

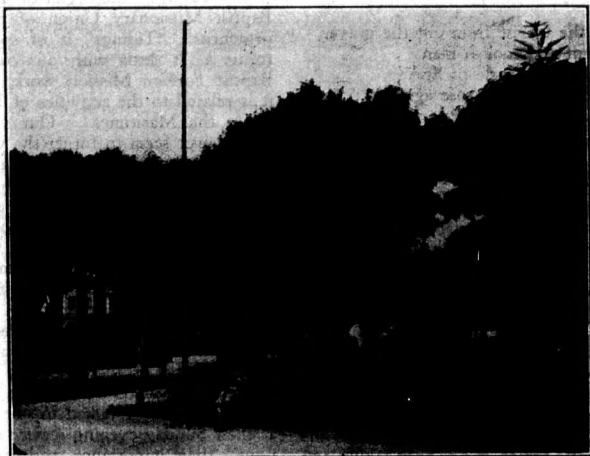
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**"He died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again."**

## MIRACLES

What man can call the flower forth  
Or bid the buried seed spring up?  
Can free the prisoned butterfly,  
Or paint the golden crocus cup?

No more than he could think or dream  
That God could die, that man could rise!  
The self-same power that calls the seed  
Out of the darkness where it lies

Could call the Christ from out the grave.  
O ignorant and foolish men  
Who watch the miracle of Spring,  
Yet doubt that Jesus rose again!  
Annie Johnson Flint,  
In Youth's Companion

## THE NEED FOR PRAYER

Our Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society has had a wonderful history. Its constant growth in numbers and steadily increasing income for fifty years are without doubt due to the guidance and blessing of God given in answer to much earnest prayer.

At the present time, in view of our greatly increased needs, there is a general feeling that we should betake ourselves to prayer as never before. Members of the Board are meeting weekly for prayer. Quite recently we have been cheered by learning of one Toronto Circle which is not only taking active measures to meet its obligations to the Jubilee fund, in addition to its regular giving, but is being greatly blessed in the holding of group meetings for prayer. If such meetings could be held in many places great impetus to our work would surely follow. It would be found true in our missionary endeavour as

in our private lives that "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

## A CLIPPING FROM "TIDINGS"

Our readers will have noticed that we frequently publish letters and articles clipped from "Tidings," the organ of The Women's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime provinces. "Tidings" is of special interest to us as it deals with our own Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission work, especially as it is related to the activities of Baptist women in the Maritimes. Our women down there never seem to forget the very close relationship between our missionary work and our Educational Institutions. The current number of "Tidings" contains a letter from Mrs. McLean, the Dean of Women at Acadia University, in which she writes about the religious life of the Women students. She speaks of the earnest spirit in which some of them are preparing for definite Christian service and adds: "People moan a good deal over our young people of to-day, but my belief is that they are thinking, as they have never thought before.

Not long ago I talked to our S.C.A. girls at their Sunday evening service on "Associations", their importance, and their power to either make or mar a life—and as I looked into those fifty or sixty earnest faces, I was thrilled at the thought of what their lives would mean to the several communities they represented, when their work should be completed at Acadia.

Sometimes they seem all froth and bubble,

but a close contact reveals the fact that at heart, most of them at least, are pure gold and are aiming at the highest.

It is surely up to us to have faith in them, and anything we can do is more than worth while."

All that Mrs. McLean has written may be said with equal truth of our McMaster girls. We feel like asking again that along with praying for our mission work should be coupled much prayer for these young people, that they may so plan their lives that whatever work they choose and wherever they go they may do much to elevate the standards of life and to bring in the Kingdom of God.

### LINK REPORT

**Sarnia.**—"Am enclosing one dollar for renewal of my "Link" for 1927 and also fifty cents for the Jubilee objective. This extra subscription paid for an Agent in Saskatchewan. She will be able to do better work. No Agent should be without the paper.

The Jubilee objective for the "Link"—Stayner reached its objective last-year but this year has fallen back 2. Mrs. Denne, the Agent, and her women, are going to fill up the gaps.

Tabernacle Church, Montreal, Que., has gone over its objective. Mrs. Reed has a net gain of 8. Glad to welcome Tabernacle Y.W. They are already after new subscriptions, striving to reach their Jubilee objective.

An excellent plan! One subscriber is taking 2 copies this year, one for distribution. This will help get others interested.

Our own missionaries on furlough see the need for greater effort to spread our literature. We do not forget Miss Robinson's last year. One lady missionary sends in 2 subscriptions for friends in the far West. Another pays for two old ladies who would otherwise be without the paper. Does this not put many of us to shame, who have not yet responded to the call for new subscriptions?

**From an Agent.**—"Even some of our little girls told me, as we were getting up the Thank-offering meeting, using recitations, etc., out of the "Link" how they just loved the 'Link'."

She did her bit—"Have renewed with our local Agent but would like to give 2 new subscriptions to help reach our Jubilee objective."

A Windsor Agent, on being asked how she secured 34 new subscribers, when an objective of 15 was set, replied: "By co-operation with some of the Circle members. Personal visits to the home give best results."

Grace L. Stone Doherty,  
(Supt. Agents Link).

### TREASURER'S CORNER

Receipts to date (March 1st): Circles, \$5620.95; Y. W. Circles \$1004.76; Bands, \$926.48; Miscellaneous \$2481.36. Total \$10,033.55. This total is made up as follows: to apply on regular estimates \$8,174.23; extras, designated by donors \$175.76; legacies, \$621.25; Jubilee Fund \$1062.31.

**Life members added during February.**—Circles—Mrs. A. G. Stephens, Brampton. Bands—Mrs. Fred Laking, Freulton "Willing Workers"; Winnifred Louena Parker, Paris "Cheer-bringers"; Curtis Leman Potter, Walkerville "Happy Comrades"; Douglas Johnston, Goderich; Dorothy Marie Hambly, Strathroy; Sadie Stewart, Stouffville "Busy Bee"; Jean McTavish, Kenneth Chute, Laurence Chute, Toronto Walmer Rd. "King's"; Lois Goble, David Lewis, Betty Tench, Lillian Maxwell, Muriel Stickle, Waterford.

**Jubilee Life Members** (to Mar. 1)—Circles—Mrs. John Craig, Toronto Walmer Rd.; Mrs. W. E. Northway, Toronto Central; Mrs. Lloyd Houlding, Toronto Bloor St.; Miss Clara P. Lugsdin, and Mrs. J. W. Stockwell, Toronto Central.

**Contributions to Jubilee Fund during February.**—Toronto, Castlefield, \$17.81; Toronto Walmer Rd., \$275.00; Tor. Runnymede \$10; Guelph \$5.00; Toronto College \$10.00; Tor. Immanuel \$22.25; Tor. Memorial Institute Women's Own Circle, \$50; Tor. Central \$137.00; Walkerton \$10.00; Toronto Parkdale \$100.00; Tor. Bloor St., \$50.00. Previously acknowledged \$375.25. Total \$1062.31.

This report, viewed from the standpoint of the rate of giving of other years, is probably the best we have ever had. Viewed from

the standpoint of our needs, it is far short. A third of the year is over, and just a quarter of the amount needed for our regular estimates is in hand. A splendid effort is being put forth for our Jubilee Fund, and this is good. But an even more strenuous effort is needed in behalf of our "everyday work" in India and Bolivia. From the evidences of enthusiasm that I see all around, I believe that our Jubilee objective may be reached. Would that I could be as optimistic about our "regular work" objective!

I would like to share with you a letter of great encouragement, which I have just received:

"Dear Mrs. Piersol—The Jubilee work made a very special appeal to me, for the need seemed so pressing. I offered my services as "Jubilee Woman" and received the appointment. Yesterday I made my first appeal, trying to show the very urgent need, also the position of our Boards. In presenting our "Jubilee Box" I have tried to make very plain the fact that we did not want a penny put in the box that would be taken from our regular giving as that would be no help to the work. By taking a special woman in place of the regular Treasurer to take charge of this fund is a good way of impressing the fact that it is quite separate from and over and above our regular giving. Every month I have asked for three minutes to bring the work and the needs to the attention of our women."

I like everything about this letter: most especially perhaps, the phrase "I offered my services." (If your Circle has not as yet appointed a Jubilee woman here is a good method of getting started). I like the stressing of the "over and above" and the three minutes monthly to not only state the needs in general but also "the position of our Boards." And I was more than delighted with the money order, for more than twenty-five dollars, which was the first fruits of the Jubilee Box.

**Re Jubilee Life Memberships**—Fifty dollars makes anyone a Jubilee life member of Circles (twenty for Bands); half of this money for regular funds, half for Jubilee. Twenty-five dollars makes any former life member a

Jubilee life member of Circles (ten for Bands) the entire amount for Jubilee Fund. Here is a splendid opportunity to honor some specially loved member of your Circle. If you would like to know who are already life members of your Circle, I can furnish you with a complete list of everyone who has ever been made a life member of your Circle, during the fifty years of our existence as a society. To gather this information for you is entailing considerable work, but I am doing it whether your Circle sends for it or not, feeling it will be well worth while.

Mary B. Piersol,  
Treasurer.

Mrs. W. H. Piersol,  
35 Dunvegan Rd.,  
Toronto 5.

## A MEDITATION

By Miss Muriel Brothers

### The Mount of Ascension—Acts 1:1-12.

How many and varied were the experiences of Jesus' little band during those last forty days—the shame and humiliation of the Cross, the hopelessness and despair of the grave, the glory and the hope of the resurrection, the sweetness of renewed communion—and then the cloud that parted Him from them. How precious became the memories—the quiet talks in Bethany, the joys of the road shared, as together they watched the glory of the sunrise and the lengthening of the long deep evening shadows among the Judaeen hills, his tender solicitude for the filthy beggars and the loathesome lepers who thronged the city gateways; His dear hands raised in blessing; His loving "Children, have ye any meat?" His last promise, the promise of His Father, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name. He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Through all the sadness of the parting came



the joy of the promise, the consciousness that the ascended Jesus was to mean more, infinitely more to them than the Jesus with whom they had walked and talked face to face.

We know that the disciples many many times did not understand their Master. They walked with Him. They talked with Him. They shared his meals. But did they understand Jesus? Would they not have called down fire from heaven upon their opponents? Did they not argue as to who among them would hold those favoured seats on his right hand and on his left. Did their hearts not crave for all the outer trappings of glory? Were their minds not centered rather on the mansions than on the Father's house? Did they not wish to use force to save Him, who was King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When all hope of an earthly kingdom failed, when the hosannas had become hisses and friends had turned foes, when He was despised and rejected of men, did they not say in word or in deed: "We know Him not." Even after the joy of the resurrection and in the sweet fellowship of those last talks, what did they ask, "Lord, wilt thou establish the kingdom in Israel?" Had they yet caught the vision of those other sheep for whom Jesus prayed? Did the hearts yearn for those stern-visaged Romans or those dark-faced Africans? Or had the thought of the vast multitudes of teeming humanity that thronged the edges of civilization entered their consciences? No, as Jesus was about to leave them, their last question was, "Lord, wilt thou at this time, establish the kingdom in Israel?" Their thoughts were still bounded by Israel; Israel was the limit of their vision, while He looked far into the future, seeing the work of the Spirit grow and gather strength in the hearts of men.

Did they find Him again? Was the cloud which parted Him from them ever rent asunder? Yes, they found Him, found Him in the fetid prison as they had never found Him, while He stood a man among them; knew Him in the communion on the quiet housetop, as they had never known Him, by the lake of Galilee, praised Him as he led them on in service, as they had never praised

Him in the days of loud Hosannas, loved Him as they had never loved Him when they said, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus became Immanuel—"God with us." The kingdom of God became not meat and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. They knew they had found something. To the lame they said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto Thee." To the leaders of the church they said boldly, "Neither is there salvation in any other name given under heaven given among men, whereby we may be saved." "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." How eloquently they pleaded for the Gentiles, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as He did unto us, and put no difference between us and them purifying their hearts by faith." To his brethren who also loved Christ, Peter wrote, "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious,"—"Unto you therefore, which believe, He is precious." "Wherefore ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts." As those once craven disciples stood before priest and prince, as they went about telling of Jesus and His love, as they sang in prison, even as one earned his daily bread at the humble task of tent-making, Jesus came and walked beside them, becoming their Rock, their Shield, their High Tower, the bright and morning Star, the Glory that illumined the darkest way before them. Among the sayings of Jesus, these words are said to be found,

"Raise the stone and thou shalt find Me,  
Cleave the wood and I am there."

"Never in a costly palace, did I rest on golden bed,

Never in a hermit's cavern, have I eaten idle bread.

Born within a lowly stable, where the cattle round Me stood,

Trained a carpenter in Nazareth, I have toiled, and found it good.

They who tread the path of labour, follow  
where My feet have trod;

They who work without complaining, do the  
holy will of God;

Nevermore thou needest seek Me, I am with  
thee everywhere,

Raise the stone and thou shalt find Me, cleave  
the wood and I am there."

Where the many toil together, there am I  
among My own,

Where the tired workman sleepeth, there am  
I with him alone.

I, the Peace that passeth knowledge, dwell  
amid the daily strife;

I the Bread of Heav'n am broken, in the sac-  
rament of life.

Every task, however simple, sets the soul that  
does it free.

Every deed of love and mercy, done to man  
is done to Me.

Nevermore thou needest seek me, I am with  
thee everywhere,

Raise the stone and thou shalt find Me, cleave  
the wood and I am there.

That was how Jesus came to them. As they  
laboured for Him, He became nearer and  
dearer than ever they had dreamed, nearer  
than earthly friends, dearer than life itself.

The Jesus who toiled up the Judæan hill-  
sides, who cleansed the leper, who chatted  
at the well, who comforted the widow, and  
thought it not beneath Him to heal a mere  
servant or to wash His disciple's feet, is pre-  
cious, very precious to us. The tender, loving  
Jesus, who came to us as the best friend of  
all, as we knelt at a mother's knee, is pre-  
cious, very precious to us. The Jesus, who be-  
came the Gleam on the distant horizon of our  
youth is precious, most precious to us. But  
infinitely more precious is the Christ Who  
walks beside us along the Indian road. When  
our hearts are full of despair over our fail-  
ures, He it is Who says, "Lo, I am with you  
always—even unto the end of the age." He  
it is who glorifies "the daily round, the com-  
mon task." "He it is who walks beside us  
into the most loathesome corners. There He  
is in the filth of the madiga hamlet, in the

squalor of the outcaste quarters. He looks  
out at us with pleading eyes from the face  
of some unkempt coolie. He pleads with us  
in the voice of some wanderer who longs to  
find the Way. The diamond digger breath-  
lessly digs and sifts the soft mud. His lab-  
ours are rewarded. He finds the diamond,  
a "gem of purest ray serene." So Christ comes  
to us. He is a light that shines in the dark-  
ness. He is the glory in the grey. His ma-  
jesty and His splendour speak to us from  
the snowy magnificence of the Himalayas.  
But His glory has shone about us with great-  
er intensity as we have seen hearts bound by  
sin, turn toward the light.

"Not to the swift the race, not to the strong  
the fight,

Not to the righteous, perfect grace, not to  
the wise the light.

But sometimes faltering feet come surest to  
the goal.

And they who walk in darkness meet the  
sunrise of the soul."

In the sunrise have we not seen the glory  
of the ascended Lord? Oh, it shall never be.  
"What I have given to India!" but "What  
India has given to me!" We would see Jesus.  
We have seen Jesus—Immanuel—"God with  
us."

"Raise the stone and thou shalt find Him  
Cleave the wood and He is there."

#### Recognition

Out of my need you come to me, O Father,  
Not as a Spirit, gazing from on high,  
Not as a wraith, gigantic in its outlines,  
Waiting against the tumult of the sky!  
Father you come to me in threads of music,  
And in the blessedness of whispered mirth,  
And in the fragrance of frail garden flowers  
When summer lies across the drowsy earth.

Out of my need you come to me, O Father,  
When I can scarcely see the path ahead—  
It is your Hand, that turns the sky, at even-  
ing,  
Into a sea of throbbing, pulsing red.—  
It is your call that sounds across the marshes,  
It is your smile that touches fields of grain,  
Painting them with pale gold—it is your  
nearness  
That makes me see new beauty after pain.

Out of my need, you come to me, O Father,  
 Not as a presence, vast and great and still,  
 But as the purple mist that clings, each morn-  
 ing,

To the slim summit of a pine-crowned hill,  
 Not as a vague and awful power that urges,  
 Urges and prods and hurries me along,  
 But as a hand that paints a lovely picture,  
 But as a voice that sings a tender song.

**Note**—This beautiful meditation was written by Miss Brothers for the January Conference in Cöcanada and came to us through the kindness of Mrs. McLaurin, senior, who still so graciously keeps in mind the Link and its readers.—Editor.

### STANLEY JONES IN SOUTH INDIA

Audiences of educated non-Christians estimated at twice the size of even those which greeted Rev. Stanley Jones, author of "The Christ of the Indian Road," on his first tour in South India have been attending his meetings there. The address, a frank presentation of the Christian message, occupied about an hour and a half and an equal time was given to answering questions. Rev. Boyd W. Tucker, who accompanied him, thus describes one feature of the tour:

Round table conferences are held to which are invited about fifteen of the most religious Hindus and Mohammedans and about five of the best Christians. Each man is asked to relate what religion means to him in experience. No comments are made, so that the testimonies may speak their own message. It has been arranged that there shall be more non-Christians than Christians, so that everything shall be absolutely fair. It is most remarkable how Christianity is able to command the situation and stand out by the sheer superiority of its ability to reveal God and transform lives through the personality of Jesus. One elderly Hindu approached Dr. Jones after he had given his own personal testimony in one of these meetings and said, "You have been telling us about something this afternoon that none of us know anything about. Jesus stands out in a fresh and challenging way as the way of the Father."

—Missionary Review of the World.

### LOOKING AROUND AND LOOKING UP

A study of world conditions brings a feeling of uncertainty, if not of discouragement. Whichever way we look—to China, India, Moslem lands, Russia, European nations, America—we see unrest, conflict, suspicion, worldliness and crime—sins against God and man. This is not all we see, for there is good as well as evil, but when we look up and see God, when we remember what He has done and what He has promised, then, only, have we ground for confidence in the future because of what He can and will do.

We need to study earthly conditions, human needs and resources at our disposal, but there is more reason to study God and His program and resources. Mankind, as a whole, and even members of the Church of Christ, show a lack of understanding of God and sympathy with Him. We need to pray that all His children may be brought into full harmony with His will.

This need is finding expression. Christian women of many lands observed March 4th as a world-wide day of prayer; the Federal Council of Churches of Christ has recently issued a general call to prayer on world issues, especially in regard to the relations of America with China, Mexico, Nicaragua and Europe. A large part of one session at the Foreign Missions Conference in January was devoted to specific prayer for a spiritual revival. While we pray for China and Mexico and Russia, we must pray for ourselves—that, as Christians, we may be more Christ-like; that the Church may realize more clearly the need of all men for Christ; that Christians may be ready to sacrifice more than others may know Christ; that followers of Christ may be one as the Son and His Father are one; that there may be no compromise with evil; that every hindrance to Christ's full possession of us may be removed. Surely there is need of more loyalty to God; there is need of clearer vision, and more definite purpose; there is need for purification from sordid selfishness and for an inflow and an outflow of spiritual power.

Many see in the present world-wide confu-

sion and turmoil signs that the days of tribulation are at hand for the Church. If so, they will be days of purification, not of destruction. The life that is from God cannot die. The churches and missions in China may suffer, but opposition and persecution will not destroy those that have Life. Who can estimate what might happen if Christians all over the world would unite in earnest prayer for a clearer understanding of God and His plans? It is a time to undergird all the work and the workers with prayer individually and collectively. Family and personal prayer need to be reestablished and made more vital in our homes.

Have church members today forgotten how to pray? In how many midweek services are the petitions definite, expectant and united? What a revival might come if Christian church members could truly agree in public worship and in group prayer touching things relating to the progress of God's Kingdom—and if each would do his or her part in seeking to establish that Kingdom!

In Board meetings and in conventions is enough time devoted to definite, earnest, intelligent, believing prayer? Many costly mistakes might be avoided in policies adopted, in workers selected and in money expended if these activities were more prayer-filled. New wisdom and power from Above might make effective our organized enterprises if we were more truly full partners with God and if He directed them all.

The history of the Church has been full of noteworthy specific answers to prayer—in the call of workers, the supply of funds, the breaking down of barriers, the opening of doors, the empowering of the messengers, the awakening of men to a sense of sin, the purification of the Church, and the quickening of men and women to true spiritual life and to effective sacrificial service.

The need for prayer today is greater than the need for armies and navies; the need for whole-hearted surrender to God's will is far greater than the need for more money for Church enterprises; a fuller understanding of God's ideals and methods is infinitely more important than a comprehension of human theories of "complex" and new experiments

in secular education. Do we really take God into account? Are we willing, first of all, to bring ourselves into perfect harmony with Him and His program? While there is need to be informed as to the conditions around us, there is greater need to "look up" that we may see things from the Father's viewpoint. This comes through prayer and the study of His Word.—Missionary Review of the World.

### DR. JOHN R. MOTT'S ESTIMATE OF THE CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Extracts from an address delivered at the  
School by Dr. Mott, February 2, 1927

It has been my opportunity first and last to visit nearly all of the important institutions for training missionaries, not only in Europe and America, but also on the mission field. With this as a background, I wish to emphasize certain things regarding the Canadian School of Missions.

1. The co-operation that you have had from the very beginning from all the Mission Boards and Churches is most remarkable. I would cite the case of other institutions which have a partnership relation and a backing of certain of these elements. But here you have the thorough support of all the Missionary Societies of the Dominion and with them of the Churches.

2. Moreover, I know of no undertaking which has so successfully integrated its program with all the other educational institutions, movements and forces of a great educational center as has been accomplished here in Toronto by the Canadian School of Missions. These contacts are so numerous and varied as to be almost bewildering. You will forgive me if I have not yet fully mastered the combination of the many vital and fruitful connections you have established with the University, the various colleges, and individual educators and others who by their experience and expert knowledge are able to make valuable contributions to those in training for a missionary career.

3. Another thing that characterizes this in-

stitution in a marked degree is the wide range of opportunities for service which are here presented to ambitious missionaries and intending missionaries. The great variety of needs to which you minister is most impressive. This employment of the project method is right in line with the best modern standards and practice.

4. I have been greatly impressed also with the way in which you have worked out your plans so that the individual student is not lost sight of in the mass. On the contrary, his personal needs and possibilities constitute the guiding principle or factor in determining the whole arrangement. This also is in accord with the most fruitful policy in vocational guidance.

5. I know of no other institution which is so economically administered, whether one has in mind the high quality of the instruction given, or the great volume of the services placed at your disposal, or the extremely low cost of the general oversight of the enterprise. I would venture to say that you are thus afforded the equivalent of an endowment of far more than one million dollars.

Above all, one is here vividly conscious of the spirit pervading the institution and its fellowship—the spirit of unity, the spirit of service, the spirit of humility in the earnest quest for deeper knowledge of God and of eager responsiveness to the mind and will of Christ. This makes possible truly creative work. It constitutes a priceless possession.

#### RECIPE FOR MISSIONARY GINGER SNAPS.

3 measures of the flour of energy.

$\frac{3}{4}$  of a measure of self confidence.

1 measure of the molasses of politeness.

Season with the ginger of "Never Give Up."

Spice to taste with sense and humour.

Make light with desire mixed with hope.

Stir all together. Roll out with the rolling pin of difficulties held well in hand, and cut into cookies of convenient size for daily use.

If there is no fire of opportunity started, make one, and bake until the ginger in them snaps.—Sel.

#### ASIA'S GREAT NEED—AND THE NEED OF ALL MEN

If ever a country needed all that Christ can do for nations and their people that country is China today. There is no accepted united government. Hundreds of thousands of men are in armies employed by ambitious military leaders for their own aggrandizement, and supported by money extorted from the people or diverted from the railroads which are falling into ruin. The best schools of the Government are closed for want of support and their teachers and students are scattered. There are strong and worthy national impulses, but they have not yet found any adequate expression or leadership. The old order is broken down and no new order has taken its place. Yet the fields and rivers of China are there and the Chinese people are there, and no matter what happens to government or to ancient institutions and ideas, China and the Chinese will remain. They need help more than words can tell. While there are many misunderstandings in China and about China and while there have been and may be again anti-foreign outbreaks, either with or without justification, the worst of all misunderstandings would be that idea that China does not need Christianity and is not ready to accept it wherever and whenever it is preached in truth and love.

The need and opportunity are as real, in their own measure, in Japan and Korea. Dr. William E. Griffis, who at the age of eighty-two recently returned to visit Japan after an absence of more than fifty years, says that one of his first sights in Japan in the early days was a long line of men and women and children, dressed in red (the criminal color) being led off to prison, for the crime of being Christians. There is no such crime in Japan today. Christianity is one of the most clearly recognized and deeply respected forces in the Empire. Multitudes who have not yet embraced it openly and individually, nevertheless see in it the only hope of the country.

From our recent visit to Eastern Asia, we have seen more clearly than ever that the mightiest forces are the simplest. There is

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## Our Work Abroad

### REPORT OF THE EVA ROSE YORK BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN, JULY TO DECEMBER, 1926

The Preparatory Department opened on July 3rd with 9 students back for a few weeks' intensive study to fit them to enter the regular training class the first of August. The total enrollment this year is about the same as last year, 34—all told, but of this number a much larger proportion is in the Training Course this year than last year. This year there are only 4 students in the Preparatory Department, while there are 18 students in the Junior Training Course and 12 in the Senior Training Class. Of the new students 4 are 8th Standard passed; all are fine, earnest girls, and they are doing excellent work. In fact, with the exception of three or four students, a spirit of high endeavour seems to characterize the entire student body, and I am often pleasantly surprised at the mental grasp exhibited by some of these women who have not had opportunities for study in their youth. This year, for the first time, we have had one Saura girl among us.

The two assistant teachers, T. Nancamma-garu and R. Ruthamunagaru have been very faithful and helpful according to their several abilities. In a school of this kind, of course, the Principal has to teach all day and every day but the teaching has been a constant source of delight and inspiration. I am very grateful to Mrs. Scott for her assistance rendered in teaching hymn singing and interpretation, and for her frequent assistance in taking groups of students out in the car for evangelistic work. By her kind consent a number of Sunday Schools formerly conducted by the Biblewomen have been handed over to the students, so that each Sunday morning Sunday Schools are conducted by the students, all within fifteen minutes' walk from the school. On Sunday, December 19, we held rally for these schools, when 300 children were in attendance. Every Friday the 30 Training students go out for evangelistic work in villages near and far; on Mondays the Preparatory class go out for the same work, and the first of November a week-end tour was conducted, when we went far-

ther afield. Altogether, during these six months, the 6 groups have made 140 visits to villages, have taught in 370 homes, conducted 80 classes for children and 10 meetings for grown-ups. I have rejoiced to see on the part of the students an ever-deepening realization of the seriousness and importance of this part of their work, and our weekly report and prayer hour on Thursday often reveals great depth and sincerity of purpose.

In reviewing the half-year's work I wish to state that I have often been very conscious of my own unworthiness for this position, but I have also been very conscious again and again of the Master's presence and leading. One day I overheard two of the new students talking together; one girl said to the other, "No matter what the subject, no matter what book we study, in every class we learn about Jesus." I want no other commendation. If I can only help them to see Jesus only, if I can only help to imbue them with something of His Spirit, who "went about doing good," not looking for reward, but doing it out of love for God and love for lost humanity—that is my prayer.

Laura A. Bain.

### FROM MISS HELLYER

Bimlipatam, Vizag. Dist.,

Jan. 18th, 1927.

Dear Friends,—October started off with the Jones' meetings in Vizagapatam and what a delightful time we had. I was very much interested to see how he would present the gospel to non-Christians. He carries out his policy to never criticise Hinduism, in a wonderful way. I don't see how anyone's feelings could possibly be hurt, and yet he gives them the straight gospel. They were days of real uplift.

Coming back from there, we plunged into the Evangelistic Campaign. We worked in a number of the nearby villages out from Bimli. In the morning my Biblewomen and I went out by the car to a village, then in the early afternoon they got into an ox cart and went off with some volunteer helpers, while I

followed a little later with mothers, who had left small children at home. The larger girls came along to help in the singing and a few times we had, besides the car, two ox carts. We went about the village in either two or three bands, depending on how many could tell the story and talk a little.

On finishing this campaign, I began to think of touring and it wasn't long until my Biblewomen and I were settled down into the Travellers' bungalow at Padmanabham, in which village Mr. and Mrs. Murty are resident. She of course joined us and we visited nineteen different villages and a couple of them twice. The last night after an all-day trip to Boney, we ended up with a lovely dinner at Mr. Murty's. He being formerly a Brahmin, served us with a real vegetable meal and it was so much better than I ever imagined it could be, that I left very little over. They are a consecrated couple and I am sure the Lord will bless their work. Although he likes preaching he much prefers personal work, and that is what really counts in the end.

Coming in from there we arrived just in time for our Thank-offering meeting. However, I wasn't in long until I began to plan for a tour from Chittavals bungalow. This tour never took place for some one had spoken for the bungalow ahead of me. I waited around a few days with my supplies all packed. By that time the old timers said they thought, because it had turned cool, the rains weren't coming and tenting would be safe. Monday of the next week saw my carts on the way to Pushapagery, about sixteen miles out from here. I had received Mr. Gullison's consent to let Mr. and Mrs. Murty join us in camp as this centre was really in Mr. Murty's territory, but a little distant. Then Mr. Gullison also let Mr. Sunyase Upurdu, the colporteur, come along. Besides day work the men took the petrol lantern and Victrola and visited all the nearby villages at night, while we women worked in the day time only. The village Kernam there and his family are very interested. Since Mr. Gullison's visit there about three years ago, he has shown much enthusiasm. It would be

a great break if he only would come out. The Kernam's sister is one of the most attractive women I have seen in India. She would make a fine Christian. The Kernam's first wife died a few years ago and now he has a young wife about twenty. These women all read and are so intelligent and bright.

Our next move was to Sontyam, twelve miles by ox cart. We got up a little after four so that by day light we might be ready to pull down the tents, and we were. But, it takes so long to load all your household effects on carts! It was about nine before the carts pulled out, four in line. At noon we stopped by a little grove of trees, ate our lunch and then moved on. I knew it would be a rush to get the tents up by dark; and when darkness came on, mine wasn't quite up. However, the other two were pitched by lantern light and we soon were moved in and set up for the night.

Our work here was quite different. The way was not prepared for us here as in Pushapagery for no one had toured here lately. We found the people very busy in the day time digging peanuts and decided to concentrate on the tent meetings at night. We went to the villages in the morning, staying as long as anyone would listen, then usually had a Bible class in the afternoon and the tent meeting at night. The first nights we had a crowd which seemed to be eager to learn, but later the crowd grew too large for us, for the men helpers had all left us after the other tour. The last night a few small stones came tumbling down in our midst; and, although Satan was working there, he had opposition. Two or three men during our stay there confessed to me that Christianity was right. A couple of women in the village, who had heard about Christ before, said they were considering baptism.

I have just been reading a little paper-covered book entitled "The Adventures of Sister Abigail." She shows how the promise "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days" was fulfilled in her experience and I believe the same will be true here in India.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you this New Year.

Sincerely yours,  
Clara B. Hellyer.

### QUARTERLY REPORT FOR TUNI WOMEN'S WORK

October—December

This time my report will be largely taken up with Evangelistic School work, for though we visited over 50 villages and as many caste homes as possible, the schools had first place in our planning as we desired to see them all before Christmas.

We left Tunj on October 14th with some trepidation for rains had kept up steadily until that time. But cloudless skies prevailed once more and since it doesn't take an Indian sun long to dry up rain-soaked fields and paths our work went on swimmingly throughout the rest of the quarter and we were able to reach our objective in that we visited every village where there were regular teachers, and some occasional schools besides, in all over seventy schools. December brought the harvest when everybody was in the field from daylight till dark, and when cold night winds are dreaded in these feverish parts but in spite of that we had splendid times and full schoolhouses everywhere.

1680 children were seen and HEARD as they recited the verses, songs and stories of the lessons for the year. With the exception of two schools the work everywhere gave evidences of increased interest and effort on the part of teachers and pupils. A course of lessons on Matthew with a Golden text for each week had been taught in the day schools and weekly prayer meetings with the Christians; so in many villages Big Brother sat along side Little Brother, beaming with interest and anticipation of telling what he had learned too.

Truly, we realized as never before the strength of that testimony 'The entrance of Thy Word giveth light'. Dingy little mud schoolhouses became courts of praise and thanksgiving; dusky, sin-stained faces grew soft and luminous as those wonderful prom-

ises were repeated by these who had made them their own. And the Christmas verse, 'We have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him' gripped old and young with the wonder of it—"HIS STAR?" "Yes, we will shine for Him," they promised and the light shone round, lighting up all the commonplace and the sordidness of their impoverished lives and making a Way of the misty flats, a way for others to find Him too. Pray for them, will you not, that the clouds may only make the stars shine brighter, for they are often very heavy and such clouds as never darken Western skies. Pray for the teachers and Bible women that they may not grow weary in the work of 'Line upon line' with these illiterate brothers and sisters. Pray for us that we may be strong to look up and live and laugh and lift; for there is a danger of our Way becoming misty flats, too, when golden opportunities crowd in upon us so thickly that we forget and call them 'thronging duties.'

Generous gifts from across the sea made it possible for everybody to be remembered. We thank you for them all; but most of all for your good gift of the 'blessedness of giving'. The Training school girls helped to provide the treat for their Sunday Schools; the Carollers turned the proceeds of their early morning visitations, hitherto spent on themselves, into the Christmas Day Thank-offering. Widows, too, for whom a kind Indian lady friend had sent money for their Christmas meal, turned some of it, many of them half of it, into the Thank-offering. Many of them would not have another such sum for many a day, but that did not hinder them from honouring their Lord with joyful hearts on that morning. Children came, singing, and bringing their lonely little pennies to swell the number on the table. The Thank-offering was the most we have ever had, we think, over seventy hard earned Rupees, surely the great Giver, sitting down over against the treasury saw it and was glad.

No 'casting in of their superfluity' but just the thankful token of grateful hearts obeying the word 'Freely ye have received, freely give.'

H. E. Scott.

### ABOUT CHRISTMAS BOXES

Vuyyuru, Kistna Dist.,  
India, Jan. 15th, 1927.

Dear Link Readers—This note should have been sent to you long ago as the Christmas boxes came in plenty of time for the season's festivities. Will all the dear friends who so very kindly brought cheer and goodwill to our boarding girls and boys accept our heartiest "Thank-yous" for all the good things packed in those boxes. I was very grateful to have more things for boys this year. Before the children left school in December I was able to give them each a gift which made their faces light up with joy and happiness. They send their loving "salaams" to the friends who went to so much trouble in order that they may have a treat for the most joyful season of the year. They would say in Telugu "lekalayne vundunamalu" which means "countless thanks."

I hope to write to those whose names were attached to the parcels but in case you do not receive a line of appreciation please remember that my thanks are none the less sincere. It means a lot of work for you all, but the task is made easier when you know you give so much help and blessing to the children of India.

The boys and girls of the boarding school are returning by degrees for another term. We are hoping for good times. I have been busy the last three days collecting fees, and still there are more to come.

The boys are helping in our building operations and are showing a most willing spirit in all their work. We hope to have the girls' compound and new class rooms complete by the end of the hot season.

Many many thanks once again for all the useful articles you sent your Telugu brothers and sisters.

Yours in His service,  
Rose Gordon.

### CHRISTMAS AT RAMACHANDRA-PURAM

Ramrachandrapuram, Godavari Dist.,  
31st Dec., 1926.

Dear Friends in Canada,—I wish to write

and let you know how glad we Indian women and our children were to receive your good gifts for Christmas through the missionaries. We write to thank you for them all and for the love behind. They must have taken a lot of your time.

Christmas festivities began for us here about the 11th inst. That day the teachers and their wives and others besides, who were not receiving mission money, were given a feast at "Woodside". There were nearly 50 people there. We had games before dinner and prayer afterwards followed by presents of clothing, dolls, picture cards, bags, etc., from the three local missionaries.

Then came Christmas for Bible Women and teachers on the 22nd. Miss Myers came here at noon. The women from this field gave her a hearty welcome and presented her with addresses and garlands. She was glad to be here for a few days and feels this is her Indian home. After a short prayer meeting Miss Myers gave away heaps of presents prepared by Misses Hatch, and Jones. All the workers had a scarf each, bright coloured, rich looking as well as pure white ones, besides jacket-cloths, silk bags, handkerchiefs, picture cards, etc., from the Canadian Christmas boxes. At the end sweets were served around.

Next came the entertainment given by the I. C. E. on Christmas eve. The little ones from 5 to 12 years old took part. They had three different kinds of dialogues, after showing us how they conduct the usual meetings and after giving their annual reports. The lessons brought home were on "Temperance" the joys, the bright fellowship and the radiant hope before drinking came to darken the lives, the repentance and the angel restoring the former joys. They sang songs teaching these morals. Each child had a crown on her head, a candle in her hand and white garment and a band with words such as love, joy, peace, temperance, etc. It made us all glad to see the little ones doing such a lot. Another item on the programme was to show that the poor humble needy ones we help may become angels come to bless us. An old woman was taken in a cold, cold night and made warm. At the end she blesses



them in the form of an angel. This was taken from a little Telugu periodical called "The Children's Friend" edited by Miss Benjamin, Nellore. The third and the most appreciated one was "The Musical Box," the charms of it that made everyone dance, the young as well as the old, the light hearted as well as the sober. This was brought from the Women's Christian College, Madras. We all had a jolly good time. Such good times are very rare here. At the end of the Programme which began with a welcome address to Miss Myers who later presided over the function, there was a big tree laden with numberless, bright Christmas presents from Canada and elsewhere. Each family, each child in each family was remembered. How glad the children were to get the presents. Of course they were fondly looking forward to the day which meant weeks, days and nights of hard thinking for the ladies, besides time and money. We can only say "Thank you" to them as well as to you. Miss Myers also gave a box full of presents to be distributed here. Sweets were served at the end. Thus came to end a very happy evening long to be remembered. The Ranees of Doddampet were present for the first part of the program. Her baby boy was hungry and sleepy and she is just regaining strength and health after a severe attack of malaria and so she had to go, though the little daughters wanted her to stay. Miss Margaret McEwen's great gift of a "doll that speaks" specially sent for the Ranees, was given to them from this tree on this day. The Rajah will write to thank the dear lady.

The last but not the least came the festivities for the poor lepers. There was a service in the chapel there on Christmas Day when some of the leading lepers repeated the joys of the asylum and their gratitude to Miss Hatch and their supporters. They sang the Christmas carol and we all had a happy peaceful time. How shall I describe to you the gifts. There were bright, big, ever-welcome mufflers, beautiful quilts, socks, mittens, bags, soaps, pencils, dolls beads, balls, scrap-books, brooches, handkerchiefs and a cloth to each of the lepers. When the meeting closed, the lepers were given a feast of an inviting and

appetizing meal of rice and currie and the Christian refreshments the visitors also had treats of light refreshments, etc., in the Stark Memorial Home. When we came home it was nearly 2 o'clock. The day was far spent.

At the end Miss Hatch had her so called interesting family to dinner after which Miss Myers and Miss Jones were invited to a drama given by the Boarding girls from Canada.

We have bright examples of living sacrifices. We only hope we Indian women will not be indifferent but follow more readily and gladly. On the following day, Sunday, two girls received Baptism. On Monday the ladies left for Conference, Rev. Timpany having gone already on the 24th. We hope that these tired missionaries will have some rest and recreation while in their own circle, though they have reports and accounts to finish before the year closes.

I think I must stop for fear of wearying you more. With every good wish for a very happy and bright and prosperous New Year,

I remain,  
Yours cordially,

Grace Joshee.

Note—We are always glad to hear from Mrs. Joshee. She gives herself most unselfishly for the help of our work. Our readers will remember the interesting accounts in the January Link of the celebration in honor of Miss Hatch's fortieth anniversary. Mrs. Joshee in her note at that time said of course, nothing about her part in the affair, but word has come that Mrs. Joshee had the largest part in arranging the whole celebration and that the bulk of the labor fell on her. She made the collections from Christians and from many Hindus for the gifts and the portrait and the Telugu booklet made up from the six addresses read, and the flagging of the church verandahs. She, with others helping, also provided the tea given to the Missionaries who drove in with their cars, and arranged for the feast of which over four hundred partook.

Mrs. Joshee is grateful to us for sending Miss Hatch. We are grateful to her and to her family for the loving helpfulness with



which they lighten Miss Hatch's burdens and brighten her life.—Editor.

### TO THE "LINK"

Note—By Mrs. Joshee's letter you will see how many were served with the lovely presents from home and how many were made happy.

Yet when Miss Jones and I had arranged and divided and given out what we had we realized that there were at least three times as many more on our field who had not received anything. A score or more of teachers with their hundreds of pupils, and the Pastor for their New Year's celebration were begging for more and more. Will you not all begin now and save up more and more for next year?

S. Isobel Hatch.

### FROM MISS PALMER

Dear Friends,—It was with a grateful heart I received the generous response to my appeal for bandages. A great number have been received and I can face a long period of work with sufficient material for the sick, wounded, etc.

Some friends were very modest indeed and wished to hide their light under a basket, hence two parcels were received, one containing instruments, etc., and another a beautiful supply of wash cloths, towels, bandages, etc. Both boxes were very very fine indeed, and I would like to pass on a word of thanks to the givers. Also will the Burford Mission Circle please accept heartiest thanks for the very nice box sent. No address was given, hence it is impossible to write a personal letter. I believe all addresses on other parcels are present, and letters are being sent to each one.

With many thanks,

In His Happy Service,

Marjorie Palmer.

### MORE NEWS FROM BOLIVIA

We should be glad to have more news about our work in Bolivia. If any of our busy missionaries can find time to write, their letters will be very welcome.—Editor.

### ASIA'S GREAT NEED

(Continued on page 285)

nothing that we can do to refashion the nations and the world that will be of as great avail as the winning of individuals one by one to Christ and gathering them together into Christian churches which will support and propagate themselves. The world may smile at this idea now as it did in Saint Paul's time, but we know that the power of God for saving men is today just what it was then and that the Gospel, which is the "Good News" of that power, is unchanged. Christian missions rest on this basis. They cannot endure or prevail on any other.

There ought not to be any standing still or going back in our missionary work now. All that is needed and that can be wisely and efficiently used ought to be provided. The lack of adequate support for this great enterprise causes us to view the situation with deep concern. A whole-hearted response on the part of the entire Church must be made if the needed funds are to be supplied. Will you help?

R. E. S.

Missionary Review of the World.

### MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN FACES

The language lesson of a new missionary was interrupted by a tradesman, of whom the pundit said, "He is a Mohammedan." Says the missionary: "I asked how he could tell, since the man did not wear the typical clothes. He said, 'By the expression of his face.' I asked him what English word would express most nearly what he meant, and he said, 'Arrogance express it the best.' I then asked if, now that clothes are not always typical and many wear English clothes regardless of religion or caste, he could tell a Christian from a Hindu or a Mohammedan, and if so what word would express what he could read in the face of a Christian. He said that the word he would use would mean just the opposite of arrogance, which he thought was humility. I thought that was not a bad compliment for our Indian Christians, especially as he is a strict Hindu of the Brahman caste."—Missionary Review of the World.

## Among The Circles

### HOW SHALL WE KEEP THIS HOLY DAY OF GLADNESS?

How shall we keep this holy day of gladness,  
This queen of days, that bitter, hopeless sadness

Forever drives away?

The night is past, its sleep and its forgetting;  
Our risen Sun, no more forever setting,

Pours everlasting day.

Let us not bring upon this joyful morning  
Dead myrrh and spices for our Lord's adorning,

Nor any lifeless thing;

Our gifts shall be the fragrance and the splendor

Of living flowers, in breathing beauty tender,  
The glory of our spring.

And, with the myrrh, oh, put away the leaven  
Of malice, hatred, injury unforgiven,

And cold and lifeless form;

Still with the lilies, deeds of mercy bringing,

And fervent prayers, and praises upward springing,

And hopes pure, bright and warm.

So shall this Easter shed a fragrant beauty  
O'er many a day of dull and cheerless duty,

And light thy wintry way;

Till rest is won, and patience, smiling faintly,  
Upon thy breast shall place her lilies saintly,

To hail heaven's Easter-day.

—Emily Seaver.

—Sel.

### NOT COMMONPLACE

Mrs. J. Hal Smith

Woman, does your life seem little and circumscribed and commonplace?

Is it commonplace to have a home like yours, with carpets and curtains and polished furniture and pretty dishes; a home which is your own, and the love of a good husband who is bound to you alone till death parts you?

Is it commonplace to have a fire to warm by when the cold days come, to have neat and comfortable clothes to wear and enough food for yourself and your children that you never know the gnawing pain of hunger?

Is it commonplace to have automobiles and

street cars and railway trains to carry you swiftly over the miles, safe and happy to the homes of your friends?

Is it commonplace to be able to read all the books written by great and good men of the ages, and to have daily mails delivered at your door?

Is it commonplace to have a Bible in your home and be able to read for yourself God's love-message to you?

Is it commonplace to have a Sunday School to attend every week where you can study with other Christians the great things of eternity, and to have a man of God to break to you the Bread of Life every Lord's Day? .. Is it commonplace to carry always a hope of heaven within your heart?

Ask a woman of China or India or Africa if she thinks your life is commonplace! To her you are a queen—a perpetual wonder—and she feels that all your days ought to be days of special thanksgiving. Compare your life with hers and see if you can ever again feel that it is commonplace.—United Brethren Missionary Monthly.

### FROM MRS. CRAIG

Dear Circle Members,—A year ago I sent a note to the Link asking for things for our Rest Home in Kodaikanal, India. About four months ago I sent the account of what I had received and the money to our treasurer. Now I shall send another for publication in the Link, along with the letter received from Miss Folsom.

The following articles and subscriptions were received and sent on to India.

Mrs. Clapham, Montreal, cushion cover; Wingham Mission Circle, quilt; High River, Alberta, Mission Circle, 2 quilts (one by post); Mrs. W. H. Elliott, table cloth; Y. W. Mission Circle, Bloor St., shower; Mission Circle, Ossington Ave., shower; Elliot Circle, Central Church, \$5; Mrs. E. T. Fox, \$20; Mrs. J. C. Scott, \$2.00; Mrs. James Ryrie, \$15.00; Immanuel Circle, \$5.00; Misses Watson, Sarنيا, \$25.00; Port Hope Circle, \$16.00; Mrs. John MacNeill, \$10.00; Bloor St. Y.W. Circle, \$7.50. Total \$105.50. Spent for table linen

in Toronto \$12.00. Sent to Treasurer \$93.50.

My thanks to all who responded to the appeal made a year ago.

Yours very sincerely,  
A. S. Craig.

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### THE REST HOME IN KODAI

Harris Bungalow,  
Cocanada, Dec. 31st, 1926

At the Annual Conference

Dear Mrs. Craig.—The "Rogers Rest Home Committee" of Ontario ladies held a business meeting last evening, Miss Hatch presiding and eighteen ladies being present.

Miss Hatch gave a financial statement of money already expended on the Rest Home in Kodaikanal; a list of articles still needed, and the balance of money left in hand. All hearts were touched as Miss Robinson told us of the years of loving self-sacrifice and strict economy spent by our dear Miss Rogers, that she might gather and save money with which to purchase this Rest Home.

One and another spoke of Miss Rogers' love for the beautiful, and of the rare taste exhibited in her arrangement of furniture, pictures and other decorations in the rooms that she occupied in the small ladies' bungalow in Tuni, as well as in her home on Hawthorne Ave., Toronto. The touch of her skilful fingers converted those plain rooms in Tuni into a home of elegance and refinement. Remembering this, all felt that the Rest Home in Kodai should express as nearly as possible the vision of beauty, refinement and comfort that must have been our dear sister's, when thinking of the home to be purchased and furnished.

From that meeting held on the front veranda of "Harris Bungalow" all passed into the sitting-room to see the beautiful quilts, so necessary for comfort up in Kodai's cool climate, and the contents of parcels from the Bloor St. and Ossington Ave. Circles, Toronto, containing household linen beautifully embroidered and hemstitched, two table cloths and a dozen serviettes daintily hemmed by Mrs. J. Craig. Another parcel from Snowdon Junction, Montreal, enclosed a handsome cushion cover with "Gems" from John Ox-

enham tucked in a pocket, bearing cheering messages; and this word from the sender: "I am praying for you collectively, and individually, morning and evening." "The Lord bless thee and keep thee" was the benediction of the Circles.

Could the kind donors have heard the "Ohs! and Ahs!" and other delighted exclamations as one lovely article after another was held up to view, they would have felt assured that they had made no mistake in their choice of articles sent; and that their efforts and gifts were thoroughly appreciated.

The ladies here are most grateful to Mrs. M. B. McLaurin for suggesting to Mrs. John Craig that she propose that the Mission Circles gather and send these needed household articles for the Rest Home; to Mrs. Craig for so faithfully carrying out Mrs. McLaurin's suggestion; to the Circles and individuals who so generously responded, and to Mrs. Denigate for forwarding them so carefully and safely.

They desired me to express their gratitude in a letter to Mrs. Craig with a request that she forward the same to the "Link" for all to see.

E. A. Folsom.

### A NEW MISSION CIRCLE

Despite the severe cold of Wednesday, January 26th, a little group of women who had heard the Master's call to service gathered in the newly-dedicated Home Mission church at Thorold, to organize a Women's Mission Circle. Outsiders present were Mrs. H. Dickenson and Mrs. Widdicombe, St. Catharines, Mrs. Goodes, Niagara Falls, Mrs. H. F. Shearer, Welland, Director of Niagara-Hamilton Association. Mrs. Dickenson, Divisional Treasurer for the Association, was asked to preside and gave a very tender message on service, based on the latter part of Luke 8, and first verses of Luke 9. A prayer period followed for guidance in the exercises of the afternoon. The constitution, generally followed by our circles, was read and adopted and the election of officers resulted as follows:

Pres., Mrs. Jones; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Porter;

Sec. Mrs. Isaacs; Treas., Mrs. Stewart; Agent for Link and Visitor, Miss Ryckman.

Sixteen women enrolled as charter members and many subscriptions were secured for the papers. Mrs. Goodes and Mrs. Shearer each spoke briefly on the privileges and obligations of Circle members in supporting the Convention budgets in both Home and Foreign activities, sending all money through the Treasurers of the societies, and giving prayerful, definite attention to the various departments of our work. The ladies of the circle served tea at the conclusion of the meeting. As we read of this new group, may we remember them very definitely before the Throne of Grace, for many of the women are new to the work we are engaged in, and we long for a consecrated, continued service.

(Mrs. H. F.) Bessie M. Shearer, (Director)

#### NORTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION CIRCLE

The annual thank-offering meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society was held on Friday, February 11th, with a large attendance of members. An interesting program was provided and the thank-offering amounted to \$53.00. Mrs. Thomas Passmore and Mrs. E. Morgan were in charge of the devotional exercises, while the president Mrs. A. Small, gave a concise synopsis of the fifty years' history of the Society, which this year celebrates its jubilee.

A Tableau representing four phases of the thank-offering was rendered by Margaret Whitehead, Jessie Silverthorn, Gertrude Vaughan and Letty Lawrence. Others taking part in the program were Theodore J. Priest, Margaret Clarkson, Violet Lawrence, Miss Stagg, Mrs. C. J. Elliott and groups from the Mission Band and Young Women's Circle. Rev. A. W. Small closed the meeting with prayer.

Note the Easter Literature listed on back of March Link. It is all good. Write for what you need to 21 Charles St. West, Toronto.

#### TEMPLE BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE TORONTO

We thought we would like to let you know how our Circle is raising its Jubilee money. At our February meeting we appointed one of our members as agent in our church for the "Canadian Baptist," and also to be our "Jubilee Woman." The money received from new subscriptions and renewals to the "Canadian Baptist" is to be put into our Jubilee fund.

Some of the ladies are saving American ten cent pieces, and one member, who has a Dime Bank, took it around to her friends and asked them each to give a dime for the Jubilee, and everyone seemed very willing to help.

On February 22nd the Circle is holding a Jubilee Social with Mrs. Dengate as the speaker of the evening. We have sent out invitations to all the ladies of our congregation, and with each invitation was a little gold envelope in which we asked each one to place an offering for the Jubilee Fund. In this way we are hoping to raise a considerable sum.

We are glad to report an increased interest in our Mission Circle and fifteen new members since the New Year.

The earnest prayer of every member of our Circle is that this may be the greatest year of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society Canada has ever known, and that the treasury may be filled to overflowing.

Mrs. W. H. Kleinstiber,

Secy.

#### DUFFERIN ST., TORONTO

Whereas the Dufferin St. Baptist Church Women's Mission Circle has heard with deep concern of the withdrawal of certain Mission Circles from the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario and west, and the organization of an opposing society, therefore be it resolved:

- (1) That we protest against such action as:
  - (a) being unnecessary.
  - (b) provocative of unchristian antagonism.

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## The Young Women

### AN EASTER WISH

May the glad dawn  
Of Easter morn  
Bring holy joy to thee!

May the calm eve  
Of Easter leave  
A peace divine with thee!

May Easter day  
To thine heart say  
"Christ died and rose for thee!"

May Easter night  
On thine heart write  
"O Christ, I live for Thee!"

—Youth's Companion.

### SUGGESTIONS FROM MRS. VEALS

Dear Girls,—In much of our missionary work, we aim at nothing in particular, just sort of drift along trying to make our meetings interesting. The young women's Circle that aims at nothing usually hits it, therefore set a high goal, have an objective. One item might be to double your membership. How will you go about it?

Get your executive to make out a list of young women who attend your church services but who are not members of the Circle. Allow the girls to choose from this list the name of the one they would like to invite. Give a place on your program the following month for receiving them, this program may help you.

#### Welcoming New Members

Most young women's circles having annual membership campaigns feel the need of some form of welcome to new members. The following program is suggested.

The President goes to the platform carrying a large lighted candle. She gives a swift survey of the work the Circle is doing, telling how it is taking the light into the dark places of the earth, and stating some facts showing what it is accomplishing. She emphasizes the need of more messengers of

light and calls for the committee to present the new members.

As they reach the platform the membership captain says, "Madam President, it gives me great pleasure to present—as applicants for membership in our Society."

The President then asks for a motion that the persons whose names have been presented be received into the Society. After the motion is carried she welcomes each one, saying, "The candle symbolizes our Young Women's Circle." We carry the light into the dark places of the world. May each of us so live that we may radiate joy and light in our home, our church, our community and throughout the world. May each one of us so live that our light may so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven."

Prayer, led by some member of the Circle after which the new members go back to their seats.

#### A Progressive Missionary Party

This kind of party affords opportunity for missionary education served with sociability.

Arrange six or seven tables with a hostess at each table. The girls move from table to table for a ten minute talk or discussion on some phase of our mission work. As the bell rings all except the hostess go to another table. When all the guests have had ten minutes at each table refreshments may be served.

Here are two games that were also played at this party.

#### (1) Who Is My Missionary?

Assign a missionary to each contestant. The first one states facts about the missionary assigned to her, keeping on until some one guesses who the missionary is.

(2). Place on the wall the pictures of our missionaries. These may be secured at a small cost from our bureau of literature. Ask contestants to write on a slip of paper the name of each and where they are stationed.

Ada Veals, Secretary.

Mrs. H. F. Veals,

33 Strathcona Ave. S.

Hamilton.



**BRODERICK MEMORIAL, ST. THOMAS**

The first annual report of the Young Women's Mission Circle, Broderick Memorial Baptist Church, St. Thomas:

During the year we have held 13 regular meetings and 6 sewing meetings. Our Circle was organized in November, 1925, with a membership of eight. Our membership increased to sixteen during the year, but three moving out of the city and one transferring her letter to another church leaves us with twelve on the roll.

We have been able to send \$8.40 to Home Missions and \$8.80 to Foreign Missions.

We also sent a box of wearing apparel for natives in India to Miss Archibald, besides donating articles of wearing apparel and making a quilt for the Comfort Box sent to Home Missions at Christmas.

Sincerely yours,  
(Mrs.) Edna C. Post.

**OSSINGTON AVENUE**

The Ossington Avenue Young Women's Mission Circle, Toronto, held an Open Meeting on the evening of February 17th, with an attendance of around one hundred and fifty, including members from Olivet, Dufferin and Dovercourt Young Women's Circles and our own Women's Circle.

Dr. Margaret Patterson, Police Magistrate of Toronto, gave a most inspiring address on the Life of the Girls and Women of India. Dr. Patterson has served as a missionary there and she portrayed very vividly the need for Christ in that country, dwelling particularly on the oppression of the girls and women in homes that are without Him.

We were also honored in having Miss Thelma Baird as soloist. She rendered very sweetly the sacred solo entitled "It Was For Me." Miss Lucy Cook gave a violin selection, "It Is Well With My Soul."

Following the meeting a social hour was held and refreshments served. We were at this time favored with another violin solo by Miss Lucy Cook, recitations by Miss Victoria Waring and vocal solos by Miss Olga Grigg. We feel that everyone present felt anew the

spirit of neighborliness one to another and received real spiritual blessing.

(Mrs. L. E.) Dorothy Crofoot,  
Secretary.

**MISSIONARY SKETCH**

Prepared by Mrs. Percy Fell for a Union Meeting of the Toronto Mission Circles.

Characters— President, Treasurer, Secretary, New Member. Members of Circle Executive.

**Pres.**—Before we begin our discussion of the year's work, let us bow our heads and ask the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

(Prayer) Dear Lord and Father we ask Thy guidance this afternoon as we consider the work of our Mission Circle for the coming year. We pray that Thou wilt send us, not tasks equal to our strength, but strength equal to our tasks. And when we feel weak, helpless and unfitted for the work which lies before us, may we remember that Thou art ready to help, and with thee all things are possible. We pray that every young woman in our church and congregation may become interested in the great work of spreading the Gospel at home and abroad. Because while we need missionaries and those to work in the front line, we need the interest, gifts and prayers of many more at home to support the work. Wilt thou fill us with earnest desire to spread this interest and may we be ever willing to attempt great things for Thee. We ask it all in Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Pres.**—We have so many things to talk over, I think we had better begin at once. First let us decide on the evening on which we will hold our Young Women's Circle meeting. Last year we met on Thursday evenings—but some complained because it made three nights in succession. Prayer meeting on Wednesday, Circle on Thursday and choir practice Friday.

**Sec.**—I would like to suggest Monday, providing that no other organization meets on that evening. On Monday there are fewer outside interests to call our members away.

**Treas.**—And this year let us make an effort to be punctual in starting, it helps the

program to proceed more briskly and enables those who live at a distance to get home in good time.

**New Member**.—I am wondering how we can increase our membership this year.

**Sec.**—Yes, we need new members and our old members need encouragement too.

**New Mem.**—Let us each be responsible for inviting personally a group of persons in our church and Sunday School. I will be responsible for inviting the members of the Young Ladies' Bible class.

**Treas.**—I will ask the members of the choir. I see them every Friday night.

**Sec.**—I live near Miss Lee and Miss Grey, I will be responsible for bringing them.

**Pres.**—And to hold the interest of our younger members, in fact to hold the interest of us all, let us undertake something in a practical way. For instance at our October meeting, we might announce that in November a box of clothing would be packed to send to one of our Home Mission pastors in the north, the articles for distribution among the poor of his congregation. In December we could fill Christmas stockings for one of our city Missions and in April have a box of lace from India to sell, at our meeting.

**Sec.**—That would be splendid and let us ask our younger members to cut out the clippings from the Visitor and Link for the "Watch-Tower Review."

**New Mem.**—What is the "Watch-Tower Review?"

**Sec.**—We devote ten minutes of our program to a resume of current events on our Home and Foreign Mission fields, which brings us many personal and interesting details in the every-day life of our missionaries.

**Treas.**—In order to have all our members learn to take part, we might ask those who have joined our Circle recently, to read the Scriptures. The best way to learn to take part is by experience.

**Pres.**—I suggest that this year we study the psalms and that we also read Dr. Jowett's Commentary. I believe it would suit our need and be very helpful to us all.

**Pres.**—Let us think of our program now. How much time shall we give to our devo-

tional period? Last year we spent from fifteen to twenty minutes.

**New Mem.**—I think that proportion was good.

**Pres.**—How shall we divide our time between Home and Foreign Missions?

**Treas.**—Last year we took five consecutive meetings on Home Missions, then five on Foreign Missions, so this year let us alternate our programs on Home and Foreign Missions.

**Pres.**—I think it would be wise for us to have only one or two outside speakers, because if we have more than that, we have too few meetings when our own members may obtain more interest by preparing the programs themselves.

**Sec.**—Last year for our Home Mission meetings we took up a study book "The Call of Our Own Land." It was so interesting, how would it be if we took another book?

**New Mem.**—I heard my mother speaking of a new one on "Grande Ligne" by Mr. Therrien. Perhaps we could take that one.

**Pres.**—Well I have another suggestion. As we had a study book last year, let us take our work in topics this year. For instance spend two or three meetings on "Grande Ligne" two on "Work Among our New Canadians," Western Missions, etc.

**Treas.**—The Foreign work could be taken the same way. Educational, Evangelical, Medical, etc.

**Sec.**—Yes, it seems a good thing to have a change—taking the work in topics is an excellent idea, I think.

**New Mem.**—I don't know the names of our Missionaries and I am sure there are others who feel the same way. Couldn't we have a prayer list and have it always hung up at our meetings, then we could become acquainted with the names.

**Pres.**—I think it would help us all to have the list of Home and Foreign Missionaries before us. And it would create interest to give each member one or two names to remember, specially in prayer. Also our missionaries love to get letters. If we each had a name or two we could write to them. And in the case of missionaries in town, we could call on them, even if we could only go occasionally, just to

show our great interest.

**Treas.**—That does sound interesting but where will we get our information?

**New Mem.**—Why from the Link and Visitor. I know a lady who keeps all her Links and Visitors and keeps an index to them. I borrowed them from her to-day, so you could see just what I mean. If one or two girls in each Circle would undertake to keep their papers in this way we could get information from them very easily.

**Pres.**—That is a splendid idea. Now let us think about our gifts.

**Treas.**—Could the giving be made voluntary, it saves the Treasurer so much time, when she does not have to ask the girls three or four times for their fees.

**Sec.**—Some Circles are using the Duplex envelopes this year. I think it would be a good idea for us to have them. It means that our members do not have to give the whole fee at once unless they wish to, but each month may hand in just what they can spare. Wherever Duplex envelopes are used they have proved to be satisfactory, I hear, and we ought to make an effort to report to our general treasurer each month. Then she knows exactly where we stand.

**Pres.**—And we must remember that our Boards expect us to hold the line in our general work before we take up any special collections.

**New Mem.**—Let us hold the line in our general work and go forward in our special work.

**Pres.**—It would be a good thing if we chose ten members from our circle as leaders—then the responsibility for each program would fall on a different person, and the work be shared by many.

**Treas.**—Yes, that is found successful in other Circles, I know. The Executive Committee make an outline of programs and the leaders then have some ideas to begin work on.

**New Mem.**—Let us suggest to our leader for the September meeting that we have an inspirational program, make this meeting a Rally and we might serve a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards, so that our new mem-

bers would have an opportunity to become acquainted.

**Sec.**—Then we could proceed with our Missionary Topics till we come to April, when we have our "Thank-Offering" meeting. For this meeting wouldn't it be nice to have a program on Stewardship?

**Pres.**—Yes, indeed, during the year we should have one program on Stewardship. Do you remember what a lovely meeting we had last June? We had it in the garden at the home of one of our members. Each girl brought something with her for a light supper. Everyone enjoyed the whole meeting, such a friendly spirit prevailed and that counts a great deal in Circle work.

**Treas.**—A friendly spirit does count a great deal I know—let us plan to have another garden meeting this June.

**Pres.**—Have we anything further to discuss?

**Others.**—No.

**Pres.**—Then I would like to close with this verse: "As the branch cannot bear fruit in itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me." We must remember the spiritual side; the plans we have just made are good, but if we are to accomplish anything for Him, we ourselves must abide in the Lord.

## REMEMBER

The Young Women's Mission Circles of Hamilton and surrounding district will meet for their Spring Rally in the King Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, April 28th. The gallery will be reserved for visitors from the Women's Circles.

A song service will commence at 7.45 p. m., led by one of our young women.

A splendid programme has been arranged. The speaker will be our beloved missionary, Miss Priest.

A study book will be presented to the Circle having the largest number of young women present.

COME for your own sake.

**Mrs. Veals, Secretary.**

## Canadian Girls in Training

### EASTER MORNING

A little bluebird sang to me  
His happy song of cheer,  
He told me just as plain as words  
That Easter-time is here.

And all around upon the lawn  
The snowdrops must have heard,  
For they were peeping from the ground  
And listening to my bird.

"Dear flowers," sang the bird to them,  
"I thought you died last Fall!"  
The snowdrops answered joyfully:  
"'Tis Easter for us all!"

Louise M. Haynes,  
Lutheran Boys and Girls.

### WHITE CROSS WORK

#### Articles for Schools

Scrap books—made of glazed lining cloth, blue or red, a few pages only, colored pictures dealing with our customs, houses, pets, methods of doing things, mode of dress, games, children, weddings, etc.

Chintz bags for Bible women to carry their Bibles in—14x10, 12x10, 12x9.

Needle books—Pretty Christmas booklets with greetings removed, and pieces of white or red flannel sewed in, filled with pins, safety pins or needles, make an acceptable gift.

Colored bags made of silk or cretonne, 7x9, 4x6, 4x4, 3x4.

Picture post cards, brightly colored, not views.

Picture text cards, Scripture text Calendars, advertisement calendars of 1927.

Pencils, small, used, large, new.

Hair pins, wire, large and medium.

Safety pins, all sizes, pins.

Colored rubber balls.

Sewing thread, (spools).

Toilet soap, small sample cakes.

Pieces of colored ribbon 1-2 or 1 inch wide, 1-2 to 1 yard lengths.

Small celluloid dolls, dressed, pack carefully.

Knitted scarves, 9 inches wide by 30 inches long, also larger sizes for Bible women.

Colored handkerchiefs, bright colored, fine gingham, or muslin or cotton.

Jack knives, skipping ropes, crayons, rubbers to erase, sewing boxes, crochet hooks, and mercerized cotton.

Watch for directions how to pack, where to send, and what time to send.

#### For Hospitals.

Doyleys for trays.

Flannel hot water bottle covers.

Quilts—48 and 50 inches wide by 2 yds. 12 in. long. Double flannelette, or patchwork (sewn by machine) with flannelette back. Do not interline with wadding unless very strongly sewn all over.

Blankets—Old ones or coarse grey ones, or pieces for babies cots.

Draw Sheets—Strong cotton, 1 yd. by 1½ yds. These are also useful when packing. The rest of the parcel can be sewn up in these for inner wrapping. Small sized pillow slips are also useful in the same way.

Towels—Plain cotton huckaback, small size, in lots different by pattern or marked for doctor, patient, operating room, etc.

Binders—Strong cotton 12 or 15 inches wide, 1½ yards long, made double.

Tea spoons—Cheap for medicine.

Babies' shirts made from stocking tops, with short or half sleeves, not sleeveless, any kind except silk.

Babies' Booties—Very plain, bright blue, rose or other colors—not white as they soil too easily.

Babies' Binders—Knitted, also colored, about 6 inches wide, 18 or 20 inches long, plain knitting. When casting off stitches join up with beginning row. This makes a round band and obviates safety pins which mothers never can keep. A small tab knitted in front for pinning diaper prevents pin holes destroying the binders. Use coarse steel needles (No. 12) 4 ply fingering, needs about 48 stitches, 3 ply about 55 to 60 stitches. Binders made from flannelette should have tapes to tie, allowing small overlap, so as to avoid safety pins.

Napkins—About 24 inches square.

Cot Quilts—About 30 inches by 36 inches or more.

Wash Cloths—Sewn or crocheted, colored edges.

—Tidings.



## MISSION STUDY LESSON

Our Mission study this month is based on, or rather suggested by, Part III. of Miss Kilpatrick's book. It is entitled "Sita's Successors" and the three interesting stories recorded there all have to do with girls of today in the schools of India.

## Programme Outline

1. Hymn, "O Master let me walk with Thee."
2. Devotional Period:  
The C.G.I.T. service of worship "Girls of other lands" might be used, followed by a period of prayer in which many of the girls could take part.
3. Study Period: At School in India.
  - (a) Different kinds of schools.
  - (b) History of the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School.
  - (c) Discussion of the value of Christian education.
4. Story:—"Anandi's Adventure," Page 103 in Miss Kilpatrick's book, could be told by one of the older girls. It is typical of India and might happen in any school.
5. Activity:—Some of the girls might give a sketch based on Miss Pratt's leaflet "A day in the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School." This may be obtained from Miss Dale at 21 Charles St. W., Toronto.

If the girls take as their activity the preparation of little bags or cards (which are used as prizes in the schools of India) or if they continue knitting the scarves for the girls in the Cocanada school, the story of Chundra and Tara (p. 95 of the study book) might be read aloud.

In preparing for the study about the schools of India a great deal of valuable information may be obtained from Miss Dale. There is a leaflet on school work in general; one by Miss Pratt, principal of the Cocanada school and a real new one about the Boarding schools by Miss Laura Craig, who had charge of the schools for some years. It is called "The Hope of the World". Additional help may be obtained from the "Link" for December, 1926—pages 136 and 137.

(a) In our Mission we have schools of all varieties from the little village school to the high school in Cocanada and the new Eva

Rose York Bible Training School in Tuni. They number 484 in all and 13987 pupils are in attendance. Needless to say, the schools are an important factor in our work. The village schools are to be found in every field and many of them are entirely cared for by the Indian Christians themselves. Here children, especially the children of native Christians, are taught reading, writing, arithmetic and, most important of all, the Bible. Those who show a special aptitude for learning are advanced from the village school to the Boarding school and there prepared for service in the mission.

(b) Special emphasis should be placed on the work of the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School. It is interesting to note that just fifty years ago, in 1877, the first appropriation of \$200 was made to this school by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario W. It was increased to \$450 before the year was out and has had an ever increasing place in the budget of the society ever since that time. The school was begun in 1876 by Mrs. McLaurin asking a few girls to receive lessons on the verandah of the mission house and before long 50 girls were receiving instruction in Bible truth. In 1889 Miss Baskerville was appointed principal of the schools and remained in charge for twenty years. Under her management it developed and outgrew the buildings in the old compound. There is no space here in which to trace the wonderful growth of this school but the information may be obtained from the leaflets mentioned earlier in this article.

This year opened with 194 in the Cocanada Boarding Department and 50 day pupils—two additions to the staff of teachers and a new kindergarten room added to the building. There are now 15 classes in the school.

(c) The school has met with the most encouraging success especially in the number of heathen children who have been brought to Christ. It has become a training school for all the stations on the field. Here our Bible women received the education so important for their work. Many of the girls have been converted and baptized and wher-

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## Our Mission Bands

### MISSION BAND LESSON

#### A TRIP TO INDIA

I wonder if the boys and girls of the Mission Bands would like to take a trip to India and see for themselves just what the country we talk so much about is really like. We will sail up the mighty Arabian Sea, dock at Bombay, and lo! we are really in India. It is surely a new world we are gazing upon. Strange dark-eyed people with brown faces and black hair, wearing queer brilliantly colored clothes, and talking and gesticulating in a foreign tongue are everywhere present. We should like to stay and explore this great city where the European and foreign are so mingled, but we shall at once board our train for three days' journey across the country to the India of our Telugu Mission. You must all be prepared for a surprise! We have always thought of India as a warm country, but do you notice how cold it is growing? We are almost shivering in our thin summer clothing! We are travelling up, up and over the Western Ghaut mountains, and before morning we shall be very glad of the warm clothing provided for our use in the sleeping car.

When morning comes we will see that we are descending the mountains, and on the third day we will find ourselves rolling away over beautiful gray green plains, miles and miles of it, just like a soft green velvet-carpet. We have arrived in India at the time of the growing rice. Every one of those fields are rice fields, and every blade was planted by hand in knee deep mud and water. "Oh!" you exclaim, "I did not know that rice looked like that. What a lot of people it must take to plant it all!" Yes, indeed it does, but when you remember that there are four hundred million people in India you will understand how such vast fields can be planted by hand.

Now we will notice away in the distance a range of hills, they are Eastern Ghaut mountains again, which we crossed in leaving Bombay. They are about thirty miles away now, but as we near the northern part of our Telugu country they come nearer and nearer until they seem a very short distance

from us. The hills seem to rise straight up from the plains and do not slope up gradually as our hills do. This gives them a very impressive appearance to one seeing them for the first time. "Oh see the palm trees over there! How tall and straight their trunks are with the big leaves at the top! They look something like umbrellas or grown up toadstools, don't they? How many there are along that stream we see in the distance. Perhaps if we were nearer we should see some dates growing in them. What fun it would be to climb them and get the dates to eat!"

"What a queer flock of animals we see feeding over in that field. They look like goats." Well they are goats. Some of the Indian farmers keep large herds. Part of them are for giving milk and others are killed for their meat. They sell it in the Bazaars and call it mutton. In the other field you will see some buffaloes feeding. They also give milk and the Indian people like it as well as cow's milk. They use the buffaloes for drawing loads and plowing. How odd it would be to hear your father say some morning, "Now boys, harness the buffaloes, and we will plough the south field."

We are nearing Parlakimedi, one of our northern stations, and we will leave the train and visit Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Freeman, the missionaries there. Mr. and Mrs. Glendenning have lived there a number of years, too. Mr. Glendenning works among the Savara people on the hills, but lives in the town, as so far malarial conditions make it unsafe for a white man to live in the Hills.

We all crowd to the windows of the car to see what Parlakimedi is like. "See the beautiful white palace up there on the hill, what fine towers it has, and how wonderful the trees." Yes, that is the Raja's summer palace. Look over that high brick wall and you will see his town house or palace. The street it is on is called Palace Street. Away at the other end is the Raja's College. They are both built in European style. The hills press close to the town and are very imposing and grand as they stretch up and up several thousand feet high. Miss Maud Harri-

son thinks the view from her bungalow is one of the most beautiful in all the country. When we get out of the train, and move out in the town we see that most of the houses are low and small. A few are built of brick with tiled roofs, but most of them are of mud with straw or thatched roofs. We will go to the shops in the bazaar before we go to the Mission house and buy some food. Yes, the bazaar is a place where there are a large number of native shops and where they sell all kinds of things. The meat and fish have been brought in from the country and the seashore. We shall buy some of each. The natives love to have their shops altogether around a square so that they can chat with each other when they are not serving customers. There are a few stores where you can buy dry goods and all kinds of nice goods, but they are only very small rooms, and the goods are all piled together in great confusion. They spread them on the floor to show them off, when they want to make a sale. Now we shall go home with the missionary and get the cook to prepare our food. A native cook is a necessity in India as our ladies could never stand the work of cooking in such a hot climate. The cooking is done away from the bungalow in a house by itself. Now we have had a good meal and will go to bed for we are very tired, but first we will look all around to see that there are no snakes or other creeping things about. Oh what is that queer looking thing over the bed that is being moved back and forth like a fan?" Oh that is a punkah, it keeps the air cool during the night. We could scarcely sleep at all in the hot season without one. We pay a native a small sum to keep pulling it all night. He sits outside on the veranda and pulls it by cords running through the walls.

Well here it is morning, we must have slept well our first night in an Indian bungalow. After breakfast we put on our sun helmets, for we are told we must never go out without them and are ready to start with the missionary for the nearest village. "Oh, the milk man has come, take the can and go out and get the milk! Sure enough, there he was but instead of a cart he had brought

the cow and the calf along with him. He sits down and calmly milks what we need, and then goes on to the next customer. Well, that is surely a funny way to sell milk. Does he churn the butter on the way too? No, he sells butter both from his cows and his buffaloes, but we usually get it in tins from the town.

As we start out for the village we notice how smooth and even the roads are, all the trunk line roads are macadamized. The British Government certainly knows how to give good roads to India. Soon we strike off on a narrow foot path and in the distance we see our village. These villages are scattered all over the plains. There are no single houses or homesteads as in our country. A cluster of houses or huts will be surrounded by perhaps 2000 acres of land and the men, who work the land live in the group of huts, or the village.

The village which we visited was a good sized one. There were tamarand, banyan and mango trees all about. The mango fruit is very good stewed like our apples. It was a great grief to our missionaries that so many of the fine trees in the compounds were blown down in the tornado of a few years ago.

As we neared the village, buffaloes, pigs, sheep and goats seemed swarming all over the place and with the noise of the children, made a pretty lively hubbub, so that it was pretty hard for our Missionary to get a chance to talk to the people; but we go and sit on the verandah and after a while the people gather and listen. On our way back we take another road and right beside the pathway we see a big snake all coiled and ready to strike. We did not like his looks a bit; and felt much inclined to run, but our missionary knows just what to do, and soon the snake will not harm us.

In crossing a stream, we saw some natives washing clothes by beating them on a rock until they were clean. An American tourist said the funniest thing he saw in all India was a native, trying to break a rock by striking it with a shirt. We might have thought the same, but our missionary told us what they were doing.

The last thrill of the morning was a ride in an ox bundy. We got in, stretching our feet out before us, the native twisted the tails of the oxen and we were off. My, what a jolting we got on our short ride! We are so glad our missionaries are all getting cars, and do not have to ride in such an uncomfortable fashion. When we got out we decided that never again would we complain that a Ford car was not a comfortable way to travel. Next lesson we shall tell you about the people of India and some of their many strange customs, and after that something about our mission stations.

#### Questions

- (1) At what city do we dock and in what direction do we go to reach the Telugu country? (consult map).
- (2) Describe the country as it appears from the train.
- (3) What are bazaars, and what do we get there?
- (4) How do our missionaries obtain milk and butter?
- (5) Describe an Indian village?
- (6) What sights did you see on the way home?

—Tidings.

#### AMONG THE CIRCLES

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- (c) an injustice to that splendidly loyal and faithful band of Home and Foreign Missionaries now in the field, we, as Mission Circles, had pledged ourselves to support, and
- (2) That as a Circle we place ourselves on record:
  - (a) as in hearty agreement with the plans and policies of our Women's Boards as outlined at the recent Women's Convention.
  - (b) as having absolute confidence in the officers and boards of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West, as now constituted, and
  - (c) our determination to loyally support them in every way possible.

#### PARKDALE, TORONTO

The Women's Mission Circles of Parkdale Baptist Church entertained the women and young women at a banquet on Thursday evening, Feb. 3. Mrs. Albert Matthews and Mrs. Marshall were the speakers of the evening. They brought helpful messages. A special feature of the evening was the presentation of a life membership in the Foreign Mission Board to Mrs. W. E. Campbell.

A duet by Mrs. Howlett and Miss Menzie and a solo by Miss Rock added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

#### WHEATLEY

At the February meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Wheatley Regular Baptist Church, a resolution was unanimously passed that we, the members of said Circle, are in full sympathy with our Women's Boards of the Baptist Convention of Ontario West and Quebec, and that we propose to give our heartiest support to these Boards, and to the missionaries under their care.

#### WATERFORD

Word has come from Waterford of the death on February 8th of Mrs. A. E. Hellyer, mother of our Missionary, Miss Clara Hellyer. It was in Townsend Centre Mission Band, of which Mrs. Hellyer was leader, that Clara received those impressions which resulted in her missionary work.

Mrs. Hellyer has been president of Villa Nova Circle, and later of the Waterford Circle. She also taught in the Sunday School. The Link extends warmest sympathy to our Missionary, Miss Hellyer, and to the other relatives; also to the many who will greatly miss this faithful leader in church and missionary work.

#### DOLLS

Some of our Circles and Bands have purchased missionary dolls for sending to India from Mrs. Margaret E. Bartheaux, Deep Brook, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia. These dolls are much liked in India.

Mrs. Bartheaux writes that she can still supply the Missionary dolls for \$1.00 per doz. post paid.

## The Eastern Society

Miss M. E. Barker, 4136 Dorchester St., Westmount, Que.

### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE BUILDINGS AT VUYUURU

The first news regarding progress made on the new buildings at Vuyuru, around which our hopes and prayers have centered for so long, comes to hand from Miss Bessie Lockhart, who reached Cocanada on December 30th, 1926.

The members of our Society should be extremely grateful to Rev. Archie Gordon for the splendid work which he has put into the buildings, and that he has used our Jubilee fund to such advantage that there will be not only the required classrooms, girls' dormitory and wall in which the sick-room is built in, but also a new cook-room and pounding room with much better light and ventilation, a septic tank and a well—each of these buildings being part of the wall required to surround the completed whole.

Miss Lockhart writes: "After conference I came down home. Everything looks familiar but the boarding school. I wish you could see it!

Mr. Gordon is doing a wonderful piece of service for our women's work by looking after it all so carefully. He has had Dr. Hulet's hospital building lately to do, but that is now finished. He just has to let field work go very often, for in building one just has to stand by. It is too heavy a job for a woman. Few of us know anything about such things anyway. They say "Mr. Gordon works like a coolie often!"

The back of the new building is the wall—a much better arrangement than to have a separate one. Then there are ventilators high up by the roof. So nobody could possibly get in at that side. Then where the buildings stop there is a nice high wall with glass on top. Oh, it does look so nice! That old mud wall was always so ragged looking no matter how much cow manure we put on; but it is all brick now.

The new dormitory is very, very nice, and of course the first place I went into was that isolation ward—right in the corner of the wall. It will accommodate fifteen or twenty girls, and surely there will not be any more

than that sick at once! I suppose Mrs. Gordon has written of the epidemic of measles last year and what a time she had. The boys are now digging out the trench for the next building. Then from that end to meet the line of the old wall will be the new wall with no buildings attached except a septic tank for the girls. We are hoping to get that to work well, as sanitary arrangements are exceedingly difficult to make in this country.

The kitchen and the rice-pounding room are in the front wall. Wherever we can put a wall and a building together we save that much, you see. When they took the old wall away they discovered a well that the former owners of the field had used and Mr. Gordon thinks they can fix that. The former well caved in, I believe. I do wish that some of you people who worked so hard for all this could see it. Perhaps you will some day!"

### WORLD-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

The fourth meeting of the Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer for Missions was held in Montreal on March 4th in Erskine Church Hall. It was under the management of the Anglican Church and was presided over by Mrs. Strachan, President of the Women's Auxiliary, and was very well attended.

Two ladies from each of the following churches: Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist and United, led in earnest prayer for all the countries of the earth—that Christ might be known, loved and served throughout all lands—and that our own lives be more consecrated to Him and to His Kingdom.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of, and to the whole round world . . . is bound by golden chains about the feet of God."

"If men cannot believe in the Christians whom they have seen, how can they believe in the Christ whom they have not seen?"—Maltbie D. Babcock.

# Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society

OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

## Why Is It?

**That During the First Months of the Convention Year  
the Funds Come in so Slowly?**

RESULT: An Empty Treasury!  
A shortage to be faced!

Treasurer's Statement for the first five months of Convention Year  
(Oct. 1, 1926, to March 1, 1927) showing shortage as under:

**Receipts: \$2144.47; Disbursements: \$3613.89;  
SHORTAGE: \$1469.42**

Number of Circles reported.....45; Not heard from....20  
Number of Young Women's Circles reported .... 9; Not heard from....12  
Number of Bands reported .....16; Not heard from....23

### A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

The use of *Systematic Weekly Offerings* for our Women's Missionary Work—that is, the laying aside each week of a regular amount for this purpose—has brought splendid results in Circles where this method has been adopted. Envelopes for this purpose may be had at a very moderate cost. Your Board would be glad to give any information desired regarding this plan. It would enable your Circle Treasurer to make prompt and regular payments; it would replenish our empty Treasury!



**Are  
You  
in  
this  
List ?**

CIRCLE MEMBERS OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC:  
"Praying" "Planning" "Working" are the three Keys to the situation.

**And you'll not forget the "Exchange Tax" (10c extra on  
each dollar contributed)—will you?**



**ATTENTION!**

Do you know that we are organizing a lending library in connection with our Literature Bureau? Yes! A missionary library, and you can borrow such books as "The Life of Carey," "Mary Slessor" and many others on payment of 10c. monthly, with postage. If you have any books you can donate to this cause I shall be delighted to receive the same at 3481 Greenshields Ave., Park Ave. Extension, Montreal. "A Literature Night" makes an interesting programme. Two or three members read a book and then tell the story in their own words bringing out the most interesting parts.

Make good use of this library. There still remain some copies of Miss Hatch's booklet, "Ramblings in Ramachandrapuram Town and Taluk." Price 35c.

Mrs. N. J. Fitch.

**WHITE CROSS SUPPLIES**

We hope all Circles are busily preparing White Cross supplies for our boxes to be sent to India in the summer.

In this connection please note that all parcels should be sent to your respective centres during the week commencing Monday, May 30th, and ending Saturday, June 4th.

**EASTERN AND GRANDE LIGNE** Associations. Address parcels—care Mrs. C. K. James, Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn Avenue, Westmount, Que.

Money for freight and duty to be sent to Miss E. Bentley, 910 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal.

**OTTAWA ASSOCIATION** — Address parcels, also send money for freight and duty to Mrs. A. M. Kennedy, Howick Place, Ottawa.

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All cards and printed matter should be sent direct from Circles to India by mail.

If in doubt concerning articles required or about any other point please write for information to the Supplies Secretary (names and

addresses as above) in your Association. For financial instructions watch the May "Link."

Edith James,

Supt. White Cross Supplies.

Mrs. C. K. James

847 Davaal Ave.

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**TEMPLE YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLE  
MONTREAL**

The Young Women's Circle of the Temple Baptist Church spent a very happy evening on the night of February 24th. After the opening exercises and discussion of monthly business, an interesting letter was read from Mrs. Jennie Beard, dealing largely with the trouble in China. Special requests for prayer were put before the audience. A season of earnest chain prayer followed with practically all the members taking part, remembering in turn all our missionaries and their work, also the sick and absent members.

The subject for the evening was a debate—"Resolved that Home Missions Are More Important Than Foreign." Many instructive and interesting points were brought out on both sides, the victory going to the negative side. To those listening it was clearly evidenced that Home and Foreign Missions must work hand in hand together for the welfare of both. After the meeting was formally dismissed the girls gathered in groups discussing the evening's programme. Refreshments were served and the gathering dispersed.

Secy. Young Women's Mission Circle,  
Temple Baptist Church.

**DALESVILLE**

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. A. Campbell on the evening of Feb. 10th, when the Dalesville Baptist Mission Circle and friends met to give a surprise party for Mrs. Jno. Campbell in honor of her birthday. During the evening Mrs. Campbell was presented with a beautiful reading lamp and three books as a token of appreciation for her long and faithful services as Sec. Treas. of the Circle, which position she has held for

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upwards of forty years. Mrs. Campbell, though not able for longer responsibility of the office, still attends the meetings. Refreshments were served, finishing with a birthday cake holding 85 candles.

(Mrs. W. R.) Ruby Kennedy,

### NOTICE!

It is regretted that in the list of addresses of Board Officers the name of the Superintendent of Young Women's Circles, Mrs. E. G. Blackadar, Rockcliff, Ottawa, was omitted until the March number.

## MISSION STUDY LESSON

(Continued from page 300)

ever their lot in life is cast, their influence is felt not only because of their Christian work but in their well kept homes and their tidy appearance. For the splendid habits of devotion, of service and of giving which are developed at the school, see p. 137, of the December 1926 "Link". Have the girls discuss the importance and the results of Christian education for the girls of India.

M. B. Marshall.

# From the Literature Department

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Phone—Kingsdale 4549

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