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VACATION NOTICE.

THE season has rolled around for a short vacation for the Editor, and as usual there will be no LINK published in August. To those who go away may it be a time of refreshing in mind and body, and may we return to our work renewed in strength and zeal to promote the great interest committed to us for the extension of Christ's kingdom. The year has been one of rich blessing in India, and the needs of the work call for more prayer and increased liberality to further it. While our active work may be laid aside, let us not forget that the ear of God is ever open to our prayers.

All will be pleased to know of the safe arrival of Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Stillwell and Miss McLeod. Miss McLeod is very much run down and requires absolute rest, so at the request of the Board, friends will refrain from calling upon her for any public service. All communications regarding it should be addressed to Miss Buchan.

With all the great responsibility of their Home work in the North-west, our sisters have nobly undertaken to raise \$1000 for the Bungalow Fund in addition to the Foreign work so recently undertaken in the support of Miss Robinson. Their zeal should inspire us to greater effort in the East.

It is always delightful to hear of God's blessing upon his people, of whatever place or name; but especially when they are related to us by such kindred ties as our Southern Baptist brethren.

The report of their recent annual Convention at Nashville, Tenn., came like a breath from fields of summer bloom.

Such meetings are epoch making. They not only express a condition existing, but they give impulse, uplifting, energizing and enlarging the denominational life, like some of our own denominational gatherings of gracious memory.

May ours be such an one this fall, especially in view of our present crippled Foreign Missionary work. For this let us search ourselves, draw near to God, and pray.

In this, may our summer holidays not be a hindrance, but a help to us.

PRAYER IN OUR MEETINGS.

BY MISS E. S. GILMAN.

At a recent conference of workers connected with the Woman's Congregational Board much was said in regard to the great importance of prayer for missions. Various leaders admitted the difficulty of finding women in their societies who were willing to offer prayer. However much we pray in secret for the coming of the kingdom, we shrink from uttering audibly our petitions. Not unfrequently because the one who conducts the meeting dreads leading in prayer herself, she hesitates about asking others to do so. In some of our largest city churches the number of those who ever pray in an auxiliary meeting is lamentably small, and so it comes about that but one prayer is offered, perhaps only the one our Lord taught his disciples.

Shall we ignore the requests that so often come from our missionaries—"pray for us; pray for this school, this Bible woman, this new convert, this sorely tempted one." Have we put out of mind our own experience when in time of perplexity or sore trial we have asked our friends to pray for us, and have been consciously helped in answer to their prayers? Have we ever kept a record of our prayers for missions, making the date when the answer came? Though some of our requests may not be granted yet, are we looking for the answer which only God can give?

If this year of our Lord 1904 is marked by an increase of united prayer, we may look for more and larger gifts to the treasury, and greater blessings on the workers and the work.—*Life and Light*.

Is there not a message to our Society in this?

We are very much disappointed that the Telugu report, "Among the Telugus" has not arrived yet, and assure those who sent money to the LINK for them, that they will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Lack of space in the LINK forbids the publishing of lengthy reports of Associational meetings however interesting they may be. I would therefore kindly ask the Directors to condense their reports as much as they can.

ZULU WOMEN'S WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING.

BY MISS LAURA M. M'ELLEN.

IT was laid upon the heart of a Zulu woman in the Umtwalume Church to pray. She rose before dawn and went into the house of worship, there pouring out her heart in prayer, first that she might be cleansed and purified, then for a spiritual awakening among her people. She asked one of her neighbours, a Christian woman, to join her in the evening; they together spent that whole night in prayer; other nights followed, also early morning hours given to prayer in the church. They petitioned for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon themselves, then prayed for individuals, some of the other women; these soon joined them till a goodly number of the women of the church were giving the best time of their day to prayer. Then they said, "Let us change the time of our weekly prayer meeting to this hour." The weekly meeting was poorly attended, the women coming late after their day's work, and hurrying home to cook the evening meal.

One morning while at Umtwalume for the purpose of examining schools, I was awakened an hour before dawn by the ringing of the church bell, calling the women from one, two, and three miles away. At the first streaks of dawn I went into the church and joined two women who were praying aloud, but in a low tone. I thought of the promise to the "two or three gathered together in His name." Soon others entered and quietly knelt in prayer. When there was sufficient light to see, a hymn was sung, the leader read a portion of Scripture, giving the helpful thoughts and strength she had received from the passage; another hymn was sung, and the meeting thrown open to those present. Thoughts suggested by the passage read, testimonies, and requests for prayer followed in quick succession. A young woman with tears streaming down her face confessed her sins, and said, "O mothers, you know not what my life has been, and all the sorrow and disgrace that have come through its sin; I throw myself into your arms and beg you to pray for me and help me to overcome." They prayed for her then and there. One thanked God for answering her prayer; in the night she had been burdened for this soul, and came early to pray for her, asking God to direct her to the meeting that morning.

The sun arose and sent its beams of light through the church windows as the women

hastened to their homes with the "joy of the Lord" in their hearts, and renewed strength to meet the temptations and battles of life.—*Life and Light* 306.

A LETTER FROM DR. JOHN G. PATON.

JOHAN G. PATON, the famous missionary to the New Hebrides, tells of the opposition to the Gospel among the cannibal heathen, and the tragic fate of a number of native converts. He writes:

"You will be pleased to learn that among the 50,000 or more cannibal heathen yet in our group, the Lord steadily extends his work by our mission; but the heathen have lately shot a number of our Christian converts, in their opposition to the teaching and results of the Gospel among them. Scarcely a week passes without them shooting some native in revenge for their heathen belief, that some one or more of them have died by some others—generally a sacred man or priest having exercised sorcery or witchcraft upon them, of which they live always in a state of dreadful fear. This makes the work of the missionary among them very trying and often dangerous. But, by the Holy Spirit's power and the teaching of our dear Lord Jesus in the Bible by our missionaries, we have now over 16,000 avowed worshippers of God trying to love and serve Jesus with wonderful consistency, asking the Divine blessing on their every meal. They have family worship to begin and close every day in their every household, and they all attend church regularly and try to bring others to fear, love, and serve Jesus Christ, even in many cases at the risk of their own lives.

This is a great help and encouragement to us missionaries in our work among them. I have often thought that if all white Christians were as zealous and earnest, according to their education, knowledge, and opportunities, as our native Christians are, what a change for the better we would see in the world! May the time soon come when the greatest joy and highest honor sought by all true Christians will be to live and labor for Jesus, in seeking the conversion of the world to His service and glory."—*The Christian Herald*.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52: 10.

Our Work Abroad.

OUR TELUGU MISSION.

Abbreviated article by Rev. H. F. Laflamme, in "All Nations," London.

IN 1862, at the American Baptist Missionary Union at Providence, R. I., U.S.A., the question arose for the third and last time, whether the Telugu Mission, that had feebly existed for 26 years, should be discontinued. The resolution to abandon it was before the meeting. Dr. Jewett, the last of a number who had been sent out to the Telugus, was on his way home in feeble health. The time seemed opportune for closing the mission and diverting the funds to more promising fields. The Secretary of the Board persuaded the meeting not to take action till Mr. Jewett arrived. When the proposal was placed before Mr. Jewett, he refused to concur, and expressed his determination to return to the Telugus, among whom he had labored for 13 years with great hopefulness, and to live, and if need be, to die for them.

It was facetiously remarked that, if he was determined to return and die there, they should send a man with him to give him a Christian burial. That man was John E. Clough, a civil engineer from one of the Western States, whose name has become world-famed as a successful missionary.

Dr. Jewett died a few years since, after a long and honored career as a missionary in India, at his home in the United States, surrounded by the members of his family, and Dr. Clough still lives to labor among the Telugus, of whom he has had the joy of burying tens of thousands of converts in Christian baptism.

The most remarkable of the many ingatherings of the Telugu Mission was that which followed the great famine of 1878, a famine that affected 58,000,000 people, raging through the territory occupied by the mission like a conflagration of hunger. The missionaries were prominent in relief. Dr. Clough, with his engineering knowledge, seemed to be the very man for the place. When the government decided to put through the great Buckingham canal as a relief measure, he took four miles of the earth work and toiled unremittingly for the spiritual welfare

of the people. After the day's work was finished he would gather the people in companies and preach to them, till the poorer classes in all the villages around had heard the Gospel message. And thus they got a new view of these men whom they had regarded with more or less suspicion, and were willing to heed a message that seemed to produce such charity and kindness.

For fifteen months this God-like work of relief continued, the missionaries being the prominent almoners. Many became profoundly impressed and desired baptism. But none of these requests were considered till the last worker had been discharged and the people had all returned to their homes.

The missionary then set out on tour and was met by a large number of people, who had been relieved, on their way to his home to request baptism. They were poor people and helpless, but they had found the true riches and they wished to confess their faith in their Saviour.

On the 16th of June, 1878, the first candidates were received. From that time the hands of the missionaries were full, examining and baptizing the converts. The culminating point of the greatest ingathering in the history of the mission was on the 3rd of July, when 2,222, almost the Pentecostal number, were baptized. The Baptistery was the Gundlacumma river, at a place named Velumpilly, on the Northern Trunk Road, about ten miles north of Ongole. The candidates had been examined the day previous. At 6 o'clock in the morning they gathered on a causeway that crossed the river, and on both banks. Two ordained native preachers took their places in the water, one each side of the causeway. Prayer was offered and the baptizing commenced. Six men took turns, two at a time, in administering the ordinance. From eleven till two the time was spent in taking their mid-day meal. At two the baptizing was resumed, and by five the last candidate had been buried and raised in the likeness of the Redeemer. The time occupied was eight hours, two only being engaged at once.

This revival continued all through that year, and at its close the membership of the Ongole Church had risen to 12,004, over 9,600 having been added in the later half of 1878. In the Ramapatam field, lying between Ongole and

NOTE.—When we learn of the establishment of a Telugu Church, in Africa, it seems an appropriate time to publish a sketch of the commencement of our work in India, for the benefit of those who do not know its history and to refresh the minds of those who do. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."—EDITOR.

Nellore, there was no such general movement as on the Ongole, and yet over 600 were baptized on the Nellore field, where even more famine relief had been given than at Ongole, the movement was not perceptible. God evidently used the famine to bring about this revival, but subsequent revivals in this same mission have been as marked without famine. God works when, where and as He will.

The work on Ongole continued till the Church numbered over 25,000 when it became necessary to form it into separate churches and increase the number of missionary pastors. And so this mission, that for nearly 30 years had not as many converts, and so isolated as to be called "The Lone Star Mission," has become one of the brightest among the constellations of missions, numbering 55,000 communicants, 123 churches, 400 ordained and unordained preachers, and a superintending staff of 29 missionary families and 19 single ladies, or a total of 76. The whole staff of mission workers, including pastors, preachers, colporteurs and Bible-women, numbers over 550. 3,000 to 5,000 converts are added yearly by baptism.

The school system ranges from the veranda schools to a second grade college at Ongole, with an attendance of over 300 boys and young men reading up to the second year of the university. There are industrial branches, hospitals, orphanages, teacher's training schools, and a fine theological seminary. The mission is becoming one of the best organized missions in India.

Self-support in the native churches is being pushed vigorously. Though the Christians are poor beyond description, yet last year they contributed \$10,000 to the work of missions. Recently, with their own funds, they sent Mr. John Rangiah as their first foreign missionary, to the Telugus in Natal, South Africa.

TELEGU CHURCH IN AFRICA.

A NEW illustration is just now afforded of God's moving in a mysterious way to perform his wonders. The record of Christian missions so familiarizes one with our Lord's method of furthering his purposes by agencies, apparently threatening their defeat, that each new difficulty seems to constitute the announcement of some new purpose of divine grace. It was the famine in India which four years ago drove distressed people of the Telugu

country to Natal in South Africa, where they entered upon work in large tea gardens owned by an English gentleman of devoted Christian character. The appointment of a missionary of their own race, supported by Telugu Christians in India, followed. The spirit in which this new work is conducted is beautifully shown in a letter just now received, in which a description is given of a reception of new members in "The First Telugu Baptist Church" of Kearsney, Natal. The missionary and the people had shrunk from attempting to discharge alone



Pastor Rangiah.

the responsibility of examining and receiving these members; but an appeal to an English mission some distance away proving ineffectual through the pressure of work upon its missionaries, action was taken as described by the leader in the words which follow:—

"When I and our church members had understood the will of the Holy Spirit, we set ourselves at work. We joined together and first had a very solemn prayer meeting. We all with one accord requested the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Even our women prayed earnestly for help. Then we began to examine the people. Out of thirteen only six gave their testimony fully to the satisfaction of themselves and of us. To the joy of all of us, these were baptised in the waters of the river Umvoti. The river we called the Gundlacumma of Natal. The first harvest of six souls we took to be the first legion of the Most High in Natal. We praise the Lord for his great action towards us."

Those recalling the story of the Gundlacumma of India, where on one day 2,222 souls were baptised, will recognize in the selection of this name for the river, not only the influence of cherished memories, but the revelation of an assured faith and hope. We cannot forbear quoting again from the letter of this native leader, Rangiah:—

"Now, dear sir, why do I write all this story to you? No doubt you will be interested to know great actions of God towards Telugu Christians, but are not your prayers required upon their new missionary society and work?"—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

VUYURU, APRIL 16th.

IN a letter full of interest Miss McLaurin says: "I hope to start a caste girls' school in Vuyuru. The caste people have been asking for one for years, but the way never seemed open till now. I've engaged a Christian woman to teach, have made arrangements to have a house built and hope soon to begin. I do ask that you will all remember this in your next meeting. It is such a new work for me and I am so anxious that this school may be a means of preaching Jesus Christ in many homes. I feel very much the need of wisdom. Pray for the teacher too, that she may find favor with the caste people and that they may send their children. I am beginning rather modestly with one teacher. If lots of children come and the school grows I will get more afterward. Starting this school will keep me busy for a while this hot season.

"Of course you know that by this time Dr. Hulet is down here with me. She is looking after the boarding schools and doing some



JOSIAH BURDEN, WIFE AND SON.

He was the son of Amelia Kellar, whom many will remember as having come to this country with Mr. and Mrs. Timpany. He was greatly appreciated by Miss Simpson who keenly felt the loss of "her boy." He was suddenly called from service here to higher service. His last words to Miss Simpson, the night before he died, were, "I think I have finished my course and the work God gave me to do. It was not a great work, but I have been faithful in it to the best of my ability and I know that my Lord will receive me."

medical work. Her hands are full, a great many people are coming for medicine. I wonder if the day will ever come when we will have even such a hospital as Dr. Chute has in Akidu? But after a while Dr. Hulet is to do field work and will share in the sewing, etc. You can imagine what a lift that will be, and I suppose we shall have the first new bungalow. Conference has authorized us to buy the land so we have done so. . . . I see by the LINK only \$88 or so, has come in. I wonder when we shall be able to build? We ought to begin next December

or January, and it will take a year, I guess to get it ready. Building is very expensive down here and I am sure the bungalow with necessary out houses will cost at least \$2,000. All our material has to come from so far—sand, stone, etc. The cost of transport alone in many cases is more than the material itself."

"Dr. Hulet tells about her work in the boarding schools, her methods of discipline among the boys, her Bible lessons and her great hopes that from among the scholars many may arise to be faithful workers for Christ," and then says, "The medical work has kept me pretty busy. The mornings, and often from five to six o'clock are spent at the dispensary. We are wanting a better room, this is only mud walled, mud floored, the roof dropping dirt all the time. I am telling the people they must help on in this and perhaps some hearts may be stirred to help. In this work I have such good opportunities of pressing home the Gospel medicine, and giving them practical evidence of its nature."

Peddapuram.—Miss Selman was able to tour for about three weeks with Miss McLeod, then alone for two weeks more. Upon taking over the work there she writes: "How the people love Miss McLeod, and well they may, for she has done so much and given so much of her life to them. We expect to stay here during the hot season and it is promising to be a hot one. It is now 102° in the shade and only April. Just now while it is too hot to tour my work is in the village. Sayamma is my right hand woman here. She is not at all strong in body and is getting old, but she is strong in the Lord and is a good worker. . . . We need a strong-bodied Bible-woman for touring and that is the burden of our prayer just now. . . ."

"You have a good idea, I think, of what the lady missionaries have to see and hear in visiting; but do you know the Lord takes away that horror of seeing loathsome things. I know He has in my case. It is only through Him we can do it, and He is very kind to give us so many comforts in our home-life. After returning from tour it is just too lovely to see the nice clean bungalow waiting for us, and to see again dainty home things about. I usually want to sit down and just look about my room. At Peddapuram we appreciate very much having such near neighbors, when in the station we can see the Craigs every few days.

Several days ago while at a caste house in the village a woman had sung an entire Christian hymn which she had been taught by the women and I began to examine her as to the meaning of what she had sung. Her clear explanation of the plan of salvation and the emptiness of man's devices showed that she understood with the heart, and was so happy. I believe there are many true believers among these caste women."

Our Work at Home.

BOARD MEETING—EASTERN SOCIETY.

THE regular quarterly Board meeting of the Woman's Society, of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, was held June 3rd, at the home of their President, Mrs. Claxton. It was agreed to meet at a somewhat later hour than usual, to allow the members to attend the funeral of one of their number, Mrs. Tuddenham having passed away after a long illness. Great regret is felt at her loss and warm sympathy was extended to the bereaved husband. Two other members of the Board have been called upon to pass through affliction, Mrs. Picard in the death of her husband, and Miss Clarke in the death of a brother. Resolutions of condolence was passed with these in their sorrow. A matter of great thankfulness, however, was the restoration to health of our President, after her late trying illness. There were a great many themes for discussion in the Association meeting, the plans for a new bungalow, the Autumn Convention, the letter from the mission fields, and financial matters. With regard to the latter, funds have slipped a little behind hand and they stand full three hundred dollars below last year, at a correspond-
date. It was hoped that this was mainly owing to the winter's difficulty of communication and that the Circles will in no way lose their ardour in God's work. There is always more that could be done if God's people would only bring as He has prospered them, and this year there are the new bungalows to be erected to which this Society has promised \$1,000. There were letters of communication with regard to this work from the West, where they have set to work with a will. In the Treasurer's report there were several contributions for this fund, but many more are to be heard from. Mrs. John Gile, of Smith's Falls was received as a Life-member, and the Program Committee elected for the Annual Convention to be held this year in Westmount. This Circle is looking forward to a large attendance and arrangements are well under way. The Associational letter, written by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, received the heartiest appreciation and Mrs. Ayer was appointed the Board delegate to the Association.

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY.

Rec. Sec.

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

Receipts from March 1st, to May 31st, 1904, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Dalesville, \$4; Kingston, 1st Ch., \$4.25; Montreal, Olivet, \$22.60; Grenville, \$6; Winchester, \$2.68; Thurso, (\$7 for bungalow), \$12.10; Smith's Falls (\$25 to make Mrs. John Gile a Life-member), \$31; Cornwall, (\$4 for bungalow), \$9.16; Maxville, (for bungalow), \$6; Breadalbane, \$10; Dempsey, (for Bolivia), \$3; Lachute, \$14; Westmount, \$11.15; Carleton Place, (\$7.30 for bungalow, \$11.30; North Nation Mills, \$5; Phillippsville, \$7; Arnprior (for bungalow), \$2.50; Quebec (\$25 for support of student at Samulcotta, \$5 for bungalow, \$7 for Bolivia), \$57; Rockland, \$12; Montreal, Olivet, \$24; Elim Circle for support of Blandinamma) \$10; Dominionville, (\$5 for bungalow), \$9; Arnprior, \$3; Brockville, \$10.80; Drummond, \$6; Almonte, \$3; Maxville, \$4.10; Montreal, French Ch., \$4.

FROM BANDS.—Breadalbane, \$1.15; Carleton Place \$3; Westmount (for student) \$6; Ottawa, Fourth Ave., (for support of student) \$7; Clarence \$3.50; Quebec, (\$10 for Leper Mission), \$25; Ottawa, First Ch., (for student), \$18; Allan's Mills, (for support of Sheti Brahamutte), \$10; Perth (for bungalow), \$1.50; Phillippsville, \$1; Delta (for student), \$5.

Total, - - - - - \$384 99

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ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,
Acting Treas.

NOTE.—After July 1st, all contributions must be sent to the regular Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Rickert, 30 Stayner Ave., Westmount.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

NAGARA AND HAMILTON.—The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands was held with the Church at Binbrook, on the afternoon and evening of May 31st. A perfect downpour of rain greeted the delegates in their efforts to meet together at 2 o'clock. Twenty minutes were devoted to the devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Coltman, of St. Catharines. The President, Mrs. Hughson, of St. Catharines, occupied the chair, and with her on the platform, were Mrs. Hendry, of Hamilton, Director, and Mrs. Osborne, of St. Catharines, who was appointed Secretary for the day.

The President made a few suitable remarks, and called the Roll, about thirty delegates responding, though many arriving later in the day, made a good representative gathering. Mrs. Mullock, of Binbrook, welcomed the Association to the homes and hospitality of the friends there. The unpropitious weather only gave them opportunity to show the full and real meaning of hospitality, and they very capably assumed the responsibility. Mrs. Alder, of Hamilton, responded to the welcome. Mrs. Bennett, of Hamilton, in beautiful sympathetic words, referred to the many changes in our Association, and spoke with regret of the removal to other fields of Mrs. Hugh Hoyt, Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Ross, and of the death of Mrs. Cook. She also gave a welcome to Mrs. Sycamore, Mrs. Coumans, Mrs. Coltman, Mrs. Symonds, and Mrs. Priest, and expressed our sympathy to Mrs. McDiarmid, in the long and serious illness of her husband, and our joy with her in the ultimate prospect of his recovery. The Directors' reports of Bands and Circles were very encouraging: Eight Bands and fourteen Circles reported. One new Circle being organized at Dunnville, during the year, and the prospect of two or three Bands being started in the near future. The amount raised for missions was \$821, being an increase of \$356 over last year. A portion of this sum was raised for local missionary purposes, thereby partly accounting for the large increase. The Bands raised \$120.83 and the Circles \$312.13 for foreign missions.

Greater interest has been manifested in the Band work, and an encouraging feature of the afternoon's program was the preparation of practical, helpful papers by young ladies working among the young people, and the reading of secretaries reports by the Band delegates, all of which were helpful and suggestive.

How to make our Circles grow. Hindrances to growth, and Circle literature, were presented and discussed with much benefit. Reference was made to our Foreign Mission Work and the hope expressed that a greater response be made to the appeal for the Bungalow Fund before the close of the Convention year.

The present officers were re-elected, and the Association decided to raise the Director's expenses, by each Circle contributing a small sum per member, levied as a tax.

The evening program consisted of a number of short, but helpful addresses on Women's Mission work. A paper prepared by Mrs. Barber, our Band Secretary, was especially well received. An address on "Home Missions," by Mrs. Sycamore, gave a full and detailed account of all our branches of work, interspersed with touching and encouraging stories in connection therewith. Miss Dryden, of Moulton College, very ably represented that institution. It is good for us to know we have such an efficient and well-equipped school for our daughters, and one where the spiritual life and home-like influences are so important a part of the training.

The musical part of the program was supplied by Mrs. Ellsworth, Mrs. Kerruishe, and Miss Awrey, of Hamilton, and was much appreciated by all. Owing to the unfavorable weather, the congregation was small. The collection, \$5.54 will be divided between Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

R. HENDRY,
Director.

WESTERN.—The morning meeting began with a prayer and praise service led by Mrs. E. Burr, Chatham, followed by Scripture reading by Miss Eberle, of Palmyra, and prayer by Mrs. M. P. Campbell, Bothwell. After a nominating committee was appointed the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. D. Waterworth, Ridgetown. The p.m. Session began by singing, and prayer by Miss Spencer, Ridgetown. Mrs. McPharlane, Kingsville, then gave a Bible reading, 2 Cor., Chap. 8. On the nominating committee's report Mrs. E. Burr, Chatham, and Miss Ritchie, Arner, were reappointed Pres. and Directress. After a graceful acknowledgement by each of these officers, a hearty vote of thanks was given for their past cheerful and faithful services. Reports from Circles showed, for Home Missions, \$142.81; For Missions, \$203.47; from Band reports, for Home Missions, \$35.00, and For Missions, \$64.85. Miss Ritchie suggested that we should not give so largely to Foreign Missions as to neglect Home. Glad to note four new Circles this year. A well-rendered solo by Miss Oldershaw was followed by "Our Lady Missionaries in India, under the Women's Board"; Mrs. J. E. Aldershaw, Chatham, giving a short account of Miss Simpson's work; Mrs. Roseburgh, Harrow, of Miss Baskerville's; Miss Mellish, Chatham, of Miss Priest's; Miss B. Palmer, Kingsville, of Miss McLeod's; Mrs. S. Selman, Wilkesport, of Miss M. Selman's; Mrs. C. P. McPharlane, Kingsville, of Miss E. Morrow's; Mrs. Gunton, Wallaceburg, of Dr. G. Hulet's; Miss Leita Collison, Wheatly, of Miss E. Folsom's; Mrs. Browett, Dresden, of Miss E. Corning, and Miss Sylva Potts, Wheatly, of Miss Linda Pratt's. These addresses were very interesting. After singing, a very hearty address of welcome was given by Mrs. G. B. Brown, which was warmly responded to by Mrs. Hanna of Chatham. Music followed, with a discussion of various difficulties met with in our mission work. Mrs. M. P. Campbell asked, "What do the sisters think of the utility of holding public meetings to promote interest in Missionary work?" "Ought we to take offerings at such meetings?" was another question. At Chatham we hold a Missionary meeting quarterly on prayer meeting night, taking an offering. Miss Ritchie suggested saving scraps from any source helpful for Circle meetings. Another suggested sending invitations to every sister in the church, asking for a thank-offering, with a text of Scripture in the envelope to be read at the meeting. All favored an open meeting, and many having Mr. Campbell to address it with his Mission views.

Mrs. M. P. Campbell gave an excellent paper on Band work, emphasizing the importance of mite boxes. Miss Ritchie presented a request for aid to the Bungalow building for our Lady missionaries in India, to be called the Ontario Bungalow, and to cost about \$2000. The amount collected is \$800. Miss Ritchie impressed upon the agents of the *Visitor* and *Link* the importance of getting them as widely circulated as possible to inform and interest the people concerning Home and Foreign Mission work. The meeting closed with singing, and prayer by Mrs. Buckborough, Louisville. The evening session opened with devotional services; scripture by Mrs. Gunton, Wallaceburg, and prayer by Rev. G. B. Brown. After the minutes Miss Ritchie gave her annual report. In the 28 churches of the Association, there are 22 circles, 4 of which and 7 bands sent no report. Mrs. M. P. Campbell and Miss Oldershaw rendered a very acceptable duet. Miss Norton then gave her Home Mission map exercise which was both highly instructive and entertaining. Mrs. Hanna gave a paper on our work among the Indians, dealing with their condition, needs, etc. This was followed by an anthem by the choir. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the choir, and to Miss Norton for her "geography lesson." After a few remarks by Rev. G. B. Brown, the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. E. S. Walker, Essex. Collection \$9.25; total for the day \$13.50.

MRS. P. C. BLACKBURN,

Pro tend.

OXFORD-BRANT.—It was specially pleasing, despite unfavorable conditions, to have so many at our annual gathering.

The children of Israel, at God's command, spent some days, not only once, but several times a year, at their religious feasts. Would it not be well for more of our people to meet together at our annual gatherings to be stirred and stir each other up in our common Christian work?

A fitting prelude to the exercises of the day, was the suggestive Bible-reading on "Our Talents," the three divisions of the subject, strength, mind, and speech, being taken by Misses Howell, Tanton, and Yule, of Brantford. The introduction of the pastor's wife, Mrs. McKinnon, gave occasion for a hearty welcome on behalf of the Jerseyville people, followed up by the kindest hospitality. Mrs. S. J. Farmer presided, giving a very encouraging and helpful address on prayer. The Circle Director's report showed \$975.30 by the Circles for Home Mission, \$37.04 more than last year, and \$1270.08 to Foreign Missions, an increase of \$97.36, over half the total to Foreign Missions being given by First Church Circle, Brantford, \$26.00 was also given for Indian work. Nine life-memberships were given, and nine boxes sent to Home Mission fields during the year. The Band report by Miss Winter gave a total from Bands of \$358.82, Foreign Missions \$189.20, Home Missions \$123.81, other objects \$45.81. A Band at Til-

sonburg has been organized, and Shenstone Memorial re-organized during the year. 15 Bands reported.

The topic of "The Relation of President to the Circle," discussed by Miss Landon, of Woodstock, brought out the essential qualifications of one holding that office. She must be a devoted Christian, intelligent, educated—if possible—winsome, prompt, regular in attendance and have tact in discovering dormant talents and enlisting each member for some part of the work. Mrs. P. C. Cameron, of Paris, gave some helpful advice to the Program Committee showing how indispensable is its work to the interest of the meetings, and how essential the readiness of the members to assist in carrying it out. "Methods of Developing Workers among Mission Band Members" was an excellent paper by our Band Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Barber, St. George. In her absence it was read by Miss McLane. For the sake of our Band leaders we would like to see it published.

Mrs. Beal and Vansicle gave pleasing solos.

A paper by Miss Lee McCabe, of Tilsonburg, came too late for the meeting.

All who were privileged to hear Mrs. A. J. Vining, of Aylmer, at the evening session, appreciate very much her able and inspiring address on Home Missions, and were well repaid for coming. Her quiet, earnestness in presenting facts, figures and incidents of the work on the fields supported by the Circles and Bands, impressed all with the importance of the work, and we feel sure will result in larger success for our Home work.

Mr. Chute, with lantern and voice, pictured to us some of the homes and home-life of India, giving us a better idea of the conditions under which our missionaries labor and the hardships endured by those who are not natives to the country.

May the Association gathering of 1904 be rich in results in the lives of those who attended, and its influence spread to all our churches.

LENNIE M. GRAY,

Circle Director.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

COLBORNE.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of our Woman's Mission Circle was held on the evening of March 16th. There was a good attendance considering the state of the weather. A good programme was presented consisting of readings, recitations, and singing, all relating to mission work. A collection was taken up amounting to \$10.50, which was sent to Foreign Missions. All present seemed to enjoy the evening thus spent together and we hope it may be the means of leading some to take a deeper interest in mission work. Our Circle has increased in membership lately and we are looking for increased usefulness. Also at our April meeting we decided to make a special effort in Aid of the Bungalow Fund, and have since contributed \$5.00 for that purpose.

(Mrs.) G. W. BATTY.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

ORILLIA.—“The Willing Workers” Mission Band, was organized in the Baptist Church on April 19th, and our two meetings since have been most interesting and encouraging. We have 37 names enrolled and hope soon to number 40. Our officers are: Miss Decker, President; Harry Maynard, Vice-Pres.; Gertrude Jackson, Secretary; Jean McPhail, Asst.-Secy.; Rylie Smith, Treasurer; Maggie Maynard, Asst.-Treas.; Program Committee, Dorothy Dayfoot, Mabel Dyce, Roberta Mainer, Ella Bennett; Lookout Committee, Mabel Jeffries, Cora Whan, Violet Cotterel, Arthur Maynard, Milton Whan. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, and have a short program, and discuss plans for work, and we hope to form a sewing class in the Autumn, and in this way add to the interest of our Band work, as well as increase the amount of money we shall raise for Home and Foreign Missions.

GERTRUDE JACKSON, Sec.

BRAMPTON.—The “Willing Workers” is the name of our Band. We have 36 members, also eight Life-members and 18 Honorary members. Our Band meets twice a month on Sunday after Sunday School. One meeting we devote to business and a short program and the other we take up the Life of David Livingstone. During the year our Band has raised \$84.85. We held our annual closing concert on May 10th, which was a grand success, the proceeds of the evening amounting to \$20. Each year our Band endeavors to support a student in India, her name is Kakaleti Sanatama. Much credit is due our President, Mrs. Deeves, who work faithfully and patiently among us. We feel God has greatly blessed our Band in the past year and we trust He will be with us in the coming year and that we may faithfully earn our name as Willing Workers.

ELLA BARTLETT, Sec.

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

Receipts from May 16th, 1904, to June 15th, 1904, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Cobourg, \$5; Rat Portage, (\$3 for bungalow), \$8; Denfield, \$13; Toronto, Olivet, \$2.78; Vittoria, \$4; Courtland, \$8.50; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$22.21; Dutton, \$2.50; Aylmer, (\$15.66 towards Life-membership), \$26.66; Toronto, Western, \$8.95; Villa Nova, \$11.40; Gilmour Memorial, \$2; Toronto, Bloor St., (for bungalow), \$75.31; Burford, (\$4.26 for bungalow), \$11.26; Grimsby, (for bungalow), \$5; Colborne, (for bungalow), \$5; Chatham, \$2.50; Teeswater, \$2.25; East Toronto, \$5; Watford, \$2.50; Woodstock, Oxford St., (for bungalow), \$13.25; East Oxford, (\$1.70 for bungalow), \$10.41; West Lorne, (for bungalow),

\$1.50; Pickering, \$4.60; Erin, \$5; Midland, \$3; Meaford, \$1; Sprucedale, \$1.75; Owen Sound, \$10; Haldimand, 50 cts; Strathavon, \$4; Brooker, \$2.67; Tiverton, Thank-offering, \$4; Toronto, Memorial, \$5; Wyoming, \$3; Wallaceburg, \$2.40; Aurora, \$3; Brantford, First Ch., \$25; London, Talbot St., \$14.25; Toronto, Memorial, for bungalow, \$13.85; Toronto, Walmer Road, (\$50 from Mrs. T. M. Harris), for bungalow, \$100. Total, \$452.00.

FROM BANDS.—Waterford, (39 cts. for lepers), \$4.60; Guelph, First Ch., \$10; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$2; Oshawa, \$3.50; Toronto, Olivet, \$1.37; Brantford, North Star, \$1.50; Vittoria, (for Palli Kanthamma), \$6; Scotland, \$2.65; Port Rowan, \$1; Brampton, (for Kakileti Santamma), \$17; Toronto, Bloor St., \$9.85; Berlin, (for Ambati Dinamma), \$15; Green River, \$1.60; Toronto, Christie St., (for Y. Benjamin), \$25; Woodstock, Oxford St., (for Suria Chinma Achemma), \$18; Cramahe, \$3. Total, \$122.07.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Union Bible Class, Moody Institute, Chicago, (a member, for bungalow), \$2.50; A Friend, (per Mrs. Booker, for Miss Corning), \$50; “Anon” (for bungalow), \$1; Toronto Association Collection, \$14.06; Niagara and Hamilton, Assn. Coll., \$3; Oxford-Brant Assn. Coll. \$5.90; Western, Assn. Coll., \$6.75; Interest on deposit, \$20.63. Total, \$103.84.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on estimates, \$569.66. Extras—(for lepers), Elim M. C., \$4; Holmedale Mission, \$6; Waterford, M. B., 30c.; (for Pulacoory Peter and wife of Yellamanchili), from First Avenue Y. L. M. B., Toronto, \$45. Total, \$625.05.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—By Rev. J. E. Chute, expenses to Oxford-Brant Association, \$3.

Total receipts during the month, - - - \$677 91
Total disbursements during the month - - - 628 05

“MEDICAL LADY” FUND.

Receipts.—“One interested in Missions.” \$30 00
St. George M. C. - - - - - 7 15
Delhi M. B. - - - - - 12 50

Total, - - - - - \$49 65

Disbursement.—By General Treasurer for Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - \$41 67

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$6,523 58
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 \$6,609 60

“MEDICAL LADY” FUND.

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$187 70
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$333 36

CORRECTION.—In the May number, in the list of disbursements there should have been added the sum of \$200 paid to General Treasurer, on account of “Bungalow Fund,” thus making the disbursements for the month \$792.46, and the “General Account” total disbursement, \$5,981.55.

EVA NASMITH,
Treasurer pro tem.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

Youths' Department.

A LITTLE BROWN PENNY.

A little brown penny worn and old,
Dropped in the box by a dimpled hand ;
A little brown penny, a childish prayer,
Sent far away to a heathen land.

A little brown penny, a generous thought,
A little less candy just for one day ;
A young heart awakened for life, mayhap,
To the needs of the heathen far away.

The penny flew off with the prayer's swift wings,
It carried the message by Jesus sent ;
And the gloom was pierced by a radiant light
Wherever the prayer and the message went.

And who can tell of the joy it brought
To the souls of the heathen far away,
When the darkness fled like wavering mists
From the beautiful dawn of the Gospel day !

And who can tell of the blessings that came
To the little child when Christ looked down ;
Or how the penny, worn and old,
In heaven will change to a golden crown !

LINKS IN A CHAIN.

YEARs ago in a town in Ontario, a family of children were busy with the problem of life. God had seen fit to call their parents to His Heavenly home, and was teaching them day by day to depend on Him as their Father.

Although they had to work quite hard, they got a good deal of happiness out of life, and tried to make the best use of any opportunities that came to them of learning more of the conditions of people in different parts of the world.

In those days there were no Mission Bands and no Circle in the church where they attended, but a deep interest in the heathen of India took possession of them. Money was a scarce article in that home, and how to get some to give to missions was a question that puzzled them. But God who had implanted this desire in these young hearts, showed a way for its fulfilment. What do you suppose they decided to do ! Have a Missionary concert !

So to work they got, practising hymns and trying to find something about India to read. Never was a concert more faithfully prepared for. The youngest was but a baby and too small to take part, but the rest all helped. Every difficulty that presented itself was met and overcome with an energy that proved they were in earnest.

The neighbors were notified and invited and chairs arranged in rows across the room like a really grown up meeting. When the time came to begin, the eldest boy, who was about twelve years of age, took the chair and presided as though he was accustomed to such work.

One hymn sung by one of the girls was, "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling! Who will go and work to-day," and another, sung as a chorus was, "A better day is coming."

It was not so easy then to find interesting pieces to read and sing as now, but there was much interest in that concert which, of course, must have a collection as an important number on the programme. Sixty-five cents was the amount realized.

Then the question was, what to do with it. But God was attending to that also. A missionary and his wife, dear to us all, came to their church to speak on the work in India and as they listened they wanted so much to help. At the close of the service many gathered around to get at least a hand-shake with a real live missionary. The eldest girl, who had brought the precious sixty-five cents, wanted so much to go also, but was afraid to, waited until nearly everybody had left, then as the missionary came out into the hall, she plucked up courage and going up to the lady, handed the money to her, saying, "This is for the heathen."

This lady was very kind and wise, and soon had the story of how the money had been gathered. She told the girl about the *Link* which had only been started recently and said she thought a good way to spend twenty-five cents of the money would be to subscribe for it, which she would attend to. It certainly proved a wise investment, for the *Link* became a member of that family, and as it came month by month, the interest in the heathen, in missionary work everywhere grew, until one day after reading in it a message from Miss Hatch, one member of that company, was so burdened that she knelt and cried to God that if He could not send her to send some of her brothers, to send somebody to tell the heathen of the love of Jesus.

Did God answer? Did He ever fail to answer the cry of a heart that yearned for others? Years went by, and after training and disciplining them, He sent forth two of those children and gave to them the joy of telling God's message of love and salvation to men and women who worship gods of wood and stone, and also of helping some of the poor, weak Christians to understand better God's thought for them.

ONE OF THE TWO.

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. J. I. Bates, Amherst, N.S.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY.—*"Vizianagram's missionaries, helpers, schools and out stations, that the work may prosper and Christians be strengthened. That a deeper spiritual life may be experienced in all our churches, and that strong faith may inspire to greater efforts for God."*

AT the conference in Parlakimedi three of the missionaries were appointed to send a communication direct from the field to each of the provinces, to be used at the Association meetings. Our readers will be interested in the following extracts from a paper sent by Mrs. F. C. Archibald, of Chicacole, to the New Brunswick Association.

... There are plans on foot which will result finally in the erection of chapels at Parlakimedi and Tekkali, the funds for the former to be raised as far as possible, from this country, as it is to be a memorial to two men, whose lives have touched our work at various points during the past years and of whom you will hear more later. A mission house is also to be built at Rayaghada, a distant part of the Bobbili field, where the Lord has given us some forty Christians, who have been led to Christ largely through the instrumentality of a young man who, some years ago, was taken from the lowest of the low on the Tekkali field and put into the boarding school at Chicacole, where he received the rudiments of a limited education, and where he was converted.

... The question of self support is coming more and more to the front, and demanding a larger consideration. Some among us eye this movement with not a little suspicion, others feel that it is the new Testament method of carrying on Mission work, to which we should get back as soon as possible; while still others greet it in a cordial, but not a radical manner. Mr. Hardey is putting his ideas in practice in the Palcondah field, and goes about alone preaching, and enjoys much of the presence and help of his Divine Master.

Foreign money for foreign workers and local funds for local workers seems to be the principle which many feel, comes near the right thing. This would enable our home churches to support more missionaries and throw more responsibility

on the native church, regarding the spiritual welfare of their own countrymen. The whole matter is a most perplexing one, and is yet in a very nebulous state among us all.

For many years the union of all the Baptists of Canada, in Foreign Mission work, has been a question of lively interest among the older missionaries, but for various reasons, has been kept in the back-ground. At our last Conference it was discussed somewhat, and also in the Union Conference of the two missions, which met the following week in Cocanada. In both missions the large majority of missionaries are in hearty favor of this movement, as the advantages to the work in the field would be manifold and the disadvantages practically nil. While we bespeak for this, as early a consummation as prudence will permit, we may hear further about it in another paper at no distant day.

Of more local interest, is the proposed leper asylum at Vizianagram, where the municipality is endeavoring to do something to alleviate the dreadful condition of this suffering people. But they want to draw some financial assistance from the "Mission to Lepers in India and the East," but to accomplish this, they must have a missionary to superintend the work—which shows where this Society puts its confidence when it is asked to expend its funds. This work is still in its earliest stage, and it will be some time before a refuge will be open to the Lepers of this part of the country, but it is demanding considerable attention from Mr. Lanford. If that large town, of some thirty thousand people, could have half as many missionaries as even Fredericton has pastors, what might we not see done in the name of the Lord?

... Throughout November, December and January, the church at Chicacole was greatly revived and blessed by a glorious refreshing from the Lord. The Spirit came upon us in power and we were quickened according to His Word,

and then all were anxious to come into closer contact with the unsaved multitudes about us. For weeks, night after night, till our physical strength failed, the story of redeeming love was told to large and attentive audiences, in our chapels, which is situated in the heart of the town. Many were moved upon, several confessed conversion. A few were baptized, but the real breakdown in the power of Satan that we longed for, has not come. We sent home to various places call after call for special and earnest prayer, as we surely needed and desired the churches to unite with us in pleading, for the liberation of these sin-bound captives. But no one has sent us word that a special effort was made on our behalf, and our hearts have been much saddened, and Satan, though shaken in his seat, is still there. On a field not far to the south of us, the spirit of God came mightily upon the missionary one day and a great revival broke out which brought scores into the church. Later, the missionary heard from home that on that very day, some churches were in special prayer for him and his work. Dear friends, do not miss your share in this glorious work that lies so near the heart of our Heavenly Master, who has redeemed these people by His suffering and death, and who is now on the mediatorial throne in this behalf. When will His soul be satisfied with their salvation? . . .

Will you permit me to recommend to your careful reading the two reports of the Canadian Baptist Missions, which now are in the hands of our secretary, Dr. Manning? Also to call your attention to a lately published book entitled "Things as They Are", a most interesting portrayal of some phases of native life and a missionary contact therewith. I have recently sent one copy to the circulating library, which will be at the disposal of all who care to read it. I know the author, who is a faithful worker in the C. M. G. down in South India.

Another most instructive and inspiring book is the "Key to the Missionary Problem," by Andrew Murray.

Now I am sure that you would not be happy if I did not tell you some of the things that we need:—More cool weather, which you cannot give and of which you have too much. But we could stand the heat better if we felt that there was more prayer. more in volume, more in constancy and more in that deep heart yearning, which will result in early salvation of hundreds of these people. Urgently needed this autumn

are two single ladies, at least, and two families to fill present vacancies, and to supply those which must shortly occur, and to open up some new work. Write these things in large letters somewhere where you may often see them, that they may stimulate memory and zeal. Were we as ready to tax and gird ourselves for this war, as are the Japanese for that which now engages their attention, our great captain would soon lead us on to certain victory and we would all say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and power and blessing."

The many friends of our mission work in India will be glad to learn that Rev. H. Y. Corey and family and Rev. R. E. Gullison and Mrs. Gullison have arrived in this country on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Corey have been in India since 1894. They will reside for the present with Mrs. Corey's parents at Tennant's Harbor, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Gullison have been in India since 1896, and will make their home at Beaver River, N. S. It is expected that these brethren will be present at our Associations, Mr. Corey in New Brunswick and Mr. Gullison in Nova Scotia. One or the other will be present at the P. E. I. Association.

That these brethren will receive a warm welcome from the pastors and brethren whom they may meet while on furlough is certain. It is hoped that the invigorating air of the homeland may do for them what it has done for others who have been broken in health by the debilitating Indian climate. We give these faithful missionaries a most cordial welcome to our homes and our churches.—*Messenger and Visitor*.

We heartily join with the *Messenger and Visitor* in giving to our returned missionaries a cordial welcome, with the earnest hope that their furlough may result in complete restoration to health and strength.

WHAT ANOTHER WOMAN HAS DONE FOR MISSIONS.

The W. M. A. S. of Amherst, N. S. has enjoyed a unique experience in being permitted to remain for thirty years under the guidance of one President.

This Society, the second to be organized in the province, was founded by Miss Norris, in 1870, Mrs. D. A. Steele, President. In 1874 Mrs. Harding was chosen President, a position held

by her until June 1904, when, to the great regret of the members, she declined re-election.

In all these years an Aid meeting has been held each month, and very few indeed have been the meetings at which Mrs. Harding has not presided in person. Her fine physique and strong will have combined to prevent absence through illness in a single instance.

Wise planning, and a sincere interest in the work have made, for her, excuses which we frequently hear, impossible.

House-cleaning, the sewing woman, inclement weather, preparations for expected guests, even the ubiquitous mending basket, all had to give way before this woman's persistent determination to keep one hour a month sacred to the Master's work.

Visits from home were made, when possible, between the first Thursday of one month and that of the next. Visitors at her home—either accompanied her to the meeting, or were allowed to entertain themselves while their hostess went. Mrs. Harding usually gave the Scripture reading, and we shall not soon forget the truths which her rare intelligence, and deep spirituality brought forth from the treasure-house of God's Word, nor the "quiet moments" when her cultured voice and earnest spirit "led us along in the beautiful highways of prayer."

Mrs. Harding has seen the original Society of forty members increase to more than three times that number. The first yearly offering of forty dollars has grown to three and four hundred dollars. During the thirty years of her leadership the Society has been a large factor in the dissemination of missionary information, in the deepening of spiritual life in the church, in the successful prosecution of the mission work both at home and abroad.

In common with the members of other Aid Societies, the women who were accustomed to meet together during these years for the furtherance of this work, have found their own lives becoming broader, and deeper, and richer in the blessed atmosphere of Christian fellowship.

Who among our younger women will emulate Mrs. Harding in self-denial, in steadfastness, in fidelity?

WANTED—LEAN SECRETARIES.

It was a small, but well planned parlor conference on missions. The conferees were all ladies, and they had assembled in the spacious home of one of the wealthiest members of th

—Baptist Church in—. The hostess was the genial dowager of Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason's "Story of Three Souls," and every guest was received with grace and cordiality.

The visitor, who was there to interest her Christian audience in foreign missions, began her story, not forgetting to remind her sisters of the scarcity of laborers and funds; but in the midst of her talk she was politely interrupted by the beautiful lady of the house who remarked, "Don't you think, my sister that the reason a great many of our Baptist people give so little for foreign missions is that so much of it is used up before it reaches the field? This is certainly a great stumbling block. Some time ago one of the secretaries of the Missionary Union spoke at our Sunday morning service, and—he was not only *well dressed*, but (with considerable emphasis) he looked as though he were *well fed*."

The reply was very brief: "I should be very sorry if he were not well fed"; to which a young lady in the room added, "And we should not want him in *our* pulpit, if he were not well dressed."

Nevertheless, there is no telling how much more money poorly groomed secretaries might gather; hence our "Wanted" notice. So many incredulous people are inclined to doubt stories like the above, even when they appear in missionary periodicals, that we herewith add our testimony to the absolute truthfulness of this one—*Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

WHICH IS BEST.

This world is dark and dreary,
When we make it so;
This world is bright and cheerful,
When'er we take it so.

Our friends are cold and distant,
When'er we doubt them;
Our friends are true and loving
When'er we trust them,

It's best to live in the dark,
Doubting day by day,
Or live in the light of love,
Trusting day by day.

The greatest privilege of a human soul is to see God revealed in Jesus Christ. To realize that is to have eternal life. To those who have found the Father, one standard of Scriptural interpretation, one test of the divine indwelling, one rule of individual conduct, and one explanation of "human life's mystery" is sufficient; and that is contained in these words: "And the Life was the Light of men."

A FEW QUESTIONS CONCERNING MISSIONS.

... In the history of the children of Israel after the death of Joshua we read of certain nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord. Is there a lesson here for us? Do you ever look across the seas to our mission fields? Do you know how few the laborers are? Do you see the work they have to do? Do you know whether helpers are going forth to their aid? When some one broke down did another go to take his place, or did the new burden fall on one already overtasked? Do you know we should not send men to take up work laid down? They should be there ready, acquainted with the language and trained in the work. Do you know how many mission stations we have where a man and his wife are "holding the fort" together, or a single man or woman? We have such stations. Some stations even, that have been planted and held so bravely, are now without a missionary. Do you know how many ordered home by their physicians are staying on their fields because they can not lay down their work till some one comes to take it up? Do you know what God is doing for us? Do you know that whole villages plead for teachers to tell them of Jesus? God has left these things to prove us by them to know whether we will keep his commandments or not. Verily,

"He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat."

Shall we not see another "Great Uprising"? Eager volunteers in every village? Shall not the rich give their thousands and the poor bring their offerings for the common cause? Shall not every mission paper be scanned as eagerly for news from the front as when the last telegraphic reports from the battlefields was in every man's mouth?

Why is not every one interested in missions? because they know not the scriptures, nor the power of God. They know not His wonderful promises, nor the wonderful works He is accomplishing throughout the world.

Why should every Christian be interested in missions? This fellowship in His work is granted to us that we may know Him.

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We shall rob ourselves of Divine anointing and Divine help if we do not make room in our busiest days for quiet retreat from noise and strife, apart with Christ, where we may sit at His feet to hear His words, or lie on His bosom to absorb His spirit for the refreshing and transforming of our own lives.—*Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.*

I pray you, if you love your country, and if you love its Christian character—I pray you bear in mind that there is little that will do more for your own country and church, than to preach the Gospel throughout the world, remembering for whom you preach.—*Archbishop Temple.*

One has only to visit the missionary field associate with missionaries and come in contact with the astonishing fruits of missionary labors to become convinced of the Divine character of the enterprise and filled with enthusiasm for the prosecution of the work.—*Geo. F. Pentecost, D. D.*

The man or woman who learns to give in the right spirit forgets all about the duty in the privilege, and the absence of life's necessities would bring no such distress as to be cut off from the luxury.—*A. T. Pierson, D. D.*

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

Christ did many things for his own country. What he did may well suggest what we can do for our country. And yet we must always remember that what Jesus did he did it more for humanity than for the members of any particular nation. He was sent to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," but his love reached out to all mankind.—*Baptist Union.*