of December. In the first village several of the Christians came out to welcome Miss Morrow and two old women stretched out their hands and catching hold of her's said, "Oh, we are so glad you have come at last, we have been looking for you for a long time." In this village Mr. Chute examined seven for baptism, six of whom were baptized in a near canal the next day. For this day Miss Morrow thanked God and took courage.

The hot season was spent in looking after the station work during the absence of Mr. and Dr. Pearl Chute on the hills.

A nine days' tour in August with Miss Hatch proved of great benefit to Miss Morrow both practically and spiritually.

Bible women.—Deborah and Rutnama have kept up the work on their field as best they could. The want of Bible-women to accompany Miss Morrow when touring, has greatly hampered her, but the Women's Circles of the Vuyuru and Akidu fields have promised the money collected last year toward the support of one. Days on tour, 50; villages seen, 22.

SAMALKOTTA SEMINARY.

A training class for teachers who have passed the Primary Examinations has been formed this year. A practising department has been added in which all the classes from the Infant to the Third standard are taught. It has been well attended by boys chiefly from the Peddapuram and Cocanada schools, and by wives of Theological students.

In the Theological Department there is at present one class only and five students.

The Literary Department has 9 in the 4th standard; the 1st form of the lower secondary has 32; the 2nd form, 11, and the 3rd form 8 boarding boys. There are also some paying boarders from other missions, and some day pupils, both Christians and Hindus, and one Mohammedan. The examinations last September showed good results.

Mr. Craig writes:—"I hope that the sisters at home do not forget the seminary in their prayers. The best of the boys are sent here from the various fields and we have them at such an important time of their lives. I trust that we are alive to the responsibility of the position God has placed us in. When one thinks of the influence these boys may exert over all our fields, one cannot but long to see them become not only disciples, but also earnest disciples of the Lord Jesus while they are here."

Mr. Craig has been specially burdened in regard to these boys. In October four were baptized, in April two more and during the term other four. The conduct of most of these boys accords with their profession.

Recently books were laid aside for three days and special meetings were held. Mr. Davis and Mr. Laflamme joined with Mr. Craig in declaring God's messages. The result was that Christians were revived, some of the unsaved boys were awakened, and three appear to have passed from death unto life.

WOMEN'S WORK IN PEDDAPURAM AND SAMALKOTTA.

Miss MacLeod has worked on both these fields and writes that, never has her work seemed so interesting as in the past year.

Three months' visit to the hills had enabled Miss MacLeod to begin the year's work with renewed physical strength. As it was thought unwise for her to tour during the first ten months of the year her attention was concentrated on the towns of Peddapuram and Samalkotta, each with its 15,000 inhabitants, instead of trying to visit 25 or 30 places some of which are as large as these.

The mornings as a rule were spent in Samalkotta. "This," says Miss MacLeod, "is hard and amazingly unfruitful soil, but here and there the Word is finding lodgment. Four Christian women appointed by Mrs. Craig are working more or less regularly in this place and many are being instructed in the way of life. These women are, Satyavadamma, who usually accompanies me in my morning work and in the afternoon goes out with the women who are only half day workers, Mary Karanamma and Ellamma (Mrs. Craig's ayah), she is a voluntary worker and very zealous according to her knowledge.

Miss MacLeod's afternoons are spent in Peddapuram, of which she says, "Though every day and all day were spent in this place the supply would not be equal to the demand. Over and over again, we hear 'It is such a long time since you came!' Sayamma goes mornings and afternoons to the houses where she used to go asking alms, to tell of Him who is ready and willing to bestow the greatest of all gifts upon them. It is a great joy to see how she is received in those places and to note from their conversation how much of the truth is being filtered into their lives through her testimony."

Miss MacLeod, and *Atchamma*, *Leah* and *Sayamma* go into Peddapuram, each afternoon, but will have to have more help or more power before the Gospel is preached to every creature, even in Peddapuram.

In the outside villages *Rebecca* and *Nagamma* are still working away. "The Sermon on the Mount" has been the study at a prayer meeting held in Peddapuram. Precious have been these meetings and fervent the prayers that have ascended to "Our Father" that we might live more in accordance with the high standard set forth by our Great Teacher.

Miss MacLeod concludes her report with the following earnest words to us:—"My sisters, the great burden that has been laid on my heart of late, is not the necessity of more workers from home, though

they are needed and must come; nor yet the need of more of these people who shall tell of the Saviour's love and power to save, though they are even more of a necessity than the workers from home; but I have a greater burden, one that I long to pass on to you, that together we may lay it before Him, and that burden is one that the Apostle Paul was carrying when he said so sharply to the Corinthians, 'Awake to righteousness and sin not, for all have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.' From missionary to the most unlearned and ignorant of these native Christians we must all learn that 'what we are' counts very much more than 'what we say' in our witness for God, and then very speedily will the end be accomplished. May He hasten the day when 'all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest.'"

Village Schools—Mr. Walker does not find this work very encouraging. The 300 Christians on this field are scattered in some 60 towns and villages thus making the schools very small, and they are so poor that the penny a day earned by their little ones in the field is of far more value to them than their education, the importance of which they have not learned to appreciate. Notwithstanding these drawbacks a number of boys from Peddapuram go to the seminary where in the Normal Department, it is hoped they may become efficient teachers. The village school teacher is helpful to the work in other directions. His counsel to Christians and his testimony to the heathen are sometimes invaluable.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Miss Hatch writes:—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' I feel that I must put this text at the head of my report, albeit during the year under review there have been many trials and discouragements and drawbacks."

For some months Miss Hatch suffered severely from rheumatism and after that for two months, Job-like, she was attacked with boils. During this time over a month was spent in Pentakotta by the sea and as long a time in Yellamanchili and Cocanada under the care of kind physicians.

Woman Workers.—Many of our workers have been hindered by illness. *Sarah*, on account of her sick daughters and her own failing strength; *G. Martha*, by the prevalence of smallpox in her ten villages. The faithful *N. Miriam* has been called to her reward. Her going breaks another of the links with the past as she was one of the girls in the first boarding school, learned from the gifted Jonathan Burder and was an adept at repeating difficult Telugu verse. She taught singing in the Girls' School, and in Miss Hatch's absence took her Bible class there and in the Sunday School. During a long illness she suffered extremely. She passed peacefully away at her adopted mother's home in Tuni. *Sundramma*,

her sister, was greatly shocked on receiving word of her death and since then has appeared to be sinking into a decline. Sundramma is a thorough Bible student. Word has since been received of Sundramma's death. *P. Katakstamma*, an assistant in the school, has been in the hospital in Cocanada, with a serious attack of fever. When asked by Miss M——, who visited her, what was her text for the day, she pointed to a marked one in her Bible, "Most gladly, therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Dora has passed her training examinations and is now qualified to be head mistress in a lower primary school which Miss Hatch's is now considered. The Inspector visited the school in June, when 27 were present.

Bullema, who has been a wife and mother but is now a childless widow, has been newly engaged on work. She is anxious to tell the good news. She will soon be sent to Cocanada for more training.

Voluntary Workers.—Out of seven prizes given for the Junior Bible examination five of them were taken by our women, two of whom have been voluntary workers, though one is now engaged by Mr. Davis as a teacher. Good old *Rachel*, our standby as a volunteer worker in Nalluru, has been called to Anakapalle by the missionaries there, to be on the regular staff. *Shantamma* continues her faithful service in Kaleru. *P. Mary*, of Kaleru, who made known the way of salvation to so many in Wadlamuru, a neighbouring village, shewed such an anxiety to know more of the Bible, that she has been sent to Cocanada where Miss Murray hardly knows how to plan her studies to give her enough, for she just wants to swallow the Bible whole.

Some former boarding school girls often accompany Sarah in her visits to villages near Moramanda. *Anne* and *Mary* have outside Sunday Schools in Mendapelli. *S. Martha* gives all the time she can spare from the "home" to visiting in the town and suburbs and in Pasalipudi.

Miss Hatch says:—"During the year we have lost a very dear friend in the person of Mr. Ignatius Cockshutt, of Brantford. The last of his gifts was spent on the Cockshutt Girls' School. A small lot has been purchased on an excellent site near the market on the main bazaar street. The deed has been made over to the society, and we hope the Lord will put it into the heart of someone to build there a house to His name. In the meantime the school meets in a mud walled house with a leaf roof.

"From January last, the Bible work in Ramachandrapuram has been re-taken up by this Society."

Lepers Work.—Miss Hatch says of this, "Although the society of the Mission to Lepers in India and the East, have assumed the main support of the 'Dr. Kellock Home for Lepers,' your Society provides for the care and superintendence of it. And some of

our Society's members have nobly contributed towards it, so a report of that work must also appear here. Again I will say 'The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.' We have now good accommodation for 50 patients and these rooms are already occupied. New ones coming are now being put in sheds. I have found it hard to know what to do with the untainted children of these same lepers. The other day a man affected in his hands and feet and disfigured, brought with him his little girl of about ten, so fair and pretty. I said to him, 'We cannot keep your little girl, she may get the disease.' He said 'What can I do? I cannot part with her, she is all I have, and her mother ran away and left us.' I said, 'We will send her to Cocanada where she will be cared for as we expect funds for untainted children,' and on hearing that they both began to cry. They loved each other so, it was hard for them to part. The next week I had word that £100 was coming for a home for untainted children of lepers, and I lifted up my heart in thankfulness to God that we could care for the children where their parents who have so few earthly joys could have the joy of sometimes seeing them and yet where they would be free from contagion. Will you also join with me in praise to God that of the lepers who have come to us 14 have shown a change of heart and been baptized, and since July eight more have put on the Lord in baptism, making 22 in all. To Him be all the praise. 'The Lord hath surely done great things for us, whereof we are glad.'

Miss Hatch's summary of work from July 1900, to July 1901, is as follows:—

Visits to houses	298
Visits to Villages	127
Meetings held	137
Special Talks	12
Bible Classes	121
Schools Examined	7
Days on Tour	85
Visits to Lepers' Home	52

Miss Hatch prays for a great blessing upon us on this our "Silver Anniversary," and says "May you gather silver dollars in abundance until it may be said of you as even of those in Moses' time, "The people bring in much more than enough for the service of the work." Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."

Village Schools.—*Mr. Davis* reports twelve village schools under his care on the Ramachandrapuram field with 225 children. Notwithstanding irregular attendance, on the whole the progress has been all that could be expected. As in other fields the parents are poor and unable to appreciate the importance of education. There is a night class for the larger boys, and day school for both boys and girls.

One girl in the Kalleru school has been converted

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and baptized. Mr. Davis finds these little schools a light and a blessing among all the darkness and ignorance of the field.

The teachers also conduct prayer meetings and preaching services on Sundays and often assist the missionary in street preaching. Mr. Davis asks us to join with him in daily prayer for more and better trained teachers.

ANAKAPALLE AND NARSAPATNAM.

Until May, *Mrs. McLeod* worked without any Bible-woman; then *Tuluri Martha*, of Tuni, came and gave fifteen days, and *Salome* came from the Bible-woman's Training Class in Cocanada, and old *Rachel* came from Nalluru on the Ramachandrapuram field. These two (*Rachel* and *Salome*) have stayed on in the work and are supported by the Women's Helpmeet Society of the Godavari Association. Ruth, the wife of a teacher in town, is also giving half-a-day to the work.

One hundred and twenty-nine houses are open to the visitor in Anakapalle, and seven near villages have been visited regularly, while other twelve villages have had one or more visits.

Mrs. McLeod is greatly encouraged over the regular attendance at the Sunday services of six women, two of whom come from a village nearly four miles distant.

There are 15 *Sunday schools*. Three of these are in a near village, the other 12 are held in different caste quarters of Anakapalle and in the chapel. One of the chapel schools is attended by boys only, all educated boys. The attendance has numbered 136.

The International lessons, Picture Rolls and cards are used in all fifteen schools.

In *Narsapatnam* the two Bible-women—*Annamma* and *Kannamma*—have worked on through the year, without interruption, in fourteen villages.

There are two *Sunday schools*.

The village day school in *Dharmasagram* was reopened six months ago, and is doing very satisfactory work.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into the harvest."

JANE BUCHAN,
Foreign Secretary.

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Treasurer's Twenty-fifth Annual Report, from October 21st, 1900, to October 20th, 1901.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other Orgaz'n.	Total.
Aylmer.....	\$111 00	\$ 10 00		\$121 00
Calton.....	16 75			16 75
Dutton.....	5 00	8 00		13 00
Fingal.....	2 00			2 00

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other Orgaz'n.	Total.
Gladstone.....	26 05			26 05
Jaffa.....	4 03			4 03
Lakeshore, Calvary.....	78 75			78 75
Lorne, West.....	6 00			6 00
Malahide and Bayham.....	20 75			20 75
New Sarum.....	13 80	19 70		33 50
Port Burwell.....	10 85			10 85
Sheddell.....	7 40	1 01		8 41
Spartan.....	14 98			14 98
St. Thomas, Centre St.....	84 78		\$ 17 00	101 78
Association Collection.....				3 85
Special balance to be credited to Circles.....	8 10			8 10

Collection at series of meetings addressed by Miss Baskerville, \$27.65, less \$3.42 expenses..... 24 23

14 Circles. 4 Bands. \$410 61 \$33 71 \$17 00 \$489 46

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Acon.....	\$ 5 10			\$ 5 10
Brampton.....	24 30	\$17 00		41 30
Cheltenham.....	20 00	2 50		22 50
Galt.....	2 00			2 00
Galt.....	31 35			31 35
Georgetown.....	9 00	1 00		10 00
Guelph, 1st Ch.....	54 76	9 50		64 26
" Trinity Ch.....	29 76	8 50		38 26
Hespeler.....	41 36			41 36
Hillsburgh.....	6 70			6 70
Nisour, East.....	5 50			5 50
Orangeville.....	15 50	1 00		16 50
St. Mary's.....	9 05	15 40		24 45
Stratford.....	14 80			14 80
Association Collection.....				3 10

14 Circles. 7 Bands. \$369 18 \$ 54 90 \$324 18

MIDDLEBURY AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Allan Craig.....	\$21 00			\$21 00
Alvinston.....	12 70			12 70
Bridgen.....		\$ 7 16		7 16
Brooke.....	23 28			23 28
Brooke and Enni-killen.....	18 05			18 05
Calvary.....	18 25			18 25
Courtright and Moore Centre.....	5 00			5 00
Densfield.....	12 50	4 00		16 25
Forest.....	10 80			10 80
Lobo.....		1 00		1 00
London, Adelaide St.....	106 40	17 05		123 45
" " Yg Ladies.....	25 00	5 80		30 80
" " Boys.....		1 25		1 25
" Egerton St, Yg Ladies.....		3 00		3 00
" Maitland St.....	12 70	\$r. 10 00		22 70
" " Jr. 1 05.....				1 05
" South.....	35 98	15 00		50 98
" Talbot St.....	98 12	5 40	\$ 7 17	110 70
Nisour, West.....	7 75			7 75
Oil Springs.....	3 15			3 15
Park Hill.....	1 25			1 25
Petrolia.....	43 68	\$2 85		46 53
Plympton.....	12 73			12 73
Poplar Hill.....	6 42			6 42
Sarnia.....	35 15	1 75		36 90
Sarnia Township.....	7 50			7 50
Strathroy.....	15 00			15 00
Wyoming.....	23 65			23 65
" Yg Ladies.....	4 95			4 95
Association Collection.....				4 26

25 Circles. 13 Bands. \$567 00 \$65 91 \$ 7 17 \$674 34

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Beamsville.....	\$45 15			\$45 15
Binbrook.....	5 35		\$ 3 00	8 35
Calator.....	4 00			4 00
Caraga, North.....	1 00			1 00
Dundas.....	6 42	\$11 81		17 74
Fonthill.....	6 00			6 00
Freelton.....	6 50			6 50
Grimby.....	35 00			35 00
Hamilton, Herkimer St.....	13 00			13 00
" James St.....	46 90	12 00	Jr. C. E. 12 00	88 40
" " W. Bib. C. 12 50.....				12 50

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Name.	Circles.	Band.	Other Orgaz'n.	Total.	Name.	Circles.	Band.	Other Orgaz'n.	Total.
Hamilton, Victoria Ave.	15 40			15 40	Holmedale	25 76	2 06	6 00	37 82
Wentworth St.	16 60	4 10		22 10	Ingersoll		5 70		5 70
St. Catharines, Lyman St.	14 85			14 85	Maple Grove	12 50	6 00		18 50
Queen St.	42 55	16 35		58 90	Norwich	7 00			7 00
Westover	54 80	4 00		58 80	Onondaga, First		17 00		17 00
Association Collection				2 58	Oxford, East	5 00			5 00
15 Circles. 6 Bands.	\$313 23	\$49 16	\$27 50	\$392 47	Oxford, West	65 47	11 00		76 47
NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.					Paris	13 40			13 40
Bloomburg	25 00	\$ 1 50		\$ 7 50	Salford	18 40			18 40
Boston	8 22	1 28		9 50	Scotland	25 50	3 45		28 95
Cheapside	8 00			8 00	St. George	35 25	20 00		55 25
Cultus	6 00	Late.		20 25	Tilson	12 00			12 00
De Cewville	8 75	17 50		26 25	Wolverton	49 00			49 00
Delhi	3 00	4 80		7 80	Woodstock, First Ch	44 00	18 00		62 00
Forestville	10 00	12 00		22 00	Oxford St.				6 00
Hagerville	19 50			19 50	Assoc' on Collection				9 52
Houghton, First	2 00	8 00		10 00	Collection at some of the meet- ings addressed by Miss Baskerville, \$14.86, less \$5.34 expenses				9 52
Langton	4 00	1 50		5 50	22 Circles. 11 Bands.	\$1163 83	\$114 46	\$31 20	\$1324 61
Pine Grove	8 50	3 48		11 98	PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.				
Port Rowan	5 10	2 48		7 58	Belleville	4 00			4 00
Selkirk	13 00	5 42		18 42	Cobourg	13 25	1 50		14 75
Simcoe	1 50			1 50	Colborne	3 00			3 00
Young Ladies	1 00			1 00	Cramah	7 50			7 50
Teeterville	5 00	20 00		25 00	Gilmour, Memorial Ch	22 00			22 00
Townsend Centre	8 00			8 00	Haldimand	6 85	6 00		12 85
Villa Nova	8 00	4 00		12 00	Lakefield	10 25			10 25
Victoria	43 85	12 89		56 74	Norwood	6 85			6 85
Waterford	1 85			1 85	Peterboro', Murray St	107 54	31 20		138 74
Association Collection				1 85	Park St	6 00			6 00
18 Circles. 15 Bands.	\$179 42	\$113 05		\$292 32	Port Hope	83 65	41 86		125 51
NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.					Selwyn	1 50			1 50
Barrie	\$43 90	\$1 24		\$45 14	Stirling	5 58			5 58
Bardville	21 75			21 75	Association Collection				3 85
Bracebridge	10 70	3 00	\$5 10	7 10	13 Circles. 4 Bands.	\$282 77	\$80 56		\$363 98
Burk's Falls	6 00			6 00	TORONTO ASSOCIATION.				
Collingwood	Late			Late	Aurora	2 00			2 00
Dus Lake	10 50			10 50	Bethel	25 13			25 13
Port William	5 00			5 00	Markham, Second	26 90			26 90
Gravenhurst	4 14			4 14	York Mills	17 42			17 42
Marchmont	4 00			4 00	Toronto City	57 64			57 64
Medora	10 00			10 00	Beverly St.	228 41			228 41
Midland	5 15			5 15	Bloor St.	18 73	12 24		30 97
Parry Sound	16 00	27 75		43 75	" Wk. Auxiliary	40 29			40 29
Port Arthur	7 00			7 00	" Thank-offering	9 98			9 98
Sault Ste. Marie	1 50		3 25	4 75	Century Ch	17 50			17 50
Spruce Dale	7 73			7 73	Christie St. Boys.	1 60			1 60
Stayner	7 00			7 00	" Cleaners	43 32	13 30	8 75	65 14
Uthoff	2 67			2 67	College St.	2 77			2 77
Association Collection				2 67	Dovercourt Rd.	46 01			46 01
14 Circles. 5 Bands.	\$138 62	\$64 74	\$8 35	\$211 38	First Ave.	25 19	4 65	1 00	30 75
OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.					Immanuel Ch.	54 25		4 00	58 25
Bentick	\$6 00			\$6 00	Jarvis St.	789 60			789 60
Bruce, North	2 50			2 50	" Girls	2 42			2 42
Burgoyne	4 00			4 00	Kennilworth Ave.	30 35			30 35
Chesley	12 22			12 22	Memorial Ch	10 00			10 00
Daywood	15 00			15 00	Moulton College	27 60			27 60
Elderslie	5 00			5 00	Ossington Ave.	12 50			12 50
Keady	5 00			5 00	Parliament St.	59 88			59 88
Owen Sound	28 62	25 00		53 62	Sheridan Ave.	10 68	5 30		15 98
Baby 1 00				1 00	Walmer Rd.	192 69	4 70		197 39
Paley	9 75			9 75	Western Ch.	49 72	17 00	8 50	75 22
Port Elgin	6 75			6 75	Torgato Junction	11 95			11 95
Sydenham, South	5 00			5 00	Association Collection				11 00
Tara	2 65			2 65	22 Circles. 9 Bands.	\$1793 97	\$79 06	\$69 85	\$1943 88
Warton	3 00			3 00	WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.				
Association Collection				4 66	Atwood	\$10 65			\$10 65
13 Circles. 3 Bands.	\$106 44	\$34 50		\$144 60	Clinton	5 00			5 00
OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.					Farewell	2 00			2 00
Ayr	50		50	1 00	Gammis	8 60	2 65		11 25
Beachville	5 88			5 88	Kenilworth	9 00			9 00
Brantford, Calvary Ch	72 80	14 50		87 10	Kincardine	1 00			1 00
First Ch	625 00		20 00	670 00	Listowel	15 04			15 04
" Yg Ladies	25 00			25 00	Mount Forest	29 61	3 00		32 61
" Park Ch	82 57			82 57	Teaswater	10 00			10 00
Band	82 57	Late.		82 57	Tiverton	21 00			21 00
Burnsville	8 00			8 00	Walkerton	30 27	6 08		36 35
Bruford	11 90			11 90	Wingham	11 08			11 08
Burgessville	12 00			12 00	Association Collection				4 25
Burth	15 00	7 75	4 70	27 45	11 Circles. 4 Bands.	\$141 20	\$13 68		\$159 13

Smith, Treas.; Mrs Burt, Organist. Our membership is twenty; average attendance thirteen. We have given \$8 to Foreign Missions and \$16 to Home Missions in the past year. Although you have not heard from us we have been working for our Master. It is two years since our Circle was re-organized. In looking back we have great reason to rejoice for God's goodness to us as a Circle, notwithstanding our discouragements and difficulties. With faith in God we hope to work through the coming year with greater zeal.

On the evening of Oct. 3rd, our Mission Circle held an open meeting. The president, Mrs. Shaw, occupied the chair. After the devotional exercises we were favored with a solo by Minnie Staboy, "Earnest Workers for the Master." A splendid reading by Mrs. Whipps, entitled "Unemployed Talent." An interesting reading by Mrs. Dunnett, on "Foreign Missions." A duet by Mr. and Mrs. Poehlman, entitled "Turn on the Light," which was well rendered. Our pastor, Mr. Grant, then gave an address on "Slum Work in London, England," which was highly appreciated. A thank-offering was then taken of \$2.85, the meeting closing with a hymn and prayer by our pastor. Though the evening was stormy the attendance was very good, including some who were not members of the Circle, but whose interest we hope may be enlisted in this great work for the Master.

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Buck, our loved president for the past two years. She resigned in July on account of ill health. Since then she gradually sank until her death, Oct. 7. She was loved by all, faithful and untiring in her Master's work. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

MRS. STABOY, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. CATHARINES.—On Thursday, Sept. 26th, the Queen St. Ladies' Mission Circle held an extra meeting at the home of Mrs. Sidney Parnell, four miles in the country. The beautiful weather favored a good attendance and twenty-four were present. Our president Mrs. McTavish occupied the chair. After the opening exercises Mrs. Mills gave a memorial address on the late Miss Shenstone, which was deeply felt by all the Circle. She spoke of our departed sister's faith in prayer, devotion to Christ's service, loyalty to Him, and her unselfishness, also humility. Daily Bible study and prayer were always faithfully remembered by her, and she earnestly urged others to "Take time to be holy." The missionary cause was dear to her heart, and special offerings were given with special joy and prayer. As a Sabbath School scholar of Miss Shenstone, Mrs. Mills could recall many precious memories.

Rest, sister rest, thy race is run,
The Master saith to thee "Well done!"

A poem, "Inasmuch," was feelingly read by Mrs.

Parnell, followed by a duet entitled "I'll Live for Him." A reading by Mrs. J. C. Parnell on "The Mighty Name," was most impressive, and proved God's power to save. "What the heathen teach us," was read by Mrs. Rogers, followed by a duet by Mrs. McTavish and Mrs. St. Dalmas, entitled "Lost, all Lost." After a few earnest words in reference to our missionary papers *THE LINK* and *Visitor*, refreshments were served, and all the ladies felt it had been an afternoon well spent and look forward hopefully to future work in the Master's vineyard.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

BELFOUNTAIN, ONT.—We organized a Mission Band on the 19th of May last, with a membership of 23. Through the summer our meetings were irregular, but since the holidays they have been better attended and our number has increased to 34. The meetings are held fortnightly on Friday afternoons at 4.30. Mrs. Moyle, Pres.; Melisa Teeter, Sec.; Jennie McBride, Treas. We have no stated fee but all give what they can and it is called a freewill offering. We call ourselves "Willing Workers." We are studying the "Mission Stations of India."

GUELPH.—At the November meeting of the Mission Band of Trinity Church, we took a special collection as our Christmas offering, instead of sending a bale of clothing as formerly. A pleasing feature of the programme was the opening, and reading of how the money was saved or earned. The amount of \$4 was realized and is to be sent as a special offering for India.

A. M. EVANS.

PARKHILL.—By the request of the children of the Parkhill Baptist Sunday School a Mission Band was organized on October 3rd, 1901. We have had two meetings since and have twenty-five members. Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4.15 p.m. Our officers are as follows: Pres, Mrs. (Rev.) J. I. Manthorne; 1st Vice-Pres, Mrs. A. Buckley; 2nd Vice-Pres, Miss Helen Meggs; Sec., Miss Florence Pearce; Treas, Miss Olive McInnis. We are studying Home and Foreign Missions. At our last meeting we studied Grande Ligne and our next meeting will be a study of the North-West Missions.

FLORENCE PEARCE, *Sec.*

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

Receipts from October 16th to 20th, 1901, when the books closed for the Convention year, 1900-1901.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Wilkesport, \$1 66; Wyoming, Y. L., \$2 21; Walkerton, \$4.15; Acton, \$2.90; Bothwell, \$3; Caistor, \$4; Guelph, First Church (a member to make Mrs.

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK.

Merrill a Life-member, \$25; Ingersoll, \$8.55; Keady, \$4; Malahide and Bayham, \$7; Nissouri, West, \$4.25; Port Hope, \$13.50; Port Rowan, \$2.50; Thamesville, \$2.75; Tara, \$1.50; Vittoria, \$4; Toronto, Century Ch., \$4.65; Toronto, College St., \$12.20; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$5; Fingal, \$2; Gladstone, \$4.50; Kenilworth, \$9; London, Adelaide St. (\$25 to make Mrs. J. H. Morgan a Life-member), \$43.05; Shedden, \$7.40; Tilsonburg, \$1.50; Toronto, Jarvis St. (\$5 special), \$84.36; Uxbridge, \$2.60; Haldimand, \$3; Hamilton, James St., \$17.90; Aylmer, \$27.36 Thank-offering and \$25 Silver Anniversary gifts to be used to make Mrs. Mary E. Kidd and Mrs. Charles Gundry Life-members), \$74.23; Brantford, First Ch. Y. L., \$25; Brooklin (\$12.50 Thank-offering), \$16; Boston, \$15; Calvary, \$2.50; Dundas, \$2.43; Guelph, First Ch., \$1.62; Houghton, First, \$6.50; Orangeville, \$7; Stouffville, \$3.70; Simcoe, Y. L., \$5.50; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$8.35; Woodstock, Oxford St., (\$4.50 for Engala Nokamma, extra girl), \$6.50; Toronto, Beverly St., \$11.52; Toronto, Jarvis St. Girls' \$1.16; Brantford, Park Ch., \$41.14; Sparta, \$3.43; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., \$4.10; Norwich, \$6.25; Paisley, \$1.75. Total, \$531.71.

FROM BANDS.—Hartford, \$5; Ingersoll, \$2.06; Petrolia, \$4.25; Simcoe, \$5.62; Cheltenham, \$2.50; Georgetown, \$1; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$2.75 for Tota Maryamma), \$4.15; Shedden, \$1.01; Norwich, \$3; Brooklin, \$4; Boston, for Dedala Paul, \$10; Chatham, \$5; Guelph, First Ch. for Mude Sarah, \$9.50; Lakefield M. B. (\$1 for Bolivia), \$3; Port Arthur for Yadida Ramaswami) \$4.25; Stouffville, \$7.77; Woodstock, First Ch., \$5; London, Adelaide St., Junior, \$5.80; Owen Sound Baby Band for Bolivia, \$1; Port Rowan, \$1.47. Total, \$85.38.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Bracebridge B. Y. P. U. for Matsa Sundramma, \$5.10; Brantford, First Ch. Jr. B. Y. P. U. for Golapelli Naomi, \$10; A friend, to make Mrs. R. D. Thomas a Life-member, \$25; A friend, to make Miss Rose Crittenden a Life-member, \$25; Our missionaries, to make Miss Buchan a Life-member, \$25; A friend, to make Mrs. Pease a Life-member, \$25; Mrs. Duncan Chisholm, Berlin, \$5. Total, \$120.10.

REFUNDS.—Miss A. Grace Iler, additional, on account advance to purchase outfit, \$53; Expense Account re sales of "Prayer Cycle," \$7.60. Total, \$60.60.

Total receipts for the five days, \$797.79.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer: Extras—Mrs. E. G. Smith, \$5; for lepers, Miss Maggie Boon, \$2; Hamilton, Wentworth St., Baby Band, \$1.40, \$3.40; Engala Nokamma, extra girl, Cocanada, \$4.50; Satyavedam, extra Biblewoman, \$8; Bolivia, Guelph, Trinity Ch., M. B., \$2.50; Lakefield, M. B., \$1; Owen Sound Baby Band, \$1. Total, \$4.50.

Total for the five days, \$25.40.

NOTE.—To adjust the receipts as reported to the Convention for the year the following changes have been made:—In all \$51.10 has been received as refund on expense account from sales of "Prayer Cycle"; this has been deducted from the total receipts, and the same amount deducted from that charged to expense account. Five dollars credited to Miss Buchan's S. S. Class is deducted, as the class yielded the honor of making Miss Buchan a Life-member to our missionaries. With these changes the figures stand as follows:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	
From Circles	\$5575 48
From Bands	824 28
From Sundries	1728 77
	\$8128 53
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Expense Account	\$194 35
Sundries	8044 29
	\$8238 64

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

RECEIPTS.	
From Circles	\$115 75
From Bands	3 30
From Sundries	36 15
	\$155 20
DISBURSEMENTS.	
For Dr. Gertrude Hulet	\$473 42
	VIOLET ELLIOT, Treasurer.
109 Pembroke St., Toronto.	

Receipts from Oct. 21st to Nov. 15th, 1901, beginning of Convention year of 1901-02.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Burgessville, \$10; Grimsby, Thank-offering, \$2; Guelph, First Ch., \$3.68; York Mills, \$3.50; Bruce, North, \$2.50; Doe Lake, \$3.75; DeCewville, \$2.50; Simcoe, \$4.75; St. Thomas, Centre St., Silver Anniversary offering to make Mrs. C. B. Spohn a Life-member, \$25; Ingersoll, to make Mrs. James Grant a Life-member, \$25; Lakefield, per Mrs. L. L. Porter, \$7.60; Gammis, \$3; Hagersville, \$3.50; Sullivan, per Mrs. Jas. Walker, 50c; Toronto, Century Ch., Thank-offering, \$6; Lorne, West, \$5.80; Pickering, \$5.55; Midland, Thank-offering, \$5; Collingwood, (\$1.40 Thank-offering), \$3.40; St. Catharines, Queen St., \$25 to make Mrs. James Mills a Life-member, \$28.40; Dutton, \$2; Ailsa Craig, Thank-offering, \$5.60; Sarnia, Y. L., \$8; Sarnia (Senior Circle), \$1.25; St. George, Thank-offering, \$6; Peterboro', Murray St., Thank-offering, \$10.90; Bentwick, (\$1 Thank-offering), \$5. Total, \$192.98.

FROM BANDS.—DeCewville, \$2; Brantford, Park Ch. \$4.85; Bracebridge, \$2; Hamilton, Wentworth St., special for deficit, \$3.60; Oshawa, \$6.50; Westover (Mrs. Jessie M. Shaver, Worcester, Mass., to make her daughter, Lizzie May, a Life-member of Bands of W. B. F. M. S.), \$10; Port Hope, entertainment, \$13.80; St. Mary's for Govadi Appalamma, \$13.10; Sarnia, Brock St., \$1.05. Total, \$56.90.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Spruce Dale S. S. for B. Salvamma, \$3; Mrs. Dempsey, Rednerville, for lepers, \$5; Mr. W. Craig, Port Hope, to make his wife a Life-member, \$25; Mrs. T. M. Thomson, Toronto, \$5; Mrs. E. Willard, Hamilton, for Silver Anniversary, per Mrs. Booker, \$5; Mrs. T. M. Harris, special to complete payment to cancel the deficit, \$100.11; Collection at Silver Anniversary Convention, held in Jarvis St. Church, Toronto, \$97.19. Total, 240.30.

Total during the 25 days, \$490.18.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, for regular work, \$490.00.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Director of Walkerton, Association	\$0 55
" " " Oxford-Brant	2 76
" " " Norfolk	2 00
" " " Peterboro'	1 80
" " " Northern	2 00
" " " Western	5 68
" " " Whitty and Lindsay Association	1 00
Mission Band Secretary, one half postage	1 80
President's Expenses to Convention	6 00
J. L. Brown, Stationery for Mrs. Lloyd	3 25
Total	\$26 84
Total disbursements during 25 days, \$516.84.	

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

DISBURSEMENT.	
For Dr. Gertrude Hulet and munshi	\$41 74
Total	\$41 74

Notice to Presidents and Secretaries.—In the list of receipts since October 21st, a great many are included which have been reported to the Association Directors as sent to me in last Convention year. Kindly examine the names carefully to see if your Circle or Band is one which claims a larger amount than is credited in my Annual Report published in this issue of the LINK, and if it is one in the above list. If local treasurers close their books on 15th October and forward money at once these mistakes will not occur.

VIOLET ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

109 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. F. M. S. OF E. O. AND Q., HELD AT ROCKLAND.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society was held on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, 1901, commencing at 9.30 a.m. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. S. Sheldon, Montreal, who spoke on "Service for the Master." Mrs. McMaster led the sisters in prayer. This part of the meeting was closed by singing "My Jesus, I love Thee."

At ten a.m., Mrs. Claxton, President of the W. F. M. S., took the chair and the meeting was opened by reading the 135th Psalm. Misses Sadie Annible, Clara Way and Vera Duncan were introduced as pages. Miss Tester read the minutes of last annual meeting, which were adopted. Forty-six delegates answered to the Roll Call. The President's address recalled the organization of the Society (Sept. 6th, 1876) in the First Church, Montreal, under the inspiration of our late brother Timpany. Their aim was to send the Gospel to their benighted sisters, the Telugu women, and to help bring light and liberty into the homes in heathendom. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Let us take courage.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with a memorial service for the late Miss Nannie Green, who was a charter member of the Society. The meeting was led by Mrs. Halkett. Some of our sister's favorite hymns were sung.

At 2.30 the officers resumed their chairs. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, gave her report. Mrs. Halkett's address, "Ourselves in the Work," was listened to with intense interest. The Society asked her permission to have it published in pamphlet form, and it will also be published in full in the LINK. Mrs. McMaster conducted in an able manner the Question Drawer. The Rockland and Clarence Mission Bands contributed to the programme. The greetings of the sisters of Ontario West were conveyed to the meeting by Miss Tapscott; those of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Rockland, by Miss Dunlop, and those of the Y. W. C. T. U., Rockland, by Miss Pangborne. Miss Priest then addressed the meeting on "The Christian Native Women in India, and their Missionary Societies."

"God be with you till we meet again," was heartily sung in closing, and prayer was offered by President.

A union platform meeting was held on Tuesday evening, with Rev. A. G. Campbell in the chair. Rev. O. E. Kendall read Psalm xc., and led in prayer. After a few brief but interesting remarks by the chair, Miss Tapscott, of Toronto, was introduced to the audience. Miss Tapscott's theme was Home Missions. Miss Ellen Priest, India, spoke in the interest of Foreign Missions. She came from India as a bearer of messages to children and

friends here and also a bearer of Jesus' message to us concerning those perishing ones. She spoke of Jesus' heart of compassion, and that, in proportion as we are in touch with Him, will we be compassionate. He says, "Give ye them to eat," but we so often feel, "What are we among so many?" Jesus does not need our help in this matter but has so planned that we should be fellow-workers, and woman is the only medium by which the Telugu woman can be reached. We have been favored, not for our own selfish enjoyment, but that we may be a blessing to others.

The Rockland and Clarence choirs contributed largely to the evening's entertainment. Collections were taken up at afternoon and evening sessions.

[We regret that the report of the Akidu field in Nov. LINK was not attributed to the Eastern Convention, as the work is sustained by their Society.—Ed.]

MONTREAL.—On Tuesday evening, Nov. 5th, a meeting of an unusually interesting character took place in the parlors of the First Baptist Church. The occasion was the celebration of the twenty fifth anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and took the form of a silver birthday party. The Rev. J. A. Gordon occupied the chair, supported by the presidents of the Board and of the different Circles of the city. After the opening devotional exercises and remarks by the chairman, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, President of the Board, gave a very interesting and touching address, in which she re-called the many hallowed reminiscences of a quarter of a century's work and made a pathetic appeal for younger workers to enter this field of usefulness. Mrs. Halkett's paper, entitled "Ourselves in Our Work," read by Mrs. T. B. Brown, was an historical sketch of the society since its inception and contained many interesting data and statistics. Anniversary verses written by Mrs. C. J. Alloway, and read by Mrs. Copping, entitled "Five and Twenty Years," were followed by music, vocal and instrumental, by Miss Muir and Mrs. Foote, and a recitation in dialect by Mrs. Tuddenham, the latter teaching an excellent lesson in systematic giving. The Rev. J. L. Gilmour, the Rev. Messrs. Webb and Therrien also took part in the exercises. The beautiful decorations of the rooms and the refreshments served, added much to the pleasure of a most happy occasion. The amount raised for Foreign Missionary work by the silver birthday gifts amounted to \$106.00.

M. W. A.

IN MEMORIAM.

PERTH.—After months of patient suffering, Mrs. Rock, our pastor's wife, and late President, was called home on the 17th Sept. We have sustained a deep loss; and the following thoughts, expressed by our President, Mrs. D. M. Robertson, at our last Circle meeting, will testify to her Christian character:

"She hath done what she could."—Mark 14 : 8.

Perhaps no words could be applied more suitably to the sister whom God has taken from our midst. In all the years she labored with us, while none were more humble or diffident with regard to the work they accomplished, yet none were more willing than she to do what they could. No forward movement in the work, no needy cause, but what received her deep interest and hearty support, given quietly and prayerfully. And during the long months of suffering and weariness, when she was taken aside from active service, her interest in the work did not fail.

And now, she too, like the woman whom Christ commended, has gone. Her life-story will not go out in the world, as that of the other, but the memory of her faithful service will remain long with those who knew and loved her.

Two weeks before Mrs. Rock left us, our hearts were saddened, when word came that Mrs. Laing, of Kingston, our former pastor's wife, had passed away. For several years she also was our Circle President, and labored amongst us; always "doing what she could." Since we have been separated she never lost her interest in the Lord's work in Perth. We will miss her loving messages.

May the lives of these dear sisters be an inspiration to us for more faithful service.

AGNES A. ROBERTSON, Sec'y.

W. B. M. U., Maritime Provinces.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER: For Chiacole, the missionaries and their helpers, the reading room, schools and hospital, that God would use them all for the salvation of souls.

As we remember our Prayer Topic this month shall we not earnestly pray that God may abundantly bless the return of our beloved missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, to Chiacole, that He may grant them continued health and strength for the work so dear to their hearts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE W. B. M. U. TREASURER FOR QUARTER ENDING, OCT., 31st 1901.

RECEIPTS.			
	F. M.	H. M.	TOTAL.
Rec'd from W. M. A. S. Nova Scotia.....	\$441 74	\$ 79 17	\$523 91
" " " " " New Brunswick.....	83 13	7 20	90 33
" " " " " P. E. Island.....	41 72	14 41	56 13
" " " " " Annual Meeting Collections.....			45 06
" " " " " Tidings.....			8 50
" " " " " Leaflets.....			13 07
" " " " " Mission Band Treasurer.....	140 92	48 29	189 21
			\$925 21
EXPENDITURE.			
Paid J. W. Manning, Treas. F. M. Board.....			\$2940 91
" " " " " Printing Tidings.....			11 50
" " " " " Leaflets.....			3 00
" " " " " Annual Reports.....			69 20
" " " " " Postage, Expressage and Wrapping same.....			9 13
" " " " " Stationery.....			12 92
" " " " " Pro. Sec. New Brunswick.....			3 00
" " " " " Nova Scotia.....			2 00

Paid Miss Clarke, M. B. Sup. N. B. \$15 94
 " " " " " Drafts, Discounts, Postage, etc. 8 69
 \$3066 53

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

AMHERST, NOV. 1st 1901.

LETTER FROM BOBBILI.

"From Tidings"

My Dear Sisters:—This is Monday morning and a great many things to see to, as the work commences, but if my letter for the *Tidings* is not started this morning, it will not get off by this week's mail on its journey to Amherst.

I have the mission house all to myself this morning, as Mr. Churchill is away on tours, and Bessie has gone to school. We have so much less money for the expenses of our school than we need, that she consented to take up the work as Head Mistress, with an assistant in Telugu, for a time and thus save the Head Master's salary. Her Assistant has been very ill now for three weeks, so that the work has been pretty hard on her. Her wheel too has given out, and repairs are 500 miles distant, so a walk of nearly a mile to the school in the morning, and the return walk after 10 o'clock, in these hot days, beside the work in school, is rather wearing.

The Maha Rajah has this year started a Caste girl's school in Bobbili, in honor of having received the title of Maha (Great) Rajah, and he associates his Maha Rani's name with his in this enterprise. Thus far, only a very few of my pupils have joined the new school, and these the children of H. H.'s relatives.

At our last conference in Tekkali, the Missionaries voted to make the Bobbili school, a central boarding school for girls from all of our stations. It is especially intended to send studious girls from the other stations to pursue their studies here up to the Lower Secondary examination, also for special study of the Bible, and to receive some practical training in work among heathen women. We have now a very promising girl from Palcondah, the preacher's daughter, this is her second year in our school, and one from Tekkali just entered, also a preacher's daughter.

Monday is the beggar's day and I notice the crowd increasing from week to week. The outlook for the poor of Bobbili thus far is worse this year than last, but we are praying for rain, and expect our Lord will send it. If rain should not come, it will be a hard year for our Chekkagoosda and Mardapilli Christians. They send in letters requesting us to pray for rain, and I never felt so anxious for it as I do now. One of our most earnest Christians at Chekkagoosda, Chinappariardudora, has been called up higher. We went out on tour to Chekkagoosda in July and were very sorry on our arrival, to find him quite ill. Two men helped him to the little chapel on Sunday afternoon, where the Lord's supper was commemorated, and before the next Sunday

"he was not, for God hath taken him." We bade him goodbye on Thursday morning, as we were starting homeward and on Friday evening, August, 2nd his emancipated spirit took its flight. He was conscious to the last, and as he lay dying Rabha Dass, the preacher who was the means of leading him and many more there, into the light, called in his heathen relatives, to see how a Christian could die. These relatives had been very bitter against him when he was baptized four years ago. They had done all they could to induce or drive him to forsake his newly-found Saviour, and failing in this, had torn down their houses, moved a mile away and built a new village saying they would not live with the Christians. Their anger had somewhat cooled in the intervening years, and they came when called, and were astonished to see him so utterly free from fear, and so happy, rejoicing in the Christ who had saved him, and washed away all his sins: and into whose presence he confidently expected to enter, in a few moments, and be forever with the Lord.

They came again in the morning and followed his body to its last resting place, till Jesus comes, and seemed very much impressed with it all.

These Christians live 47 miles distant from Bobbili, and after much persuasion have consented to send some of their children to our school here. These have been taught by their preacher's wife, up to the 2nd and 4th Standards. We expect to keep them here a few years, and hope for much in the future from them, when better educated.

After returning from Chekkagoosda, Mr. Churchill made a tour of a week to Mardapilli. There, on the Sabbath, he baptized four converts from heathenism, and others are looking towards Christianity.

We are earnestly praying for spiritual showers to descend on all parts of our field, as well as for the natural showers of rain, both of which are so greatly needed, for without the latter many must starve, and without the former, many many more must perish eternally.

With much love

Yours in the work,

M. F. CHURCHILL.

August 26th, 1901.

LEFT UNDONE.

It isn't the thing you do, dear;
It's the thing you leave undone,
That gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you did not send, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts to-night.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way;
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say;
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle winning tone,
Which you had no time nor thought for,
With trouble enough of your own.

Those little acts of kindness,
So easily out of mind,
Those chances to be angels
Which we poor mortals find,
They come in night and silence,
Each sad, reproachful wraith,
When hope is faint and flagging,
And a chill has fallen on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late;
And it isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.

MARGARET SANGSTER.

LETTER FROM PARLAKIMEDI.

From "Tidings"

Dear Sisters:—Early last Saturday morning having given out the Con's food for the day I was returning from the store-room when whom should I see sitting near the house but the poor people who come every Saturday for their dose of grain. For a minute my heart sank and the question came, what can be done, how can these people be taught to come at eight o'clock and wait near the chapel instead of coming here. I do want to be kind and yet they must not be allowed to come so near the house, and why? Because there is so much danger of contagion from them. Let me tell you about some of them and then you will understand better. Nearest to me stood a tiny girl holding out half a cocoanut shell, but I passed by her and shook my head, for we cannot give to children, if the parents are in need they must come themselves; next to her was a poor old woman bent with years and leaning on a cane, for months she had come every week and needs all the help she has obtained for she is so old and sick. She held out her small dirty basket and motioned me to put the grain in at one side as already some had given her a little rice and she did not want the grains mixed. Yes! and the old lame man was here too for his share, which with many thanks he received, and they prepared to go when I said, now remember next Saturday to stay near the chapel and at eight o'clock I will be sure to come and give to all who are waiting, and as I turned towards the house I sincerely hoped they would remember and thought I would have my breakfast, but no, Amah! Amah (my lady) some one called. Who was it? Oh! it was the leper. Poor man, he appeared worse than the last time he was here. His body looked as though flour had been rubbed over it in patches, all of his toes gone and his hands in a bad condition too. He just managed to hobble along.

Then there was the blind man whom a little boy

had led here by a stick. He was very polite as usual, for after he had received his dole he folded his hands and put them to his forehead as a mark of great respect.

After these two had gone I had time for breakfast and to do several different things before ten o'clock when the poor widow, who has four small children, came for her portion. This time she only brought two of them with her, a puny babe only a few months old and a little boy of two years. As I noticed the latter I almost shivered and asked what was the matter with him? He was just skin and bones. Oh he had been having fever and had not enough to eat.

The young man with elephantiasis did not come. His condition is pitiable. One of his feet is about the shape and size of an elephant's. This disease is said to be caused by drinking bad water.

Now I want to tell you about a little girl who used to come Saturdays. One day last cold season I found such a lot of people waiting for grain; I called Mr. Corey to see if he thought they were all worthy of help, for it seemed to me that some of them were able to work. He soon told several that they ought to have gone to the rice fields to work. Just then I noticed a bright, pretty girl who looked well, and said "See this girl, she is strong enough to work," (I was looking at her face) but my husband said she is a leper. Surely she is not a leper! but yes, a glance at her feet told me the sad truth. Poor child, so happy and bright looking and yet like Naaman a leper.

It is hardly necessary to say she got some grain and did whenever she came, but she does not come now, for one day I was looking out of a window when I saw her standing near and acting so queer. I watched her for a little while. She would put her hand under her cloth and then withdraw it as though undecided as to what to do. This she did several times. Finally I saw what she had in her hand, a colored letter block belonging to one of the children. Just then she saw me and dropped it. I left the window without saying anything, but after a little went back again. She had gone but the block was there.

I cannot tell you how my heart was touched by this little incident for it meant such a struggle between right and wrong to her. Probably it was the first time she had ever had anything of the kind in her hand and it would have been such a treasure to her. Moreover the majority of the low caste people in this country have had so little moral training that they would not hesitate to appropriate for their own use almost anything, provided they were sure they would not be found out.

Saturday afternoon, the 14th, the people were here again this morning, and several of the poor Christians during the forenoon, for help in different ways.

The rains have almost entirely failed and the peo-

ple as a rule have but little to eat. Some families even now have scarcely one meal a day.

The prices are high, just double ordinary prices, and rising every day. If rain does not come within the next two weeks the rice crop will be an entire failure. As it is even with good rains there will only be a quarter crop. For sometime, the last week especially, the people have been begging us for work.

As the rains have failed there is no work in the field so the people have no way of earning anything with which to buy food, although there is plenty of grain in the district, for last year the crops were good. Yet as things are even the richest classes find it hard to lay in a supply of grain now as the merchants are holding it for higher prices so are willing to sell only a little daily.

As famine seems imminent we confess our hearts ache when we think of the suffering that must be endured by the people and if we feel thus how must the people themselves feel who can only look forward to such intense suffering from hunger.

Pray for them, and for the Christians too who even now are feeling the effects of the high prices and scarcity.

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Sept. 14, 1901.

A Mission Band has been organized by Mrs. Brown, at Springhill, Kings Co., N.B., with a membership of twenty-four; President, Miss Macmackin. A Band has also been re-organized at Hatfield Point, Kings County.

A Young Ladies' Mission Band in connection with the Baptist Church of Amherst was organized on Monday, Nov. 11th, with an enrolment of twenty names, with more to follow. President, Mrs. F. Cain.

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