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NOTICE! CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Please notice that the Editor's Address from this date will be 572 Huron St., Toronto, instead of 74 Bismarek Ave.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LINK.

WITH the present issue our paper enters on its 26th year. As we think of the interest and efforts of Brother Timpany in starting the paper, and of the enlargement of our work and the blessings that have attended it since then, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His wonderful goodness to the Society. Much of this success, we doubt not, under God, has been due to the LINK, edited first by Mrs. Freeland and Miss Buchan, and then, for so many years, by Mrs. Newman.

If, as our friends kindly assure us, the paper continues to maintain its interest and usefulness under its present management, may we not hope to see it still improve with increased circulation and support. For these we must still look to our subscribers. To the many friends, who have so nobly aided us, we once more express our sincerest gratitude.

It may be a surprise to see the LINK in a new dress; but the old cut had become too much worn to use it longer, so another had become necessary. The change of form was desired by our obliging publisher, as being more modern, and a commoner size of paper than the other. The change was talked of earlier, but was delayed till the beginning of this new volume.

As many have written inquiring the amount of their subscriptions, it may not be amiss to state again that, the date up to which the subscription is paid is printed on the address label of each paper, by looking at which the subscriber can tell from what date the subscription is due. With our limited list of subscribers and the low price of the paper, it is needless to say that, the comfort of the Editor and the efficiency of the paper depend on the promptness with which its subscriptions are paid.

And now, as we enter once more upon our pleasant, but responsible task, with gratitude for

the past, we look to God for His continued assistance and blessing, and to our sisters for their continued kindness and co-operation.

Remember that the work of the LINK is to promote the interests of our Foreign Missions. Would you share that work? Read the LINK carefully, and get others to take and read it.

Look at your label, and send your subscription from its date, paying a year in advance. Send any contributions that may be of interest and benefit to the readers of the LINK.

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As Rev. A. V. Timpany and wife were the originators of our CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK, it seems very fitting that at our 25th anniversary we should give our readers the privilege of again looking upon their faces, and also reading the letter written by our beloved brother for the first issue of the paper. Our brother was called to higher service many years ago, but our dear sister is still spared to be an inspiration to the work, as President of our F. M. B., where she is greatly beloved and appreciated by all the members. We trust that she may have many years of service still in the work so dear to her.

The Foreign Mission Board, having thought it unwise for Mr. and Mrs. McLeod and Mr. J. A. K. Walker to return to India till more fully recruited, it has been decided that Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. R. Smith should go this fall, leaving Canada about Sept. 20th. The Manitoba Board has done nobly in undertaking to support Miss Robinson as their missionary, who will go out about Nov. 1st, with Dr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Murray. Misses Hatch and McLaurin will leave the last of October *via* the Pacific route. We are thankful for the new recruits and the faithful ones returning, while we sympathize with those who fain would go, but must tarry longer in the Home-land.

We have waited as long as possible for copy from the W. B. M. U. and very much regret having to go to press without it.



REV. A. V. TIMPANY.



MRS. A. V. TIMPANY.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

IT has turned out as I expected when the tentative copy of the little paper was sent out. We could fill the present issue of the paper with the "kind words" that have come from all parts of the Dominion of Canada. Thanks, friends, for your good words. Some have opposed. But this kind of thing is to be expected. All do not see alike among Baptists. Good old Dr. Ryland would have had Carey keep quiet if he had only had his way. He lived to change his views. I suppose some will live to change their views about the LINK. Perhaps its promoters, perhaps its opposers. One thing I know, nothing of a denominational character has ever been started among us that has met a more wide-spread, hearty approval. It is also one of the first things after our union in foreign mission work in India that aims at bringing all the Baptists of the Dominion into closer union. There is a fitness in things sometimes, and I think it can be seen in this case by those who will. I hope it may be a real commencement of a spiritual confederation of the Baptists East and West. I thank God he has permitted me to have a hand in this. To me the only question than need be asked is, Will the paper promote the interests of Foreign Missions? I unhesitatingly answer, Yes! For instance, it is needed very much for the "Women's Aid Societies" all over Canada.

One will say—"What about Home missions, Ministerial Education, etc.?" I answer let the promoters use and start for us just as many

means as they find the people want and are willing to avail themselves of. A grand, intense, wide-spread, thorough Foreign Mission interest can harm nothing at home or abroad but Satan's kingdom. If the LINK in some humble way is calculated to do this, *let us have it.*

Come all who love the Saviour. Come Baptists of Canada, men and women, Pentecost is coming again in those eastern lands. Arise and shine for the glory of the Lord is come upon the heathen world. Shine through your prayers—shine through the sons and daughters who have gone from you to old India. Shine through your gifts. Bring your gold and your silver unto the work of the King. Say unto them that are of a fearful heart be strong, fear not. Oh-Christian men of Canada, as you stand reverently, and joyously, with your heads towards heaven, and your faces beam with the communicated manhood of Christ Jesus, have a sympathy with Jesus in His sufferings, and compassionate your fellow subjects, and brothers in India whose faces are in the dust, and whose feet take hold of the ways of death. And what can I say to the Christian women of my native land that would stir them to more earnestness for their heathen Hindu sisters, "unwelcomed at their birth, enslaved as wives, accursed as widows, and unlamented when they die." Cannot you spend a short time *once a month* in your "Circle" meeting to talk about and plan to pray together to your Master for them. Will you refuse to have a "Circle" because of want of time or want of interest? It cannot be. Will you let your society that you have, die because the love and interest of some waxes cold? It cannot be when millions of Telugu women await the coming of your messengers, and drown in the dark river of their heathen degradation while you wait.

A. V. TIMPANY.

SEEKING FOR RELIEF FROM SIN.

By Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D.

Never shall I forget an interview that I had over thirty years ago with a venerable Brahman pilgrim, an earnest seeker after relief from the burden of sin. It was in February, 1861, that two of us missionaries were out on a preaching tour, in a part of the Telugu country lying on the edge of the Mysore Kingdom, a region in which the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ had so far never yet been proclaimed. Our tent was pitched under a spreading banyan tree. We had been there for several days, and had preached in all the villages and hamlets within three miles of our camp. That morning we had left our tent before sunrise and gone out several miles to preach in a cluster of villages nestled in among the hills.

In each village, after the oral proclamation, we had offered Gospels and tracts in their own tongue to the people who had listened, but only a few would receive them, so suspicious were they at that time of anything new. We returned to our tent weary with our morning work. The burden of our thoughts was: "Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

As we came near we saw a venerable Brahman engaged in his devotions on a large stone platform around the central trunk of an adjacent banyan tree, where there was a small shrine. Slowly, with beads in hand, he performed his circumambulations, keeping his face toward the shrine, reciting his mantrams, his prayers, his petitions. Each time that he came in front of the shrine he fell prostrate upon the ground, performing the Sashtangam of the Hindoos, and then, sliding one bead on his rosary, he would slowly and reverently go around the tree again.

Much struck by his reverent demeanor and evident earnestness, we watched him through the corded meshes of our tent window, and when he had finished his devotions and sat down to rest, we went out and, courteously addressing him, asked him what he sought by these prayers and circumambulations.

"Oh, sirs," said he, in a tone that struck us as one of intense earnestness, "I am seeking to get rid of the burden of sin. All my life I have been seeking it, but each effort that I make is as unsuccessful as the one before, and still the burden is here. My pilgrimages and prayers and penances for sixty years have all been in vain. Alas! I know not how my desire can be accomplished."

Then, in answer to our inquiries, he gave us the story of his life. He told us how, in early life, he had been sorely troubled by the thought of his unexpected sins; that his parents had both died when he was seventeen years of age, leaving him, an only child, sole heir of their wealth; that the priest whom he had consulted told him that if he would give all his property to endow a temple the burden of sin would be removed.

He gave his property—all of it. He endowed the temple. But the burden of sin was no lighter. His mind was not at peace. Obedient to further advice from the priest, his counselor, he made the pilgrimage on foot all the long way to Benares, the holy city. He spent two years in the precincts of the temple in worship. He spent two years in bathing in the holy Ganges. "But," said he, "the Ganges' water washed the foulness from my skin, not the foulness from my soul, and still the old burden was there un-eased." He told us how he had gone thence, on foot, all the way to Rameshwaram, begging his food all of the two thousand miles, for he had given all of his money to the temple; and thence, again, to Srirangam, and thence to other holy places. He told us how he had spent his whole life in these pilgrimages, and in penances and in desert wanderings, apart from his kind, living on roots and nuts and jungle fruits, remaining for years at a time in the forest jungles, in the vain search for relief from his sin.

"And now, sirs," said he, "my life is almost gone; my hair is thin and white; my eyes are dim; my teeth are gone; my cheeks are sunken; my body is wasted; I am an old, old man; and yet, sirs, the burden of sin is just as heavy as when, a young man, I started in pursuit of deliverance. O, sirs, does your Veda tell how I can get rid of this burden of sin and be at peace? Our Vedas have not shown me how?"

How gladly did we tell him of our gracious "Burden-bearer," and of his loving call: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." How eagerly did he listen, as we told him of Jesus Christ, the God-man, the Saviour of the world, and told him what He had done for our salvation! How gladly did he pore over the Gospels we gave him, and what earnest questions did he ask, during the day, as to points in their teachings which he did not quite understand! During that night he left, and went upon his way, taking the Gospels with him, and we never saw him again.

Though so many years have intervened, his

earnest, reverent countenance remains photographed on my memory, and I shall look for him up there among the redeemed, for I believe he was in earnest in seeking deliverance from the burden of sin.—*Review of Missions.*

MISSION TO THE HEBRIDES.

The veteran missionary, Dr. John G. Paton, writes of four months spent on the island of Malekula, one of the New Hebrides group. It is believed to have a population of from 16,000 to 20,000 savages who cannot be said to wear any clothing. They strangle to death or burn alive many of their aged, sick and suffering, and all infants whose mothers die. When their little girls are six years of age they knock out their upper two front teeth, generally, after which the father of each tries to sell her as a wife to the man who will give him the largest number of hogs for her. Her weeping and pleading are disregarded, and she is forced to follow her purchaser to his home where he may have three or four wives living already. If she runs away twice, he with fiery sticks burns three holes in a row into her breast or sides. If a third time, he places hot burning stones behind her knees to prevent her being able to run away again. Yet, among these savages, three missionaries have now, after a years' dangerous work, been instrumental in winning 234 intelligent church members. Near the mission house they have built a new village, in which they live, all clothed, and begin and close each day with praise and prayer, and from which they go forth to preach the Gospel. They invite all new converts to their village; and if they wish to live in it, aid them in building their houses on a given plan along straight streets which are kept clean and in good order.—*World Missions.*

AN AFRICAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE RAILWAY.

A native of Uganda, who accompanied the Prime Minister on his way to the coronation of King Edward, wrote to his friend about the Uganda railway, giving the following description of it: "My friend, I can tell you the Europeans have done a marvelous thing to make the railway and the trains. They fasten ten or fifteen houses together and attach them to a fireplace, which is as big as an elephant, and the road it goes on is as smooth as the stem of a plantain. It goes as fast as a swallow flying, and everything you see outside flies past you like a spark

from a fire. If it were to drop off one of the bridges not one in it would be saved, for it goes dreadfully quick. The hills it passes are as high as those of Koki, and they have bridged over great valleys so deep that you cannot see the bottom when you are going over them."

NEW GUINEA.

Rev. Mr. Turner, of New Guinea, reports a great feast, held under Christian auspices, in which people gathered from all quarters. There were present twenty-six native chiefs, many of them having been leaders in wholesale riots and massacres. They all bowed together fervently in prayer, and after the addresses the feast was spread, followed by games and by many expressions of good will. Mr. Turner exclaimed: "And what a gathering! Who is there that can look upon it without saying, 'This at least is prophetic of the dawn of a better day in this part of the interior of New Guinea?' Think of it! Here is a company of some 1,100 natives, many of whom have not seen one another before: if they have, it has only been when facing one another in battle array. And here are gathered together representatives from at least forty-five different villages; villages which, in many cases, have left each other severely alone; or, if they have had any dealings with one another, it has been in terms of war, bloodshed, terrorism, and death."

When the China Inland Mission was formed, 36 years ago, there were but 91 missionaries in all China, and in the interior there were 200,000,000 people without one missionary. The burden of these millions was laid so heavily upon the heart of Hudson Taylor that he dedicated himself to the work to which he was called. No appeal was made for workers or for money, but in answer to prayers 22 missionaries and the money for their expenses were given. There are now about 800 missionaries connected with the work.

In at least one province in India child-marriage has received a stunning blow. For the young galkwar of Baroda, who was educated in England, not long since, took a step which legalizes the remarriage of widows by specific enactment. Baroda, the state of which the galkwar is chief, shows the largest relative increase of Christians in all India for the last ten years.—*Missionary Review of the World.*

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER FROM TUNI.

Tuni, June 16, 1903.

Dear Fellow-workers,—That call for volunteers for the Home Department of the Foreign Mission work has been a great inspiration to us out at the front. We know there are many who are true yoke fellows, but this definite call at this particular time is so full of promise and encouragement.

God surely has great blessing in store for us. That week of prayer in April, was a blessed one to us here in Tuni. A few of us met each day and took some example of prayer in the Word, also the conditions of prevailing prayer as our study. We felt God was very near to us and that He was answering the prayers of His people on our behalf.

Since then, there have been definite answers to prayer in our midst, and there is a spirit of expectancy on the part of some that shows the working of the Spirit in our midst.

Some of the causes for joy and encouragement are these :

Last month at our regular meeting of the S.S.S.S. there were 18 present, the largest number we have ever had. These are Christian women. One of them is a woman who was excluded from the church in Mr. Garside's time. We all felt so sorry, for we knew that her life was a hinderance. She came back lately with a confession of her sin that showed plainly the Spirit's work, and her life is proving it.

Another woman present in that meeting has been the sweeper woman in the compound since Mr. Currie's time. Until recently, we were utterly discouraged about her. She seemed so stupid and unresponsive. But God's Spirit worked in that dark, dull mind while we were out at Pentakott as we read through the Gospel of Mark.

As we talked of the blood of Jesus and the necessity for its being applied, Chinama's heart was quickened and soon after she came to talk to me and tell me of the new thoughts and desires that had arisen within. Both she and her daughter are pleasing us very much as we watch the change in them. It is manifest in seemingly little things, which prove surely that a new principle has entered into their lives.

Then there is a deeper interest on the part of some as regards the weaker members of our

church. And so I could go on, telling of tokens of the Spirit's presence in our midst. δβ.

Before closing, it is on my heart to ask you to join us in definite prayer for three of our number here in Tuni who have grown careless about attending the services, also for a teacher in the town who is much interested and thinking very seriously about this matter of salvation and also of confessing openly his faith in Jesus.

May the Lord add daily to the number of those who join in this ministry of intercession.

God is opening many doors, we never had better hearing amongst heathen than now.

Your fellow-worker in Him.

ELLEN PRIEST.

COCANADA FIELD REPORT.

First Quarter of 1903—H. F. Laflamme,
Missionary.

MY field includes the Taluk or county of Cocanada, through which three of the twelve mouths of the Godaveri empty into the sea. The population of the field has risen from 181,406 in 1801, to 213,758 in 1901, or by 32,352 in the decade. The population of the town alone has risen to 50,000 or by 8,000 in the last ten years.

I spent four days at Ramachandrapuram. As manager of the Industrial School I had the contract for woodwork for all leper buildings there, numbering seven in all; and also for the boys' dormitories, the mission store house and the station chapel. These are now all complete and represent an equipment for aggressive and large Christian work that must prove very effective. On one of the two visits there, I measured up the veranda roof of the new chapel and preached the dedication sermon; on the other and last visit, I completed the covering of the home for untainted children of lepers.

I travelled 152 miles, preached 110 times, led 14 prayer meetings, and 14 Bible classes, and attended 19 other meetings, making a total of 157 meetings to an aggregate of 6,205 hearers. I engaged in 55 personal talks, made four pastoral calls, distributed 312 handbills, sold 34 books and 27 tracts.

There have been eight baptisms. Two of these were the sons of our late pastor, Jonathan Burder, who are now in the Dr. Kellock Home for Lepers.

Under the peculiar circumstances the Church authorized their elder, brother Josiah, the head

master of one of the caste girls' schools here, to administer the ordinance. This he did very impressively before a large congregation on New Year's day, in the baptistry near the church. With the baptism of these lads the last of that family have been gathered into the visible Church of God, and there will be rejoicing amongst the angels of God over them. Their membership is with the leper church at Ramachandrapuram.

There have been one pastor, one ordained and four unordained preachers, eight teachers and two colporteurs at work. Pastor Viraswami resigned his salary of Rs.40 to the Church, setting them at liberty to engage three of the field preachers whose salaries aggregate Rs.28 per month. This amount is within reach of the monthly offerings. The evangelists preach in the church once a month, and make monthly reports, being under my general control as missionary of the field. In order to provide for himself while serving the church as pastor, Mr. Viraswami took up the appointment of head-master in the Girl's Boarding School, on the same salary he had been receiving from the church. This enables the grade of that school to be raised to the lower secondary standard, as Mr. Viraswami is a trained matriculant of ten years' teaching experience. Mr. M. Kesavarao, the former head-master of the Girls' School, whose qualifications were not such as to admit of the raising of the school, and who for some time has wished to work as a special evangelist, has been engaged on his former salary, Rs.27, to work in the town.

The extra colporteur is a young man who has been engaged as messenger in the bookroom, the business of which for the quarter amounted to Rs.1000, and went beyond the strength of the one man at work there.

According to my last quarterly report there were 248 church members, but according to the annual report only 233, actually there were only 232. One was added to the membership of the English Church, a grand, good fellow, Adjie, who has been made deacon. That church now contains four full grown men. One young woman was excluded for grave misconduct. The membership of 39 gives only 19 resident members. In the Telugu church six were received by baptism, two by letters and five were dismissed, leaving a membership of 203. Of this number only 151 should be on the rolls. A large number of resident Christians should and will join so that the normal membership of 242 in the two churches represents about the actual strength. Of these

160 are resident. The Telugu church roll is receiving close revision.

Sunday Schools, 25, teachers, 57, attendance 624.

The Postal Crusade for India.

The appeal last year was (1) for papers and magazines of freshness to be sent to the mission bookroom, Cocanada, or to some individual whose name might be supplied by Mrs. M. E. Cole, of Westmount, Montreal, Canada; and (2) for other papers, magazines, books, Sabbath School Picture rolls, reward cards, wall mottoes, Scripture texts to be sent to Mr. A. J. Laflamme, Morrisburg, Ont., Canada, or to the Foreign Mission Club, 29-35 City Road, London, E. C., England.

The response has been beyond all expectation, three boxes of books and papers were sent from Great Britain, five great packing cases of books, papers, magazines, reward cards, Scripture texts and pictures, from Canada, and one small box of very good books from a missionary lady in the Central Provinces of India, who noticed the appeal in the organ of the Missionary Pence Association, "All Nations," and sent a part of her library to be used in the circulating library during her furlough, and should she not come back to be ours permanently.

The Reading Room.—The papers that come by mail, if fresh, are first put on file in the reading room. This has been renovated during the year with funds provided by the native Christians as a memorial to the founder of the mission, Thomas Gabriel, an ex-telegraph master, who gave up his government post of Rs. 75 a month with the prospect of a pension, to work for the salvation of his fellows. The papers and magazines now on file there number 47. The daily attendance at the reading room is about 25. A few of the papers, after being read there are sold and the rest are sent out into the homes of the town to be passed from one to the other till worn out.

Bundles of papers are sent down to the bookroom to be given away to bonafide purchasers, thus preventing the absorption of the papers by the bazaar dealers for wrapping paper. Many of them are distributed in our street preaching and through the Christian Endeavor Society. The papers by box have come in such large numbers that it is impossible to use a fraction of them here, so I have sent out 250 post cards to all missionaries and Christian workers in this part of India offering them in one rupee bundles so as to cover the cost of the freight out, which came to Rs. 80.

The Books have added 280 volumes to the free circulating library which now numbers on its catalogue 525 volumes. But there are not that many on the shelves, for each book that is given unconditionally is priced so low as to barely cover the cost of freight and handling and goes at once from bookroom to enrich the meagre library of some struggling student or a young man who is starting life with a great desire to read, but with a salary of one or two pounds a month and a number depend on him for support. These men, clerks, lawyers, students, government servants, school teachers and accountants, Hindu, Muhametan and Christian, Telugu, Eurasian and Anglo-Indian, all join in sincere gratitude to the kind donors of these good books and papers.

The Mission Bookroom, Cocanada, will be glad to continue as almoners to this fine gift for the English educated men of India.

The Ravi.

Donations to the Ravi from all parts of the world have been generous beyond expectations. Still the deficit of \$200 weighs heavily on the management. A circulation of 2,000 would place the paper in an independent position. The present issue is 800 weekly. There are 15 missions, 100 mission stations and 228 foreign missionaries at work amongst the fourteen millions of Telugus in India. To serve these the *Ravi* is issued, and until they are awakened to a sense of its value that support which the paper deserves will be a difficulty. Till such time may we look to you to aid this wood work.

The lack of reading habits in a people only six per cent. of whom can read, narrows the demand. Still the population is so vast that six per cent. means 8,40,000 readers amongst Telugu people. To interest, to develop, to broaden the mind and leaven this mass with the Word of Truth, is the mission of the *Ravi*, in conjunction with all other hristian labors among them.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. LAFLAMME.

Cocanada, India.

THE TELUGUS SEND MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA.

You have no doubt heard ere this of our losing John Rungiah from the school, and of the purpose he has of going to Africa to minister to his Telugu brethren laboring on the tea estates in Natal. I must confess that when he told me of his desire, I was and was not surprised. It had

been the burden of his heart for a year or more before he said anything about it. He first wanted to gain the sanction of his wife, who for a long time opposed him. He has applied to the Telugu Home Mission Society, which has accepted him, and if necessary arrangements can be made, they will sail for Africa in April. It is really a great move on the part of the native brethren, and will I hope and pray, infuse new life into the Telugu church. He has met quite a hearty response to his appeals in behalf of his work in the Northern Association, and I believe it will be the same with the others when he meets with them. He takes with him his wife and two children. His opportunities will be almost unlimited, for there are 60,000 Hindus in Natal alone, and very little if anything being done for them. Then there are also some thousands in the Transvaal besides. He seems to be just the man for the work, as he is educated, knows both Tamil and Telugu, and has a deep love for souls. We had two missionaries from Durban with us,—Baptist women who had given several years of service for the Zulus. They were on their way home for furlough and seemed providentially sent, as the way seemed to be closing and both John and the society were growing discouraged. They had a long talk with John, gave him letters of reference, and advised him about the work. It seems there are very stringent immigration laws which barred him from entering the country. They helped them over this by advising Dr. Downie to write directly to the government and represent his case, asking them to admit him as one under definite employment. I am sure you will all rejoice in this new enterprise, as it denotes growth on the part of the native church of India.—Katherine Darmstadt, Nellore, India, in *Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

A REVIVAL IN INDIA.

By Rev. John McLaurin, D.D., Coonoor, India.
Missionary of the American Baptist Telugu Mission.

1. *When and where it began.* To know this is not essential to our belief, though it is interesting to trace God's hand in a movement of this kind. In May, 1902, in Coonoor, Nilgiri hills, South India, several Telugu missionaries and native Christians, who came to the hills as *munshis* and servants, held service in Telugu in an outhouse on Sunday afternoon. One of the subjects was: "The Needs of Village Christians." A remark was made that they so much needed the Holy Spirit, to cleanse, to enlighten, and to empower them to live holy

and consistent lives before the heathen. This thought powerfully impressed one present. He began to pray for the village Christians. But the burden grew too heavy to be borne alone. He wrote to a fellow missionary, whose sympathy he could rely upon, asking him to unite with him in daily prayer for a revival of spiritual life among the Christians. The brother replied: "Before they call I will answer: the awakening has begun. I will gladly join you." Shortly after another, and yet others joined this praying circle. About the same time, probably the same week, a similar movement, only on a larger scale, began in Kodaikanal, another hill station in South India. In the latter place the missionaries met together for prayer and fellowship in the matter of a revival. A great impetus was given to the movement by these meetings. It was not known to either party that the other was praying for this specific object.

II. *The extent of the movement.* As early as August, 1902, the ever-watchful Y. M. C. A., of Madras, issued a "private prayer circular," containing requests for prayer from members of the circle. These members promise to bring the requests of the circular before God each day for a month, a new circular being issued each month. February circular contains thirty requests, March twenty-eight, covering all India and Ceylon, and representing almost all missions, and all phases of work. The movement is gathering force and spreading in extent daily. The writer has been a missionary in India over thirty years, and has seen nothing compared to this awakening before.

Perhaps in no case has the power of this awakening been as conspicuous as in its effects upon the late Decennial Conference in Madras. The whole atmosphere of the conference was pervaded by the Spirit of God. The Spirit had presided over the appointment of the delegates, had followed them to Madras, and had presided at their meetings in Committee, and guided their deliberations in the public assemblies.

The visit of Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander, fresh from the scenes of the triumphs of grace in Australia, had created a sympathetic feeling in Madras, and delegates from many lonely stations felt the spiritual glow of the late meetings in the places of entertainment. The presence of representatives of Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor, Young Men's, Young Women's, Volunteer, and other associations accentuated the spirit already present. I have been present at two ecumenical, and three Indian missionary

conferences, and many large gatherings of Christian workers, but never attended one where the spirit of catholicity, of devotion, of yearning for the elevation of the Christian and the salvation of the lost was so conspicuous.

III. *What, then, is our plea?* The words of the Man of Macedonia: "Come over and help us." We need more helpers very much. We need two for every 50,000, but what we need more than even that is unceasing, importunate, believing prayer. We want millions of people praying daily for India. And we want them to do it now. And we want them to keep on doing it till He hears us. I believe a crisis of missions in India is upon us. If we could concentrate the prayers of God's people upon India at the present time I believe we could do the work of centuries in decades.

Let every child of God who reads this pray for India.

VALUE OF BIBLE WOMEN.

The work which can be done by Bible women is of great importance. The reasons why a native can often find more ready admittance to the homes of the people than a missionary are probably apparent to every one and need not be dwelt upon here. There are reasons, too, why a Bible woman may in many cases be able to do better work on a first visit. The coming of a foreigner is greeted with some excitement or curiosity, suspicion of her motives, apprehension of her person, or fear of consequences arising from the opposition of friends or neighbors; and these thoughts and feelings, occupying the minds and hearts of the inmates of the home, prevent in a measure the good results so earnestly hoped for by the missionary. Each of the above-named hindrances may exist in the case of a visit from a Bible woman, but must of necessity exist in lesser degree. The Bible woman can do much in opening new doors for the missionary and in removing prejudice against foreigners. By telling what Christ has done for herself, by arousing a desire for the truth, by reading and explaining portions of Scripture, and thus showing the beauty and purity of Christian teaching, she can stimulate a desire to attend church services or women's meetings. She can plan to bring together women who are suitable for introduction to one another; she can search out families who have removed leaving no address; she can sometimes win the affections of the people by rendering service in cases of sickness or emergency—Miss Ralton, in *Review of Missions*.

Our Work at Home.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec will be held at Smith's Falls, Ont., October 6th and 7th.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on Wednesday, the 7th.

A union platform meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, at which Rev. H. C. Priest, recently returned from India, will give an address on Foreign Mission work.

DELEGATES.

Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less; 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 one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. Each Band has the right to send one delegate over fifteen years of age.

CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points, on purchasing a first-class, full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway. These certificates must be surrendered to ticket agents at place of meeting ten minutes before train time, when return tickets will be issued at one third fare. The certificates are only good for use three days after the meetings close, if the delegates go and return on the same line.

It is earnestly trusted that all delegates will obtain certificates at their starting point, *no matter how short the distance*, so that there may be a sufficient number for reduced fares.

BILLETING.

Those desiring entertainment will kindly apply as early as possible, to Mrs. Wm. Elevard, Smith's Falls, Ont., stating the time of their arrival by train.

A Question Drawer will be conducted by Mrs. Halkett. As it is desirable to make the Question Drawer of service to all, and in order that important matters may receive longer consideration, it is requested that all questions calculated to aid Circles, Bands, or individuals, in both Home and Foreign mission work, be sent *before the Convention* to Mrs. J. B. Halkett, 399 McLaren

St., Ottawa, Ont. It is hoped that all requiring information regarding our work will take advantage of this opportunity and send in their questions at an early date.

L. J. PARSON, *Cor. Sec. of Home Society.*
E. C. AYER, " " " *Foreign* "

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As the Treasurer's books close on Sept. 30th, 1903, will all Circles and Bands in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, kindly send in their funds before that date to Mrs. W. Gordon Rickert, 30 Staynor Ave. Westmount, P. Q.

E. C. A.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

OWEN SOUND.—Annual meeting of Women's Mission Circles and Bands of Owen Sound Association was held in Durham, June 10th. The Circles were well represented and sixteen reported steady progress. Several Circles sent clothing, quilts, etc., to our missionaries during the year. Could not all our Circles, this year, make useful articles for distribution? These gifts are a real help to our missionaries, and yet cost us but little.

Port Elgin reported having made Mrs. (Rev.) L. McKinnon a Life-member of the F. M. Society.

Splendid reports were received from the Bands showing this work to be full of life and vigour.

One Band recently organized, has already collected \$12.00.

A letter was read from Miss Priest sending greetings.

We were glad to welcome Rev. and Mrs. McLeod who unexpectedly dropped in upon us. Mr. McLeod and Rev. J. G. Brown, both gave inspiring and enjoyable addresses.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Mr. Jas. Walker, Owen Sound, Director; Mrs. L. Newton, Durham, President; Mrs. E. C. Allen, Port Elgin, Secretary.

RECEIPTS.—Circles, \$162.25; Special for Bolivia, \$4.00; Bands (including \$1.50 from Owen Sound Baby Band), \$56.50.

E. C. ALLEN, *Secretary.*

ELGIN.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands was held at Sparta, June 3rd.

The morning session was opened with a prayer-service led by Mrs. Spencer, of New Sarum, after which the president, Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, took charge of the meeting. After the opening exercises, brief but encouraging reports were given from twelve Circles and five Bands.

In the afternoon, after learning reports of committee, and the election of officers, the Association was very heartily welcomed by Mrs.

A. D. Rogers, of Sparta, to which Mrs. L. C. McConnell very fittingly replied.

The Directors report showed one Circle and one Band organized at Iona, during the year, making a total of 17 Circle, 5 Bands and 1 Junior Y.P.S.C.E. Total amount contributed by Circles and Bands \$939.71, an increase of \$80.65.

Mrs. Vining, of Aylmer, then told of our work among the Scandinavians and showed their willingness to receive the Gospel. Two papers on Band work, by Mrs. W. H. Barnum, Dutton, and Miss Porter, St. Thomas, gave many thoughts and suggestions and presented the work very clearly. These were followed by a discussion led by Mrs. W. L. Silcox, of Shedden, in which many took part.

Miss Dryden, of Toronto, presented the claims of Moulton College, telling of the good work being done, and urging parents to be loyal to "our own College."

Miss M. P. Pound, of Bayham, one of our sisters, now missionary elect to Burma, briefly addressed the meeting. It had long been her desire to be a missionary, and to go to India under the Ontario Foreign Missionary Board, but God had led her to go to Burma instead, and she was going in obedience to His command. Let us all remember our sister in her far away home.

Mrs. W. P. Reekie, of Sparta, gave a very helpful and practical address on "Christ our example in service." During the afternoon solos were given by Miss Moore, of Sparta, and Miss Mabel Clarke, of Aylmer, which were very much enjoyed.

The evening session opened with a song service after which, the President, Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, of Sparta, gave a very earnest address on witnessing.

We were very glad to have with us Miss Dryden, of Toronto and Miss Murray, of Canada, India.

After a trio by the Misses Prior and Laidlaw, of Sparta, the claims of Home Missions was shown by a most excellent address by Miss out Dryden. She pointed out opportunities and the results of the work being done, but much territory waits yet to be entered.

Miss House, of New Sarum, then sang a solo after which Miss Murray told of the work so dear to her; that of giving the Gospel to the women and children of India. She contrasted the lives of the women of India, and the women of Canada, and showed the power of the Gospel in transforming lives of sin to lives of consecrated service. Much has been done but the work is great. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

Offering for day \$16.24. The Officers were re-elected. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. W. P. Reekie, Sparta.

M. LAIDLAW.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Western Association of Mission Circles and Bands met in Windsor, on June 10th. The morning session

opened with a prayer service, led by the President, Mrs. E. Burr. After singing the Coronation Hymn, Psalm 33 was read by Mrs. Potts. Mrs. C. N. Dewey offered prayer. Although several were absent, whom we expected to take part in the meeting, yet a large number was present; and a great spirit of earnestness prevailed, especially in the many prayers offered for a blessing on the coming sessions. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Campbell.

During the afternoon meeting, which was opened by singing "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," prayer was offered by Mrs. Rosebrugh. Psalm 103 was read by Mrs. Oldershaw. On the committee's report, the following officers were appointed: Mrs. Burr, re-elected Pres.; Miss E. Eberle, Vice-Pres, and Miss Ritchie, re-elected, Director. Mrs. L. C. Walker, of Chatham, then rendered a very pleasing solo, entitled, "A Clean heart." A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. Chisholm, and very appropriately responded to by Mrs. Campbell, after which the various Circles and Bands gave their reports, with the exception of Ridgeway and Blenheim, although Blenheim sent \$5 to Foreign Missions. Mrs. Bovington, next read an excellent paper on "The Work at Grande Ligne, from the time of Madame Feller, to the present." This paper dealt with all branches of the work, and showed that Grand Ligne had made great progress, materially and spiritually. A very profitable time was spent with the Question Drawer, conducted by Miss Ritchie. The burning question being "How to deal with the indifference of the women." After this, Miss Ritchie read a paper on "The Galacians," written by Mrs. Henderson, of Toronto. The leading thought being, "If we do not Christianize the Galacians, they will heathenize this fair Dominion of ours." This was followed by a paper on "What a Church Loses by not having a Mission Band," read by Mrs. C. N. Dewey, which gave us much instruction regarding the usefulness of Mission Band work. She strongly advocated the use of the *Baptist Union* for the leader of the Mission Band, and the *Junior Baptist Union* for the children. The collection amounted to \$10.57, out of which half of Miss McLaurin's travelling expenses were paid. The session closed with prayer by Mrs. L. C. Walker. During the evening session, Mr. Bovington offered prayer, and two selections were well rendered by the choir. Miss McLaurin was the speaker for the evening. She gave a very thrilling address on her work in India, in which she fully answered the question, "Why give the light to the heathen?" Mrs. L. C. Walker, and Rev. C. N. Dewey, sang a beautiful duet, "He will not Slumber." Mr. Bovington was called upon for an address, but declined on account of the lateness of the hour. The collection for the evening amounted to \$9.38. The session closed with prayer by Rev. Prosser.

IRENE P. LA MARSH, Sec.

Two new circles have been organized, Snider-ville and Kingsville, as a result of our annual meetings, held in Windsor in June. T. R.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Associational meetings of the Baptist Missionary Auxiliaries were held at Buckingham, on Thursday, June 18th, 1903. The opening session was held at 2 p. m. The President, Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, of Thurso, took the chair. The devotional exercises were led by the President. Mrs. George Black was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The Director's report of the work done by Circles and Bands during the year was very encouraging, and also that of the Bands. A very helpful and practical address was given by Mrs. W. McMaster on "Home Missions—the needs of the work: First, the need of money; second, of more earnest prayer, and third, of women to give themselves to the Lord." She also mentioned the different fields supported by the Society. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, for their work among the Indians in the North-West, received \$100. The Scandinavians in Winnipeg, received \$200. Mr. Anderson, a Swede, who labors among his people at Deer Lake, New Ontario, received \$100. A special gift of \$75 is asked for, to help them to erect a log building for their meetings. Beckwith, the oldest church in the province, receives \$80; Bilerica, Clarendon, and North Clarendon receive \$300. A new parsonage has been built at Baldwin Mills, and two other stations in Eastern Association receive \$250; Kingsey Falls, \$150, any balance to be given to the field of North Hatley. Miss Murray, our returned missionary spoke on Foreign Missions. She thanked the ladies of the East for their support. She pictured the terribly degraded state of the heathen and the various steps in their transformation to Christianity. Mrs. Parsons spoke on behalf of the MISSIONARY LINK, and *Visitor*, and urged all the workers to take these papers and read them carefully. A letter from the Foreign Mission was read by Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.

The total contributions for Foreign Missions were as follows, \$484.26. Home Missions, \$315.14. Grande Ligne, \$89.42. North-West, \$89.25. Indian Missions, \$34.63. New Ontario, \$7.70. Total, \$536.14. Grand total, \$1,020.40. Mission Bands, \$142.00.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, Director; Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, President; Miss McGibbon, Secretary of Bands; Mrs. George Black, Secretary-Treasurer.

SOPHIA M. BLACK.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.—The Mission Circles and Bands met with the Church, at Goshen, June 9th, 1903. Meeting opened at 10 a. m., with a service of prayer and praise, led by Mrs. Swain, of Langton. It was a very enjoyable season of prayer and the presence of the Master was felt. The Associational meeting was then formally opened by the President, Mrs. Cohoe, of Langton. The Director, Mrs. Davis, then called for a report from each Circle and Band. Ten Circles failed to report. About nine Churches have no Circle. Some were very hopeful of starting one. Very encouraging reports

were given by the Circles and Bands which were represented. A solo was given by Miss May Peachey, of Simcoe. In the absence of Mrs. F. Butler, who was to have read Mr. Sharpe's letter on the "Indian Work in the North-West," Mrs. Doolittle, of Vittoria, told what she could remember of the letter as read. This was supplemented by remarks from Mrs. Davis, who had visited that part of the work in the North-West. Two papers on "Leprosy," were then given by members of Langton Mission Band. These papers gave a deal of information about Miss Hatch's work. The Nominating Committee was then appointed. Session closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Moore.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn, followed by a responsive service, and prayer, led by Mrs. Fothergill, of Simcoe. Minutes of the morning session read and adopted on report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Cohoe was re-elected President; Mrs. Davis was re-elected Director; Mrs. Spidell, of Boston, Vice-President. A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. Silcox, and responded to by Mrs. Cohoe. The President's address was very good and helpful, and was followed by the Director's report. She first read a message of cheer from Mrs. Lillie, Toronto, then gave an itemized report of Circles and Bands. The adoption of this report was moved by Mrs. Fothergill, seconded by Mrs. Lester, and carried by a standing voice. An address was then given by Mrs. F. Alway, on the importance of taking the LINK and *Visitor*, after which copies of these papers were distributed among the audience. The Goshen Sunday School gave a very pleasing song "The Missionary Band." Mrs. Spiddell, of Boston, then gave an address on "The Ideal Mission Band," which was very interesting. Then followed a discussion on various questions relating to the work, led by Miss Grace Cohoe. A short season of prayer was then enjoyed. A request that we should pray for special spiritual results on the fields, was read from Mrs. Holman. Mr. Ralph E. Smith led in prayer for this. An address "Our Lives, or Followers of Christ," was then given by Mrs. Axford, of Simcoe. A very pleasing duett, by Miss Dick and Mrs. Spidell, was then sung. Then followed a soul-stirring address on "Grande Ligne," by Mr. Graham, of Brantford. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. Burch.

The evening session opened with singing, followed by a scriptural reading by Miss Shank. Prayer by Mrs. Oatman. Minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted. The Director then gave a report of our total offerings, regretting a decrease. Report adopted. A duett was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Spidell, of Boston. An address was given by Rev. A. J. Vining, of Aylmer, on "Home Missions," which was very instructive. Mr. Ralph E. Smith, our missionary elect, for India, gave a general address on "Missions," followed by the hymn, "Yes, my native land I love thee." A very inspiring address was given by Miss Kate McLaurin, our missionary from India. The

meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Ralph E. Smith. The offering for the day amounted to \$12.03.

MARY MAUDE KITCHEN,
Recording Secretary.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting was held at Sarnia June 2, at 2 p.m. The President being unable to attend, had requested Mrs. Speller, of Sarnia, to preside, who conducted a prayer and praise service. A request from Mrs. Holman was read, asking for united prayer for a speedy spiritual awakening on our Home Mission fields. In response, many earnest prayers were offered. A most cordial welcome was given the delegates by Mrs. Wood, of Sarnia Township Circle, assuring the delegates of a welcome to their Church and homes. This was responded to in a few well-chosen words by Mrs. Speller. Mrs. Wilkinson, of Sarnia, was appointed Recording Secretary. In the absence, through illness, of the Director, Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Dack, the Assistant-Director, took her place. The reports of the Circles and Bands was an interesting feature of the session, and showed an increase in the contributions above last year. It was with deep regret the delegates accepted the resignation of their Director, Mrs. Haines, who had served them so efficiently for many years. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. Johnson, London; Vice-President, Mrs. Brown, Petrolea; Director, Mrs. Dack, Strathroy; Assistant-Director, Mrs. Ellis, Sarnia. Mrs. Macken, of Forest, who for a number of years resided in British Columbia, gave us a thrilling address on Mission Work there, giving us an idea of the vastness of the country, and the terrible destitution of Gospel privileges. Mrs. Wilkinson, and Mr. Jackson, favored us with musical selections, and Pastor Coutts, spoke a few words of encouragement to the delegates.

The evening session was opened by the reading of the scripture by Miss McCandless, of Strathroy, and prayer by Pastor Coutts. An address full of interest and helpful suggestions, was then given by Mrs. Speller, President *pro tem*. The annual report given by the Director, showed progress in our work. A paper on "Home Missions," was given by Mrs. Dack. Mr. J. Chute, our recently returned missionary, gave an instructive address on "The Women of India." A collection of \$5 11 was taken. We trust that from the inspiration received in these meetings, that more and better work may be done by our Circles and Bands in the coming year.

ANNIE P. DACK, *Director.*

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday afternoon, June 4th, the sixteenth annual meeting of Circles and Bands, was held in the Church at Tiverton. Prayer and praise service was conducted by Rev. G. H. Jones. The President, Mrs. Cook, then opened the meeting, and the delegates were heartily welcomed by Mrs. McQuarrie, the pastor's wife, on behalf of the

women of the Church. The Director's report showed that there are twelve Circles and eight Bands in the Association. These contributed to missions during the past year: \$547.85, an increase of \$100.74 over last year. "How to make our Circles grow," was the subject of an excellent paper prepared by Mrs. Darroche. Mrs. Emerson's paper on "Hinderances to Growth," contained many helpful suggestions. A discussion was led by Mrs. Brownlee, of Mt. Forest. Rev. C. H. Schutt, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address on "Work among the Boys' and Girls' at Grande Ligne." Mr. Schutt was a student at Grande Ligne, for four years, and was able to tell us something interesting about the work. Miss McLaurin gave a bright address on "The Work in India," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and she also presented the claims of Moulton College. Mr. McLean gave a short, but spicy address on "Home Missions," in the few minutes at his disposal. Good music was furnished throughout the session. The collections amounted to \$10.18. Mrs. Cook was re-elected President.

ANNIE McDOUGALL, *Director.*

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.—The officers for the current year are: Mrs. S. J. Farmer, Brantford, President; Mrs. P. C. Cameron, Paris, Vice-President; Mrs. C. F. Gray, Norwich, Director of Circles; Miss Annie Winter, Brantford, Director of Bands. Will the Band workers make a note of the change. Miss Winter will gladly give any help she can, in your work.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

EAST TORONTO MISSION BAND.—Our first annual meeting was held on July 8th, when the following officers were elected: Hon. President, Miss Rossiter; President, Miss Gertie Preston; Vice-President, Miss Fanny Murdock; Secretary, Miss Ethel Slade; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Ward; Organist, Miss Flossie Nichols. We are greatly encouraged with the interest that the children are taking in the Band, and we hope to do something for our Master, who has done so much for us.

ETHEL SLADE, *Secretary.*

Miss Muir regrets that owing to illness, she is unable to write her usual letters to the Mission Bands. Will the Secretaries of all Mission Bands in the Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec kindly send reports to Mrs. Claxton, 353 Greene Avenue, Westmount, Que., and state the membership, and amounts contributed to all objects Home and Foreign.

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

Receipts from June 16th, 1903, to July 15th, 1903, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$1 for leper), \$27.09; Toronto, Jarvis St., for Bible-women, \$50; Port Colborne, \$5; Brantford, First Ch., for

Miss MacLeod, \$25; Hespler, \$9.55; Burtch, \$3;
 London South, \$4.10; London, Talbot St., \$13.75;
 Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$37.96; Toronto, Bloor St.,
 \$49.35; London, Maitland St., \$2.80; Woodstock,
 First Ch., \$12.50; Toronto, Western Ch., \$10.75;
 Colchester, \$1.68; Chatham, \$9; Cheltenham, for
 Rebecca, \$5; Atwood, \$1; Malahide and Bayham,
 \$5; Paisley, \$2.70; Barrie, \$5; Claremont, \$10;
 Guelph, First Ch., (40c. add. Thank-offering) \$4.58;
 Beachville, \$2.50; Bethel, \$3; Grimsby, \$5; Toronto,
 Ossington Ave., \$5; St. George, \$6.25; Hamilton,
 James St., (\$5.61 Thank-offering), \$17.41; Sault Ste.
 Marie, \$4.50; New Sarum, \$4; Cramahe, \$3;
 Arkona, \$3; Brantford, Calvary Ch., \$10.50; Dut-
 ton, \$1.50; Mt. Forest, (\$8.41 from reception to
 Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McLeod), \$15.55; Sparta, \$5.14;
 Woodstock, Oxford St., (\$4. for Engala Nokamma),
 \$11; Wilkesport, \$2.10; Sarnia, \$6; Guelph,
 Trinity Ch., (\$8 on Life-membership), \$9. Total,
 \$409.26.

FROM BANDS.—Burk's Falls, for Elpe Mary, \$8;
 Petrolia, \$12; Toronto, College St., \$3.20; Bram-
 pton, for Kakileti Santamma, \$17; Port Arthur, for
 Matti Samuel, \$8.50; Sparta, 65 cts.; Toronto River
 St., \$1.38; St. George, for Surla Kanamma, \$14.70;
 Sault Ste. Marie, for Tatapudi Deborah, \$7; Tor-
 onto, Bloor St., \$2.91; Berlin, for Ambati Dinamma,
 \$7; Toronto, Christie St., for Gandam Andrew, \$17;
 Wilkesport, for Bellapu Martha, \$17. Total,
 \$126.34.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Toronto, Moulton College,
 Y. W. C. A., \$20.30; Miss Pine, Cleveland, for
 Palspalte Atchayya, \$5; Per Miss Hatch, for
 lepers; Mrs. A. B. Robinson, Bobcaygeon, \$1.25;
 Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Bobcaygeon, \$1; (\$2.25).
 Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Mrs. Dun-
 can Chisholm, Berlin, for Miss Corning's support,
 \$25; Association collections: Elgin, \$6.96; Nor-
 folk, \$5.64; Northern, \$6.84; Oxford-Brant, \$5.05;
 Peterboro', \$4; Western, \$7.50. Total, \$98.54.
 Total receipts during the month, . . . \$634.14

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer on esti-
 mates, \$564.68. *Extras*: For lepers, Toronto, Jarvis
 St. C., \$1; Friends, per Miss Hatch, \$2.25 (\$3.25).
 Total, \$567.93.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Towards expenses of speak-
 ers at Associations, \$26.66; Northern Association
 Director, and cost of postal note, \$2.52. Total,
 \$29.18.

Total Disbursements during the month - - \$597.11
 "MEDICAL LADY" FUND:
 Disbursements—By General Treasurer, - \$41.66

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since October 21, 1902 - \$5833.37
 Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1902, - \$6058.39

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Total receipts since October 21, 1902 - - \$200.81
 Total disbursements, since Oct. 21st, 1902, - \$375.02

VIOLET ELLIOT,
 Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

Receipts from July 16th, 1903, to Aug. 15th, 1903,
 inclusive.*

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—St. Thomas, \$4.92; Binbrook,
 \$7; Brantford, Park Ch., \$10; Stratford, \$5; Villa
 Nova, \$12; Wingham, \$1.50; Aylmer, (\$34.85 on Life-
 memberships, completing fee for Mrs. Wm. Tapscott)
 \$41.05; Hillsburg, \$2; London, Adelaide St., \$14.05;
 Wallaceburg, \$3.90; Petrolia, (\$2 spec. Thank-
 offering for Miss Pratt's support), \$9.55; Blenheim,
 \$2.50; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$7.97; Brooklin,
 \$14.50; Toronto, Parliament St., \$10.65; Burgess-
 ville, \$8.50; Ailsa Craig, \$4.30; Port Hope, \$12;
 Vittoria, \$4; Toronto, Immanuel Ch., \$8.75;
 Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$6.20; Salford, \$6.10;
 Brantford, First Ch., for Miss Macleod, \$100; York
 Mills, \$3.25; Rat Portage, \$3.35; Rainham Centre,
 \$2.65; Paris, \$3.55; St. Catharines, Queen St., \$7.70;
 Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., \$5.90; Listowel, \$2.12;
 Midland, \$3; Oxford, West, \$6; Peterboro', Park
 St., Thank-offering, \$7.50. Total, \$341.46.

FROM BANDS.—Burtch, \$8; St. Mary's, for
 Chappala Ramamma, \$2.10; Peterboro', Murray
 St., (\$3.37 extra and \$4.20 for Tota Maryamma,
 \$11.10; Cheapside, 70c.; Paisley, for Bokka
 Jemima, \$8.40; Westover, \$2; Cobourg, extra, \$2;
 Rainham Centre, 95c.; Paris, \$2.50; Port Hope,
 \$5.27. Total, \$43.02.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Whitby and Lindsay Associa-
 tion collection, \$2.55; "A Friend of Missions," \$5;
 Mrs. E. B. Selman, St. Clair, Mich., \$2; Union Bible
 class, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, \$5. Total,
 \$14.55.

Total receipts during the month, - - - \$399.03

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer on esti-
 mates, including \$350 for Miss Hatch's passage to
 India, \$939.53. *Extra*: For E. Nokamma, Coca-
 nada school, from Oxford St. Circle, Woodstock,
 \$4. Total, \$943.53.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—500 notice cards for Record-
 ing Secretary (printed), \$6.50.

Total disbursements during the month - \$950.03

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND;

Disbursements.—By General Treasurer, for
 Dr. Hulet, - - - - - \$ 41.66

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since October 21st, 1902, - \$6232.40
 Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1902, \$7008.42

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1902, - - - \$200.81
 Total Disbursements since Oct., 21st, 1902, \$416.68

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

Special Notice to Circles and Bands.

The treasurers of Circles and of Bands are
 reminded that their books should close for the Con-
 vention year on October 15th. The amount then on
 hand for Foreign Missions should be forwarded to
 me at once, as my books only remain open until
 the 20th. All contributors are therefore urged to
 make their payments promptly, as funds are needed.

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treasurer of W. B. F. M. Society Ontario (West).
 109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

Youths' Department.

LOOKING BACK.

DO you know, boys and girls, that this little paper has a birthday just as each of you do? The very first LINK was printed in Toronto, on July 1st, 1878. This was only a sample copy sent out by Mr. Timpany to see if one thousand people wanted such a missionary paper. It had only four pages about twice as large as these pages are now. Shall I tell you some of the news in it? "The church of Ongole, India, is the largest Baptist church in the world, and eleven years ago there was only one Christian in the place." That is the first special item of interest I see, and here is one you will like, "One third of all the money that was given for Foreign Missions in 1877 was given by Sunday Schools and children." I wonder if that could be said of our Canadian Baptist Sunday Schools in 1903! Then here is one about the good a little money may do. For \$125 a girl may be clothed, fed and educated for five years in India. At first she does not know one letter, but at the end of five years she will be able to take a Vernacular Third Class Government Certificate to teach."

The next copy of the LINK was published in September, 1878, so this paper you are reading now is the birthday number. How many will give it a birthday present of one new subscriber? The editor's book can hold a good many more names yet. "Sister Belle's Corner" used to be on the very top of the fourth page and was written from Brantford instead of from Ottawa, but as I read over these little talks to the boys and girls of twenty-five years ago, they sound very much like the talks we have in the "Young People's Department" now.

I wonder if the good seed given me by the Master month by month so long ago has brought forth any fruit in the world's great harvest field! Perhaps when we are all at home in "Our Father's" many mansions, some one may come to me and say, "Your little talks in the LINK made me a missionary, but you did not know it on earth so I tell you now."

In January, 1881, the LINK put on a new dress, and that year it contained pictures of two of our Indian mission stations. We must not take up too much room in our "looking back" but my five bound volumes of this little paper are very much prized, and have often helped people to get some information that they could

not get elsewhere. May God continue to bless this LINK connecting Canada with India!

SISTER BELLE.

Ottawa, September, 1903.

COBRAS IN AN INDIAN COMPOUND.

By S. P.

The missionary had just returned from furlough in the United States to the Mission Compound in Mandapasalai, South India, with a reinforcement of young ladies, and for the first time a station boarding-school for girls had been opened, and the girls were going through the initiatory homesickness, in their unwonted surroundings. The mud school house, with its thatched roof, stood in a little walled enclosure to the eastward of the bungalow, not far from a bit of cactus hedge that was afterwards replaced by a mud wall.

"Pampu! pampu! Ammal!" panted one of the little girls at recess, rushing with distended eyes to her missionary teacher. "I saw a serpent in the hedge as large around as that," making a circle with her two hands.

"Hush!" said the missionary teacher, thinking the child was drawing upon her imagination, and that it would alarm the whole school, "you must not tell such big stories as that."

Only a few days had elapsed when a subdued babel of voices was heard on the verandah and another voice called "Come and see the cobra!"

Yes, there was his majesty, venomous, fierce, deadly, but a helpless prisoner. His captor had impaled him through the neck on a sharp pike at the end of a pole which he held erect, thus allowing the cobra to hang at full length, which was as great as that of the man who held it. His hood was extended to its full size, and pain and excitement brought out the "spectacles" upon it in brightest yellow. Even then he was making a fight showing his fangs and darting out his tongue in a way that would have meant death to somebody had he been free.

When out after his prey, he had been intercepted on his way home to his den in the cactus hedge. No wonder the child had fled in fear from the sight of such a deadly foe.

One cobra seldom lives alone, and such a reward was offered by the missionary for the capture of cobras that three more were, ere long, taken and killed, and their den broken up. In the absence of the family, the growth of weeds in the hedge had proved for them a shelter and a hiding-place.