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"WHAT SHALL I GIVE UNTO THE LORD?"

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee."—Deut. xvi. 17.

Hark! "Every man shall give," 'tis God's command. Not one has nought, for in each living hand Is grasped some "good and perfect gift" of God, To be re-spent for Him, the living Lord.

"As he is able;" 'tis the limit sole. We may not give to Him some scanty dole. To Him who gives us all, we ought to give Our gold, time, talents, and the life we live.

Such is the mandate of His Holy Word!
"According to, the blessing of the Lord;"
As He hath blessed, as He hath given to me,
Such shall my offering to my Saviour be.

—*The Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor.*

We are told that the missionary business is hopeless. We are told that the darkness of the earth is increasing in ratio that is greater than the ratio of increasing light. Well, my answer to that criticism always is this. Remember when you say these things you are not criticising the missionary method—you are criticising the missionary principle, and in criticising the missionary principle you are criticising Christ. Say He is mistaken and have done with it; say He was wrong and say no more; or else in the face of every appearance of defeat, hope right on—and that, my brethren, is what we are bound to do.—Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, in *Mission Studies*.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has recently received \$193.60 for its Century Fund from Malay Christians in the island of Sangir. The gift calls attention to the wide pervasiveness of modern missionary effort. The island of Sangir most of us will have to hunt up on the atlas. It lies about midway between the northern point of Celebes, in the Dutch East Indies, and the southern point of Mindanao, in the Philippines. Missionaries from the Netherlands have been working there for years.

THE executive of the W. B. M. U. has long felt the need of concentration in its literary work, the difficulty being to find some person to gather up the different ends and combine them in one.

While we appreciate the value of THE MISSIONARY LINK, and hope it may continue to circulate freely among our sisters, we feel the time has come for a paper of our own which will permit more space for matters of special interest in our Aids.

At the Convention in Fredericton the following resolution was passed, almost the whole delegation standing to signify assent.

Resolved,— "That the W. B. M. U. unite its publications (with the exception of column in the *Messenger and Visitor*, and the printing of Mission Band leaflets for six months) and print one paper in the interests of our Aid Societies and Mission Bands. Price to be ten cents a copy a year in clubs of ten or more, twenty cents a year, single copy."

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Chubbuck be appointed editor and Mrs. Emma Estey have charge of Mission Band department.

INQUIRIES are constantly being made as to Miss Reed's welfare. We are most happy to be able to state that she is keeping wonderfully well, that her furlough has been so far very beneficial, and that she is looking forward to many years of happy service, if it be God's will for her. She has had, through the kindness of many friends, a most pleasant holiday, and, by-and-by, we trust she will be back in her old home in Chandag, where she will have the counsel and advice of our valued fellow-labourer, the Rev. C. W. Ross de Souza, who is Superintendent of the two Asylums there.—*Without The Camp.*

CONVENTION AT WATERFORD.

If any Circles have not sent the names of their delegates to Waterford please send at once to Mrs. L. L. Sanderson.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

THE Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario (West) will be held in the Waterford Baptist Church, Wednesday and Thursday, November 8th and 9th. The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on the 9th.

PROGRAMME.

Mrs. John Firstbrook, President.
Miss Lillian Mihell, Convention Secretary.

MORNING SESSION, 9 30.

- 9.30 Hymn.
Scripture Reading.
Prayer.
- 9.50 President's Address, Mrs. John Firstbrook, Toronto.
- 10.00 Annual Reports.
Recording Secretary, Miss Moyle, Toronto.
Treasurer, Miss Nasmith, Toronto.
LINK, presented by Miss Jane Ritchie, Arner.
Bands, Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, St. George.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto.
Adoption.
- 10.30 Hymn.
- 10.30 Recommendation of the Board re Constitution, Mrs. E. L. Hill, Guelph.
- 11.15 Prayer Service, Mrs. S. Hazleton, Brantford.
- 11.30 Greetings.
Adjournment.
- #### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.
- 2.00 Hymn.
Prayer, Mrs. H. A. Reid, Stayner.
Minutes of Morning Session.
Election of Officers and Members of the Board.
Prayer, Mrs. G. D. Clump, Paris.
- 2.30 Report of Foreign Secretary, Miss Alexander, Toronto.
Adoption, Mrs. J. P. Ryley, Lindsay.
Discussion.
Hymn-
- 3.00 Address, How to Interest Young Girls in Missions. Mrs. P. C. Cameron, Paris.
- 3.15 Collection.
Solo.
Prayer.
- 3.30 Paper, Miss Firstbrook, Toronto.
- 3.40 Paper, Systematic Giving, Mrs. Clifford, Waterford.
Hymn.
Prayer, Mrs. Chave, Woodstock.
- 4.10 Conference, How we secured new Members, Mrs. J. J. Ross, London.

EVENING SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

Hymn.
Scripture Reading, Mrs. F. C. Elliott, Waterford.
Prayer.
Minutes of afternoon Session.
Music.
Address, Rev. H. F. Laflamme, Canada, India.
Collection.
Benediction.

BOARD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Board will be held in the Baptist Church, Waterford, Tuesday, November 7th, at 7. p.m.

A. MOYLE, Recording Secretary.

CERTIFICATES.

Special agent will be at the church to sign all certificates, for which a fee of twenty-five cents will be charged. Any delegate failing to have this attended to will have to pay full fare on return journey.

Members of the foreign Mission Board will leave Toronto at 1.15, (C.P.R.) arriving at Waterford at 4.40.

A. MOYLE, Recording Secretary.

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NOMINATIONS.

The Foreign Secretary and the Treasurer are appointed by the Board. The other officers and the first five members namely: Mrs. Tapscott, Mrs. Goble, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Mrs. J. J. Ross and Mrs. W. H. Elliot, retire this year, but are eligible for re-election.

All nominations and resignations must be sent in writing to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, before Tuesday, November 7th or handed to Mrs. Lloyd on the morning of the 9th.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE W. B. F. M. S. OF ONTARIO (WEST).

ART. I.—This organization shall be called The Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West).

ART. II.—The main object of this Society shall be the evangelization of the women and children of heathendom by (a) aid to lady missionaries and other special laborers; (b) the employment of native agencies for this work; (c) provision of suitable means for work. This object it shall seek to accomplish through "The Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, to which it shall be auxiliary."

ART. III.—Any woman may become a member of this Society by contributing \$1.00 a year to its funds; and any woman may become a life-member who contributes \$25.00 in one year, or for whom that sum is given in special offerings. A life-membership cannot be constituted from the regular membership fees of a Mission Circle. Anyone may be constituted a life-member of Bands of the Foreign Missionary Society by the payment of \$10.00 especially raised and designated for that purpose in one year, and upon payment of \$15.00 additional, in that or any subsequent year, may become a life-member of the Society.

ART. IV.—This Society shall carry on its work through a Board of Managers, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society in convention, consisting of not fewer than 24, nor more than 40 ladies, in classes of 8 members. One class shall go out of office at each annual meeting, their place to be supplied by a new election, and any vacancy in any other class may also be filled. In addition the Society shall elect the President and two Vice-Presidents annually, but the former officer shall perform the duties of office until the close of the Convention. All members whose terms of service expire shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations in writing may be presented through the Recording Secretary of the Board and the opportunity shall be given to the meeting to make open nomination. The election shall be by ballot unless dispensed with by a majority vote. After the election the Board shall appoint the following officers: Two or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and Editor of the "LINK" with such additional officers as may be deemed necessary for the work. All officers of the Board and Associational Directors appointed by the Associations of this Society shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

ART. V.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to obtain and diffuse Missionary information among the women and children of the churches, encourage the organization of Circles and Bands, seek out and recommend to the General Board suitable lady Missionaries, make appropriations, and designate the particular uses to be made of the funds of the Society, subject to the approval of the General Board, and do whatever else may be necessary to promote the welfare and efficiency of the Society. The Board shall also have control of the LINK, appointing the Editor, who shall report annually to the Board.

ART. VI.—This Board shall meet quarterly, and more frequently if necessary, and nine members shall constitute a quorum. In case of death, or resignation of any of its officers, it shall be the duty of the Board to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of the Society. Any member of the Board who shall be absent from four successive meetings, without notifying the same of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position and her place may be filled; successor

may also be appointed to fill any vacancy occurring during the year.

ART. VII.—There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers and four other members of the Board to transact business that may require attention between the regular meetings of the Board, this committee to be appointed annually by the Board. Three members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VIII.—The duties of the President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary shall be those usually performed by such officers. It shall be the duties of the Corresponding Secretaries to conduct the correspondence of the Board in keeping with the measures adopted by the Board. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, acknowledge, record and pay out all funds of the Society, and to report to the board at every meeting. The Treasurer shall submit her books to a competent auditor appointed by the Board before each annual meeting.

ART. IX.—This Society shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the Board, hear the annual reports through the Secretaries and Treasurer, and transact other business of the Society, accompanied with suitable religious services. Each Circle shall have the right to appoint delegates to this meeting according to the number of its members, as follows: For a membership of twenty or less, two delegates, for each additional twenty, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is, either life members, or contributors of at least \$1.00 a year.

Each Band shall have the right to send one delegate over 15 years of age. All are invited to attend the meetings and take part in discussions but only delegates, officers and members of the Board and life-members shall be entitled to vote.

ART. X.—All alterations in Constitution shall be proposed three months beforehand on paper and a copy sent to each member of the Board, and shall require for their adoption a two-thirds vote of the Society at its annual meeting.

NOTICE.

As the wrong paper was sent to the Editor for the October LINK, "Suggested Amendments to the Constitution" has been re-printed. If delegates will take their November LINK to the Convention to use when the report is presented the vote will be more satisfactory.

THE WONDERFUL STORY OF KENG TUNG BURMAH.

From the land of our oldest established missions comes also the story of a new and marvelously expanding work among distant tribes who have never before been reached by the Gospel. There are three striking facts about the story of the Muhsos and other tribes near Kengtung:

First, the expectant attitude caused by their remarkable traditions, particularly of God, who after dwelling among them had ascended, and the lost book which the foreigner was to bring to them.

Second, the readiness with which they accepted the Gospel of Christ as the fulfilment of all these traditions. They asked the missionaries to cut the cords which they wore as an expression of their longing for the true God, saying: "We have found him, and have no further need of these."

Third, their extraordinary missionary spirit. Three years ago before the Muhsos themselves had heard the gospel, they sent teachers among the wild Wa people, who accepted the Muhsos traditions, and thousands of whom now are anxious for the Gospel. Christian history furnishes few similar manifestations of the wonderful working of the providence of God.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

THE NEW EVANGELIST.

No event of the year in South India is more hopeful than the new evangelistic movement. At the theological seminary at Ramapatam the highest three classes were organized into six evangelistic bands, which led by a missionary or a native member of the faculty, went out in the villages to hold meetings. The students returned with songs of praise and victory. A similar band went out from the Nellore Church. Many of the missionaries speak with enthusiasm of some of their native helpers; and, says Dr. Clough, "Of the 289 who were baptized this year on the Ongole field about 100 were led to Jesus by Bible-women." And still the conviction grows among our missionaries that "we must devise some way of finding more time and strength to carry the gospel into the homes of the heathen."—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER FROM MISS HATCH.

BOAT "ELIZABETH," MARCH 9th, '05.

MY DEAR MRS. DAVIES :

We are on our way back from a great "Teerthum" or Bathing Festival, and as our good boat "Elizabeth" did such valiant service I thought you would like to hear about it. We started out from R. on Thursday night, after making provisions for our absence and getting stocked with water and other necessities. We were ten, all told, when we started, but we picked up some on the way and met others there so that our party numbered over twenty-five altogether. Some were teachers, some were Bible-women, some were voluntary workers and some were the men workers. We had to go a very round-about way, for the water was very low in the canals. Dr. Joshua took a holiday and came too. We reached a town early in the morning and so could get fresh meat and vegetables, which was well, for it was almost impossible to get anything to eat there. Joshua treated the crowd to a feast of meat and vegetables. We, ourselves, got a double supply and with fresh coolies we were off again, almost doubling on our tracks, as we had gone up the canal in the night, we were now going down another way.

I was reminded of excursion times at home all were jolly and looked forward to seeing the big fair. Merchants bring their wares from all over the country to these fairs and make big sales. If it were only a fair and not a religious affair, it would be to us, too, quite enjoyable.

I had my monthly women's meeting in the boat that day while travelling, but just at the last, the meeting was broken up in rather an unseemly fashion, for a crowd of monkeys appeared on the canal banks and all wanted to see them. These were not part of the fair, we always see them at this place. In the late afternoon, we passed a beautiful part of the winding canal with high green banks on either side, well shaded with trees, and across the bank on one side, a view of the great Godaveri, as it moves at this time of the year slowly to the sea. Joshua wheeled in ahead of us to call on a Brahmin patient in a village on the canal. She, with several friends came to the boat and paid us quite

a visit, bringing fruits and coconuts. She also sang one or two hymns for us while some Brahmins who were on their way to the festival listened in astonishment outside, for this is the Brahmin woman I mention in my report. In passing the lock, the women with me who had been following the boat along the bank, had already found hearers, and the hymns they sang sounded so sweetly in the evening air, as I sat and listened. We passed on, had our evening worship, when several prayed for the success of our visit to the fair. We didn't arrive till early next morning, being two nights and a day on the way. Oh, the noise and the crowds and the shouting and tom-toming and drum-beating. It seemed almost deafening as we woke at sunrise. We had callers before we could get our coffee and people were all round about us thick. Only by closing all the venetians had we any privacy.

We then hurried with our coffee and started off, making our slow way through the crowds loaded up with Bible-portions, tracts and leaflets. About ten of us went all in one direction, preaching to this one and that one in the way, and giving out our tracts and leaflets. The road was lined on either side with beggars of all descriptions, lepers, blind, deformed, maimed. One boy sat in a basket, showing his stumps of legs red and sore, his feet gone, but closer examination showed these were only false legs to draw the compassion of the crowd, his own feet and legs being tucked safely under him inside the basket. The bathers were returning in all states of dress and undress, wet-ness and dry-ness, some wringing at their clothes as they came along, and others trying to hold them against the wind to dry. Arriving at the great sandy beach we saw the priests standing in the water waiting for their devotees, with their bags slung across their shoulders in which they carefully deposited the copper or silver deposited by each one. It was surely worth a copper to have 10,000,000 sins washed away at one stroke, for that is the meaning of this festival. Besides the washing away of sins there were all sorts of other performances. An intelligent looking man was busy at the feet of a Brahmin making a little pile of sand, putting on that some grains of rice and sprinkling saffron, the Brahmin blessing

it all, then the man falls down and worships it and the Brahmin who has been crouching down to perform this ceremony, then rises and presents his feet to the devotee who reverently worships them. Oh, it made one's heart sad.

In another place was a little tiny girl of about seven going through much the same performance. Her husband, standing by her mother-in-law, said she was making worship and offering food for her sister, the first wife of this man who had lately died. I cant tell all; there was so much. Our plan was to speak to anyone we could get to listen. Every little while I was meeting someone I knew from different villages and to these I would speak. Then a little crowd would gather, hear a few words and then pass on. I heard many different ones saying "Oh, there's the Missammajaru," for so many know me now. Some would hide when they saw me, being ashamed of being seen there. We met many workers from N— Mission and they were also witnessing. So we went all around, coming back by way of the booths. We met some of the officials from R. and I tried to witness to them also. We got back by noon, had our breakfast and took a little rest and were ready to start out again when the Hospital Assistant from R. came with a camera and took our boat with some of the workers in. Then as we were waiting for some of the N— mission ladies to join us a great crowd gathered and even as the Master of old we sat in the boat and preached the word to those on shore. They listened long and well. About the same large crowd stayed for nearly an hour and a half I should think. It was great. The workers seemed to have a special message and spoke well. The women had gone on in different companies and when the crowd separated we started off again, leaded as before. We could hardly get in the town, there were so many to speak to on the way and they listened with such profound respect.

When we met on the top of the boat for our evening worship that night it was with a great song of praise. Many said they had never had such blessings before in a crowd like this. There were about twenty-five in the other missions, so we said we had encompassed the city even as Jericho was encompassed. Although there were such crowds, the Christians were always in evidence. Someone heard others saying "Why these Christians are everywhere" and I think

almost every Hindu who could read might be seen with a Bible portion or tract or leaflet in his hand. Joshua spoke of having given one tract to a Brahmin and he had sat down to read and explain it to all those around. It was a specially good tract, shewing the foolishness of bathing for the taking away of sin and this Brahmin was making it all very plain to his hearers who were assenting to it.

The next day was Sunday, so while the others went early to the bathing, which is always in the morning, I stayed home to get the boat ready for our Christian service.

I moved out my cot and dining-table, brought in a board set on some boxes and covered with cloths. I had Mr. Heelis (a worker of forty-nine years in India who has only been home once on furlough and a beautiful Telugu speaker he is) preach, and we sat in the boat with all the Venetians up at one side and in the front, and fifty Christians were accommodated. The bank side happened to be the shady side, so the Hindus filled the bank, sitting quietly and listening. We had a delightful season of worship and prayer. Some account was given of the Welsh revival and earnest prayers were offered that some waves of blessing might reach us. All seemed full of joy, the hearings had been so remarkable. Those who had been there every year said it was most unusual.

I had only been once before, about seven years ago, and that time I remember the tracts we gave were torn before our faces. This time all were begging for them. Some, I remember, clapped their hands in scorn at us, while this time we were called to so many places to speak and sing; what does it all mean? Does it mean that perhaps after all the Gospel is making so little headway that Satan can afford to keep quiet, or does it mean there is a real, genuine awakening of interest in us and our messages? Let us hope and pray that it may be the latter.

On Sunday afternoon the hearings were good again. On Monday morning the crowds were gone but the booths still there. We gathered children together in two or three places and taught them verses, giving them a picture card as a reward. We all came away, feeling that we had had a great good time and that the Lord had been with us.

S. I. HATCH.

Our Work at Home.

EASTERN CONVENTION.

THE 29th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec opened in McPhail Memorial Church, Ottawa, on Wednesday, October 4th. Number of delegates present, 77.

Mrs. T. J. Claxton, Westmount, occupied the chair.

The new life members were then introduced to the Convention, after which Miss E. M. Crossby, Recording Secretary, gave her report.

Mrs. G. Blair, Ottawa, Superintendent of Mission Bands, presented an encouraging report.

Twenty-six Bands were heard from, an increase of five bands over last year.

The Central Canada Association had raised during the year \$175.16, the Eastern Association, \$147.25, and the Ottawa Association, \$183.60.

Mrs. N. Ohman, Westmount, presented the claims of the LINK and exhorted the members to spread its circulation as much as possible.

Rev. H. Laflamme, India, referred to the great good the spreading of religious literature was doing in India. He also spoke of the work which had been accomplished by Mrs. M. Edwards Cole through the Post Office Crusade.

The following ladies were elected to office for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Gilmour; 2nd. Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Gordon; Recording Secretary, Miss E. M. Crossley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; Treasurer, Mrs. M. G. Rickert.

Members of the Board: Mesdames Frankish, Allonay, Therriou, Lester, McKergon, Utting, Bentley, Cole, Ohman, Halkelt, Pickard, McLaren, Radford, Webb, Paterson, Sims, Frost, London and Misses Lester, Allen, Russell, Clarke, Barber, Cramp and Stacey.

The afternoon session opened with an able address given by Mrs. T. J. Claxton, President. Mrs. H. H. Ayer gave an excellent report of the work of the missionaries during the year.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. M. G. Rickert, showed \$3 533.74 had been contributed for the year, a larger amount than ever before.

The committee on appropriations decided upon the following: Mrs. Murray and her work \$765, Miss McLaurin's work at Vuyuru \$315, Vuyuru School, \$200, and Samalkota seminary, \$150, Cocanada Zenanas, \$250.

Greetings were received from sister Societies. An inspiring address given by Miss Frith, India, and a question drawer conducted by Mr. H. J. Metcalfe, Thurso.

The subject of forming a rest fund for missionaries on furlough was discussed.

Resolutions of thanks were passed, expressing thanks to the McPhail Memoria Circle and other Baptist Churches for their warm reception given to the delegates, to the speakers, choir and press of the city.

A resolution of sympathy was tendered Mrs. A. A. Cameron and Mrs. W. D. Stroud, who were unable to be present, through illness.

It was also resolved that each delegate take a stronger stand against the drink evil than heretofore. The meetings were closed by a prayer service conducted impressively by Mrs. Hyslop, Asbestos Mines.

At the close, a Board meeting was held at which Miss Chandler, of Coaticook, was appointed Superintendent of Mission Bands and Mrs. N. L. Dancy, Superintendent of the Bureau of Literature.

The weather was delightful throughout and the meetings largely attended. A most successful Convention.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 1904-5.

There have been seven meetings of the Executive Board this year; four regular, at which the attendance has averaged seventeen, and three special, held on October 18th, May 15th and September 22nd. Several matters of importance have been completed this past year, such as the raising of the fund for the new bungalow at Akidu, to which will be attached by the kind consent of the Society, West, the name of Miss McArthur, from whose bequest the fund has been largely formed. The needed money for Miss Murray's tent has also been raised by a system of subscription cards. It is worthy of notice that we had the pleasure of Rev. H. E. Stillwell's company at one meeting and also that the society was well represented at the late Baptist Confer-

ence in London, in the person of Mrs. Radford who was appointed by the Board for that purpose.

Nine new life members have been received this year:—Mrs. W. Matthews, Ottawa; Mrs. N. Ohman, Westmount; Mrs. D. R. McLaren, Montreal; Mrs. J. C. Sims, Montreal; Miss Florence C. Erskine, Rockland; Mrs. W. W. McMaster, Ottawa; Mrs. Jane Tyndal, Montreal; Mrs. A. A. Ayer, Montreal and Mrs. A. T. Chapman, Montreal.

The meetings have been very interesting and more regularly attended than hitherto.

Respectfully submitted,
ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Again the time has come for us to gather up the threads of our year's work and present them to you in the form of our Annual Report.

We wish that we could give you the whole of the reports from our missionaries, which are so interesting, that it is hard to have to cut any part of them out, but in order to keep within the space at our disposal some quite serious surgical operations have to be performed, for which we trust that we shall be forgiven.

Your Corresponding Secretary reports one hundred and forty-nine communications received and two hundred and fifteen letters, post cards, etc., sent out by her, About one hundred leaflets, reports, etc., containing missionary information have been distributed.

We have to report the death of one of our life members, Mrs. E. Gibson, of Morrisburg, a faithful, loving worker, who has been interested in the work of the Society since its organization.

PRAYER.—The importance of prayer has been brought most urgently before us, for in all the letters from India comes the appeal "pray for us." Not only have the days especially set aside for the object of asking the Divine blessing on the work of our Societies been observed, but a Board Prayer meeting has been established, which though not largely attended, and necessarily interrupted by the summer vacation, yet has had two fold merit of having proved a blessing to those who did attend it, and of bringing us together more frequently in definite prayer for the work.

The Directors of the Associations remain the same as last year with the exception of Miss Robinson, of Moos River, whom we gladly

welcome to our list of earnest workers. Miss Robinson fills the place of Miss Chandler, who so faithfully and successfully carried on the work of the Eastern Association.

It gives us pleasure to welcome to our Society a fourth Association composed of the Women's Circles in the Grande Ligne Churches.

There are now four in number, Montreal, Grande Ligne, Roxton Pond, South Ely. With the exception of the Montreal French Baptist Circle, which is purely missionary in its aims, the others have existed for some years with the object in view of assisting the finances of the home churches. Their purpose is now to fall into line with the work done by the Missionary Circles in connection with our Society.

One of the greatest difficulties in connection with the organization is that a general use of our English Literature is impossible. The younger element know more English and will be educated along missionary lines. There are Bands at Grande Ligne and Roxton Pond.

Mrs. W. S. Bullock, of Roxton Pond, was appointed Director of this Association which met for the first time in June last. It is hoped by the next meeting the Association will be fully organized and full reports given. We congratulate our French sisters on the move and wish them joy in their work.

The Circles for the most parts report increase in interest and numbers. Some have been struggling against difficulties which seem almost too great to be overcome, but we are assured by the excellent work accomplished that our circles are composed of brave-hearted women, who are proving loyal and true to the last commission of our Lord.

Some have evidently not adopted the excellent plan for collecting their money early in the year and by delaying until the last week of the year, increase the anxiety of those who love the work and its advancement and have the responsibility upon their shoulders. We hope that time and effort will effect a change in this. A new Circle has been organized at Ormonde.

The Bands have done splendidly this year, a greater number having been reported to our Treasurer than ever before in one year, showing that faithful and efficient service has been rendered by our Superintendent, Mrs. George Blair.

Appropriations. Our appropriations have been distributed to the support of one Missionary

Light Bible Woman, two girls' boarding schools composed of fifty scholars, two castegirls' schools, besides assisting in the work of the Zenanas and in the Seminary at Samalkota.

The Bungalow Fund was completed in December by the payment of \$500. from the estate of the late Miss McArthur, of Cornwall. As too much of this fund was obtained from this legacy, the Circles having contributed in all \$205 50, with the consent of the Woman's Society (West) which is to provide for the other half of the building, the home for our single lady missionaries, at Akidu, will be called the "Tennie McArthur Bungalow" as a fitting tribute to the memory of her of whom we may truly say "She being dead yet speaketh."

You will be interested to know that when Conference met in India, in July, Rev. John Craig, the Treasurer, was instructed to forward funds to Mr. Chute, (who is the Missionary at Akidu) for the purpose of gathering material for this new bungalow.

We trust that no misunderstanding has arisen from our having so many "extras" to provide for during the year. The appeals for these specials may be explained by the fact that the money is required for the most part for building purposes, the need for which will not occur again.

For this it is expected that the offering will be a real extra and that the sums sent in should not interfere in any way with the subscriptions for the regular work, which as you all understand cannot be suspended in order to pay for necessary building.

In order to facilitate the gathering of this much needed money our Board had cards printed and distributed in all the Circles and Bands asking for small subscriptions of five and ten cents for Miss Murray's tent and the Akidu girl's school, hoping in this way to reach many of the women in the churches who do not belong to the Circles, and would otherwise give nothing towards this work. The result has been nearly \$300, which has enabled us to provide \$78 27 for Miss Murray's tent, the missionary's balance in India having been used to make up the \$150 required.

The \$330 required for the rebuilding of the Akidu Dormitories has been also paid the Board having decided that it was best to forward the amount required to complete the sum from the

McArthur legacy, in order that there need be no delay in starting building operations in India.

As there are still a number of "cards" to be returned, the loan will be repaid when the money arising from these is forwarded to our Treasurer.

That the sum required for the dormitories is less than we anticipated is owing to the fact that it has been decided to rebuild on the old foundation, thus lessening the expense.

New Work. Miss McLaurin presented to us a touching appeal for a new Caste girl's school at Valluru, which had been asked for by a high Government official of the town, which is six miles from Vuyyuru.

As the need was pressing and the opening an excellent one for more extended gospel work, the \$30 00 required to start the school before the beginning of the year was subscribed by six sisters in Montreal as an "extra" and was passed by Conference as a supplementary estimate.

We hope to continue the support of this school next year.

That the work is growing on every hand, and necessarily more money required to keep up with it, is shown by the fact that in order to sustain the same work as this year, \$170 00 more will be required for 1906.

India.

Miss Murray and her work on the Yellamanchill and Narsapatnam fields. Our missionary reports much benefit derived from a holiday during the hot season, spent at Kodai Canal, a beautiful spot in the mountains.

The experience of the year was in connection with a young Caste woman who had lived a life of sin in Yellamanchilli for several years. She was a bright, intelligent woman and of her own accord came to the missionaries for protection and help. Having been persuaded to leave the scene of her old life and go to Cocanada, four full weeks of the missionary's time was spent in working over her and for a time good seemed to triumph, but after three months from the time she first came, she returned to her old life. "We left her with God, in the belief that one day, she will receive grace to walk in the way which at present is too narrow for her. Our souls at least were enriched by the effort," writes Miss Murray. This and similar cases have led to the decision that a Rescue Home for such women is essential in carrying on the work for the women of India, and the Canadian Baptist Mission are seeking to

establish one as soon as the funds (which are to be gathered principally in India) are forthcoming.

Children's Work. Soloman, the children's evangelist, has charge of the evangelistic schools (which are held on different days of the week so it cannot rightly be called Sunday School), and has cared for thirteen of them in the surrounding villages and two in Yellamanchilli.

Solomon is the son of the Bible woman, Salome, is quite well educated, speaks English fairly well, but is young and inexperienced and requires patient help and training. On return from the hills much encouragement was felt on examining the pupils, that Solomon had not only succeeded in teaching the children SOMETHING that had won their goodwill to a remarkable degree.

A very encouraging feature of this work is the interest exhibited by the parents and elders, caste and outcaste, who in their respective quarters, gather about the little groups of children squatted by their teacher on the ground or often in the shade of the village temples. In this way the old, as well as the young, are learners as examination day reveals.

This work, which is increasing on all our fields is certainly of the Lord and I ask your earnest prayers on its behalf. The Sunday School picture rolls are very useful in this work, crowds of old and young being attracted by the pictures, which provides an opportunity of explaining and apply each Bible story depicted.

Several sets of the rolls on the Sunday School lessons of the first half of 1905, on the life of Christ, would be very much appreciated for the use of the workers.

The children too appreciate the small colored pictures as rewards and sometimes pin them up on the doors of their homes. Here is an opportunity for our girls and boys to do something which will really help Miss Murray. Will you save and collect these pictures to send to Inida.

The Caste Girls' School which was in an encouraging condition until February, has suffered much from the illness of the headmaster, and his wife. The unusual and prolonged heat as well as the usual weddings tended to diminish the attendance during May and June, but those who had attended had made real progress. We believe that brighter days are before us. The cast ewoman, Akkamma, who was a sinner and was befriended by one of our preachers and his

wife, is employed as conductress for the school and was baptized in April. Her duty is to remind the girls and their parents of and to accompany them to and from school if necessary.

Towing has been carried on extensively by the missionary and her helpers. The latter have shown much faithful zeal while the missionary was in the hills. In some of the villages the women listen to the Gospel story for an hour or two at a time, but in others it is characteristic of them to crowd about, gaze, listen awhile until curiosity is satisfied and then go about their work.

The Bible Women report for the last quarter an aggregate of 40 different villages, 106 times, 740 houses visited. An average of 28 regular pupils of whom an average of 4 are Christians, 10 regular Sunday Schools and an aggregate average attendance of 82 children, visited 116 times.

The youngest worker, Nookamma, who joined the staff late last year is proving most satisfactory. Accompanied by her Chaperone she visits nine villages reporting excellent hearing, especially among the leather workers in one village and in another deep interest is manifested by the caste women.

Blandinamma, the Medical Bible woman, is a most capable worker, and a beautiful type of native Christian womanhood. During our absence in the hot season she made a tour of some of the out-stations and returned like the "Seventy" full of joy and enthusiasm over the reception given her and her message. She was accompanied for the greater part of the tour by old Rachel and it was touching to hear of their faithfulness. This old Rachel is being greatly used of God, to illustrate to the people the love of Christ and the Spirit of Christianity.

LekHala Salome, who with Rachel is supported by the native Christian women of the Godaveri Association has much influence with the women, of Narsapatnam, where she has worked most faithfully.

Kannama is an inspiration; is widely known and respected, and has access to all classes in the villages in which she works.

Salome and Hinamma are the other helpers, whose time is faithfully spent in carrying the message to their fellow country women.

Owing to her inability to secure a suitable horse, Miss Murray has had to travel "pullman,"

as she puts it, which, though advantageous to the men who "pull and push" has the disadvantage that the cart will not travel along the ridges in the rice fields, hence a great deal of walking must be done, which is hot and consumes so much energy.

In praying for God's blessing on Miss Murray do not forget this need that our missionary may be speedily suited in the purchase of a horse, which is so essential for the welfare of so indefatigable a worker.

Miss McLaurin's work on the Vuyuru field. Miss McLaurin reports an increase of interest on the part of the caste women, more doors of opportunity opening and new villages added.

Touring. One hundred and twenty-five days were spent in tour during the past year and one hundred and twelve villages visited, six of which were new, where the caste women had never heard the Gospel before. In every village, but one, we had good hearings and even in that one, after much "coaxing," we succeeded in getting some women to listen.

There are still a few villages where the women make our hearts ache by their scornful refusals to listen. Still, we never have to leave a village without *someone* listening. There are certain caste women in different villages all over the field whoseem very near the Kingdom, but are not ready to leave all and follow Him.

While on tour many meetings were held with the Christian women in the villages and in some cases—too few, alas!—we were much encouraged by the progress they had made in Scripture knowledge under the teaching of the Pastor's wife.

It really seems now, at last, as if these women (the pastors' wives) were responding to our appeal to them to assume some responsibility towards the spiritual welfare of the women of their congregations. They are more ready than formerly to teach them and hold meetings with them and they feel more interest in making their meetings "go."

One woman, S. Mary, besides keeping a home for her husband and four small children and teaching a day school, finds time to meet with the women of the church every Friday evening for Bible study and told me she did wish she could find time to visit the caste women in a near village as well. She said she meant

to try. May her tribe increase! The women who attend her meetings come after a hard day's work in the fields followed by the preparing of the evening meal for the family, the children's evening walk and their own. Then they come to meeting and I do think their zeal puts many a Canadian sister to shame.

Bible Women. Jane has done good work in and about Bordagurta. There are twelve villages on her list and these she visits pretty regularly, paying more attention to those nearby, where she has some regular pupils among the caste women who hold her in affectionate respect. Several women are very much interested and profess to believe only in Jesus as their Saviour. The result of Jane's work in the villages near her home has made me long for more Bible women to place out on the field. The importance of regular, frequent teaching can hardly be overestimated. As we have three young widows in training, one nearly through her course and the other just entering, our desire may some day be fulfilled.

Mariamamma has done good work all year. She has been with me on almost all my tours and has done a great deal of work among the out-caste women of Vuyuru and the nearby two villages. As a result of her work several women were baptized and added to the church last Christmas. Though her strength is failing rapidly through old age, her faith and zeal never flag. There will be many stars in her crown.

Amelia is a woman who came to us in March. She is the widow of one of our preachers; has had some education and has a real love for the work.

Amelia teaches Bible and hymns in the Caste Girls' School every morning and visits the caste women in the afternoons. She has already endeared herself to the caste women, several of whom show signs of growing faith in Jesus. We hope to obtain a trained young woman to teach Kindergarten and Scripture in the school and have Amelia for touring as Mariamma cannot stand the hard work any longer.

The Caste Girls' School in Vuyuru continues to progress satisfactorily. There are eighteen pupils on the roll who attend very regularly and are making progress in their studies. They are much interested in their Bible lesson and hymns and come well to Sunday School. The Brahm

headmaster seems faithful and loyal to the school and industrious in the carrying out of his duties.

Interesting and well-attended meetings have been held with the Christian women of Vuyyuru. The consistent lives of some are having an influence among the heathen. We would ask special prayer on the three young women in training, Katashamma, Martha and Putnam, that they may be truly kept for the Master's use. We would also ask you to specially remember the Caste Girls' School in Vuyyuru, that it may be greatly blessed as a means of extending the knowledge of Jesus; also, that the Lord may raise up more Bible women on this great field and that He may graciously pour out His Spirit and give us a revival and bring in some of the caste women who have been hearing His word for years.

Educational Work—The Seminary at Samalkota.—Mr. Craig reports: "Ten of the boys were baptized in October last, sometimes boys want to be baptized before we are ready to grant them the privilege. During the first term of this year ('05) we have had 69 boarders in the Lower Secondary Department, and 19 in the Primary Department. There were 59 church-members among them and about half the others were rather small boys in the Primary Department. In the Teachers' Training Class last year there were a few men and two women. I think they all passed in December. This year we have seven men in that class, most of these are married, as are also most of the ten students who were in the Theological department last term. The wives nearly all attend such classes as they are fit for. Several have been in the 4th Standard of the Primary Department. Missionaries sometimes send a man here, largely for the benefit his wife will receive. We call Samalkot a village, but it has a population of 16,000, so there is ample room for evangelistic work. The boys continue to carry on Sunday Schools."

The Girls' Boarding Schools at Akidu and Vuyyuru are a power for good, which is seen in a marked degree in the healthful influence exerted in the villages, where the girls have made their homes. Many go forth professing Christ, for in the schools they have the Gospel constantly and lovingly presented to them.

Mrs. Woodburne had charge of the Akidu school until relieved by the return of Dr. Pearl Chute. At the close of the year the girls num-

bered 20, who had been healthy and happy. The school is conducted by three well qualified teachers and the results as shown by the Primary Examinations are very creditable.

The school opened again in January with a full attendance.

It is suggested by Dr. Chute that all those who desire to support students at the Akidu School should write direct to her, as changes occur so frequently, that often a child has left school in the interval between the sending of the lists to the Band Superintendent and the time when the girl's name is given to the Band or person desiring her support.

Dr. Gertrude Hulet has charge of the *Boarding School at Vuyyuru*, which she will hold until relieved by Mrs. Cross in January. The attendance has been good. Three girls were baptized.

Five Sunday Schools have been started in the near villages and are being carried on with a readiness and sustained interest by the older pupils. The work is not an easy one, as all the villages are about two miles distant, and in order to catch the children before they must go to guard the cattle, a start must be made at six o'clock in the morning. It is hoped by this means to develop the Christian character of the girls and at the same time reach the heathen children. The number of children in all who attend these Sunday Schools regularly is about 120. In three months' time they had learned fifteen answers in the Catechism, four or five verses of a hymn and three or four stories of the life and miracles of Jesus.

Zenana work is carried on along the same lines as formerly by Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs. In most of the homes the women receive the workers pleasantly and ask them to sing and talk with them.

The widows, many of them between eight and sixteen years of age, are especially eager listeners.

Many of the women give evidence, by their lives, that they have been born again, but dare not come out openly on account of their caste. Their intelligent answers to questions show that they are no longer ignorant of the truth and many give assurance that idolatry is no longer as popular as it was, and there are evidences that the truth is obtaining a firm hold.

Miss Beggs has one Brahim and one Moham-medan on the long list of houses she visits.

Great interest in the word of God is shown by the pupils in the Zenanas, and they are getting along nicely in both their own language and in English. The work in the poltas is found especially interesting, the women listening with much attention.

One old gentleman who opposed Miss Gibson's entering a Brahim's house, arguing that the Gospel was for the Jews, not the Hindus, surprised her by requesting that his niece be taught the beatitudes carefully in order that she should understand the good teaching contained therein.

One woman makes practical testimony by observing Christmas day. While all her neighbors do their house-cleaning for their heathen feasts she does hers for Christmas and wears her new clothes on that day.

In spite of the fact that spirituous liquors are forbidden among the high caste Hindus, and especially among the women, it has been found necessary to instill temperance principles in the lessons. The women use the pure spirit after child birth for some months and in this way become so addicted to the habit that one woman is reported to have sold her jewels in order to secure the liquor and afterwards died from the effects.

This, then, is an account of the work accomplished in India by your contributions. Is it not worthy of our best efforts?

"Therefore, my beloved, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER.

Corresponding Secretary.

Montreal.

Oct. 1st, 1905.

MISSION BAND REPORT.

In presenting this report of work done by our Bands during the past year your Superintendent is glad to be able to report for so many, a larger number having sent in their reports than last year. While some leaders feel discouraged at times, yet the majority are looking forward to greater results next year. The increase in offerings has been \$59 85.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Allan's Mills, "Willing Workers," have 18 names on roll and have contributed \$20.00 to Foreign and \$2.25 to Home Missions. Interest keeping up, though it is difficult to meet owing to the long distances and stormy weather.

Arnprior, 51 on roll, \$3.00 to Foreign Missions. Brockville, "Girls," membership 72, sent \$15.00 to India and making a quilt for a Home Missionary.

Carlton Place, "Sunshine," 24 members, contributed \$7.20 to India and \$4.00 to Home Missions.

Delta, no report.

Kingston, First Church, 13 members, sent 2 Home Mission boxes, \$12.00 to Foreign and \$2.00 to Home Missions.

Kingston, Union St., 40 names on roll, gaveto Foreign work \$23.00, and \$7 to Home, and box of clothing etc., valued at \$21.70. There is also a Young Woman's Auxiliary in connection with this church which contributed to Foreign work \$9.00 and \$5.00 to Home.

Perth, "Young Helpers," 26 members, \$16.66 to Foreign Missions. They report a number of younger members in the Band, and are much encouraged.

Phillipsville, "Maple Leaf," 7 members, \$1.50 to India and 75 cents to Home Missions.

Smith's Falls, \$24.00 to Foreign, and \$5.00 to Home Missions. They made dainty scrap books for India and hope to have more by Christmas for Home.

Renfrew, \$12.00 to India and \$10.00 to Home Missions. A small band, with few able to work, but all willing.

Westport, 8 members, \$1.00 to India, and \$1.10 to Home Missions. Have difficulty in securing leaders.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Coaticook, 42 members, \$15.00 to Foreign, and \$20.00 to Home Missions, including Grand Ligne and North West. Much interest by children.

Grand Ligne, \$6.50 to Grand Ligne Mission. This Band only meets during the summer. The children show quite an interest in the meetings and in taking part.

Montreal, Olivet, 35 members, \$19.00 to India and \$10.00 to Home Work, a very interesting year's work.

Westmount, "Sunshine," no report.

Quebec, "Willing Workers," 24 members. \$76.75 to missions. To India \$15, special \$15, Miss Murray's tent \$6.75, Leper \$5, Bungalow \$5, Home \$15, Indian \$5, North West \$15. This Band is again banner.

Sawyer ville, 75c. to Home Missions. Leader fears having to disband, owing to long distances for the few to come.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Clarence, 36 on roll. \$5.75 to India, \$4.50 to Home missions. Doing good work.

Kenmore, 38 members. \$7 to India, \$8 to Home and Grand Ligne.

Osgoode. \$19.40 to Foreign, \$4 to Home work.

Ottawa, First Church, "Cheerful Gleaners," 58 members. \$30.40 to Foreign, \$23 to Home and Grande Ligne and \$4.45 for Mr. McFaul's French work in Ottawa, 5 Christmas dinners for poor families in connection with Mr. McFaul's work among the Roman Catholics.

Ottawa, McPhail Memorial, "Light Holders," \$26.60 to Foreign and \$5 to Home missions.

Ottawa, Fourth Ave., "Sunshine," 98 on roll. To Foreign \$13.50, Home \$5.

Rockland, 30 members. \$16 to Foreign and \$1 to Home missions. Held open meetings last fall which created more interest among children and parents. Two visitors from the Circle attend the meetings.

Roxboro, no report.

Vankleek Hill, "Buds of Promise." 31 members, organized a little over a year ago and promises to do better this year. Has adopted Mission Box system, placing one in each family.

Winchester, no report.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. BLAIR,
Supt. Miss. Bands.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Convention are hereby presented to McPhail Memorial Circle, and the sister Baptist Churches, who have so kindly ministered to our comfort while we were their guests; to the speakers who have so ably presented home and foreign missions; to the choir and organist who have lent their aid; to representatives of the Societies who presented such cordial greetings; to the press

for reporting so fully, and to all who have in any way helped to make this a profitable gathering.

Resolved, that our sincere sympathy be extended to Mrs. A. A. Cameron and Mrs. W. D. Stroud, formerly president of the Home Mission Society, who have been prevented by illness from being present at our Convention.

Resolved, that we, as a Convention, realizing the great danger which threatens our beloved country through the curse of strong drink, the greatest barrier to mission work at home and abroad, would urge upon each delegate the imperative duty of taking her stand against this great and growing evil. Signed,

ANNIE KELLOCH.
ISABEL HALKETT.
SARAH BENTLEY.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC. TREASURER'S STATEMENT FROM OCT. 30, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Abbott's Corners.....	\$10 00		\$10 00
*Barnston.....	15 00		15 00
*Beebe Plain.....	26 50		26 50
Bulwer.....	4 00		4 00
*Clarenceville.....	8 00		8 00
Coaticook.....	20 00	21 30	41 30
*Dixville.....	12 50		12 50
Grand Ligne.....	5 00	6 50	11 50
*Montreal, Olivet.....	140 00	19 00	159 00
" 1st Church.....	132 21		132 21
" Westmount.....	64 25	28 10	92 35
" Point St. Charles.....	22 45		22 45
" Tabernacle.....	9 20		9 20
" French.....	5 60		5 60
Sawyer ville.....	6 50		6 50
*Sherbrooke.....	8 40	3 40	11 80
St. Andrew's East.....	3 00		3 00
*Moes River.....	8 65		8 65
*Quebec.....	71 00	45 75	116 75

\$572 26 \$124 05 \$696 31

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

*Breadalbane.....	\$21 40		\$21 40
Buckingham.....	5 75		5 75
*Clarence.....	47 60	4 50	52 10
Cornwall.....	12 84		12 84
Dalesville.....	4 00		4 00
*Dominionville.....	16 50		16 50
*Grenville.....	27 00		27 00
*Hawkesbury.....	17 00		17 00
Kemptville.....	3 00		3 00
Kenmore.....		17 00	17 00
*Lachute.....	20 30		20 30
Maxville.....	7 00		7 00
*Osgoode.....	38 55	19 40	57 95
*Osnabrock.....	12 25		12 25

*Ottawa, First Church.....	178	00	30	40	208	40
* " McPhail Memorial.....	40	50	28	60	69	10
* " Fourth Ave.....	39	50	13	61	53	11
Rockland.....	67	00	8	00	75	00
Thurso.....	14	04			14	04
*Vankleek Hill.....	7	25			7	25
Winchester.....	22	80			22	80
	\$602	28	\$121	51	\$723	79

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Algonquin.....	\$14	00	\$6	00	\$20	00
*Allan's Mills.....			22	10	22	10
*Almonte.....	14	00			14	00
*Arnprior.....	7	25	3	00	10	25
Brockville.....	111	72	20	00	131	72
*Carleton Place.....	11	00	12	20	23	20
Delta.....	22	00	3	00	25	00
Drummond.....	17	00	4	00	21	00
*Kingston, 1st Church.....	51	25	6	00	57	25
* " Union Ave.....	27	00	31	70	58	70
Lanark.....	4	00			4	00
Perth.....	25	50	16	60	42	10
Pembroke.....	10	13			10	13
Phillipville.....	17	00	1	50	18	50
*Plum Hollow.....	7	00			7	00
*Renfrew.....	15	50	12	00	27	50
Smith's Falls.....	27	00	24	00	51	00
Westport.....			4	25	4	25
	\$381	35	\$166	35	\$547	70

*Increase over last year.

Sundries.

Collections taken at Convention, Montreal.....	\$14	60
Collections taken at E. Association Meeting.....	5	00
Collections taken at G. Central Association Meeting.....	50	
Collections taken at Ottawa Association Meeting.....	5	75
Collections taken at Union C. E. Meeting, held in Olivet Church toward speaker's expenses to Convention.....	9	55
	\$35	40

INDIVIDUAL AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS—

Mrs. Hopton, Montreal, for support of Bible-woman.....	30	00
Master Gordon McCallum, Vankleek Hill.....	15	00
Mr. Morton, Montreal.....	5	00
A friend of Missions for support of Salome, Yellamanchilli.....	25	00
Miss Jennie McArthur Estate.....	862	16
"Elim Circle" for support of Blandinammi and child.....	30	00
	967	16

FOR CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL AT VALLURN—

Mrs. McKergow.....	5	00
Mrs. Utting.....	5	00
Miss Cramp.....	5	00
Mrs. Dick.....	5	00
Mrs. Paine.....	5	00
	25	00

FOR MISS MURRAY'S TENT AND AKIDU GIRL'S SCHOOL		
Kingston 1st Church S. School.....	\$10	00
Middleville Church.....	2	50
Ormond S. School.....	2	95
Abbott's Corners Church.....	2	50
Friends.....	1	10
Balance in India, adplied to purchase of tent.....	71	73
	90	78

MISCELLANEOUS—

Refund on "Among the Telegus".....	\$1	00
Balance from refreshment Committee Convention.....	2	50
Interest.....	11	66
	15	16
	\$1133	50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss Murray's Salary.....	\$500	00
Yallamanchilli.....	215	00
Akidu Girls' School.....	200	00
Vuyyuru work among women and children.....	155	00
Vuyyuru Boarding School.....	200	00
" Caste Girls' School.....	40	00
Cocanada Zenanas.....	250	00
Samalkota Seminary.....	150	00
	\$1,710	00

SPECIAL—

Dormitories Akidu Girl's School.....	\$330	00
Bungalow.....	1,012	50
Bolivia.....	10	00
Blandinamma, Yellamanchilli.....	30	00
Miss Murray's Tent (including \$71.73 balance in India).....	150	00
Leper Mission.....	5	00
Caste Girls' School, Vallurn.....	30	00
	1,567	50

EXPENSE ACCOUNT—

Speakers' expenses to Convention.....	\$25	85
" " to East'n Assn.....	3	00
Printing and Stationery.....	39	00
Half Expense of forms for Association Directress.....	2	63
Postage.....	6	50
Copies of "Among the Telegus".....	3	00
	79	98
	\$3,357	48

SUMMARY.

Balance on hand Sept. 30th, 1904.....	\$432	44
Total from Circles for regu'r work.....	1,328	37
" " " Miss Murray's Tent and Akidu G. S. Bands for regu'r wk.....	227	52
" " " for Miss Murray's Tent and Akidu G. School.....	341	00
" " Sundries.....	70	91
	1,133	50
	\$3,101	30
	\$3,533	74
Disbursements.....	\$3,357	48
Balance in Treasury.....	176	26
	\$3,533	74

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET C. RICKERT.

Audited and found correct.
ALFRED WALFORD, Auditor
Montreal, Oct. 2nd, 1905.

LIFE-MEMBERS, 1904-1905.

Mrs. J. C. Sims, Montreal.
 Miss Florence C. Erskine, Rockland.
 Mrs. W. W. McMaster, Ottawa.
 Mrs. Jane Tyndall, Montreal.
 Mrs. A. T. Chapman, Montreal.
 Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Ottawa.
 Mrs. Ohman, Westmount.
 Mrs. D. K. McLaren, Montreal.

Number of Circles contributing..... 55
 " Bands " 27

W. B. F. M. SOCIETY, EAST.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 8TH TO SEPT 15TH INCLUSIVE.

Circles—
 Osgood \$ 27.50
 Clarence 47.60
 Montreal Olivet (\$6 regular, \$12 Tent)..... 18.00
 Kingston 1st Church (support of Santochini) 19.00
 Buckingham 5.75
 Winchester 9.77
 Beete Plain 4.00
 Almonte (Tent) 7.00
 Moes River (Tent) 8.65
 Westmount (Tent) 1.00
 Coruwall 1.00
 Dominionville 9.00
 Kingston 1st Church (Tent) 5.00
 Montreal Tabernacle..... 5.00
 Lanark (Tent) 1.00
 Osnabruck 2.25
 Bulwer 4.00
 Drummond (Tent) 8.00
 Plum Hollow (Tent) 2.00
 Drummond 5.00
 Dixville 3.50
 Abbotts Corners 10.00
 \$204.12

Bands—
 Westmount ("Pearl Mercy" \$7, Tent \$6.10) \$13.10
 Phillipsville75
 Clarence 1.50
 Algonquin (Bolivia) 6.00
 Perth (Tent) 1.60
 Ottawa McPhail Mem. "Morta David" 17.00
 Coaticooke 15.00
 Brockville 15.00
 Quebec "Willing Workers" (Tent) 5.75
 Westport (Tent) 3.25
 Kingston Union St. Y. L. Aux. 4.00
 Kingston 1st Church Y. L. Aux. 6.00
 \$88.95

Sundries—
 Montreal French Church (Tent) \$5.60
 Miss Murray's Tent and Akidu G. School
 per Miss Allen 6.84
 Miss Murray's Tent and Akidu G. School
 per Miss Griffith65
 Mrs. Hopton Montreal for Miss Muir 30.00
 Mrs. McKergow Montreal for caste Girls
 Valluru 5.00
 Kingston 1st Church S. S. (Tent) 10.00
 Middleville Church (Tent) 2.50
 Ormond S. S. (Tent) 2.95
 Abbotts Corners S. S. 2.50

The McArthur Estate 362.16
 Collection taken at E. Assoc. Meetings... 5.00
 " " " C. C. A. " 5.75
 " " " Ottawa Assoc. " 5.75
 \$439.45

SUMMARY

From Circles \$204.12
 From Bands 88.95
 From Sundries 439.45
 \$732.52

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

BRAMPTON.—Our Circle held an open meeting on August 14th, at the home of Mrs. Deeves. Invitations had been given to all interested in mission work, to which many responded. At 3 o'clock the meeting opened, and all joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus name," Mrs. McAlpine read the Scripture and Mrs. Pratty led in prayer. A very interesting letter, by a missionary in China, was then read by Mrs. E. G. Graham, after which Miss Spence and Miss Minnie Pratty sang a duet entitled, "Beauty for Ashes." Then followed the most pleasing part of the program, an address by Miss Tapscott on Missions. In her talk she referred briefly to every part of our Baptist Mission work. All were highly pleased with Miss Tapscott's interesting and instructive address. After singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," the time was spent in social intercourse and light refreshments. The offering amounted to \$8 towards making a life-member of the Foreign Missionary Society. The officers elected for the ensuing year were, President, Mrs. Pratty; Vice-President, Mrs. McAlphine; Secretary, Mrs. Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. Burton; Agent for THE LINK, Mrs. Anthony; and Mrs. Dennison for *The Visitor*.

Mrs. Adams,
 Secretary.

LOUISVILLE.—A number of the ladies of the church on the 13th of Sept. organized a Mission Circle with a membership of six. Since then we have received the names of four others to be received at our next regular meeting. May the Lord abundantly bless us in our endeavors for the Master.

Mrs. S. H. Hilliston, Sec.

NEWS FROM BANDS

PORT ARTHUR.—We have been holding meetings every second Sunday afternoon each month, and most of the S. S. children remain. We endeavor to have interesting talks on the condition and customs of people in heathen lands, and the work of our missionaries. At each meeting a collection is taken for the education of a boy in India. They have sent out two native boys to preach the Gospel to those who

know not Jesus. They are now supporting the third student, Yaldi David. We trust that these feeble efforts to spread the Gospel will help hasten the time when all shall know and serve our Lord and Saviour.

KATE BARNETT, Pres.

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

Receipts from Sept. 16th, to Oct. 15th, 1905, (inclusive).

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

CIRCLES.—Sparta, (\$6.26 for bungalow), \$12.76; Haldimand, \$2.50; Brantford, First, for Miss McLeod, \$100; Aylmer, (\$26.50 to make Mrs. D. Augustine a Life-member) \$42; Peterboro', Murray St., (for Medical Fund) \$25; Gilmour Memorial, \$10; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$113.25; Cobourg, \$2.95; Aurora, \$3; Lobo, 1st., \$4; Paris, \$6.20; Jaffa, \$2.30; Park Hill, \$2; Sarnia Township, \$6; Toronto, College St., \$20.50; Kincardine, \$3; Poplar Hill, (\$3 Thank-offering), \$3.75; Ridgetown, \$6.35; Toronto, Walmer Rd., (Mr. H. H. Lloyd to make Mrs. Lloyd a Life-member), \$25; Southampton, \$4; Woodstock, First, \$10; London, Talbot St., \$16.75; Lake Shore, Calvary, \$13.55; Port Arthur, \$5.75; Wiarton, \$3; Markham, Second, \$7.60; Brantford, Immanuel, \$12.50; Burgessville, \$4.70; Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$2 for bungalow), \$66.95; Toronto, Walmer Rd., (\$25 from Mrs. Harbison to make herself a Life-member), \$37.50; Petrolia, \$6.35; Chatham, \$6.02; Barrie, \$4.80; Tupperville Union, for Medical Fund, \$6.25; Guelph, First, \$3.54; Colchester, (9cets. for bungalow), \$8.51; Brantford, Calvary, \$7.50; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$4.90; Listowel, \$2.85; Atwood, \$2.35; Stratford, (\$2.25 for bungalow), \$10.75; Beachville, \$1.85; Giammis, \$5; Guelph, Trinity, \$14.40; Toronto, Western, \$9.98; Toronto, Parliament St., \$8.80; Brooke, \$3.42; Elderslie, \$5; Leamington, (\$1 special), \$4; York Mills, \$5.55; St. Thomas, Y. L. M. C., \$3; Preston, (\$3; Thank-offering), \$4.50; Kenora, \$3; Galt, (\$3 for bungalow), \$12.65; Port Elgin, \$3; Brampton, (\$6.75 towards Life-membership), \$13.15; Sarnia, \$8.30; Plympton, \$2; Brooke and Enniskillen, (\$17 for student), \$21; London, Maitland St., (\$8.65 Thank-offering), \$13.15; Port Hope, \$13; Fort William, \$16.45; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$3.50; Toronto, First Ave., \$15.85; Salford, \$6.80; Beamsville, (\$8 for "Satyavedam"), \$14.50; Sprucedale, (\$5 from Mrs. Hill towards Life-membership), \$6.50; Grimsby, \$9.50; Malahide and Bayham, \$10; Bethel, King, \$4; Daywood, \$3; Toronto, Century, \$5.05; Toronto, Memorial, \$5; Toronto Junction, \$2.35; Wheatley, \$6.08; Tiverton, \$4.60; Harrow, \$5; Peterboro' Murray St., \$13.85; Scotland, \$8.30; Cramahe, \$2.30; St. George, (\$6 for bungalow, \$1.50 for medical) \$10.70; Guelph, \$3.25; White-

vale, \$8.25; New Liskeard, \$7.75; Sault Ste. Marie, \$8.50; Otterville, \$1.61; East Williams, \$3.40; Durham, \$3.50; Orangeville, (\$3.33 for bungalow), \$7.73; Calvary, \$10.50; Hillsburg, \$2.45; Wilkesport, \$3.50; Alvinston, \$3.55; London, Maitland St., Y. L. M. C., \$4.86; Forest, (\$2.46 Thank-offering), \$5.50; Lakefield, \$5.56; Mount Forest, \$3.14; Ailsa Craig, \$4.35; Wallaceburg, \$4; Meaford, \$1.76; Delhi, \$7.50; Dunnville, \$9.80; Lindsay, \$14.50; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., \$10.30; Toronto, Bloor St., \$49.26; Shedden, \$11; Dutton, for bungalow, \$1; Cheltenham, (\$9.33 for "Rebecca," \$13 Thank-offering), \$22.33; Fingal, \$1; Port Colborne, \$2; St. Catharines (\$25 from Mrs. Mills for "Martha," \$2.90 for bungalow), \$33.65; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$6; Westover, \$16.40; Uxbridge, \$4; Belleville, (\$1 for bungalow), \$4; West Nissouri, \$3.85; Paris, (\$5.61 Thank-offering, \$7.61; Peterboro' Murray St., (for bungalow), \$19.20; Brownsville, \$8; St. Thomas, Centre St., (\$6 Thank-offering), \$17.10; Acton, \$4.50; Wingham, \$3; Walkerton, \$4.73; Marchmont, \$4. Total, \$1,302.65.

FROM BANDS.—Paris, \$2; Caistor, \$2; Aylmer, \$5; Brantford, Calvary, for "Sadhi Lydia", \$7; Brampton, for "Kakileti Santamma", \$6; Townsend Centre, for "Pendurti David", \$8.50; Hamilton, Herkimer for "Thuluru Anamma", \$5; Toronto, Beverley St., \$3.50; Lakeshore, Calvary, \$10; Sarnia, South Ward, \$2; Hamilton, Victoria Ave. Sr., for "Meduri Martha", \$7; Dunnville, \$3; Waterford, (\$1.26 for lepers), \$9.50; St. George for "Kandelli Mary", \$17; London, Adelaide St., Sr., for native preacher, \$18. Durham, \$3.50; South Middleton, \$3.25; Orangeville, \$4.64; Listowel, \$1.60; Wallaceburg, for "Matsa Martha", \$4; Brantford, Park, \$7.20; Townsend Centre, \$8.50; London, Edgerton St., \$4.15; Guelph, Trinity, (for Bolivia), \$3.50; Hespeler, \$3; Shedden, (\$1 for bungalow), \$2.12; Cheltenham, \$4.40; Forest, \$1.40; Jerseyville, \$4.38; Wheatley, \$5.50; London South, for student, \$8; Toronto, Walmer Road, (\$12 for student), \$17.50; Meaford, \$1.66. Total, \$193.80.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. Chas. M. Clark, for bungalow, \$5; M. E. D., for bungalow, \$10; Mrs. A. B. Robinson, (\$1.35 for lepers, 25c. for bungalow), \$1.60; Mrs. W. J. Robinson, \$1; Capt. R. M. Melville, \$2.50; St. Thomas, Jr. B. Y. P. U., for "Nakka Yohann" \$7; Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Mrs. R. W. Elliot, (special toward Miss McLeod's passage), \$100; Mrs. John Firstbrook, (for Miss McLeod's passage), \$25; Mrs. Brooks, \$1; Mrs. M. E. Davies, \$25; Mrs. E. M. Southworth for lepers, \$1; Miss Grace E. Holt, for bungalow, \$5; Miss Ellen McDonald, for bungalow, \$2. Total, \$196.10.

Total receipts during the month, - - - \$1,692.55

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer: On regular estimates, \$687.50. Bungalow Account, \$360. For Miss McLeod's outgoing passage \$350. Extras:—For lepers, \$11.35; "Vuyuyuru bungalow furniture from Mrs. Wm. Davies, \$60.

Total disbursements, - - - - - \$1,468.85

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1904, - - - - - \$10,554.36

Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1904, \$12,315.58

EVA NASMITH,

Treasurer.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

Youth's Department.

LETTER FROM MISS SELMAN.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—

I HAVE not written to you before, but I think of you often, and perhaps you would like to hear about some children I have met while in Peddapuram.

S. — is a bright little girl of the farmer caste. She is about nine years old and has been married two years to a little relative two years her senior. She was one of the first pupils in the children's class in her street. From the first she attracted us by her happy face and bright answers. Then too, we saw at a glance the "marriage token" on the little yellow cord about her neck, and our hearts went out in love to her, as we sought to impart a knowledge of the "Friend of little children." She is now attending the girls' school, can read nicely, is one of our most attentive scholars, and enjoys the singing very much.

Her school life must soon give place to duties of home-life; but if she truly learns about Jesus he will be her Helper in her every need.

R. — is an older girl. She attended the girl's school until about ten years of age; was then given in marriage to a wealthy relative, a man older than her father, and a widower. I first met her in her own home and found her very shy. She listened in a very pleased way to our singing, soon began to join, and then learned to sing the hymns alone. She soon had to go to her husband's home and our lessons were discontinued. She has twice since come home for short visits and has called on us. We were so pleased to find that she remembers the hymns and the lessons we had given in Luke's Gospel.

Our prayer is that she may cherish the teaching she has already received, and let her light shine in her new home.

K. — is a little ten-year-old child-wife, the second wife of a middle aged man. She is living now in her husband's home, having been brought from her own home in Yellamanchilli at the time of her marriage. She is usually very sad, but sometimes brightens up and smiles. Not so apt a pupil as many, yet she can sing several hymns, and recite some scripture portions.

S. — is a little girl of the poorer (Barber) caste. A romping, mischievous girl not yet married, because her parents are too poor to perform the ceremony. She is nearly always about the streets, with her rough hair hanging all about her face, and her scant clothing black with dirt; but in spite of all she is one of the kindest playmates, and has a loving heart. How do I know? Why, from the first day we started a children's class in her street she has been my right hand helper. Calling the children together, running for a mat to sit upon, helping to get the little ones in order, and often taking a heavy baby from a little girl's arms, saying, "You sit down and learn, I'll lift the baby." She herself standing at the back, joining heartily in all the lessons. Last week she had certainly put into practice one of our practical songs, for she came with clean face and combed hair.

C. R. — was a student in the Cocanada girls school, a child of Christian parents. She also confessed Christ, and was baptized. Her father, like the Prodigal, wandered far away, yielded to Satan, denied his Master, and has dragged his little daughter back into heathenism. Although entreated with, prayed for, he went his own way and gave his little daughter in marriage to a heathen man and a widower. Oh! how many sad things we see in India, God is merciful and He can yet bring the wanderers back to the Father's Home.

One day while going to a children's class we passed a house where a young girl about fourteen was sitting on the ground crying most bitterly. On enquiry, the women of the house said, "Oh, we are going to send her to her mother-in-law's house and she doesn't want to go."

Think of it, dear Canadian girls! You, who are at the age of fourteen, are so happy in your home and school-life, and can look forward to many happy years in the home nest, there, if you go to another's home, it is the one of your choice, with one who loves you and whom you love. We love, most of all to give to the women and children of India the precious Gospel of Jesus, and then, though through customs and caste their lot is hard, they will have a Helper in all; for there is "no friend like the meek and lowly Jesus, no not one, no not one."

MARY R. B. SELMAN.

Peddapuram.

Aug. 29th, 1905.