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A PRAYER

O God, we pray Thee to shield, protect, and bless our defenders. We praise and thank Thee for their continued success and cheerful contentment. Make us brave each day to bear what Thou hast in store for us. May it please Thee soon to thrust back our enemies, and give us decisive victory and peace. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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NOTES FROM KINGSTON.

Kingston—a city of interest and dignity. The First Church—a handsome and commodious building. The Circles of First Church and Union Street Church—"diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." The officers, delegates and visitors—capable, interested, alert, giving help, receiving inspiration, the kind of women who make the world a better place to live in. The programme—well planned and comprehensive. Such was the Eastern Convention to those who were there.

Yes, to those who were there! Oh, the pity of it! that so many who might have been, were not. To be sure, Kingston is a long way from some places, but it is also near some others, and, sad to relate, the delegates from these others did not come in such numbers that they needed a private car to bring them. The ones who were there, received inspiration and gave help—the ones who were not, lost another opportunity for both.

The pages of the Eastern Association always add a touch of brightness and sweetness—little girls in white frocks, introduced by the President, and always at hand to carry messages back and forth between platform and audience.

The report of the completion of the Claxton Memorial Fund was a story of triumph accomplished well within the time set. Considerably more than the amount needed came in to the Treasurer, \$2,907.31. Every single Circle in the Convention contributed, and of all the pledges taken to cover a period of three years, all but two were paid in full. In India there

is now built and in use the splendid new chapel-schoolhouse, and within is a brass tablet, telling that it was erected by the Baptist women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec as a memorial to their first and honored President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton.

Mrs. Ramsay's report of Bands was full of helpful suggestions gathered from here and there. For instance, Coaticook Band had a New England supper, which helped their treasury very considerably. Delta increases its income by soliciting and obtaining Honorary Band members from the fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts. Another Band is training its members to take their part in devotional meetings, so that very young boys and girls can and do lead in prayer. Rockland wins and keeps the interest of its boys by having them as officers, and their part in the "Busy Work" meetings is to buy material for the girls to sew into garments. Westmount Band is noteworthy in being a graded Band, where promotions are carried on in a systematic way.

Some questions were asked concerning the sending of cards and picture rolls to India. Picture rolls like the ones used in the Sunday Schools and any kind of pretty picture card or Christmas card, with the writing covered over by a blank piece of paper so that the missionary can write a message on it, if desired, are wanted.

The address of all missionaries will be found in the LINK directory, and the package ought to be sent by newspaper post, open at ends, and costing one cent for two ounces.

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

LETTER FROM MISS HATCH.

Dear Readers of the LINK:

Many of you will remember having read an account some time ago of the marriage of the adopted daughter of M. R. By. Rao Bahadur, R. Venkataratnam, Naidu, M.A.L.T., Principal of the Rajah's College, Cocanada, to a Christian postmaster. He is a high-caste Hindu, but belongs to the Brahmo-Somaj, a sect corresponding somewhat to the Unitarians. Missionaries and Christians were invited to that wedding, and it was certainly an event of great note in Cocanada.

This daughter now lives in Vuyyuru, so the missionaries there are pleased to know her. Her husband has been transferred there.

Recently Mr. Anderson, Secretary for Mission to Lepers in India, held some public meetings in Cocanada, and this Principal, a man of great influence, especially with the Rajah of Pithapur, who is of the same faith, was present.

The above is an introduction to the kind letter I received from Mr. Smith a few days after the meeting:—

"Cocanada, India, Aug. 7, 1915.

"Dear Miss Hatch:

"I conducted a most interesting ceremony in the house of Mr. Venkataratnam Naidu this morning. You know about his adopting a number of orphans some years ago, and putting them into the Wesleyan School in Secunderabad, where they became Christians. And I think you heard of their marriages here a year or so ago. One of them married Gollu Sampson, of Nellore. Well, they have now a little son. And this morning I conducted a little service for the naming of the baby in Mr. V.'s house.

"It was a most pleasant occasion, and at its close Mr. Venkataratnam brought an envelope and put it into the little child's hand, and told him to give it to me. He was determined to put it into his mouth instead, but was finally prevailed upon to part with it to me. When I opened it I found the

enclosed Rs. 30 (\$10.00) and the note for the Leper Asylum. So I am sending it on to you.

"Yours very truly,

"RALPH E. SMITH."

The note had these few words only:

"God is Love."

A humble thank-offering to the Ramachandrapuram L. Asylum."

Thinking you would be interested in the presentation of this gift, I have copied and am sending on to you.

S. ISABEL HATCH.

NOW ABOUT VALLURU SCHOOL.

An Extract from a letter of Miss Zimmerman.

Now about Valluru. I did not write you, did I, since the opening? It was a great success, so we thought.

There was still some work to be done on the building, but we opened it on the 5th July. The inside, I tell you, looked nice, all festooned and decked with mottoes. The motto we gave the school, and which now hangs in the front of the building inside, is "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

I sent out invitation cards, gilt edged, and the invitation was printed on by John, to all the families. The clerk, Mr. Venkota Sukayya, wrote the addresses on the cards and sent them out for me. Mr. Bensen and Samuel Garu (the pastor) went over the day before, as did the two girls and Amelia, and we, Misses Murray, McLeish and myself, went on Tuesday. I took Lydiamma, M. Mary Padmakshamma and Santoshamma over to the opening.

Forty-one caste women were present, among them a large number of the old pupils; 55 children, of whom 38 were members of the school, and last, but not least, 15 babies. The programme was as follows: I acted as chair-lady.

We all lined up outside while the children sang a praise hymn. Then Miss Murray, after saying a few words, opened the door, and we walked in two by two. The old pupils sat in the wings, the school children in the centre and the mothers behind them. Martha and Helen moved around among them so nicely no one seemed afraid of them. The workers led the singing. Opening hymn, all; Scripture reading, Helena; dedication prayer, Miss McLeish; address (on beginning the work), Martha; hymn, school children; address (benefits of C. S. work), Miss Murray; closing prayer, Miss Murray; roll call, Martha. Candy was given to all the children present by one of the old pupils. They were so pleased that we had the candy, and some mothers came and asked for some for their babies afterward. Then all sang "God Save the King," and I

pronounced the benediction, and all lingered around, looking for ever so long.

I had my tiffin basket with eatables, so we had both breakfast and tea in the women's house.

When I was ready to start home I found the Tannadar (whose children had come to the meeting) and the clerk and others waiting outside, and the former wanted me to come to see his wife, so I took M. Marp (nurse) and went. We had a nice visit with them, and when we came out our carts were half filled with straw. A carpet mat was placed in each cart, and two peons were told to take us with a lantern, and such delicious mangoes were given us. There was every evidence that the people were pleased, and we hope it is the beginning of good days for the school.

YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES.

The Convention Again.

The Eastern is over, but the Western is coming, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 10th and 11th, at St. Thomas. Have you girls appointed your delegate or delegates? There is almost sure to be someone coming from the Women's Circle with whom your delegates can come, and if there is not, so much the more need for the girls to send one. And remember, if you have no Auxiliary in your church, the very easiest way to find out how to organize one and how to man it and conduct it after it is organized, is to send one girl or more to the Convention as visitors, or if any of you pay fees into the Women's Circles, you might ask them to appoint one of you as delegate. If you go as a delegate, send your name to Mrs. O. C. Elliott, 16 Mitchell Street, St. Thomas,

just as quickly as you can, and you will be provided with entertainment.

In particular, what are you girls of the Norfolk and Elgin Association doing, and part of the Middlesex and Lambton, too? Many of you in the churches nearby could drive in or come in by train for a day, or a part of each day—the churches nearby, like Aylmer, Port Burwell and Sparta and many others. Every part of the Convention will be interesting, but perhaps what you would like best of all, if you must choose, are, on the Wednesday, the Questions and Answers on Young Women's Work, conducted by Mrs. Lillie, at the afternoon session,—Mrs. Holman, the President of our H.M.S., is to speak in the evening, and Miss Ellis, who now seems to belong to the girls and young women, is to have a rally or

a roll call of all the places where we now have Circles, and of course we hope she will talk to us a little, too, for she knows girls' work from top to bottom, inside and outside. Then the next day, Thursday, in the evening session we are to have something quite new, "A Clinic in India," conducted by several of our missionaries, as well as an address by Mrs. H. E. Stillwell. In the afternoon Dr. Hulet, Miss Ellis and Mrs. Mitchell are to speak.

So try to come—try very hard, and you will be glad you did.

AUXILIARY NEWS.

Toronto City Rally.—The Young Women's Auxiliaries and the possible Auxiliaries of the Toronto churches have been planning for some time to have a Fall Rally, to begin the winter's work. On Thursday, October 7th, it came to pass, and the girls gathered in the Walmer Road Church gymnasium for supper at 6.30, about 440 strong, and afterwards, much increased in numbers by those who could not get there for supper, had a most enthusiastic meeting in the Sunday School hall. Miss Ellis presided, and short addresses on our work were given by Mrs. Firstbrook and Miss Norton, and one on "Giving" by Mrs. Campbell. A solo was sung by Miss Mann, of Walmer Road Auxiliary. The Roll Call was perhaps the most interesting part of all the programme. As the name of each church was called the delegation rose, three, four, ten, twenty and so on up to forty-nine in number from College Street, while one member from each told the story of her Auxiliary and its work. Miss Ellis had had printed one of the new Hymnal songs used at Northfield, which the audience, with the aid of one of the Moulton girls, soon learned,

"Coming, coming, yes, they are,
Coming, coming from afar."

Toronto churches will all be wanting the new Hymnal.

It was all so bright and pleasant and inspiring and full of possibilities, that Miss Ellis' little Japanese song, with which we began, expressed exactly everyone's feelings—

"I'm so happy, happy, happy,
So happy, happy, happy all the day."

J. M. N.

Niagara-Hamilton Association Rally.

—On Friday evening, Sept. 24th, a rather unique gathering was held in the Sunday School hall of the James Street Church, Hamilton. This took the form of a rally of young girls from all the churches of the Association for the purpose of rousing greater interest in missions.

About 200 girls sat down to a banquet prepared by the home church, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Hendry, director of the Association, explained the object of the gathering. She emphasized the necessity of girls realizing their part in the strenuous times in which we are now living.

An enjoyable programme was carried out, one feature being the responses from the various churches represented. Dr. Ellis, of Moulton College, was the speaker of the evening. For about forty minutes she discussed in a most entertaining way the mission problem. The result was that each girl felt to a great extent the insufficiency of the time, money and labor expended to meet the ever-increasing demand and her own responsibility in the matter.

Before the close of the meeting a beginning was made in the organizing of societies for actual work. Mrs. Hendry asked for the ratification of her appointment of Mrs. F. C. Foster as superintendent of the newly organized Auxiliaries of the Association. Mrs. Foster is exceptionally well fitted for such work, and it is hoped that the outcome of this rally will be very successful.

ALMA F. BOOKER,
Secretary pro tem.

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MANITOBA.

As far back as the early seventies we have records telling of the missionary efforts of our Baptist women who had come from the Maritime Provinces and Old Ontario and Quebec to help re-establish homes and do pioneer work in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and it was by these noble women that the strong and sure foundations were laid for our Women's Missionary Society of Manitoba. Our W. M. S. has been called by different names representing the several stages of its existence and the territory within its bounds, and each of these little organizations has done faithful and good work in the past. It was largely through the efforts of these earnest women that our pioneer missionaries were sent out and supported on their fields throughout Manitoba and the North-West Territories, including our Indian reserves. And, notwithstanding the tremendous problems that faced them at their very door, the old missionary spirit which was begotten in the East would not let them forget the Timpanys', the McLaurins' and the Craigs and others on our far away Foreign field; and when Mr. Reekie left for Bolivia the interest of our Manitoba women was established on that field.

It will be remembered that Manitoba became one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada in 1871 and British Columbia followed in 1872, but it was not until 1905 that Saskatchewan and Alberta became separate provinces. I mention this that attention may be directed to the many changes that our Women's Work has undergone in order to adjust properly the Provincial work. Saskatchewan and Alberta and British Columbia women have now, however, their own

missionary societies, and we are proud of the young provinces and rejoice with them in their splendid efforts.

The Baptist Union of Western Canada, formed in 1908, provides in its Constitution for a Board of Women's Work composed of the women representatives to the Annual Meeting, whose appointment was made on nomination by the women's missionary organizations of the Conventions which constitute the B.U. of W.C.

The following are the Rules and By-laws for Board of Women's Work:—

1. The meetings of the Board of Women's Work of the Baptist Union of Western Canada shall be held at the same place as, and during the annual meeting of the Union.

2. The Board shall elect annually a President and a Secretary and may make such other appointments as seem necessary to the best conduct of the work.

3. (a) The President shall perform the duties usually pertaining to his office. (b) The Secretary shall record the transactions of the Board and conduct its correspondence, and shall prepare and present the report and the financial statement of the Board to the Union; the same to be first submitted to the Board and after the financial statement has been compared with the report of the Treasurer of the Union.

4. The Budget of the Board shall be shaped according to the estimated contributions of the provincial organizations.

5. The Provincial Treasurer at the end of each month shall forward the contributions, from her province to the Treasurer of the Baptist Union, and at the same time a financial statement to

the Secretary of the Board of Women's Work.

6. The Board shall appoint annually a committee consisting of the secretaries (or presidents) of each provincial organization, with a convener to edit the Women's department of the "Western Outlook."

7. Each province shall arrange for its own life certificates.

8. The Board may from time to time recommend to the provincial organizations such methods as may be deemed in the interest of the Women's Missionary Work.

The foregoing rules clearly define our relation to the B. U. of Western Canada, or, more correctly, explain the place we occupy in the Union, for we are a part of it.

Our Women's organization in Manitoba, as before stated, is known as "The Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Manitoba," and has for its object:—(1) the education of the women and children of our churches in the history of missionary effort and in the present conditions of need; (2) the securing of funds with which to prosecute the advancement of God's Kingdom in such places as the Board of Women's Work may select at their Annual Meeting; (3) the united prayers of our women for the work and the workers.

The officers of our society are:—A President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Band Superintendent, Superintendent of Bureau of Literature, Circle Organizer and Secretary of Life Certificates. We have an elected Board consisting of not more than thirty members, of these ten being officers elected by the society and the remainder being termed Directors, elected in four classes of five each, one class retiring at each Annual Meeting. The Executive consists of the officers, with the retiring President.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held at the same place and time of year as the General Convention of the Province. Representatives to the B. of W. W. are included in the Nominating Committee's Report at the Annual

Meeting and passed immediately to the General Convention to be included in their nomination of delegates to the Union.

There are at present twenty-six Mission Circles in our province, with an aggregate membership of 648 women. Thirteen Circles have observed a crusade during the past year with very good results, but the continual removals of our people to points farther West is a constant drain on our Manitoba membership. Thank-offering meetings have been held in a number of our Circles, and we trust that many more may be reported after the gathering in of the harvest.

Our Bureau of Literature, organized two years ago, with Mrs. W. E. Matthews as Superintendent, is gradually winning its way in our Circles, and there is a growing relish for the study of missions. "The Child in the Midst" has been taken up by four of our Mission Circles this year, but the miscellaneous programme is still most popular and certainly can be made very profitable, too, with such variety as can be had from Mrs. Matthew's storehouse.

Miss Findlay, our faithful Band Superintendent, reports sixteen Bands, with an aggregate membership of 650 children, contributing nearly \$350.00 to our missionary funds during the year. The hope of our women's work in this young country is these young lives, for are not our Band members of to-day our Circle members of to-morrow.

Our part in the Union Budget for the year is \$3,250.00, and we are hopeful that this amount may be fully realized, notwithstanding the urgent demands of our Red Cross and Patriotic work this year.

We have 182 subscribers to THE LINK in Manitoba, and, as we read of the 7,756 Circle members and 8,482 Band members in the Maritime Provinces alone, we feel that our work in Manitoba is very small. But when we remember that the prayers, sympathy and support of this great army of women in the Maritime Provinces, together with those in Ontario and Quebec, are with us, we feel encouraged to go on and do our bit in Manitoba, leaving results with Him, Who has promised that our efforts shall not be in vain.

ELIZABETH HURD,
Corresponding Secretary.

HERE AND THERE.

Georgetown.—Perhaps it is time that the Secretary of the Georgetown Women's Mission Circle sent some report of our work here, realizing that there are many scattered throughout the country who have a deep interest in Georgetown.

On Sept. 29th we held our regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Bessey, whom we lately made a life member of our Foreign Society. This meeting was remarkable from the fact that for nearly eleven years Mrs. Bessey has been an invalid, and unable to attend our meetings. Vice-President Mrs. Watson presided, and it has also fallen to her lot to lead the Mission Study about Pithapuram, Tuni and Yellaman-chili. With map and text books, and different leaders each month, we have been trying to get acquainted with our work in India. We are gaining ground, but hope soon to have another very competent leader in our new pastor's wife, Mrs. Cline.

In 1912 we celebrated our Silver Anniversary by creating our first life-membership. Each year since we have done the same. We now have four, two in each society—our three charter members—Mrs. E. A. Dayfoot, Mrs. J. G. Harley and Mrs. J. S. Bessey; also Mrs. T. A. Menhennick, now of London.

In finances we are hoping to equal, if not exceed, the amounts of last year that the work may prosper and increase, for the principles of Jesus seem the only thing able to make "wars little or big to cease."

MRS. R. F. BESSEY.

Clarence.—On the evening of August 26th, the Ladies' Mission Circle held their Annual Thank-offering service. Our pastor's wife presided. The old church was filled to overflowing, friends from Thurso and Rockland being present in large numbers. The address of

the evening was given by Rev. B. Goodfield, of Ottawa, which was listened to with rapt attention. Short addresses were also given by Rev. Mr. Love, of Thurso, and Pastor Hale. The choir were assisted by the Misses Stewart, of Ottawa, and Mrs. G. E. Tucker, of Rochester, N.Y. Mrs. Tucker, who is gifted with a rich and cultivated voice, has always been a cheerful contributor to the musical part of our programme on her annual visits to her old home here. One of the gratifying results of the service was the very generous collection for Foreign Missions \$80.50. Refreshments were served by the ladies and a most enjoyable and, we trust, profitable evening brought to a close by singing "God Save Our King."

MIMA G. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Brantford.—For several years, Calvary Circle has been highly favored by having as one of its members the late Mrs. J. S. Yule. Her kindly, sympathetic spirit, her earnest words and still more earnest prayers were ever an inspiration to all; and none could visit her in her home and listen to her as she told of the early days of our Mission in India, and recounted the goodness of God in blessing the work, without feeling they had been blessed by that sweet fellowship. But she has left us; her Father has called her to a higher service, and while we mourn her loss, we know our loss is her gain.

Though in ill-health for some time, the call came somewhat suddenly at the last; but not too suddenly for her to leave a parting message to the Circle. Her son, Dr. Timpany, who was privileged to be with her at the end, said to her: "Do you regret that you gave your service for the Lord in India?" She said, "No," I only wish I could have done more;" and, turning to her nurse, said: "There are so many women who are not interested. Will you take my message to the Circle and ask them to be more faithful."

We felt that this message should be passed on to every member of our Circles, and may many of the younger members of our Circles be led to consecrate their lives to the work as she did.

Alice M. Brown, Sec'y.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

Western Convention, Nov. 11.

PROGRAMME—FOREIGN DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. Firstbrook—President.
Miss Etta Pugsley—Cor. Secretary.
Mrs. L. Beemer (Waterford)—Reporter for "The Canadian Baptist and LINK.

9.00—Typical Board Meeting, including Hymn 154. Scripture Reading—Short Prayer Service—Mrs. Woodburne, Mrs. P. G. Pearce, Mrs. Doolittle.

9.15—Reports. Recording Sec.—Mrs. W. Fenton. Treasure—Mrs. Glenn Campbell. LINK—Miss Norton. Bureau of Literature—Mrs. Thos. Moore. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. H. Lloyd. Foreign Secretary—Miss Rogers. Band Report—Mrs. Barber.

11.30—Hymn 195. Election of officers and members of the Board. Announcements—Prayer—Mrs. A. V. Graham, St. Thomas.

12.00—Adjournment.

A conference of Link agents or their representatives will be held immediately at the close of the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.00—Hymn 151. Prayer Service for Our Work, led by: Mrs. Dundervale, Wallaceburg; Mrs. Wrighton, Stratford; Mrs. D. U. Cameron, Langton.

2.20—Minutes of Morning Session. Miss E. Pugsley.

2.25—Address, Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, Bolivia.

2.45—Solo. Miss Esther Baker, St. Thomas.

2.50—Address. Miss Ruth Philpot, India.

3.10—Exercise from "The Child in the Midst," by St. Thomas Mission Band.

3.25—Address. Dr. Gertrude Hulet, India.

3.45—Hymn 383—Offering.

3.35—Address, "The King's Highway," Miss H. S. Ellis, B.A., Paed.B., Principal Moulton College.

4.25—Music.

4.30—President's Address, Mrs. John Firstbrook. Resolutions. Amendments. Prayer. Mrs. J. W. Gregory, Hartford.

—Adjournment.—

EVENING SESSION.

7.45—Song Service. Ledby Choir.

8.00—Hymn 793.

8.05—Devotional: Rev. O. C. Elliott.

8.10—Minutes Afternoon Session. Miss E. Pugsley.

8.20—Address, Mrs. H. E. Stillwell. Exercise, "Giving the Light."

9.00—Anthem by the Choir. Offering.

9.10—"The Clinic," Dr. Hulet, Miss Mould, Miss Jones. Benediction, Rev. D. Baldwin.

GOING TO ST. THOMAS.

Tickets to the Convention in St. Thomas are good going from Friday, Nov. 5th, to Thursday, Nov. 11th, and good returning till Tuesday, Nov. 16th. Trains leaving Toronto are:—

G. T. R.—At 8.10 a.m. and 6.05 p.m.

C. P. R.—At 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

T. H. & B.—At 7.50 a.m., 1.15 p.m. and 7.15 p.m.

Single fare from Toronto is \$3.70.

Get certificates with tickets on each line travelled.

J. R. GUNTON.

DIRECTORS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

A conference for Directors, similar to the one held a year ago in Brantford, will be held at the Centre Street Church, St. Thomas, on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, at 4.00 p.m.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN BOARDS will unite in a meeting for prayer for the Convention in the Centre St. Church, on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, at 8.00 p.m.

LINK AGENTS — WESTERN CONVENTION.

A conference for LINK agents and their representatives will be held at St. Thomas during the noon hour, Nov. 11th, —the exact time and place of meeting to be announced later. Will all who have any difficulties to be solved, methods to propose, suggestions to make, or question to ask, come to the conference prepared with them, so that the best use may be made of the time at our disposal.

BOARD MEETING—WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting was held in the Baptist Church House on Friday, Sept. 17th, 1915.

The President in the chair. Thirty-four members were present.

After the opening devotional exercises, conducted by the President, the minutes of the quarter were read and approved.

Mrs. Firstbrook reported that Dr. Marjory Cameron had sailed for India on Aug. 6th.

The Treasurer reported the funds behind last year's, the falling off being largely in the gifts to Tunj Bungalow.

It was decided that a special effort be made to raise funds for the Tunj Bungalow.

The Corresponding Secretary gave an interesting summary of the work being done by our missionaries, as told in their reports.

THE LINK reported a balance on Aug. 31st of \$595.00, being \$75.00 ahead of last year.

Resolutions were passed placing on record our appreciation of the work of

our Honorary President, the late Mrs. E. H. Yule, and our well-beloved missionary, the late Miss Edna Corning, and our sympathy with the relatives and friends who mourn for them.

The Board expressed their willingness to become responsible for the support of Miss Robinson, missionary of the General Board, who is returning to India to take the place of Miss Corning.

The meeting closed with prayer.

A. E. FENTON,
Recording Secretary.

DELEGATES, ATTENTION! — WESTERN CONVENTION.

The ladies of Centre Street Church, St. Thomas, are looking forward with pleasure to the Convention, Nov. 9-12, and are planning for the comfort of the delegates.

Sleeping accommodation, breakfast and tea will be provided for duly accredited delegates, whose names are received not later than Nov. 3rd. The Billeting Committee cannot promise to billet any whose names are not in by the above date. Secretaries of Circles and Bands will materially aid the committee in this work by sending in the names of delegates as early as possible to the undersigned.

A. T. ELLIOTT,
Convener Billetting Com.

MRS. O. C. ELLIOTT,
16 Mitchell Street,
St. Thomas, Ont.

EASTERN SOCIETY.

Day of Prayer.

The Circles and Bands in the Eastern Convention are asked to set aside Thursday, Nov. 4th, as a special occasion upon which to bring before our Heavenly Father, our brave missionaries in India and Bolivia, and the work they are doing for Jesus' sake. Surely, in these

days of sorrow and anxiety, there is no refuge to which we turn so readily as the "Rock of Ages," in whose shadow we learn anew of the greatness and power of our strong Deliverer to overrule all events for the carrying out of His Divine plan.

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing,
Our helper, He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing,
Corresponding Sec'y.

ARREARAGE NOTICES.

Will LINK agents please notice that Arrearage Cards are to be sent out to all subscribers in arrears within the next two months. If agents will examine their lists carefully, and collect as much of the indebtedness as possible, it will save much expense and trouble.

W. B. F. M. S. ONTARIO (WEST).

TREASURER'S REPORT — SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Receipts from Circles—

Barrie Y. L., \$6.00; Durham, \$5.00; Woodstock (\$5.00 bequest by Miss Morgan), \$15.00; Ingersoll (life membership, Mrs. Jas. Cornwall), \$25.00; Toronto, Jarvis, \$29.28; London, Maitland Y. L., \$3.30; Marchmount, \$5.00; Fullerton, \$10.00; Toronto, Christie St., \$5.00; Kingsville (Tuni Bungalow, \$3.60), \$10.00; New Dundee, \$7.75; Toronto, Olivet, \$4.00; Watford, \$3.00; Preston, \$3.00; Hatchley, \$5.00; Aurora (life membership, Mrs. Thos. Urquhart, Mrs. Jane Woodrow), \$58.00; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$33.55; Sheddan, \$4.00; Toronto, Immanuel (special for Bolivia), \$25.00; Wheatley, \$3.55; Toronto, Dufferin, \$6.53; Hamilton Park, \$5.00; Caledonia, \$7.00; Otterville, \$5.27; St. Catharines, Queen Street (Tuni Bungalow \$17.00, Biblewoman \$30.00) \$47.00; Gladstone, 80 c.; Bentinck, \$3.58; Colchester, \$9.00; Markham Second, \$5.80; Meaford

(thank-offering), \$7.25; London, South, \$4.95; London, Talbot Street, \$18.75; Bothwell Y. L. (for G. Susanna), \$5.00; Toronto, Bloor Street Y. L., \$7.35; London, Kensall Park, \$1.75; Kenora, \$5.00; Essex, \$12.00; Wingham, \$4.00; Cobourg, \$1.57; Belfountain, \$3.65; Brantford First (for Miss McLeod), \$25.00. Total from Circles, \$446.68.

Receipts from Bands—

Preston, \$1.31; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$11.15; Whitevale, \$1.50; Parkhill (thank-offering), \$3.35; Port Arthur (student), \$4.25; St. Mary's (student), \$14.00; Wingham (K. Ruth), \$17.00; Belleville, Timpany (student), \$4.00; Claremont, \$15.00; Woodstock, Oxford (Student), \$18.00; Waterford (student, \$8.50), \$13.50; Ingersoll, Percy Hey Memorial, (student), \$17.00. Total from Bands, \$123.06.

From Sundries—

Mrs. Wm. Davies (for Lepers), \$25.00; Mrs. R. W. Elliott (towards Miss Robinson's passage), \$100.00; Mrs. John McLaurin (thank-offering), \$5.00; East Zorra (16th Line Ladies Aid), \$16.50; interest on account, \$48.83; Wingham B.Y. P.U. (for student), \$17.00. Total from Sundries, \$212.33.

Disbursements—

To the General Treasurer (on estimates for India), \$1,013.67; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; postage, \$5.00; to the General Treasurer for Miss Robinson's passage, \$400.00.

Total receipts for September, \$782.07.

Total disbursements for September, \$1,439.50.

Total receipts for Convention Year, \$11,977.51.

Total disbursements for Convention Year, \$12,574.24.

MARIE CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

MRS. GLENN H. CAMPBELL,
113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Reported by Mrs. J. B. Halkett, Kingston.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of this society was held on Oct. 6th, in the First Baptist Church, Kingston, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, President, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. McAlpine, of Delta, who gave an earnest, practical talk from Joshua 1st, as the keyword of the Convention was to be "Courage for service."

Misses Marjorie Little and Hilda Friendship were introduced as pages. Proposed amendments to the constitution were read and notice of motion given to discuss them at next meeting. The date of annual meeting was by motion changed to the Tuesday and Wednesday in October after the general convention.

The president's stirring address carried an inspiring message. After deploing the terrible war still going on, she asked us to remember for our encouragement the results to missions from former wars. When Napoleon was devastating Europe, some of the largest evangelical societies had their beginnings. The story of William Carey and the Baptist Missionary Society, founded in 1792, is well known, followed by the Church Missionary Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society and many others, and we can but hope, out of this hour of darkness, God may bring some peculiar blessings for us. We thank God for India's loyalty, and that Germany was not successful in stirring up a holy war among the Moslems. The presence and influence of more than 3,000 missionaries and the work done by them to cement the bond between the British nation and the people of India may account for this. A quarter of a million of India's men have already come forward to the defence of

the Empire. Think of the hopelessness of the widows in that land, where Christ is not known, and see something of their sacrifice. India calls to us today as never before. Great demands are being made upon us all for the European war, but we must not forget it is only one terrible phase of the great war against sin. Our armies on the mission field must be sustained. Our love, sympathy and prayers must go with our gifts, and we remember we are linked with an undiscouraged God, who will never fail us. He says, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage!" May something of the devotion and courage of our men going to the service of their country lead us as we go forward to the service of Christ our King.

Mrs. Ramsay presented an encouraging report as Superintendent of Mission Bands, 24 Bands having raised \$544.89, besides doing much other work. The discussion on this report showed the importance of it. Miss Dakin reported for the Bureau of Literature, also spoke of the new study book, "The King's Highway," and other useful books and leaflets she had for sale.

The "Quiet Hour," led by Mrs. Metcalfe, will long be remembered, and the season of earnest, definite prayer which followed showed that her message had not been in vain. We were then favored by a breezy, practical talk by Miss Norton, editor of the LINK, convincing us of its needs and opportunities, and rallying each subscriber to the "extension work"—that the 6,500 subscribers may soon be doubled. Election of officers and members of the board took place: Honorary President, Mrs. Boutley; President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; Vice-

Presidents, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace and Mrs. A. E. Paterson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley; Recording Secretary, Miss Bentley; Treasurer, Miss Russell, all of Montreal. Luncheon was served at noon in the S. S. hall by the two Mission Circles of Kingston and a social hour enjoyed.

Mrs. Fraser, of Ottawa, conducted the devotional exercises in a helpful manner, after which reports of the officers were received, adopted and will be found in another column of this paper. The following appropriations were made for next year:—

Miss Murray and her work.....	\$921 00
Miss Hinman	600 00
Vuyuru Work	600 00
Akidu Boarding School.....	300 00
Vuyuru Boarding School.....	300 00
Narsapatnam	227 00
Cocanada Zenanas	200 00
Bolivia	50 00
Total	\$3,198 00

being an increase of \$116 over last year. The completion of the Claxton Memorial Fund was announced and a photograph of the chapel school exhibited. Mrs. Paterson's report gladdened every heart. This memorial of Mrs. T. J. Claxton, our honored president for thirty years, is already fulfilling its mission, as the LINK and Baptist have recorded. Mrs. Ayer said she had been deeply touched in hearing that the school children there had given a pretty teak wood table to this chapel; the native workers out of their small salaries had bought well-made benches; the Bible women helped to buy a fine clock, and others gave chairs. In India, as in Canada, all wished to honor their dear friend and helper. Mrs. Claxton was a former resident of Kingston and had many friends in this city. Mrs. Ayer thanked all who had helped in this memorial to her mother.

Miss Ellis, principal of Moulton College, conducted a conference on Young Women's Circles, making us realize the great need of getting our girls to take a part in the mission work we love. Her words will surely bear fruit. The Question Drawer was attended to by Mrs. Halkett, who tried to solve problems presented therein.

A memorial roll was then read of those who had during the year passed into the presence of our Master.

Resolutions were passed of sympathy for those who had been bereaved; also of thanks to the trustees for the use of their beautiful church; to the people who had so kindly entertained us; to the choir for their sweet music; to convention reporter and pages; and to all who had helped make the convention a success; also deploring the misery caused by traffic in intoxicating liquors, and regretting the increased consumption of tobacco; also praying for the speedy end of this terrible war, if God will, and that our country may once more enjoy the blessings of peace.

The evening session was presided over by Mrs. Ayer, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. Laing, pastor of First Baptist Church.

The one speaker of the evening was Miss Ellis, principal of Moulton College, who thrilled all present by her eloquent address on "The King's Highway," showing the results of mission work in many lands, and causing all who heard to wish for a share in this part of our King's service. After this address the convention adjourned with benediction and the National Anthem.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

There have been one special and four regular meetings of the Board this year. The attendance at the regular meetings averaging twenty, an advance that has been noted with pleasure.

Three prayer-meetings were held at the homes of different members of the Board, and the days of prayer observed, as usual.

Reports from the workers in India, have been received from time to time, also from the superintendent of the Bureau of Literature, showing an increase in the sale of books and tracts. It is a cause of much thankfulness to God, from all our friends, that the "Claxton Memorial Fund," which has been before our society for some time, has been very successfully completed and will be reported on, at this meeting.

In consequence of the resignation of Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Niblock was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

On motion, it was decided by the Board, to hold the Cramp legacy of \$500.00 as a Capital Account, temporarily.

In the death of Mrs. D. K. McLaren the Board has lost a faithful and valued worker. She was one of the constituent members of this society, and was its first Recording Secretary, and was for a long period an active member of the First Church, Montreal. An appreciation of her valued services, during her long connection with the Board, was placed on record.

During the winter two very interesting lectures were given, under the auspices of the Board, one by Mr. Gerald Birks, in the Westmount Baptist Church, and the other by Mr. H. S. Ross, K.C., in the Olivet Baptist Church. Both lectures were much appreciated, and the sum of \$86.05 was realized.

The meetings of the Board held during the past year have been seasons of increased interest, of marked devotional character, and helpful fellowship to those who attended, and is, surely, an index of deeper interest, in all the work of our Board, for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. BENTLEY,
Rec. Sec., W. B. F. M. S.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (CONDENSED).

Madam President and Ladies:

In these days of overwhelming strain and stress, of unspeakable atrocity and disaster, when our hearts are torn with anxiety over loved ones now in the firing line, it is a relief to withdraw our thoughts for a little time from all the horrors of this colossal war, and consider together the things pertaining to the Kingdom that is not of this world.

As a society, we have reason to feel profoundly thankful that the Indian people came out so loyally and so generously to the help of the Allies, and that no internal schism or revolt disturbed the well-being of our Mission.

Hindrances to the full development of the work have indeed come, but they have been caused by the conditions at home.

Owing to the extreme shortage of funds, the General Board was unable to send out all the available missionaries last fall, and the serious cut on the work was a severe blow to the missionaries on the field who had already reduced their estimates as low as possible.

At Vuyyuru the need of another medical lady was very keenly felt, when Dr. Hulet was obliged to take furlough in March and no doctor was available to carry on the wonderful work Dr. Hulet has been doing for years.

Our own two missionaries, Miss Murray and Miss Hinman, have continued their labors without interruption, and we are glad to report that Miss Hinman has been appointed permanently to the Akidu school, where she has already spent her first year of service.

The notable event of the year to us was the completion and opening of the Claxton Memorial Chapel at Vuyyuru, a source of great joy to the missionaries and a loving tribute from this society to our late honored President.

(A full report of this will be given later.)

It is with great sorrow that we have learned of the death, on Sept. 3rd, of one of the most valued and gifted missionaries, Miss Edna Corning, in charge of the Boys' Elementary School, Samalkot. Many of us in this Convention have happy memories of the spring of 1910, when Miss Corning generously gave several weeks of her furlough to touring among our Circles. Her bright and joyous spirit was such an inspiration to us all, and her vivid descriptions of the life and needs of our Telugu sisters deepened and strengthened our love and interest in our work.

Doubly sad does this news seem to us since receiving in a recent letter the details of her illness in December. At this time she nursed one of the Mission boys through a severe attack of cholera, followed by smallpox, and through this ministry of love she contracted this loathsome disease herself. After leaving the hospital, she allowed herself only a brief holiday, as school duties were pressing hard, so she returned to her work without regaining the necessary strength, and was not in a condition to withstand the fatal typhoid. In her letter of Aug. 12th, though weak and spent in body, she is glorying in the complete recovery of the lad, whom she nursed three times back to life.

And so another brave spirit has made the great sacrifice, and, laying down her life for others, has reached the highest place possible in our humanity.

At home, your Board has spent a busy and prayerful year, fearing, naturally, that the extra demands on the resources

of our people would diminish our funds, but as the months crept by, new and added evidences of the loyalty of our women have been shown, and to-day our hearts are filled with songs of praise for what the Lord hath done for us.

We must add a word of appreciation of the splendid work done by our directresses during the year. We are most fortunate in having such capable and consecrated women in these positions, and it is no doubt owing to their personal contact with the Circles and their energetic supervision that we have so many reasons for encouragement.

There has been increasing evidence of the need of some connecting link between the Bands and the Circles, and in some churches this has been successfully met by the formation of a Young Ladies' Circle, of which we shall hear later on. Our directresses, with their intimate knowledge of each individual Circle, will be able to advise and direct in such organization wherever possible.

Our memorial roll to-day contains the name of one of the oldest members of our Board, Mrs. D. K. McLaren, who, though for many years laid aside from active service, ever retained her loving interest in Foreign Missions, and was a generous supporter of the work.

The passing away of Mrs. McLaren removes another of those few remaining pioneers of the Society, and the present Board is not unmindful of real loss when we are deprived of the ripened judgment and wise counsel of these mothers in Israel.

INDIA.

Vuyyuru (Miss Zimmerman).—"To those of us who live in Vuyyuru, the great event of the year was the opening of our beautiful new church, the 'Claxton Memorial.' I wish you could all see it, it is such a contrast to the old mud-walled chapel, that presented a worse appearance than many an old cattle shed in India. It is a most fitting memorial to our dear Mrs. Claxton."

Touring formed a great part of Miss Zimmerman's work this year, and contact with the non-Christian women brought to our missionary much joy and many surprises. "They are no longer afraid of us, but freely welcome us as friends to their homes, entertaining us with their Indian dainties, and granting us the opportunity to break for them the Bread of Life.

Among the Christian women the work was not labor, but real enjoyment. We are sisters, with one Lord, one aim.

The Help-Meet Societies have grown in interest and in numbers. The contributions have been more generous, and the Bible study most encouraging. The pastors' wives were requested to lead their own meetings, and although this was an ordeal in the presence of the missionary, they were able to give expression to the splendid grasp of the truths they had learned themselves and were imparting to others."

Sunday Schools.—"The work among the children is a large one. Crowds gather at every home we visit. They come to the bungalow and tent. They meet us on the roads and in the fields. We hear the Christian hymns being sung by the shepherd lads as they watch their flocks, and in the high places of the land children sing God's praises.

*The Sunday Schools for Christian and non-Christian children are kept separate, but in all the schools the boys and girls have worked hard at memorizing the Scripture and studies in the Gospels. They have oral examinations when the missionary visits the centre, and are rewarded with prizes of the cards and pictures sent from home.

Biblewomen.—The staff remains the same as last year, but will the supporters at home take note that three have been transferred to the Avanigadda field, where Miss McLaurin is now stationed.

R. Maretea and P. Mary have gone with Addapelli Mary as their chaperone to Avanigadda.

Amelia has been asked to go to Valluru for a while. She will take the place of mother to the two young teachers who began work in Caste School, July 1st, and in addition she will do daily teaching in the villages. This has been a long-felt need, and we are sure this is the Lord's leading. The other women, with Santoshamma and Katakshamma as their leaders, will remain on the Vuyyuru field. We ask prayer for our women. God has given them to us, and we praise Him every day for them, and long that they be kept very near to the Christ they love."

Caste School (Dr. Hulet).—"The work ran along nicely here until Christmas, when the illness of the head teacher

necessitated a supply for a few months. Some of the older girls who have left attended our interesting Sunday School nearly all year.

We have kept in touch with all the graduates, most of whom are mothers now. They visit us when they are here, and always want Katakshamma to teach them the new hymns and review their Bible lessons"

Valluru School.—"The great event in the history of this school occurred on July 5th, when the new building given by an anonymous friend of this Society was formally opened. The ceremony was attended by all the formality dear to the Eastern heart—cards of invitation issued, decorations and festoons inside the building, which was a model of neatness.

The large gathering lined up outside the building, while Miss Murray, with a few suitable words, opened the door, when they filed in two by two. An appropriate service was held, conducted by Miss Murray, Miss McLeish and Miss Zimmerman, assisted by the teachers, and candy distributed at the close.

There was every evidence that the people were pleased about the school, and we hope it is the beginning of good days to come.

Two good Christian young women are in charge, Martha and Helen, the latter a niece of Dr. Joshee, and Amelia, from Vuyuru, will act as chaperone while doing Bible work in the town."

Cocanada Zenanas.—The reports of the Zenana work this year are filled with incidents that show how these caste women are breaking away from the old superstitions and genuinely turning to the truth that is being taught them by our faithful missionaries.

The encouraging feature here is the very marked change in the attitude of the male members of the household. Where formerly all visits from the missionaries were forbidden, or at best barely countenanced, now it is a common thing for the Brahmans to request the teaching for their wives, and to encourage their association with European ladies. This breaking down of caste is very slow, however, and no wonderful statistics can be recorded of numerous conversions and baptisms, but the long, faithful teaching of years has resulted

in very many secret disciples, who will be glad to make open confession when the way is made less difficult.

Miss Beggs reports a few Vendartees among the houses she visits, whose religion is like Unitarianism. "It is often sad to see how satisfied they are with their own religion—they tell us everything we say is good, except one thing, and that they consider a very small matter, but to us it is the foundation of all our teaching—the Divinity of Christ."

Akidu (Miss Hinman).—Boarding School.—"In recalling the events of the past year, the anxious days of last July come first to mind. When the time came for opening school, a great scourge of cholera swept over the field, and with Mrs. Chute still in the hills, it seemed rather risky to call the children in. To be responsible for the physical condition of 160 children is no easy task under these circumstances, for they must be so carefully watched lest they drink canal water. But the Good Shepherd guarded His little flock, and although the plague was at our very door, not one case of cholera broke out in our midst.

The past July was my first experience with children perfectly fresh from the village schools. When I came in January, 1914, the new ones had had six months of taming, and just what that had meant to Miss Marsh I did not properly appreciate, I fear. I never could have believed how absolutely wild and unmanageable they can be. Obedience? They hadn't a conception of its meaning, and, poor children, they had frequently to learn it via epidermis. Little niceties I fancied we all knew by nature, were conspicuous by their absence. I found it even necessary, by catching a lad by the back of his shirt, to impress him that doors and not windows were intended for egress. The civilizing process is long and tedious, and is far from accomplished when we must be thinking of receiving a new batch and going through the agony again.

Christmas closing was a most happy time for the children. The pretty bags, scrap-books and picture post cards as representing loving labor of the dear boys and girls at home, saved much expense in making our festivities what one of our teachers called "such a

grand Christmas." We had a tea and a real live Santa Claus, whose two heralds were Kenneth and Lawrence Chute."

To offset the temptation of sneaking off to the village after study hour, Miss Hinman planned special entertainments for Saturday evening. Once it was a moonlight picnic on the canal bank, and on Hallowe'en it was no less than an introduction to Jack o' Lantern and all the accompanying frolics.

This judicious blending of amusement with work must have had a salutary effect this year, for Miss Hinman writes: "For real deliberate wrongdoing and opposition to authority the year has been exceptional for its infrequency. The older children, who might make me no end of trouble, have been, as a rule, at my back, and have helped in keeping the younger ones up to the mark."

"For several months one of the teachers had been holding a class for those who desired baptism. As our pupils have such a grounding in Bible study, and are able to answer many questions technically, we feel a great deal of teaching and much testing is necessary before the ordinance is ministered. We take into account their school work, their general conduct and public opinion as to their fitness. Just before Christmas nine pupils were baptized, and their subsequent conduct has justified the step.

Bible teaching in the school has been most interesting. Memorizing comes very easily to these children, and the study of the book of Acts interested them greatly. Their love of dramatic effects led one class to impersonate the Sanhedrin and act out the scene in chapter five. They will never forget it.

After Christmas I realized that we had a little band of Christian scholars who might be employed actively in some kind of service. So, spurred on by reports of what the boys at Samalkot were doing, many of ours volunteered to undertake teaching in evangelistic schools and under the supervision of Biblewomen, these little bands of older children have conducted classes every Sunday morning, and over 250 children have thus received definite, regular instruction.

When I had the opportunity to personally visit these schools I was delighted to find the little ones learning so much Bible truth from their juvenile

teachers. Truly "out of the mouths of babes hast thou ordained praise."

My own little class rather dwindled away toward the end of the term. Picture rolls and cards from home failed to make their appearance, probably owing to the war. So my stock decreased, and I was unable to give the rewards as freely as I had previously, and substituted other cards, which were quite unpopular. One day I met a mischief-making delinquent. I said, "Why, Lutiah, did you not come on Sunday?" "Got any cards?" was his blunt, interrogative reply. There are ultimatums in India, too, it will be seen. When I told him some had come, he promised to be there the next Sunday.

The personal touch with the children has been a great joy. They come to me on Sunday evenings, sometimes alone, for special talks and for a season of prayer.

They are learning more and more to pray for real definite objects, and the stereotyped phrases are less in evidence. One lad, I am sure, came fully to the light through these little interviews. A couple of evenings later, when I was rubbing his chest for his cold, he said, with such a new joy in his eyes. "I never understood before, but I do now." A number have presented themselves for baptism from this little class.

Narasapatnam.—There has been no lady missionary in charge of the women's work here during the last year, but at the July Conference Miss Mason was appointed to this position. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith have had the oversight of the Biblewomen and their labors. S. Kanamma has been removed to Yellamanchili to teach in the Caste School.

Mr. Smith reports very zealous and persistent efforts, both in town and in the surrounding villages. "In some places the people got very much stirred up by our continual coming, and think if they can only understand, they will be glad to embrace the new religion. Although only four have been baptized, a number have applied, but are kept back for further instruction."

Yellamanchili (Miss Murray).—Miss Murray's letters throughout the year have been filled with expressions of joy and gratitude for the privilege of being back again in Yellamanchili, for the

abundance of health and strength she is enjoying, and later for the happiness of having with her as companion and co-worker her niece, Miss McLeish.

By this latter arrangement Miss Murray will be relieved of zenana and house visiting in the town, which will be undertaken by Miss McLeish, assisted by Elizabeth and one of the teachers.

Miss Murray will be able to concentrate on the Caste School, and the work among the Christians in the near villages, while they will all join together in the touring.

Biblewomen.—“As pastor's wife town Biblewoman, evangelistic school teacher, the Women's Help-Meet Society, and at home Elizabeth leads a busy life. I sometimes wonder what we should do without her.

Akkama has developed much during the year, and has become my strongest helper in work outside of Yellamanchili. She presents a remarkably fine Gospel message, born of personal experience in its power to save. The heinousness of sin and the efficacy of the Saviour are her constant theme. Our prayer is that she may never lose the vision.

Her little daughter, Kasun, whom we remember as being cured of her deformity, retains her reputation for memorizing Scripture. She is a frail, retiring, studious child, and we pray that she may escape the corruption that is in the (Indian) world.

Veeramma's inability to read is a great drawback, so I am allowing her to attend the Caste School for a time. Please pray that she be mightily quickened, or I fear she may have to be dropped.

Nookamma, the missionary Biblewoman, continues to carry on her heart the burden of the Christians in her own and surrounding villages for which is responsible.”

Touring.—All villages containing Christians have been visited, and the sick in mind and in body ministered unto, while among the non-Christian villages it was a great delight to find little gleams of flickering light, which only needed more replenishing by the touch of the Holy Spirit to become living witnesses for the truth.

“In one camp we met a man, baptized in his youth, but isolated from Christians for years, who revealed himself

to us by humming a Gospel tune outside of our tent. He later told us of his unsympathetic surroundings, but we pray that the light that has been in his heart all these years may be a lamp unto the feet of those near and dear unto him. In another village, after a hot walk to the home of a young Christian, formerly an orthodox Brahman, we were repulsed by his widowed sister, but afterwards brought a drink of hot milk slyly, by his younger brother. This milk of human kindness certainly brought its own reward, for some time later the eleven-year-old wife of this very same boy was brought to Yellamanchili for treatment. Poor little girl, so small and so young, only 11, to become a mother! But through the aid and sympathy of Christian women of humble origin, the big baby and the little mother received the necessary care at this critical time, and we pray that the whole Brahmin family may, through this, come to “drink of the water of life.”

Satyan, the one Christian in the family, is a dear, fine lad, of studious habits and with an unusual love for his Telugu tongue, which has led to his appointment as teacher of that language in the McLaurin High School. During his holidays in Yellamanchili he busied himself teaching Christian women and children from the outcaste people, endearing himself greatly to them and to us, and glorifying God—as nothing short of a miracle of grace could bring together representatives of such extreme classes.”

Caste School.—“It will be remembered that last year a little discouragement was reported in this connection on account of an opposition school having been opened. This school has continued to exist, has been recognized by Government, and the inspectress herself is of opinion that there is room for two schools in the town. It has been a great grief to our teachers and to the girls themselves that they have been taken away from our influence, but we trust that the truths we impressed upon their young and plastic minds may never be forgotten. It is interesting to note that although this new school was opened for the purpose of protecting the orthodox exclusive caste children from contact with our scholars, one of the teachers is a trained Christian woman, wife of one of our preachers, and formerly employed in the outcaste quarter. The little girls of the school are so pleased

to have Martha, since they cannot come to our school. It is all in God's hands."

Meanwhile we are doing all we can to make our school compete favorably with our rival. The harmonium is installed, and our teachers are most capable and devoted. Our equipment is not what it should be, and were we to accept Government grants, we would be on equal footing with the other school, but we are not yet clear on this point. Pray that we may know His will."

Many of us have followed with interest the story of the two caste girls whom Miss Murray sent to School at Nellore seven years ago, to escape the evil influences of their home. Last year we heard that both had become Christians, had married Christian young men of humble origin, and were living examples of wonderful answers to prayer. In March the elder sister returned to her home very ill with consumption. Much prayer was made for her, and although the very best care was given, she passed away after much suffering, August 2nd, one of the sweetest, purest souls that have gone home from Telugu land. Until He come, she is to us a sweet memory.

"The sorrows of that day were lessened by the advent of the younger sister's beautiful baby boy. We kept the mother and son in the hospital one week, all in the compound helping to care for them, and again praised God for the manifestation of His grace in their life. Only about a year ago this dear child was finally delivered from the toils of Satan into the joys of Christian fellowship, and her marriage to Joseph, son of my former Biblewoman, Salome, was a further proof of the leveling power of Christianity. She is now a brave, sweet woman, whom it is a pleasure to care for."

Surely the salvation of these two girls is something to thank God for, and a cause for encouragement. Many have been interested in them, and they were once scholars in our Caste School.

Miss Murray sends her heartiest greetings to the ladies assembled at Convention. "Ask them to pray for a harvest of souls on this field this year."

"Please thank the unknown donors of Sunday School picture cards. We can use all they send of cards and rolls."

This report can give at best only a hurried glimpse into the work our missionaries are doing. It is for us to read between the lines and inform ourselves from the detailed reports in the LINK and "Among the Telugus," so that we shall be able to pray more intelligently for our workers, who are constantly requesting our co-operation, in this way.

In closing, let us sum up briefly the objects that are to be specially under our care this coming year.

Yellamanchili.—Miss Murray, with the Caste School, Biblewomen and Christians all over the field. Miss McLeish, zenana work and evangelistic work in the town.

Narsapatnam.—Miss Mason, in charge of the women and children.

Akidu.—Miss Hinman, Girls' Boarding and evangelistic schools, visiting in town, Sunday School work.

Vuyyuru.—Miss Zimmermann, in charge of the medical work caste schools at station and in Valluru, work among women and children, touring, Biblewomen.

Cocanada Zenanas.—Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs.

May we suggest that the Circles take one of these groups for special prayer at each meeting, and looking beyond the horizon of our own interests, catch the vision of the power of intercessory prayer, called by someone "the climax of prayer."

The Missionary Society can have no more fruitful ministry to the women of the Church than to teach them the value of intercession as distinguished from prayer for self.

Will you not in a very real sense make the life of these brave missionaries your life, living it with them in its isolation and daily hardships, and making every incident and need of their life your constant subject of prayer to God?

Pray for renewed physical strength, for spiritual courage and wisdom to help them solve all the difficulties of the work, and ask God to give them the joy of seeing souls born into the Kingdom. They are working in our stead. Shall we not bear our share of the burden?

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA MOTLEY.

Westmount, Oct. 1st, 1915.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

From Oct. 1, 1914, to Sept. 23, 1915.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1914.....	\$558.18		
Total Receipts from Circles, as per detailed statement below.....	2,162.42	Appropriations.	
Total Receipts from Bands as per detailed statement below.....	399.02	Miss Murray and Yellamanchili.....	\$928.00
Collections taken:—		Miss Hinman's Salary.....	600.00
Convention.....	\$24.72	Vuyuru Work and Boarding School.....	890.00
Annual Meeting of Circles.....	5.54	Akidu School.....	800.00
Eastern Association.....	2.25	Oceanada, Zenanas.....	200.00
Canada Central Association.....	4.55	Bolivia.....	50.00
Ottawa Association.....	2.50	Narsapatnam.....	114.00
Grande Ligne Association.....	8.00		<u>\$3,082.00</u>
	47.56	Special.	
Individual and other Contributions—		Miss Murray's Organ and Work.....	\$30.00
Estate Miss Jenny McArthur.....	\$12.96	Miss Hatch's Mission.....	7.50
A Friend (for Valluru School).....	117.00	Speaker's Exp's to Convention.....	16.00
Mrs. McDiarmid, Sandringham.....	30.00	Miss Priest's Bungalow.....	1.00
First Church Sunday School, Primary Dept., Montreal.....	15.00		54.50
Miss Annie McPherson, Vankleek Hill.....	15.00	Printing.....	<u>95.10</u>
Estate late Mrs. A. C. Whitfield.....	15.00		\$3,231.60
Thurso Sunday School, Home Department.....	25.00	Balance in Bank, Sept. 23, 1915.....	526.94
Mrs. Matthews, Ottawa.....	15.00		
Proceeds of Lecture, G. Birks, Esq.....	64.35		
Mrs. McKechnie, Smith's F's Kingston Young Ladies' Sunday School Class.....	40.00		
Mrs. N. McCallum, Vankleek Hill.....	5.00		
Philathea Class, Winnipeg.....	36.00		
Brockville First Church Sunday School Class.....	14.00		
Interest, Bank of Nova Scotia.....	4.15		
Special Board Fund.....	167.00		
	<u>\$90.46</u>		
	\$3,757.64		\$3,757.64

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