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THE MISSIONARY'S FAREWELL.

Glad, my native land, I bid thee,
Cherished scenes and friends farewell;
For the love of Christ constrains me
Of that love the world to tell.

Though it be to toil and sadness,
Loneliness and weary pain;
Yet I welcome them with gladness,
For the Savior's joy and gain.

Rivers seek the lowest levels,
Sun-beams darkest shades pursue;
Jesus saves the vilest rebels,
Even me his mercy drew.

Haste we then with blessings laden
Far away o'er land and main,
Bringing to the dying Pagan
Life through Him who once was slain.

Many till the near and narrow
Fields where pienteous harvests grow;
But to break the barren fallow,
Some must to the deserts go.

If crowds linger round the shallows,
Snatching victims from the wave,
Some must brave the boist'rous billows
Far from shore the lost to save.

Many "hold the fort," while sheltered
From the deadly fire of foe:
But "to storm the fort" we're entered;
For the Savior bids us "Go."

Teach the earth's remotest nation
All that he would have them know:
Fill with light the dark creation,
Dissipate with joy its woe.

W. H. P.

AFTER a delightful and refreshing vacation we return to our work with renewed energy, thankful for having had the pleasure of meeting loved ones and renewing associations of former days. We had the pleasure of spending a day with Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, whose residence in British Columbia has done much to increase interest in our Foreign Mission work. They, with Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell and Miss McLeod, leave for India

in September, via Vancouver. Since our last issue Mr. and Mrs. Laflamme, have returned to their native land to which we welcome them, and hope health will be speedily restored to our sister. Thus one comes and another goes, but the work goes on, because it is the Lord's work, but He has permitted us to be co-laborers. "Let us be faithful to the trust."

A PERSONAL letter from Miss Priest, at Koclaik-anal, where she was having a delightful rest, tells of increased strength since last summer, and mental and spiritual refreshment in association with fellow workers on other fields.

Mr. Craig also writes of a vacation at Coonor, where Dr. McLaurin resides. A convention for the quickening of spiritual life, had been held, followed by a prayer meeting for a revival of God's work in India. Our missionaries are praying for it, let us also remember it in our seasons of special prayer.

FROM the *North-West Baptist* we learn of the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Manitoba and the North-West, held at Brandon. This Society combines Home and Foreign work. Twenty-three Circles were represented at their meeting, out of 41 with a membership of 700. Three were organized during the year. The report from Bands was encouraging, five had been added, making 15. Total amount raised, \$6,333.14. Great regret was expressed at a deficit of \$800, owing in a measure to a general falling off in contributions, but especially in individual offerings. Special prayer was offered, and free-will offerings in cash and pledges given, amounting to \$186.05, towards its reduction.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and Miss Robinson are supported by the Convention, while they are also raising \$1,000 for the Bungalow at Ramachandrapuram. We most heartily congratulate our sisters in their noble work and wish them God-speed in their united endeavors to extend Christ's kingdom in the earth.

Our Work Abroad.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA.

DEAR MRS. PORTER :

All interested in the evangelization of India must rejoice in the organization, in Bangalore, June 27th, of a society to be known as "The Women's Home Missionary Society of India."

I am sending a brief history of this movement, thinking it may be of interest to the readers of THE LINK.

A little more than three years ago a number of Anglo-Indian and Eurasian young women, who were spending their vacation at Grassmere, the Y. W. C. A. Home at Ootacamund, were impressed with their responsibility for giving the gospel to the natives of India. They realized that God would not hold them guiltless if, with their natural qualifications of knowledge of the language and people, and being accustomed to the climate, they continued inactive, leaving this work of evangelization to missionaries coming from foreign lands. After much prayerful consideration they organized themselves into a society known as the "Grassmere Mission Band." A small sum of money was collected, and as no definite plan of work had been decided upon, it was left in the hands of the Secretary to be spent as God should indicate. In a very short time they learned of an Eurasian girl who felt called of God to devote herself to mission work and the money was given to enable her to acquire a vernacular. Feeling that God had blessed their small efforts, the Band became anxious to interest a larger number in the movement. Accordingly at the Y.W.C.A. Camp, held at Igitapuri in 1903, one evening was devoted to the discussion of the subject, "Should Anglo-Indian and Eurasian women become missionaries to the heathen." As a result of this discussion, prayer circulars were introduced and forty women resolved to pray for the evangelization of India and for the awakening of the missionary spirit among their own people. It was also resolved to widen the interest as far as possible by correspondence. In November, 1904, five of the leaders of the movement met for conference at the home of Miss Eva D'Prager and a circular was issued to all missionary Societies employing women, requesting a frank statement of their views regarding the movement and

asking if they would employ trained workers supplied by the society.

The answers were most encouraging. One wrote, "This movement has come in answer to prayer." Another, "No more important document has reached me in months than your letter of Jan. 30th. There can be no question of the need of such a movement; if India is to be really evangelized, every store house of gifts and grace should be unsealed for use." It was then decided to hold a Conference at Bangalore, June 26-30, and organize for definite work. Sixty Anglo-Indian and Eurasian delegates were present and twelve missionaries. The first day was spent in prayer for God's guidance and blessing. On the morning of the 27th the constitution was drawn up. There was some discussion as to whether the society should seek to become an auxiliary to existing societies or be independent. Because there had been a tendency in the past to lean upon others and shirk responsibility, it was decided to make this an independent movement with the full responsibility resting upon the Anglo-Indian and Eurasian community. The aim of the society is to enlist, train and supply workers to existing missions, keeping in view the aim of eventually sending out its own workers. The membership fee will be two rupees a year. About sixty names were enrolled during the conference and three young ladies offered themselves for mission work. The officers are:—President, Miss Eva D'Prager; Vice-President, Miss Mina Ottman; Secretary, Miss Mergler, B.A.; Treasurer, Miss Marcer.

Miss D'Prager needs no introduction to the readers of THE LINK.

Miss Ottman is a doctor practicing at Berhampore. She is a very talented and thoroughly consecrated Christian worker, giving a good deal of her time to distinctively mission work.

Miss Mergler has been a very successful teacher and is now an inspectress of schools. She is widely known as an earnest, strong Christian character. The meetings of the Conference were characterized throughout by a spirit of deep devotion and waiting upon God to know His will. Shall we not unite in praying that this new movement may be mightily used of God in hastening the time when "all shall know Him."

EDNA CORNING.

Canada, July 11th, '05

THE SHYNESS OF HINDU CASTE WOMEN.

ONE evening in company with some native helpers I had gone to preach to the caste people of a certain village on the Vuyyuru field. In the very heart of the place there stood on some high ground with a flight of stone steps leading up to the entrance the house of the village mayor, a man from whom we had always received only the greatest of kindness. Seeing at a glance what a good pulpit that stairway would make, I asked whether he would have any objection to our using it as a rostrum from which to address the people, and received his very courteous permission to do so. Just in front of us, with its top somewhat above the level of the stone steps upon which we were standing, was a brick wall enclosing the yard of a large house on the opposite side of the street.

After we had sung a hymn or two, one of the native helpers stood forth and began to preach to the unusually large mass of people in the narrow street below; while I sat listening to the preacher and watching our audience to discover, if I could, the effect of his message upon them, and so determine the line of my own remarks when my turn to speak should come. Out on the far edge of the gathering one could see a thin fringe of outcaste women arrested by the preaching as they had been homeward bound from the fields, but as far as I could discern not a single caste woman was anywhere to be seen. For some time, however, I had noticed women shyly and stealthily lifting their heads up from behind the wall across the street. They would rise up just far enough to enable them to look over the wall and peer eagerly, but cautiously at us and the crowd (vivid street-preaching scene) until they noticed our glance turn in their direction when they would drop down quickly again out of sight. This was repeated again and again, so that had there been a clatter of boards and a shriek or two one might have concluded that their sudden disappearance was due to an unexpected crash of that upon which they had been standing. But since there was none, one knew that they were only acting as Hindu caste women usually do in the presence of men, and while anxious to listen to the Gospel were very careful to keep the brick wall between them and us and themselves hidden from public gaze.

On another occasion I was preaching with the aid of the Magic Lantern in that same village. From time to time I found it necessary to open the lantern slide to regulate the light in the

rising night wind there in the open square, and each time I did so a stream of radiance would flow out lighting up the shadowy faces of great groups of men sitting silently listening under cover of the darkness. The only evidence, however, of any caste women being present was now and then the sound of their voices as, sitting far back in the friendly shelter of the night, they spoke in low tones to one another of the wonderful light-pictures shining out so radiantly on the big white sheet before them. Then, too, once in a while some woman would in her excitement unintentionally betray her presence, as (for example was the case) when one night there flamed forth in sudden distinctness and splendor a beautiful picture of the Christ Child, one of them in her surprise and delight for a moment, so forgot herself that we could all (plainly) hear her cry out, "Look, look! A beautiful white child, a beautiful white child!" This was immediately followed by a general titter on the part of the men, and a low startled "Hush!" from the women. When at the end of the lecture I lighted my travelling lantern again and looked around I found that those women had either fled away into their homes, or were hovering here and there, shadowy-like, on the edge of the darkness.

True, there do arise now and then opportunities for our native evangelists to tell the old, old story face to face even to caste women, such as that which befel one of them in a village where the night before we had been using the Lantern. Next day as he was passing through one of the less public thoroughfares a group of caste women ventured to stop him saying, "Last night we sat back in the darkness and saw those light-pictures your master made to shine on the big white canvas, and we heard all the strange things you told concerning them. But although we know you said it over and over again last night, none of us to-day can rightly re-call the name of your God—the God of the Christians. We want you to tell it us." So standing there in the narrow street the delighted outcaste evangelist, scrupulously careful to keep at a proper distance, cried the name "Jesus Christ" over again and again whilst they repeated it in chorus after him until they could pronounce it properly. In doing this he, with a skill born of long experience, managed to tell them many things about that Christian's God in whose name they were so greatly interested. But the particular pains that the evangelist took on returning

to my tent to tell me all the details of the incident was only too clear evidence of what I am sorry to have to add, that such opportunities are not very frequent, even in the experience of our native evangelists.

The above recital of some ordinary every-day incidents of my missionary life is made simply because it serves to show in a life-like way the innate shyness and general inaccessibility of

the Hindu Caste women as a class, as far as the male missionary and his helpers are concerned. This, taken in connection with the fact that there are probably at least half a million caste women and girls within the bounds of our Canadian Mission alone, shows what a great door and effectual is open to the single lady missionary and her Biblewomen.

HARRY E. STILLWELL.

Our Work at Home.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

THE Convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, will be held in the McPhail Memorial Baptist Church, Ottawa, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 3rd and 4th. The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society will be held on the 4th. There will be a union platform meeting on Tuesday evening at which addresses will be given by Rev. H. F. Laflamme, returned missionary from India, and others.

DELEGATES.

Each Circle is entitled to two delegate 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 Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society (East). Each Band has the right to send one delegate over fifteen years of age.

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th Foreign Mission day.

Mrs. T. J. Claxton, President, Presiding.
Morning Session—9.30 o'clock.

9.30—Prayer Service led by Mrs. Hugh Robertson, Perth.

10.00—Roll Call.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
Appointment of Committee on Appropriations.

Report of Recording Secretary—Miss E. M. Crossley.

Report of Supt. Mission Bands—Mrs. George Blair, Ottawa.

Report Bureau of Literature, Mrs. M. Dancy.

The LINK—Mrs. Ohman.

Election of Officers and Executive Board.

12.00—Hymn. Prayer. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session—2 o'clock.

2.00—Hymn—Prayer.

Minutes of morning session.

President's Address—Mrs. Claxton.

Report of Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. Hibbard Ayer.

Discussion.

Report of Treasurer—Mrs. W. Gordon Rickert.

Report of Committee on Appropriations.
Address—Miss Frith, Assam, India.

Collection.

Question drawer—Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Thurso.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

4.15—Closing Prayer Service for our Missionaries in India.

Bible Reading—Mrs. Hyslop, Asbestos Mines, Que.

Doxology. Adjournment.

All desiring to benefit by our "Question Drawer," regarding our Home or Foreign Work, are requested to send their questions before Sept. 25th, to Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Thurso, Que., who has kindly consented to take charge of this portion of the programme.

EASTERN SOCIETY NOTES.

It is particularly requested that all those who have cards for Miss Murray's Tent and the Akidu Girls' School should hand in their subscriptions to the Treasurer of their Circle or Band, in order that the same may be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Society, Mrs. W. Gordon Rickert, 30 Staynor Ave., Westmount P. Q., before Sept. 30th.

Treasurers are reminded that the books of the Society close on Sept. 30th and all money on hand should be sent to the above address before that date, in order to appear in this year's report.

We are looking forward to a good Convention

in Ottawa and we trust that a large number of delegates will be present. Will our sisters join in prayer for a great blessing on our meetings, so that the inspiration received there may result in a greater love for our mission work, which will be felt throughout all our churches.

Delegates requiring billets for W. B. F. M. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, which is to meet in Ottawa, will kindly send their names to Mrs. A. D. Pillar, 64 Flora Street, as soon as convenient after they are appointed. McPhail Baptist Church, where the Convention will meet, is on the corner of Bronson Avenue and Lisgar Streets. From Central Station on Park St. delegates will take Somerset car to Bronson Avenue, then turn to the right and walk two blocks. From C.P.R. Station on Albert St. take Elgin St. car and get a transfer for Somerset. From Steamer "Empress" take Chaudiere car and transfer to Somerset. For further information see *Canadian Baptist*.

E. C. A.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS.

ELGIN—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands was held with the Church at Shedden, May 31st. The morning session opened with a very helpful prayer service led by Mrs Cross, of Iona Station. After the opening exercises, reports were given by delegates from the Circles and Bands. These reports were very pleasing as they told of increased interest and giving on the part of the Circles and Bands.

Mrs. Gilbert, of Shedden, on behalf of Fingal and Shedden, most heartily welcomed the delegates to Church and homes. Mrs Upton, of St. Thomas, made a suitable response. After the appointment of Committees the session closed with prayer.

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer. The Nominating Committee reported and the following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, Sparta; Vice-President, Mrs. Newcombe, Yarmouth Centre; Director, Miss M. Laidlaw, Sparta; Asst.-Director, Mrs. W. L. Silcox, Shedden.

The Director's Report was most encouraging showing an increase in membership and gifts, of Circles and Bands. Eight churches in the Association are yet without a Circle. Three Bands have been organized during the year, making sixteen Circles, seven Bands and one Junior R. Y. P. U., the latter supporting a student in India.

The following report gives the contributions for the year: From Circles for Home Missions, \$411.50; Foreign Missions, \$545.02; Indian Missions, \$27.95. From Bands, Home Missions,

\$67.65; Foreign Missions, \$98.58. Total, \$166.23. Increase, \$79.47. Total from Circles and Bands, \$1,150.70, an increase of \$225.46.

A very thoughtful and helpful address, was given by the President, Mrs. Doolittle, directing our thought to the All-wise loving Father, and to Jesus Christ our Saviour, through whom all blessings come; followed by fifteen minutes of earnest prayer and praise.

Miss Sparkman, of Fingal gave a very interesting address on "Grande-Ligne Mission," giving a sketch of the life of Madame Feller, and of the progress of the work. Band work was very ably presented by Mrs. Brown, of Iona Station. Each Leader should aim, by giving a knowledge of the Christ love, to win the children to Christ. Interest may be sustained by giving each member something to do. All the missions should be studied, that there may be an enlarged conception of mission work. A song by the Shedden Mission Band was much appreciated. Mrs. Emerson, of Dutton, gave an excellent address on "Paul, an Example of Missionary Activity," in which were many helpful lessons. Another song by the Shedden Band, and the session closed with prayer.

The evening session opened with a hymn, Scripture lesson by Mrs. Silcox, of Shedden, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Ray, of New Sarum. We had hoped to have Mrs. A. R. McMaster, of Toronto, with us to give an address on "Home Missions," but not being able to be present an excellent paper was forwarded by her and read by Mrs. Reekie, of Sparta. It was a great pleasure to have the presence of Miss McLeod, and her address on "The Work and Needs of a Missionary," was most highly appreciated. We felt as never before the opportunities for work, and our responsibility in regard to it; as well as its difficulties, and yet brightening prospects.

During the session enjoyable music was rendered by Miss Esther Baker, of the Junior R. Y. P. U., St. Thomas; Mrs. Eames, of Fingal; and members of the Shedden Mission Band. Miss Snyder, of Frome, was Secretary for the day. The offerings amounted to \$10.94. Rev. Mr. Burns closed the meeting with prayer.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands was held in Whitevale, on June 21st, at 2 p. m.. The President, Mrs. W. H. Wallace, presiding. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. John Madill, of Stouffville. On behalf of the Whitevale Church and Circle, Mrs. Judson McIntosh extended a hearty welcome to delegates and visitors. The Director's report was encouraging—14 Circles and 12 Bands report a good year's work.

Mrs. H. Lloyd represented our W. F. M. B., and gave an exceedingly interesting address on "The Work of our Lady Missionaries." A solo by Miss Nina Philips was very much enjoyed by all. An instructive map talk on "The Work among the Scandinavians in Alberta," was given

by Mrs. Laird, of Toronto. The offering amounted to \$10.

S. E. RYLEY, Director.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON.—The Circles and Bands of this Association held the annual meeting with the Niagara Falls South Church, on June 6th, at 2 p.m. There was a very good attendance, although several Circles were not at all represented, owing, no doubt, to the unpropitious weather. A very helpful prayer service, was led by Mrs. Damude, of Niagara Falls South, occupied the first twenty minutes. We received a cordial welcome from Mrs. McLellan, representing the Church entertaining us, which was heartily responded to by Mrs. C. J. McLean, of Beamsville.

The Director's report showed an increase over last year of \$160.00. Fourteen Circles and 12 Bands reported; three new Bands having been organized during the year. All the reports with one exception, showed greater activity, and an added interest in the work, therefore an increase in membership and finances. Circles and Bands raised a total of \$919.92, of which the Circles raised \$382.14, and the Bands \$111.86 for Foreign Missions. An appeal was made for greater sympathy in our Home Mission work and also for the Bungalow Fund.

The LINK and *Visitor* were ably represented by Mrs. Stenahough, of Hamilton. If we desire to become better acquainted with a person, we invite them to our homes, if we wish to become familiar with the work of our missionary societies, we must read their papers.

Mrs. Mullock, of St. Catharines, showed us how helpful the Mission Circle is to the home interests of the Church. After explaining the object of Mission Circles, the speaker showed how they had grown for over twenty-five years, how they had developed more intelligence in our women, not only in missions, but other subjects. Pastors find the Mission Circle helpful, Circle members make the best Church workers. "Manitoba and the North-West," by Mrs. Emerson, of Burlington, and "Our Indian Work," by Mrs. Dexter, of Hamilton, were two well-prepared addresses. Several delegates requested the use of these papers for their Circles. A letter from Mrs. Massé, Lady Principal, of Feller Institute, Grande Ligne, gave us an interesting account of the students there supported by our Board. A sketch of each of our single lady missionaries in India, by representatives from the several Circles and churches, proved a most interesting exercise. Some of those who gave the sketches declared they had never grown so interested in anything before as in the preparation of the part allotted to them, while those who listened expressed their pleasure in thus becoming more definitely acquainted with this devoted band of Baptist women.

As Mrs. Hewson has removed to the bounds of another Association, it was necessary to elect another President. Mrs. Hewson has, in an

able and Christian-like manner, presided over our meetings for the past three years, and we deeply feel the loss of her wise counsel and bright personality. Mrs. D. M. Walker, of St. Catharines, was appointed to fill the vacancy, and Mrs. Hendry was re-elected Director.

In the evening Miss Norton gave her "Home Mission Map," address. The information given ought to be familiar to every Baptist, but it is not, and Miss Norton's bright and instructive representation of facts and deduction of argument will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of listening to her. Mr. Brown tried to picture to us the condition of a Telugu woman in heathendom, and the wonderful transformation that takes place as she develops step by step into the full realization of the Christian Gospel. Mrs. A. P. Kennedy, and Miss Benner, of Pt. Colborne, added to the interest of our meetings by song and violin. The collection was \$6.78, closing one of the best of our annual gatherings.

P. HENDRY, Director.

CANADA CENTRAL.—Annual Meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands of the Canada Central Association met with the Baptist church at Arnprior, Wednesday, June 21, a.m.

The meeting convened in the beautiful and spacious auditorium of the chapel. After devotional exercises, Mrs. A. M. Frith took the chair, and Mrs. Wm. Freed, of Algonquin, was appointed Secretary. An address of welcome from the Arnprior sisters was given by Mrs. Wilson which made us all feel very much at home. Mrs. J. S. Copeland, of Brockville, replied in a very able and enthusiastic manner, and brought to our notice as worthy examples, those noble women who figured most conspicuously in the Holy Scriptures. Fourteen delegates responded to the roll call. Reports were then read from the several Circles and Bands which showed the following:—Receipts from Circles, Foreign Mission, \$333.90; Home Mission, \$255.78; Manitoba, \$48.50; Grande Ligne, \$32.50; Indian, \$3.45. Total, \$674.13. From Bands, Foreign Mission, \$131.90; Home Mission, \$59.65; Manitoba, \$2.50; Grande Ligne, \$15.00; Bolivia, \$6.00. Total, \$215.05. Grand Total, \$889.18.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following as officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—President, Mrs. J. S. Copland, Brockville; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. I. Freed, Algonquin; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. L. M. Weeks, Athens; Directress, Mrs. I. T. Kellock, Perth. These recommendations were confirmed. Mrs. Beal, of Brockville, read an excellent paper on "Band Work." Several of the delegates then expressed their appreciation of those welcome little visitors to their homes, viz., THE LINK, and *Visitor*. There are 128 LINKS and 66 *Visitors* taken throughout this Association. Mrs. W. T. Robertson, of Carleton Place, opened the discussion upon the value of THE LINK and *Visitor* in our work in this Association. Mrs. W. I. Pady, of

Arnprior, read a letter from the Board of the Womens Baptist Mission Society (East). Mrs. L. M. Weeks of Athens read a letter from the Board of the Regular Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. An able address was given upon the topic, "How the Mission Circle has helped me, and how it has helped others," by Mrs. Robertson, of Perth. Adjournment. The afternoon session was opened with Mrs. W. Freed in the chair. A helpful prayer and praise service was conducted by Mrs. Boston, of Renfrew, after which Miss Frith, returned missionary, gave us a most animated and interesting account of her work among the hill tribes of Assam, India, which was well received. After a well rendered duette by Misses Shieds and Kerr of the local Circle, greetings were received from the sister societies of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican churches of the town. Mrs. Boston followed with a comprehensive paper upon "Home Missions." After a few verses of a hymn pastor A. M. Frith favored us with, "Glimpses of the life of Wm. Carey," which though an old subject was brought to us again in all its old time freshness and inspiration. Offering and closing. Thus we closed another year's record of faith, triumphs and failures, and we return to our work with renewed consecration and hope to make the incoming year one of greater fruitfulness than the past has been.

MRS. FREED, Secretary.

GUELPH.—The Women's meeting was held in Hillsburg, on Wednesday afternoon, June 7th. At 2 o'clock a very profitable and interesting session opened with praise and prayer service, led by Mrs. J. T. Marshall, Berlin, whose ability to preside was a great factor in the success of the meeting. Mrs. C. N. Dewey, Hillsburg, cordially extended a welcome to their church and homes. Mrs. T. Deeves, Brampton, briefly replied for the delegates. Nearly all the Circles and Bands reported work, through representatives, and cheering accounts told of faithful effort blessed by the Master. Miss B. Brock, Hespeler, then favored us with a solo. Mrs. E. I. Hill, Guelph, in outlining the work undertaken by our Home Mission Board, showed it is not merely the collecting of money to hand over to the General Board, but our attention was drawn by means of an excellent map, to the extent of territory over which the W. H. M. Board exercises supervision. "Knowledge and giving should precede intelligent prayer and a map is essential to every member." Placed in a conspicuous place, where can be marked places interesting us, we become familiar with the locality and distances our missionaries have to cover. Then our prayer for the work is intelligent and our interest deepened as we read of them in *Visitor* or *Baptist*. "Things we have and things we lack" was topic for discussion. Among others were, "We lack patience in our Christian life in our mad rush in this life." "We lack an educative line of study in missions." "We have the memory of a consecrated woman

gone to her reward." "We have organization, we are in danger of being organized to death." "More Mission Circle mothers will ensure more Mission Band members." "To know well is good. To do well is better." The Director's report showed that 15 Circles reported \$683.21 an increase over last year, and the Bungalow Fund had been remembered by almost all. A Circle has been organized at Preston, of which every woman in the church is a member. Reports were received from 11 Bands which have raised \$204.14, an appreciable increase over last year, and beside these a Band has been organized in Stratford and in Preston. Correspondence with churches having no Circle or Band showed that LINKS and *Visitors* are subscribed for in these places. A method tried in one Circle was distributing boxes among women unable to attend meetings, and if when opened the box contained \$1.00 this entitled holder to become a full member, instead of associate. "Mercy" bags, in which to drop pennies for special mercies granted has been tried also. A committee appointed quarterly to visit absent members has improved attendance. Miss Evans was re-appointed Director, Miss A. Joyce, Waterloo, her assistant, Mrs. Jas. Davidson, Inglewood, President. The time of meeting of next Association was left with the executive. Our Foreign Mission work was presented by Rev. H. C. Priest. In a helpful and interesting address he showed how the superstitions and forms of religion of India, are great obstacles to the mission worker and yet when once overcome the converts are, even in persecution, a great blessing to others. Our offerings amounting to \$13.76 are to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

ALICE M. EVANS, Director.

WALKERTON.—The Circles and Bands held their annual meeting at Atwood, June 7th. In the morning a business meeting of delegates was held, Mrs. Brownlee presiding. The meeting was opened by singing, and prayer by Mrs. Stobo. Committee to audit the books and nominate officers was appointed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Several matters of importance regarding our work were discussed.

P. M. Session opened with a prayer and praise service, led by Mrs. McLean, Wingham. Mrs. Brownlee, Vice-President, then took the chair and gave a short address from Exodus 4: 2. "What hast thou in thine hand?" Instructive papers were read by three of the sisters. Subjects: "How Would you Interest Careless Members in Circle Work"; "How Would you Prepare an Attractive and Helpful Circle Program"; "How Would you Interest an Indifferent Pastor or Church in Circle work."

The Director's report showed an increase of \$97.17 over last year. An excellent paper on "Mission Band Helps," was given by Miss Joy Cook, Mount Forest. This paper was full of bright and instructive suggestions. Mr.

McLaurin favored us with a brief address on "Our Work in the North-West." Miss Tapscott, of Toronto, gave an excellent address on "Home Missions." Short, interesting papers on "The Ideal Circle," were given by two of the sisters. We were privileged to have Mrs. McLeod, of India, with us, and give a description of a Women's Convention in India, and of the work the Christian women are doing and the many sacrifices they are making among their own people; urging upon the sisters, the Circles and Churches, the need of earnest prayer for our missionaries, that they may be blessed in their endeavor to spread the Gospel among those who have it not. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Brownlee, Walkerton; Vice-President, Mrs. Walker, Palmerston; Director, Miss Ruby Stovel, Mount Forest. The meeting was closed by singing, and prayer by Mrs. McLeod.

ANNIE McDOUGALL, Director.

OWEN SOUND.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands was held at Flesherton, on June 14th. While two less Circles reported the membership remains about the same as last year, and there is an increase in the amount contributed. Six Circles reported Thank-offerings, \$37.92, while five Circles have contributed \$28.50 towards the Bungalow Fund. The total contributed for the year from 14 Circles for Foreign Missions has been \$165.49. Several Circles made and sent out quilts. The work of Mrs. Eva Rose York at the Redemption Home, Toronto, was remembered in this way by one of the Circles. All the Circles but three have subscribed for the LINK, 79 copies in all are taken. Seven Mission Bands reported, contributing to Foreign Missions, although two of them were forwarded to the treasurer too late for the Associational year. One Baby Band contributed to missions in Bolivia. Owen Sound Band reports a new student assigned to them, Talla Thomas, whom they hope to see through his studies and fitted for a native preacher. Paisley Band also support a student. Miss Manyhan, President of the Carey Mission, has been made a Life-member by the Band. The total amount reported for Foreign Missions, from the Bands is \$60.70.

There are over 200 boys and girls enrolled in these seven Bands, and regular systematic work is being done that will surely tell in the future of mission work.

At the afternoon meeting, after devotional exercises led by Mrs. Watson, of Keady, Mrs. Newton, of Durham, and Mrs. Pines, of Bentinck, a paper was given by Miss Pearce, of Owen Sound, on "Mission Band Work," emphasizing the value of the training received by the boys and girls for service. Rev. A. F. Cobb, of Port Elgin, gave an address on "Home Mission Work in Ontario." Foreign Mission Secretary, Rev. J. G. Brown, himself a missionary, gave a most eloquent word picture of the women and children in India, among whom our unmarried ladies are working. It is with peculiar

thankfulness and gratitude we think of the words spoken by these gentlemen at our public session. The Durham choir rendered several selections most beautifully, and the two hours allotted to Womens' Work, was brimful of interest and brightness. Collection was taken amounting to \$3.00 for Foreign Missions. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. T. Watson, Keady; Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Kipp, Strathavon; Director, re-appointed.

MRS. JAMES WALKER.

NORFOLK.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands held in Simcoe, on June 13th, was, so far as we can judge, a success. The weather was perfect, the gathering largely attended, and the programme showed that thoughtful and prayerful preparation had been made. The Director's report showed an increase this year from Bands of about \$125.00 and from Circles about \$20.00. The increase would undoubtedly have been larger had all the reports been received.

MARY E. DAVIS, Director.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

NOTE.—The report of the Thank-offering meeting of the 1st Church Mission Circle, Vancouver, was received too late for publication in July. It deserves special notice, however, as the amount is seldom exceeded by any of our large Churches in the East. Special effort had been made to make the meeting a success, and the result was a large attendance and free-will offering amounting to \$126.25. Our sisters in the West are doing nobly for Foreign, as well as Home Missions, for "they have a mind to work."

BENTINCK.—On the evening of June 7th, we held a public meeting in the Church. Mr. John Currie, late of McMaster University, Toronto, acted as chairman. After the devotional exercises a program was rendered, consisting of singing, reading and recitations. One pleasing feature of the evening was an exercise by the children, called "Mother Goose and her Children." The collection amounted to \$5.41.

KATE McKINNON, Sec.

ST. CATHARINES, QUEEN ST.—The annual open session of the Women's Mission Circle was held in the S. S. rooms of the church on Thursday evening, June 15th. The President, Mrs. M. D. Cothman, in the chair. (Our regular meetings are held in the afternoon, but once a year we have an open meeting in the evening thinking there would probably be a larger attendance if held at night). After the devotional exercises, reading of minutes of previous meeting, and roll call, a very enjoyable duet was sung by Mrs. McTavish and Miss Lagenby. A very interesting missionary dialogue followed by four little girls, members of our Mission Band, and a reading entitled "Two Pictures" by Miss Jinkie

Rogers. A duet was sung by Miss Wismer and Mr. Hunter which was much appreciated. Elmer Gadsby, a member of the Mission Band, recited, "The Missionary Hen." Mrs. Dr. Mulock gave an exceedingly interesting report of the Association held at Niagara Falls. Miss Wismer sang a solo entitled "Will there be any stars in my crown." Then followed a reading by Mrs. Dr. Muloch entitled "Dorothy's Lunch." A few encouraging words by the pastor, Rev. M. D. Coltman, were followed with the benediction.

F. E. WISMER, Secretary.

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

Receipts from June 18th, to July 15th, 1905.
(inclusive).

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto: Bloor St., (extra \$10), \$46.57; Memorial, \$5; Century, \$8.45; College St., \$18.50; Olivet, \$4.22; Western, \$13.40; Ossington Ave., \$4; Parliament St., (\$2 for bungalow), \$11.05. London: Adelaide St., \$2; Talbot St., \$16.75; South, \$5. Hespeler, \$9.57; Ailsa Craig, \$3.15; Milberta, \$1.25; Whitby, \$84.50; Guelph, First, \$8.35; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$6.15; Pickering, \$5.10; Beamsville, for bungalow, \$3; Port Colborne, \$2; Claremont, \$15; Tupperville Union, \$6.25; Owen Sound, \$10; East Oxford, \$8.11; Toronto Junction, \$4.35; Colchester, (35cts. for bungalow), \$2.35; Burk's Falls, \$6.55; Cramahe, \$2.10; Atwood, \$1.45; Ingersoll, \$8.55; Collingwood, (\$4.25 Thank-offering), \$6.25; Woodstock, \$15; St. George, (\$11.25 for Dr. Hulet), \$17.45; Sarnia, \$8.46; Chatham, for Bible-woman, per Mrs. Mellish, \$25; Salford (\$19 Thank-offering), \$26; Petrolia, \$6.25; Westover, for "L. Nagamma," \$16; Sarnia Township, \$4; Parry Sound, \$3; North Bruce, \$3; Listowel, \$2.30. Total, \$375.43.

FROM BANDS.—Port Rowan, \$2.50; Hagersville, for "Tatapudi Gangamma," \$5; Galt, for "Rochipalli Sundramma," \$17; Brampton, for "Kakileti Santamma," \$11; Wheatley, \$3; Toronto, Memorial for bungalow, \$10; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., Sr., for "Mederri-Mary," \$10; Tilsonburg, \$1.50; Listowel, \$2; Chatham, William St., for "Boddapati Elizabeth," \$6.75; Woodstock, Oxford St., for "Natali Mary," \$18; Toronto, Century, \$3.53. Total, \$90.28.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. M. E. Davies (\$25 each for Bungalow, Lepers, Akidu and Miss Corning) \$100; Interest on Bank deposit, \$25.55. Association collections: Owen Sound, \$3; Guelph, \$6.88; Norfolk, \$7.15; Peterboro, \$2.75; Elgin, \$5; Northern, \$4.12; Interest on Investment, Miss Nellie Davies's gift, \$10; Moulton College (\$23.50 for Daria Chittenna) \$41.60. Total \$206.05. Total receipts during the month, \$671.76.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer. On regular estimates, \$650; Extras—For lepers, \$30; Akidu, special, \$25. Total, \$705.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1904, - \$7,362 02
Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1904, \$8,644 73

Receipts from July 16th 1905, to Aug. 15th, 1905.

FROM CIRCLES.—Mount Forest, (\$6.71 special), \$14.09; Lakeshore, Calvary, to complete Life-membership of Miss Rebecca Cahoon, \$15; Toronto, Immanuel, \$8.20; Brantford, Calvary, \$9.20; Wilkesport, \$2.55; Bentinck, \$5.50; Brantford, Park, \$6; London, Adelaide St., \$12.75; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$7.75; Burgoyne, \$3; Brampton, towards Life-membership), \$5.25; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$3.25; Burgessville, \$6.60; East Toronto, \$3.50; Bethel, King, \$3; St. Catharines, Queen St., (\$2.65 for bungalow), \$8.12; Bothwell, \$3; Barrie, \$6.80; Arkona, \$3.55; Peterboro', Murray St., \$5.40; Gladstone, (\$6.77 special), \$15.07; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$25; Hamilton, Herkimer, \$5; Toronto, Beverley St., \$6.90; Forestville, towards a Life-membership, \$11.50; Toronto, Jarvis St., an anonymous gift through Circle for "Dr. Smith's Hospital," \$900. Total, \$1,095.98.

FROM BANDS.—Wallaceburg, for "Matsa Martha," \$13; Wilkesport, for Bible-woman, "P Miriam," \$25; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$8.20 for "M. Leach," \$3.15 for Bungalow), \$17.35; Hamilton, Wentworth St., for "Kadali Sarah," \$7; London South, for "Gudapati Robert," \$10. Total, \$72.35.

FROM SUNDRIES—Whitby and Lindsay Association collection, \$5; Total receipts during month, \$1173.33.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By cheques to General Treasurer, on regular estimates, \$650. Extra for Dr. Smith's, Hospital from anonymous contributor, through Jarvis St. M.C., \$900. Total, \$1,550. Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1904, - \$8,535 35
Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1904, \$10,194 73

EVAN NASMITH,
Treasurer.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CIRCLES AND BANDS.

The Treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that their books should close for the Convention Year on October 15th. All money for Foreign Missions then on hand should be forwarded to me at once, as my books only remain open until October 20th.

All contributors are therefore urged to make their payments promptly, as funds are needed.

EVAN NASMITH,
Treas. of W. B. M. U. Society of Ontario (West).
14 Maitland St., Toronto.

Youth's Department.

LITTLE GIRLS OF JAPAN.

SUPPOSE we get in a big ship and sail from British Columbia across the Pacific Ocean to Japan. Little boats called *sam-pans* come out to meet us, and take us on shore. We then call a *jiriksha* to take a ride through the streets. It is like a big baby carriage with two wheels and drawn by a man. Little girls in Japan like to ride in them as much as you do in electric cars. The streets have no sidewalks, shops on both sides are open so you may see the shop-keeper sitting on the floor with his goods for sale all around him. When a little girl is born, her mother gives her dolls which will be kept safely packed away as great treasures. Once a year, on the third day of March, a Feast of Dolls is held. All the dolls are brought out from their hiding-places, and made to play tea-party. The feast lasts three days and the little girls enjoy it very much. Here comes a storyteller through the street. The children gather around to hear the wonderful tales he tells for a few cents. Over on that corner is a stand kept by an old woman. She sells a spoonful of batter to the little girls who quickly bake cakes for themselves. Here is a man carrying bamboo pipes, and a big bucket of soapsuds. The children buy a small quantity and make soap-bubbles just as you do in Canada. See those little girls making sand pictures on the gravel walks! Three bags full of white, blue and yellow sand are beside them. In five minutes they can make such a beautiful picture like you see on fans or screens from Japan. The little girl has her dress or "kimono" made just like her mother's only of bright red or yellow. The big sleeves make good pockets, and also keep her hands warm. On her feet she wears mitten-stockings with a special place for the big toe. Instead of shoes, she wears clogs made of wood. These must be left outside the house when she goes in. Even Canadians have to remove their shoes when they enter a house in Japan. The walls between the rooms are made of paper. These slide back when you want a large room. No chairs or tables are here, we must sit on the floor and eat with chop-sticks as they do in China. If it is cold in Japan, the little girls have no stove or furnace. A servant brings in a small pot of burning coals and sets it in the middle of the floor. You gather around it to warm yourself. A girl

is taught to be very polite, that it is worse to be impolite than to tell a lie. She must always obey a man, first her father, then her husband, and if she is left a widow, must obey her oldest son. Girls in Japan marry young and have to work very hard, but are well treated and much loved by their husbands. Many of them still worship idols and know nothing of Jesus Christ. Indeed many idols are worshipped so much that they get dirty and need washing. Here is a sign of a woman who follows this trade. She is bending over a tub with an idol in one hand and a scrubbing brush in the other. See these old women coming up the street! Each one has a large pair of shears in her hand. They are the lawn-mowers of Japan, and will get down on their hands and knees on the lawn, clipping away with the shears until the grass looks like velvet. True, they rest under the trees now and then to smoke a pipe or drink a cup of tea. So many little girls of Japan are sad now because their fathers and brothers have been killed in the war with Russia. Their idols can give them no comfort. We must pray that they may soon hear of Jesus their Saviour, who alone can give them peace that passeth all understanding.

SISTER BELLE.

49 Frank St. Ottawa.

JAPANESE SUPERSTITION.

In the midst of the bravery of the Japanese soldier it is almost pathetic to see his superstition. About an hour's traveling from Hiroshima brings us to the beautiful island of Miyajima, one of the three principal sceneries in Japan. A number of old temples are scattered all over this island. Looking into some of these temples thousands of wooden rice-spoons with names written on may be seen hanging all around the walls. These spoons, brought by the Japanese soldier and offered to the temples before he goes to the front, makes him believe himself to be "bullet proof." Also the Japanese women are active, though in the midst of superstition. Evidently lacking faith in the protecting power of the many gods in the temples, they believe the soldier is safe if he wears a sash or a piece of cloth, with 1,000 stitches sewn in it by 1,000 different women. The chief aim of many is therefore to secure as many thousand stitched cloths as possible. Carrying their cloth, thread and needle, women may be met everywhere accosting every woman she meets to help her make up the 1,000 needed stitches by putting in one stitch.—*Missionary Messenger.*

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. J. C. Redding, Yarmouth, N.S.

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

PRAYER TONIC FOR SEPTEMBER—"Parla Kimedya. Prayer continued for Miss Harrison and Special favor during her tours. For heathen wives and husbands of native Christians. Blessings on Christian literature and seed sown beside all waters.

REPORT OF THE W. B. M. U. CONVENTION, HELD IN FREDERICTON, N.B., AUG. 16th, 17th, 1905.

CLOUDS and sunshine greeted the delegates of the W. B. M. U. as they gathered from different points of three Provinces, in the beautiful Baptist Church of the fair City of Fredericton, Wednesday morning, August 16th, 1905.

After registering and receiving badges, Mrs. U. C. Scott led a praise and prayer service for thirty minutes. At 10 a.m. the Pres., Mrs. J. W. Manning opened the Convention. Committees appointed. Delegates present 102.

Prov. Secy's reports. Miss Emma Hume reported for N. S.. In reviewing the year's work, its trials and difficulties, discouragements and failures, we felt like exclaiming "Who is sufficient for these things?"

The hard winter, with its impassable roads, and many alone, in hidden corners, with no stimulus of numbers to inspire and cheer. And yet the city churches were the ones that in their finances most failed. Yes, Nova Scotia failed to give her share of the estimates. Total for last year over 6,000, this year \$5,996.50. Decrease in Aid Society's finances over \$100. Some of the smaller Societies gave the highest contributions per member—Port Greville, Cumb. Co., holding the banner. Amherst still wears her crown. Every Co. Sec.-Treas. sent reports, though one failed to be in time for the annual meeting. Many "blank forms" were withheld for which we were very sorry. Cape Breton reported one new Society at Sidney Mines. Burlington, Pt. Lorne, West End, Halifax, and Caledonia are new. Notwithstanding the decrease, the general note of the reports was, "interest growing and the women of our churches awakening to their solemn responsibilities and opportunities." Perhaps the saddest thing in the record was the

large number of members leaving the ranks of workers here to join the ranks above. Only sad, however, when we remember the aching hearts left to carry forward the work alone, for them to die is gain.

Mrs. M. S. Cox presented the report for N.B. Our dear sister has been sadly bereaved during the year, but in His strength she triumphed and brought to the Convention her usual strong support and fervent sympathy. May the sisters remember in prayer our consecrated and faithful fellow-worker. She too, reported failure in Aid Society money. Not much, but enough to discourage, unless one's faith rests in God. Total raised this year \$2,734.85. This does not include Mission Bands.

Miss Wadman gave the P. E. Island report which was as usual encouraging and inspiring. A noble little band thus comes to the front every year, giving earnest, untiring and faithful service. Increase in membership and spiritual life marks progress. Two Bands reported nearly all the members converted this year. This is the highest successfulness. For this let us all strive and pray lest while seeking to save the heathen our own perish.

\$702.71 raised by the 22 Aid Societies.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Mrs. B. S. Freeman conducted a helpful prayer service, after which Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck, Amherst, gave a very excellent report as Corresponding Secretary.

Home Department showed many encouraging features. Executive Board met once a quarter. Home Mission Associational committees gave much help to the work. 2500 leaflets were sent out to Mission Bands. Total shortage of the Home Mission field \$22.02. New Life-members for N.S. 62, N.B. 17, P.E.I. 4. Total 83.

Foreign Department.—Bimlipatam, with Miss Newcombe as Missionary, has done splendid work. Miss F. Clarke, associated with her during Mr. and Mrs. Gullison's absence, says, "The

school is doing well, with nearly 200 in attendance, and the fees met one half the running expenses. 20 schools are under her care. The pupils are faithfully studying and taking examinations with good results.

Bobbili.—Mr. and Mrs. Churchill carry on the work of this field, ably seconded by their daughter Bessie, who has started 5 evangelistic schools.

Chicacole reports the largest number of converts. Six have been baptized, 2 Brahmins. The hospital is thriving and fills a long felt need. 31 schools. Miss Archibald, now home on furlough, made 5 tours. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald are laboring here alone.

Vizianagrain.—Miss Blackadar finds this station more difficult to reach than either Chicacole or Bobbili. People more aristocratic, therefore more bigoted. Encouragement in educational work. Deep thinking needed to meet these idol worshippers, or Ingersol followers. Sold 250 Scripture portions.

Parla Kimedi.—Miss Harrison deplors lack of helpers, which adds greatly to the strain of her work. Spent 3 months touring and spoke 6 or 7 times a day. 27 pupils went for exams, and 27 passed successfully. Equal that if you can, boys and girls of our home schools. Mr. and Mrs. Corey are very much missed.

Tekkali.—Miss Martha Clarke ably assists Mr. Higgins on this field. Miss Clarke says, "learning to extract teeth when at home was far from wasted time. Have more practice than I really enjoy but it has helped me to make friends."

Re-inforcements.—We are glad to announce that one of our dear daughters of Acadia, admirably fitted for the work, has dedicated her life to this work and been joyfully accepted. We ask your prayers for Miss Laura Peck, missionary elect. Summary: Stations, 7; Out Stations, 20; Churches, 8; Reading Rooms, 3; Sunday Schools, 10; Day S., 17; Boarding S., 2; Male missionaries, 9; wives of missionaries, 6; single ladies, 6. Two families on furlough. Preachers and evangelists, 42; 7 colporteurs, 22 Bible-women, 32 Teachers. Villages, 3039. Baptisms, 16. Misses Sanford and Churchill are freely serving the mission and we deeply appreciate the great help to their parents and the work.

Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, N.S., reported, \$15,292.11 from all sources. Balance reported July 31st, \$2,754.60. Paid Foreign Miss. Treas., \$9,050.05. Home Miss., \$1,350.00.

Mrs. Ida G. Crandall, Chipman, N.B., reported for Mission Bands, \$1,992.73 for Foreign Miss., \$475.90 for Home Miss. Total, \$2,468.63.

In view of the immense amount of labor involved during the closing weeks of the financial year it was resolved by the Union to pay a regular accountant to post and balance the books after July 31st of each year, thereby saving the auditor's fee, and relieving our overworked sisters of the great strain under which they have labored so long and uncomplainingly.

A pleasing feature of the afternoon session was the greetings tendered to visiting sisters, Mrs. A. F. Randolph extending a cordial welcome on behalf of the local Aid Society, in which she touchingly referred to its organization 35 years ago under the able leadership of Mrs. Charles Spurden. Greetings also from the Presbyterian and Methodist sisters. Mrs. J. U. Golding made suitable reply.

Evening session largely attended. Mrs. D. Hutchinson, St. John, gave the 1st address; Subject, "Our Mission Work—1st, Its demands upon us; 2nd, our preparation for it; 3rd, results." No one could fail to be deeply impressed with the urgent message brought home to our hearts by these aspects of our God-appointed task.

Miss A. Laura Peck, in a frank and impressive manner, told of her decision to make this her life work. Mission Band and father and mother were the chief human influences in her choice. God's highest law coming first. The home and the church. Take note of this parents and Band leaders.

Miss Mabel Archibald followed with a soul-inspiring address. She is an admirable speaker, with sympathetic voice touching the hearts of her audience and telling them what they wish to know of these desolate sisters whose lives are so different from ours.

It is not often we are treated to such beautiful music as that given by the choir of Fredericton Church, under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Spurden. Master Bayard Currie, a young lad of 16, rendered an organ solo most expressively. We trust he may be led to consecrate his unusual talents to the glory of Him who so freely bestowed them.

Thursday Morning.—Prayer service led by Mrs. A. W. Fownes. Memorial service by Mrs. Gunn. Names of those who had died were read by Provincial Secretaries and special prayer asked for the bereaved. Mrs. A. N. Whitman, of Camo, N. S., was referred to by Mrs. Kemp-

ton as the oldest charter member of the 1st Woman's Missionary Society formed in Canada.

Mrs. Wesley Weyman gave a very interesting address on "Free Baptist Mission Work," showing what they were doing at home and abroad, and expressing hearty appreciation of the work under our own Board. We are looking forward to the union of these two bodies with great pleasure and hopeful anticipation.

Mrs. Cox led a very instructive conference on "Organization," during which she illustrated with pictures of a tree, showing the roots, trunk, branches, sap, etc., in its likeness to our W. B. M. U.

Miss Eva McDorman presented a very satisfactory report from the Bureau of Literature, showing what had been distributed, and received. Two copies of "Things as They Are," by Amy Wilson Carmichael, were purchased for free use among our Aids. Special mention of the value of this work was made by several sisters and as a result nearly two dozen copies were ordered by individual Societies or persons. May the reading of it produce lasting good. Get it. Read it. Ponder it and pray over it

One of the most important steps taken during the Convention was the enlargement of *Tidings* and doing away with our department in the LINK, and the Lesson Leaflets, both of which are to be printed in this paper. Hitherto we have published a small four-page paper, separate leaflets for Mission Band lessons, and a column in *M. and V.* The time has come for something better. In union is strength. Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck very kindly consented to act as Editor, which made what we have so long desired, look possible. The new *Tidings* will be larger, contain Mission Band lessons, all information from Aids and Bands, general news from the Home and Foreign Field, programs for meetings and anything else which the officers and committee wish published in the interest of our Union. Another important recommendation was: "in clubs of five it will be 10cts. a year. Single copies, 20 cents." A rising vote showed a unanimous decision for the change.

The Home Mission report prepared by Mrs. W. P. King was very gratifying, showing over \$2.00 increase in the amount raised over last year. Special appeal was made for our own Provinces and the North-West. Miss Denton's work among the Indians was highly recom-

mended, also Mr. and Mrs. Clarke's and Sander-son's.

Thursday Afternoon.—Bible reading by Miss M. Eason, N.S. Mission Band report by Mrs. P. R. Foster showed splendid results. Large increase in Bands and money over last year. Apple River Band led the Province. First Band Life-member died during 1905. Raised \$1,146.05 Foreign Mission, \$394.04 Home Mission. Life-members 35. Increase \$210.38 in N.S. Mrs. Foster also read a splendidly written paper by Miss Etta Yuill on "Educational Value of Mission Bands." Space will not allow further comment. A hearty vote of thanks was given by the Union for the very excellent lessons prepared for so many years by Miss Yuill who was now retiring from the work in our Province to seek a home in the West. May success crown her future labors.

Mrs. McIntyre, N. B.'s highly appreciated Supt., gave an admirable report, and also a paper on "Methods of Work for Senior Bands." We wish all our readers could have heard these two papers. 11 new Bands in N.B. 42 Active. 1310 enrolled. 12 Life-members. 108 letters written. 99 cards sent out. Few gave to Home Missions and fewer still took leaflets.

Miss Wadman gave the report for P.E.I. in the absence of Mrs. Belyea, Supt. Total membership 189. Total money raised \$126.05. Good work being done. Miss Clarke is the newly appointed Supt., as Mrs. Belyea resigned.

Thursday Evening.—After devotional exercises by Mrs. H. Bars, Wolfville, and Mrs. Crowell of Liverpool, the President introduced Mrs. Emma Estey as the first speaker. Subject, "Opportunity and Advantages of the United Study of Missions." Much information and instruction was shown to be the result of this work and an urgent appeal made for more general information of classes. The address of the evening was given by Rev. H. F. Laflamme. Subject "Woman"—1st, India's women; 2nd, Telegu Christians; 3rd, The work of our single lady missionaries, which was clearly pointed out and highly commented upon. The greatest factor in the Mission work of the world to-day is women. Three characteristics, industry, courage, spirituality. When we send out single lady missionaries we cannot comprehend, says Mr. Laflamme, what filth and degradation await them. Vile tongued women, diseased, morally and physically, greet them on every hand. But they go forward bearing as it were charmed

lives, always presenting the evangel of the Christ. Stand back of your lady missionaries! Give them your sympathy and prayers. These are fearless noble women of whom it might be said, "Well done good and faithful servant." Miss Eva D'Praisier and the Pundita Ramabai received honorable mention. A plea to evangelize, educate, support, and elevate the women of India was most heartily and earnestly placed before our people.

Farewell words of address were given to Miss Peck by Mrs. J. H. McDonald, wife of the pastor of the Fredericton church, both of whom spared no pains in ministering to the comfort and happiness of all the delegates. After usual courtesies extended to railroads, steamboats, choir, and especially to Mrs. McNally, who so kindly entertained the delegates to a lawn garden party, the President asked every one in the church to join hands and sing "Blest be the tie that binds." With prayer to God by Mr. McDonald another Annual Meeting passed into history and we left the church to wander home by moonlight, as stars peeped through graceful elm branches, and added their praise to the glory of Him who had so graciously brought us through another year.

P.S.—It is only fair to the writer of this report to say that nearly all notes taken at the meetings were lost and memory had to supply. Pardon is especially asked our dear President for omission of reference to her address as well as the very excellent exhibition of curies by Mrs. Hartley of Florenceville, and Miss Archibald of India. President's address will be printed in the Annual Report.

THE EVENING LAMP.

The days will soon shorten and the darkness settle at an early hour. The window shades will be drawn and the evening lamp will be lighted. It will draw around itself the members of the family for sewing, reading and studying. Night after night through week after week the family circle will be formed and the social and intellectual qualities of character developed. The mother is always the center of the circle and the bond of union. Then does the home life reveal its comfort, peace, unity and blessedness more clearly and fully. There is no scene upon which the street waif looks with more wistful eye and yearning heart than the family group as it appears through a window in the soft glow of

the lamp. The Son of Man, who had not anywhere to lay His head, loved to resort frequently to the home at Bethany. Mother, Home and Heaven, are sacred words, full of richest experience and joys.—*Editor of Watchman.*

WOMEN'S MEETING AT VICTORIA, B.C., JULY 14, 1905.

THE meeting opened with a praise service, conducted by Mrs. Banton, Nanaimo, followed by a most impressive address by the President, Mrs. E. A. Postill. In this she urged, from our own great privileges and the crying needs of heathenism, our duty to spread intelligence, in the Sunday Schools, the Young People's Societies, and in the Church, by brief talks, leaflets, tracts, papers, etc., and monthly and quarterly missionary prayer meetings, etc., and so increase interest, prayer, and giving for the great work to which the Christian Church is committed. "Who will unite in a concert of prayer from four to five p.m., every Sunday for missions?" said the President. To the proposal many heartily responded and a motion was warmly carried. It is open for all who read this report to join in it.

The Secretary of the Women's Mission Board reported for the following Circles: Chilliwack, Cranbrook, Kamloops, Ladners, New Westminster, Peachland, Nanaimo; First, Jackson Ave., Mount Pleasant; and West End, Vancouver; Calvary and Immanuel, Victoria; total 13. Total membership, 390.

An excellent program for missionary meetings for the year was submitted by the Program Committee which was adopted by ten Circles.

Treasurer reported balance on hand, July 1st, 1904, \$13.10. Received for Home Missions, \$590.70. Foreign Missions, \$371.95. Total, \$975.75. Expended: To E. L. Webber, Treas., Foreign Mission Board, \$371.95; to Dr. L. N. Mackechnie, Treas., Home Mission, \$590.70; for postage, \$1.90. Total, \$964.55. Balance on hand, \$11.20.

After an excellent paper by Mrs. Nobles, on "Ways of Circle Giving." Mrs. A. A. McLeod gave an address which I think the readers of the LINK will be pleased and profited in reading. (Sorry to have to leave it to next month.—ED.)

ELIZABETH RALEIGH, Secretary.