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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.

New mercies, new blessings, new light on thy way ;  
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each  
day ;

New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight,  
New praise in the morning, new songs in the night ;  
New wine in the chalice, new altars to raise ;  
New fruits for the Master, new garments of praise ;  
New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His  
face ;

New streams from the fountain of infinite grace ;  
New stars for thy crown and new tokens of love ;  
New gleams of the glory that waits thee above ;  
New light of His countenance full and unpriced ;—  
All this be the joy of thy new life in Christ.

—F. R. Havergal.

## LEST WE FORGET.

It may not be out of place to remind the Circles of the request which was made twenty-six years ago when the Ontario Society was organized for work among the women and children of our Telugu field in India. The request was made for two cents a week, or one dollar a year, from every woman in our Baptist churches ; this money always to be *over and above* what was given to the general Foreign Missionary Society and the current expenses of her own church. It was to be an *extra* gift saved in small amounts from ordinary or needless expense, or by actual self-denial.

Although, after all these years, we are still very far from obtaining even this small sum from every woman, we praise God for others who give much more largely, even as God has prospered them.

M. F.

With the New Year's greetings the Editor desires to thank the Agents who have so faithfully aided her in her work, and also the many subscribers who have so promptly forwarded their subscriptions. These are expected to be *strictly in advance*. This is necessary in order to meet the monthly payments for publication, etc. By examining their labels and forwarding the amount due, the subscribers would greatly encourage and oblige the Editor.

MRS. L. L. PORTER,

74 Bismarck Ave., Toronto.

## BOARD MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, Tuesday, Nov. 11th, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Booker presiding. Twenty-one members were present.

The annual reports of the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, LINK and Band Superintendent were read.

The first meeting of the newly appointed Board was held in the same place, Friday, Nov. 14th, at 9.30 a.m., Mrs. Booker presiding. Twenty-one members were present. It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. Woodburne, mother of our missionary in India, and Miss Katie McLaurin with us. The estimates as printed in LINK were passed.

The following officers were re-appointed : Foreign Secretary, Miss Buchan ; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd ; Treasurer, Miss Elliot ; also the Executive Committee consisting of Mrs. Wm. Davies, Sr., Mrs. Firstbrook, Mrs. C. T. Stark, with the officers.

The Board were notified of a legacy of \$100 left by the late Mrs. Forbes, of Grimsby, to assist in paying Mrs. Chute's passage home. Very interesting letters were read from Miss Folsom and Miss Hatch.

Miss McLaurin then spoke of her work in India, of the necessity of allowing our missionaries to rest when at home on furlough, and the advisability of shortening their terms of service because of the responsibility resting upon them. The meeting then closed with prayer.

A. MOYLE,

Rec. Sec.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

Every year our missionaries in India publish a report of their work, illustrated with splendid photos of mission houses, native groups, etc. They are sold at twelve cents a copy, mailed direct from the house of publication in India, reaching you about April 15th. Anyone wishing a copy will please send me twelve cents in postage stamps, within the next six weeks, as the list must go out to India by January 15th.

523 Euclid Ave., Toronto.

J. G. BROWN, Sec.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT IN THE  
PSALMS.

**T**HE missionary spirit is not of mere recent origin. The Psalmist, nearly 3,000 years ago, influenced and inspired by the Spirit of the God of missions, gave utterance to a most earnestly prayerful and ardently hopeful missionary spirit.

Let us read some of the glowing utterances that we may catch some of his missionary enthusiasm.

1st. His *desire* for the extension of God's kingdom, or, that God might be known and praised and served, and that Christ's kingdom might be established throughout the world.

Ps. 67 : 1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us ; 2. that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. 3. Let the people praise Thee, O God ; let all the people praise Thee. 4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy ; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. 96 : 1. O sing unto the Lord a new song ; sing unto the Lord all the earth. 3. Declare His glory among the heathen (nations Rev. Ver.), His wonders among all people. 7. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. 8. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name ; bring an offering and come into His courts. 9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness ; fear before Him all the earth. 10. Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth. 100 : 1. Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands ; 2. serve the Lord with gladness. 107 : 8, 15, 21, etc. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Ps. 67 : 5. Let the people praise Thee, O God ; let all the people praise Thee. 72 : 19. Let the whole earth be filled with His glory ; Amen, and Amen ; 20. The prayers of David, the son of Jesse are ended.

2nd. His confident *expectation* and *hope*, Ps. 22 : 27. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord. 28. For the kingdom is the Lord's ; and He is the governor among the nations. 63 : 3. Say unto God, How terrible are thy works (Rev. Ver.) Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee. 4. All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee ; they shall sing unto Thy name. 66 : 31. Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her

hands unto God. 72 : 8. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth. 9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him, and His enemies shall lick the dust. 10. The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents ; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him ; all nations shall call Him blessed. 86 : 9. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord ; and shall glorify Thy name.

When Dr. Judson was asked by a discouraged home Board what were the prospects of the mission in India, his answer was, "Bright as the promises of God's Word."

As Dr. A. T. Pierson, editor of *The Missionary Review* says, in substance, The greatest means of inspiring interest and confidence in Foreign Missions is the study of the Scriptures.

W. H. P.

FACIAL EFFECTS OF CHARACTER.

A True Story (and a Moral.)

The lady sat with her native class, Teaching them what a miracle was :—  
"And you," she suddenly said with a smile,  
"Yourselves are a miracle. Think a while :  
If your grandsires came to the land again  
And instead of the faces they looked on then,  
Saw you, happy and somewhat wise,  
Hope on your foreheads, love in your eyes,  
Would they own you for kin of theirs,  
Dark with cruelties, shames, despairs ?  
What is the power that has lifted you so ?"  
"We see it !" they murmured. "Yes, we know."

The lady herself (who told me the tale)  
Added, "Far over hill and dale,  
As we enter the hamlets on our way,  
There is no need of a friend to say,  
'Here they are Christians ; two or three,  
Looked on at random, the first we see,  
Make us aware of our brothers : grace  
Kindles a light on the dusky face—  
Wicked and gloomy the others were ;  
These are peaceable, kindly, fair,  
Hopeful, innocent, strong and free—  
The change is a miracle plain to see."

In speaking of the effect of Christianity, on the countenances of heathen converts, Dr. A. B. Cook, medical missionary in Uganda, says, "Their faces seem positively plastic under the influences of Christianity. The dull unintelligent look that so many

have on first coming into the wards, changes in two or three weeks into far more intelligent and brighter faces. I have noticed this over and over again, and others have told me that they have."

And so the Scripture says of Judah, "The show of their countenance doth witness against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not." Is. 3:9. It is said, of Stephen—"All that sat in the council looking steadfastly on him, saw as it had been the face of an angel." Acts 6:15.

A young lady who was brought up in the Roman Catholic Church was converted, and on visiting her home was told by her mother that she knew on first seeing her that she had become a Protestant by her happy looking countenance such as the Protestants have.

Of the redeemed in glory the Scripture says: "They shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads." Rev. 22:4.

## Our Work Abroad.

### SAD NEWS AND GLAD NEWS.

Extracts from Private Letters.

517 Spence Street,

Winnipeg, Oct. 6th, 1902.

Dear Mrs. Porter:

I have had both sad and glad news from India, and thought perhaps the readers of the LINK might like to share the sadness and the gladness with me.

On August 4th, Dr. Hulet writes: "A very sad thing has happened. Our Martha died on Friday." Then after describing her symptoms and what she did to restore her from the nervous chill she took after child-birth, she says: "I don't know why Martha's heart should have been so weak. . . . She was unable to say anything as she was gasping so for breath. Joshee sent telegrams to Raguel and messages to Monamundi and Cocanada. Abraham came with Raguel. On Saturday she was buried over in this little plot near. The body was taken to the Church (Leper) then David himself helped to carry the body here. It seems such a loss to the family, to the Leper work and to the Mission work. Before I went into Cocanada, having treated a few of the Brahmin women in Pasalapudi, Martha was allowed and asked to come, and I was just rejoicing in the thought of the great work that seemed to be opening up to us. Now you can imagine the loss. Oh, Miss Hatch, as I begin to think of touring and trying to give the people the Truth, the immensity of it all nearly overwhelms me. Why, I feel just like a small pebble in the midst of this vast sea of souls."

So we have lost our gentle loving Martha, one who served well and faithfully and tenderly, the wife of David, the care-taker of the lepers and pastor of the Leper Church.

When David went as preacher to the Anakapalle field some five years ago, Martha was appointed the first missionary of the Women's Circles in the Godavari Association and she found there a grand work to do. High-caste houses were opened to her on all sides and we would have liked if she could have continued that work. Neither David or Martha seemed to be able to endure the separation from relations and friends that this far-away field entailed, so gave up that work and came back to R. They were some months without work when the Leper Home was started and they felt a special call to that, and both of them seem to have been specially gifted for such a work and what they have accomplished has been a marvel to us all.

Whatever spare time Martha had from the leper work, she spent in going from house to house telling the good news, and she was welcomed almost everywhere. But now she is taken from us. Ours is the loss, hers is the gain. May I ask the prayers of your readers for the mourning husband and family. Prov. 31:11, could so well apply to her, "The heart of her husband did safely trust in her."

We have also glad news in our letters. Dr. Hulet again writes: "The school I am glad to say is now being well attended. Several new children are coming. Lakshmi Devi and the children on that street are coming now that I am sending Manikyam to bring them and take them. I was so interested in Lakshmi Devi because she has really shown so much desire for the Word and you know she told you before you left she was believing. If really so, then may she be thoroughly rooted in the Word, so that when she must stay home or go to her new home, nothing may be able to move her. In a later letter she writes: 'I just wish I

had time and could remember all the things which have happened so as to write you. I will first tell you of Lakshmi Devi and Subbamma. They came here Saturday morning, each with a particular verse to justify their action; Lakshmi Devi's was Matt 16 : 24-26 ; Subbamma's Luke 18 : 29-30, with many others. They say now they have believed in God's word and want to act according to it. They want to be baptized. I asked them if they had told their parents. They said, no, for should they tell, they would at once take them from the school and marry them. They are fearing that some marriage will be made for them soon, so that they will be taken away and not have even the freedom they have here. You know just how it is. I could not tell them anything, but that at present they must obey their parents and we would earnestly pray God to make it possible for them to serve Him. I gave them the verse, 'If ye ask anything in my name, I will give it.' It was such a joy to hear them talk and I could not help thinking how glad you would be."

These two are caste girls in the Cockshutt Girls' School, and are the first who have really professed conversion. By the same mail, they each wrote me a letter in Telugu, which in English read about as follows : "To the mother who loves me much the school-girl Lakshmi Devi and Subbamma writes : 'By the favor of God we are all well and hope you are the same. We are going to school. All the girls are coming. Dear mother, please pray that we may all be good and study God's word well. Dear mother, please pray that in some way or another I may receive baptism. Accept my salaam. Please write as soon as you receive this.'"

Dr. Hulet also mentions Joshee who has now medical charge of the Lepers' Home and who also finds time for private practise and Christian work among his patients, many of whom are Brahmans and other high caste people. She says "Joshee seems to know just how to deal with them and I think is very popular with them. . . . Joshee is so truthful and good, I have a *great deal* of comfort in him." He himself writes : "There came a Kamma man of a high caste family from Chellurn, the place where you preached hundreds of times. . . . They came around where we found some mud to carry me, but I did not allow them to do so. The patient had a big abscess in his throat and was not able to eat anything for 7 days. The people, especially the women in the house, did not allow me

in for a while, saying that I have come to cut his throat. I exercised great patience and at last got in and spoke to the patient as tenderly as possible. I did the operation (after praying a minute in my heart), the patient felt quite relieved and thanked me very much. . . . There are two more cases in town under my treatment and they are getting better. . . . I have given R 5 to Mr. Davis for self-support (that is support of pastor) ; I am so glad to give the blessed message of Jesus to my patients. I just take the Bible and read to them. . . . I feel so happy in doing so." And again, "The women lepers have occupied their new quarters and are all happy, and their general health is exceptionally good now-a-days."

So my dear friends and readers of the LINK. Let us rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep, and let us pray more fervently that the Kingdom of God may come.

Yours in His service,

S. I. HATCH.

#### ON TOUR "GLAD TIDINGS."

Oct., 13, 02.

*Dear Readers of the Link:—*

Two nights ago as we were sitting out on the deck of this little boat reading after our day's work was done, we heard sounds of music and mirth from both sides of the canal telling us there were villages near in which we must tell the glad tidings on the morrow if God would grant us the privilege. We had seen villages further down the canal that day. We did not know, except for the sounds of music, that there were villages so near. I wished then that some of you might come and sit with us and listen.—The music would not have brought you any joy, it made me very sad, for I heard only praises to Rama, and I felt a sad longing for those voices to be used in praising Jesus. I knew that they were dancing around an idol temple and the petition went up to our Father, that these, who were now giving the glory due to Him unto another, might soon find the true light. Oh, how dark their minds are!

I want to tell you what I saw the other day. We had been having a service with Christians on Sunday morning in a village where there is cholera. As we left the Malapilly where the Christians are, we had to pass by a tank and through the village on our way to the boat. As we were

passing the tank, we saw on the opposite bank a great lot of cooked rice being served out on leaves and inquired what it was for. We were told that the Kapus of that village in order to appease the cholera goddess were giving this offering to her. After serving it out on the leaves they would offer it to the goddess and then the Malus would come and take it away and eat it. The cholera had not reached the Malapilly and we were told that this act of worship would drive it from the caste part of the village and the Malus eating it after its being offered to the goddess would prevent its coming to them.

This cholera village appeared very gay; across all the streets were hung garlands of leaves of a certain kind of tree and at every doorway these same leaves were hanging in bunches. Some were tying up fresh ones and they were decorating all the temples with them but it was not gayety but fear that prompted it and all night long they would beat their drums and dance around the temples and praise their gods.

I used to hear lots of stories of this sort when I was at home but I find that actual seeing with ones own eyes is very different from hearing afar off and I wish some of you, yes a great many of you, could see for yourselves and realize as we do the awful darkness of these who are bound in Satan's chains and for whom Christ died.

They have to hear many times before they can understand and believe, and we can see them only once a year, sometimes not that often, and they are so ignorant they forget almost as soon as they are told.

Wont you pray that the Lord will send forth more workers into the field and ask Him if you are one of those He wants to come out here, and if you are sure that He does not want you to work here ask Him to show you how you can help on the work more.

We have just heard the good news that Miss Folsom and Miss Corning have arrived safely in Cocanada. Our hearts are full of thankfulness that you are sending us two new ladies this year, and that our dear fellow-workers Miss Folsom and Miss Priest are returning to us.

You will be glad to hear that those who would not listen to us before are listening this year. Pray that those who are secretly believing may have courage to come out boldly on the Lord's side.

Yours in the Master's service,

S. E. MORROW, (Akidu)

*My Dear Link:—*

Will you carry a wee message to the many dear friends who are interested in our journey?

Tell them that He has surely given the winds and waves charge concerning us. The passage has been a pleasant one across the Atlantic and we are looking forward to going ashore to-morrow. While each day is taking us farther away from the dear home-land, it is taking us nearer to the work to which we have given our lives.

To one of us, it is going back to take up again the work laid down for awhile, and often the welcome that awaits us from fellow-workers, native Christians, and the heathen women, is pictured in imagination. And there are times when the heart shrinks from the darkness, and we feel we need your constant prayers that He will fit us and keep us so that our lives may be helpful to those other lives so darkened by superstition and ignorance.

To the other one of us, every step of the way is new, and will be for some time. It is such a comfort to know there are so many dear friends praying for us both. There are only 27 passengers on board. Among them are a Presbyterian missionary, his wife and daughter. We have enjoyed their company. It is thirty years ago since they two went to India first as workers, though he is the son of a missionary and was born there.

Yours in His service,

ELLEN PRIEST,

LIDA PRATT.

S. S. Mesaba, Nov 11th., 1902

#### NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

On Sunday Oct 5th last, Rev. John Craig completed his twenty-first year as a missionary to the Telugus. On that day the hand of fellowship was given to twelve new members who were baptized on October 2nd, Dr. A. W. Woodburn, who was present, administering the ordinance. Special services have recently been held at the seminary, to the great profit of the students.

In his last letter from Ramachandrapuram Bro. Davis writes, "I baptized three here last Sunday and received a backslider back into the church. The work is hopeful again, souls are coming into the kingdom. I expect to baptize 10 more in another village soon. The Lord is precious to me.

During his sojourn in India of over seven years. Dr. Smith treated over 18,000 persons and extracted 8,000 teeth.

## Our Work at Home.

### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

**EAST ONT. AND QUE.**—The regular Quarterly Board meeting was held Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the First Church parlors. The ordinary routine of business, reading of the minutes, receiving reports, etc., having been disposed of, several letters were read and discussed, among them one of great importance from the Rev. J. G. Brown. It was with the deepest sorrow that those present heard of the necessary cut in the Indian Mission work, the sadder because it was of such importance, amounting to one-fourth of the entire estimates. Mr. Brown's letter suggested to the Woman's Board that they could be of much assistance if they decided to cast in their lot with the General Board, but the matter of compliance lay wholly in their hands. It was proposed that the cut fall most particularly on that portion of the work carried on by the native workers. This was the decision of the missionaries themselves and it was thought that those on the field were most likely to know best. Accordingly the following resolution was unanimously carried. "The W. B. F. M. of East Ont. and Que., at the meeting held in the First Baptist Church, Dec. 2nd, unanimously consented to the suggested cut of 25 per cent. in the estimates for Foreign Missions. This was done with much regret and with the hope that even now, God may in His providence intervene to prevent the necessity for the proposed cut being carried out." The meeting closed with expressions of hope and earnest prayer on behalf of the Indian field.

E. M. CROSSLEY, *Rec. Sec.*

### IN MEMORIAM.

By the death of Mrs. M. H. Forbes, of Grimsby, the Women's Mission work in the local church and the Niagara and Hamilton Association has sustained a great loss. Her knowledge of Missions in general and Baptist Missions in particular, for which she spent time and means, and her keen interest in the Baptist cause, eminently fitted her for the position of Director, which she occupied for several years. Not only will her loss be felt in our Mission work, but the Temperance cause as well will suffer. Her interest and activity made her one of the most prominent advocates of Temperance in Lincoln County, and for a number of years she had been President of the Lincoln County W. C. T. U. The work of rescuing neglected children claimed her sympathy and support. Cheerfully responding to the many calls, it can be said of her, "she hath done what she could." After weeks of suffering she fell asleep peacefully in Jesus. M. G. W.

LONDON SOUTH.—A Union Quarterly Meeting of

all the Circles of the city was held in our Church on Thursday, Oct. 2nd.

The afternoon meeting was conducted by Mrs. Janes, our President, and we were delighted to have with us our returned missionary, Miss Priest, who gave a helpful and encouraging address. An instructive and spirited Bible Reading was given by Mrs. Douglas, L. S. Circle, on Psalm 45. Two excellent papers followed on missionary topics, the first, by Mrs. Watson, of Adelaide St. Circle, on "Reasons for Foreign Missions," and the second, by Miss C. Jeffrey, of Talbot St. Circle, entitled, "Christian Stewardship." During the afternoon Miss Woodbourne gave a pleasing solo. The session closed with a season of prayer in which a number of sisters took part.

Our Pastor, Rev. W. M. Walker, presided over the evening meeting. A large number of representatives of the different churches were present, taking this opportunity of greeting Miss Priest. Mrs. Brown, of Talbot St., sang beautifully, the solo, "I'll go where you want me to go." Miss Priest gave a vivid account of her work among the women of India, which should awaken the deepest interest and sympathy in the special work in which she is engaged. A solo by Miss Wall, and a duet by Mr. and Miss Janes, were much appreciated. The collections amounting to \$16.10 were divided between Home and Foreign Missions. We all felt that this was a most profitable and inspiring meeting, and trust that the influence will be felt in all our Circles.

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Monday, October 27th, the Circle held its annual meeting, at which Miss Murray was present. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Grant, President; Miss Annie Stobo, Treasurer, and Miss Marsh, Superintendent of the Band. After the business meeting tea was served and a social hour spent with Miss Murray, whose visit, we hope will result in much good and an increased liberality.

ANNIE L. STOBO, *Treas.*

OWEN SOUND.—The Mission Circle held its Annual Thank-offering meeting on the evening of Thursday, November 9th, and as always, we found the service of praise and thanksgiving very helpful. We as a Church being in a state of transition while our new place of worship is being completed

decided to merge the weekly prayer meeting and Thank-offering meeting into one united service for this occasion. And so with the permission of the Church the Woman's Circle conducted the meeting, our newly-elected President, Mrs. Jas. C. Kennedy, presiding. After a short opening service of praise and prayer there followed the responsive reading of that beautiful Psalm of thanksgiving, voicing as it does the feeling of every succeeding generation. Psalm 103. The Secretary, Mrs. Walker, then gave a most interesting sketch of the beginning and progress of our Thank-offering meeting, up to the present. A feature which was much enjoyed. A reading "My Thanksgiving Box," was very appropriate to the occasion and its sentiment touched our hearts. The concluding part of the service was in one sense the central one, the opening of the envelopes containing the personal expressions of gratitude and praise to God as well as the individual offerings. We always feel that these written tributes to our Father's goodness are a mutual inspiration to the writer and the listener. Truly as the psalmist says: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." The offering in all amounted to fifteen dollars and thirty cents, which was divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

ALICE P. MORRISON, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. CATHARINES.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of Lyman Street Mission Circle and Band was held November 6th. The children of the Band provided the program mainly, which consisted of recitations and songs. The Secretary, Mrs. Hewson, gave a very encouraging report. The Circle feels deeply the loss by death of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Garside; she was our faithful President, whose interest in Missions was a stimulus to the members of the Circle. Her descriptions of the conditions of the life in India and her illustrations of the Telugu women, gave to her hearers an intelligent knowledge of our Mission and the need of Missions in India. The members of our Band "Sunbeam," are more enthusiastic than ever before and are anxious to increase their contributions. The amount of the offering was for Circle \$10.42, and for Band \$2.40, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

M. P. W.

ST. CATHARINES, QUEEN ST.—It is some time since the readers of the LINK have seen an article headed St. Catharines. Our reason being we fail to publish our good works, and I am sorry to say, sometimes have none to publish. On the evening of the 14th of November, our Women's Mission Circle held its annual Thank-offering service. The attendance was good and the meeting proved in every respect a success. Our Vice-President, Mrs. St. Dalmas, occupied the chair. A good programme of recitations and music was presented, all of a missionary character and was

enjoyed by all present. The Secretary gave a very encouraging report of the work done and money raised by the Circle during the year. The principal feature of the evening was an address by Miss McLaurin, our returned missionary from India. Her remarks were listened to with deep interest and as she talked to us of the sin, superstition and degradation of the people, our hearts felt the inspiration of her words, and we longed to do more for the heathen than ever before. We trust that her visit amongst us may have the effect of moving our hearts in sympathy and our hands in giving to this noble work of sending the Gospel to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. The offering amounted to \$21.00, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

F. E. WISMER, *Sec.*

TORONTO, WALMER ROAD.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Walmer Road Baptist Mission Circle was held on Thursday, Dec. 4th, and was most interesting from beginning to end. An address on Thanksgiving was given by Mrs. Cowser, of Brantford, and each woman felt when she had finished that we had much to be thankful for. Then we were privileged in having Miss McLaurin from India with us. She spoke in an eloquent manner of "Things we have to be thankful for in Canada." Our hearts were stirred to their depths as she contrasted our privileges here with their deprivations in India. The two beautiful solos rendered by Miss Foster, of Brantford, were much enjoyed. The thank-offerings were brought in envelopes accompanied with a text of Scripture, which were read by Misses Fox and Norton. The amount realized was \$48.10. Tea was served at the end of the meeting and a very social hour enjoyed. Several joined our Circle that afternoon. We had 114 women present.

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FROM BANDS.—Hamilton, Victoria Ave., Senior, completing payment for Palli Sundramma, \$8; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., Junior, \$2.50; Port Rowan, \$1.56; Georgetown, \$7.25; Owen Sound, Baby Band, for Bolivia, \$1.50; Gilmour Memorial Ch., \$6.50; Oshawa, \$7.50; Walkerton, \$3; Cheapside, 75 cts. Total, \$38.56.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. M. C. Long, Erin, \$2; Miss L. L. Pine, Cleveland, Ohio, for Polsapalli Atchayya, \$5; Toronto, Olivet Ch., farewell meeting to Miss Priest, \$12.81; Mrs. James Bardwell, Hamilton, to make herself a Life-member, \$25; Miss Ethel Howell, Brantford, from one-tenth of her first earnings, \$2; Collection at Convention, held in Hamilton, \$57.96; Dividend from investment by the late Mrs. Wm. Forbes (per Rev. D. M. Mihell), \$3.80. Total, \$108.57.

REFUND—From sale of "Prayer Cycles" in Winnipeg (per Miss Hatch), \$8.55.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By cheque to General Treasurer on account of estimates, \$585.00. Expense Account, Three speakers at Hamilton Convention, travelling expenses, \$5.40; Mission Band Secretary, for postage, \$2.50. Association Directors: Guelph, \$1.30; Norfolk, \$2.70; Northern, \$4; Toronto, \$1.88; Walkerton, \$2.90; Western, \$5.25; Whitby and Lindsay, \$2. Total, \$27.93.

Total receipts since October 21st, 1902 - - - \$237.52  
 Total disbursements, since October 21st, 1902, \$612.93

Receipts from November 16th, to December 15th, 1902, inclusive.

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Jarvis St. (\$25 from a member for our new missionaries and \$300 from a member for the lepers), \$335.26; Mount Forest, Thank-

offering, \$3.68; St. Catharines, Lyman St., Thank-offering, \$5.36; St. Catharines, Queen St., Thank-offering, \$9.40; Lindsay, Thank-offering, \$4.10; Selwyn, \$3; Midland, Thank-offering, \$7.65; Ailsa Craig, (\$3.50, Thank-offering), \$7.50; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss MacLeod, \$75; Owen Sound, Thank-offering, \$8; Toronto, Walmer Rd., Thank-offering, \$24.05; Lakeshore, Calvary, Thank-offering, \$11.83; London South, \$4.25; Calton, \$11.25; Daywood (\$2.75, Thank-offering), \$4.75; Hamilton, Herkimer St., \$5; Burk's Falls, \$5. Total, \$546.08.

FROM BANDS.—Toronto, Bloor St., \$3.31; Paisley, for Kandala Esther, \$10.55; Bardsville for Kaire Daniel, \$1.25; London, Adelaide St., Boys, for Madala Samuel, \$17; Warton, \$6; Brantford, First Ch. for Dasaym Paradesi, \$10; London South for Degala John and Talari, Abraham, 50; Parkhill for Jakkula Mahalakshmi, 5; Dixie for lepers, \$2; Delhi for Boddia Dinamma, \$17.50. Total, \$122.61.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Collection from Convention (additional per Mrs. Porter), \$1; "F. and A." for Sayama, a Biblewoman, 10; Interest on Deposit, \$27.75; Sprucedale S. S. for Dukka Rutnamma, \$3; Mrs. Miller, Wanbuno, \$1. Total, \$42.75.

Total receipts during the month - - - - \$711.44

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer: On account of estimates, regular and special, \$594.20 *Extras*, For lepers, Jarvis St. M. C., Toronto, \$300; For Bolivia, Owen Sound, Baby Band, \$1.50. Total, \$895.70.

HOME EXPENSES.—200 postals for Recording Secretary (stamped) \$2; 300 copies Treasurer's Report for Convention, \$1.75; 250 programmes for Convention, \$2.25; 8 extra pages of December LINK for Annual Reports, \$29. Total, \$35.

Total disbursements during the month - - - \$930.70

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since October 21st, 1902 - - - \$948.96  
 Total disbursements, since October 21st, 1902, \$1543.63

## "MEDICAL LADY," FUND.

Receipts.—Interest on deposit - - - - - \$2.43

Disbursements.—Nov. 1st, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - 41.67

Dec. 2nd, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - 41.67

Total receipts since October 21, 1902 - - - \$2.43

Total disbursements since October 21, 1902 - - - \$83.34

VIOLET ELLIOT,  
 Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."—Jno. 15:6.

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## Of The Maritime Provinces.

All Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. A. J. Christie, Amherst, N.S.

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

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY:—*For Chicacole: That the Spirit's power may be experienced in a large measure by the missionaries and their helpers: the schools, reading room, hospital, and that a large medical missionary may be called by the Spirit for the station.*

### LIVING.

Waste not thy being, back to Him  
Who gave it, freely give,  
Else is that being but a dream,  
Tis but to *be*, and not to *live*.

Be what thou seemest, live thy creed,  
Hold up to earth the torch divine.  
Be what thou prayest to be made,  
Let the great Master's steps be thine.

Fill up each home with what will last,  
Buy up the moments as they go.  
The life above, when this is past,  
Is the ripe fruit of life below.

Sow truth, if thou the truth wouldst reap;  
Who sows the false, shall reap the vain,  
Erect and sound thy conscience keep;  
From hollow words and deeds refrain.

Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure;  
Sow peace, and reap its harvest bright;  
Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor,  
And find a harvest home of light.

—Selected.

### LETTER FROM CHICACOLE.

*My Dear Friends:*

I have been asked to write a Christmas letter for *Tidings*, telling you something of the way that day is hallowed out here by Christians. Last Christmas just such a letter was sent from this station, and another from Tekkali. Both of these came out in one of the papers, so perhaps it would be as well not to repeat at this juncture. The Hindus have many festivals of greater or less importance, some of them continuing through four or more days. Some of these are participated in by all castes; then there are many others observed by the various castes distinctively, of these we take little notice as one or more is in progress nearly all the time, unless we want some one, such as a carpenter, to work when he wishes to have a holiday.

Just now the whole town is resting from the Dusserah, and so are we, for the night was made hideous with music and there were torchlight processions, and a continuous din out here at the temple, where many were worshipping and bringing their offerings. Nearly all of the principal festivals have their origin in some immoral conduct and it may as well be added that it ends there too. This feast commemorates the victory of Rama, one of the incarnations of Krishna, whose wife was stolen by an enormous giant with ten heads and twenty hands, Rama went after the monster with an army of monkeys, made a bridge from India to Ceylon, killed him, and returned to his own land with his regained property. Try to fancy intelligent people believing such nonsense and teaching it to their children.

The Deopavali festival will follow soon, which is about as pure and as helpful in its nature as this one. Later on there will be a general worshipping of snakes, much ceremony, and no profit, and still later the Pongul Feast will control everything, when it will be impossible to get carts, and when all will be engaged in their devotions to the implements with which they work, no matter what they are. The carpenter does pooja to his tools, the farmer to his plough, the weaver to his loom, and on through all this great population. Then they will have their New Year's celebration in March, and on they go, doing these same things year after year, while the colleges are grinding out the B.As and F.As by the score, and the most of them will sit down and tell you in the most satisfied way, that they think Jesus Christ was a very good man, but as for Him being a possible Saviour, or the possibility of their needing one is, a matter, which does not in the least interest them. Therefore to the Hindu, the thought of Christmas is foreign, and as a rule the Christian communities celebrate it in such a quiet manner, that not much attention is drawn to it. In becoming Christians, our peo-

ple give up all these things, so as far, it seems wise, we generally try to make Christmas a happy day for them. One service is usually held, and they have some games, and finally we all sit down and have a meal together.

Just here, two little boys, Krupa and Archie Rao have come in to see this machine work and I have explained some of these things on the type writer to them, and they are deeply interested, for boys here are quite as inquiring as the eager little fellows at home. Krupa has always planned to be a gardener, but now he thinks it would be better to learn to run this, and write letters.

Mr. Archibald is away, and is having encouraging times among the people, and we also are having some here. Several are talking of coming out, and we trust that they will receive strength to do so, ere long. Many are hearing at the hospital, and I do what I can to lead them to feel that they should confess their faith if they have any. If the Lord brings out any widows we will receive them and ask you to support them till they can do something for themselves. We do not feel at all discouraged, and we know that the heaven is working, and that some of the seed will fall into good ground and that it will bring forth to the honor of our blessed Lord. We are greatly cheered by the prospect of such a good reinforcement this Autumn, and hope that they will come with the power of God resting upon them. Sometimes I wonder how much you there, or we here, are being used in the winning of souls to Christ, and in the general extension of His Kingdom. Faith and obedience divided the waters of Jordan, and brought down the wall of Jericho. And the walls of heathenism are not too strong for them to-day, if they are actively exercised. Oh, to know how to work, and to know how to pray, and for a much broader experience in being used by the Master! Why not make our Christmas gifts to Him this year, and put ourselves renewedly first on the list?

There is to be a great Coronation Durbar at Delhi in January, where there will be a grand display of the British Raja and money will be spent lavishly, but the King of kings will scarcely have a place there, yet His hand ruleth over all, and our eyes are towards Him, and we long for a manifestation of His power, whose right it is to reign.

It is evening and I must stop. The air is full of Hindu music.

C. H. ARCHIBALD,  
Chicacole, India.

Oct. 20, 1902.

## TO MISSION BANDS.

We have thought that an interchange of ideas regarding raising money in our Mission Bands would be helpful, and so one of our Bands which has just held a successful entertainment will tell about it, hoping it may be useful to other Bands, and that they in turn will tell us of their ways of working.

Several days before our sale we sent out the following invitation, enclosed in a small envelope on which was written the name of the sender. This was placed in a larger envelope and addressed:

To our friends both far and near,  
We crave your kind attention,  
Do please to lend us now your ear,  
While we a subject mention.  
The Mission Band will hold  
On a day not distant far,  
If we have been correctly told,  
"A Handkerchief Bazaar."  
So then this is our plea in brief,  
To help along our enterprise,  
That you shall send a handkerchief,  
Regardless of its kind or size.  
To be without a handkerchief,  
You know is quite distressing,  
And so we ask that one you send,  
'Twill surely be a blessing.

We advertised our "Handkerchief Bazaar," had our room trimmed prettily with flags, showing our white handkerchiefs on a red background whenever possible. Served cake and coffee, also homemade candy. Altogether this made a pleasant entertainment, and our proceeds were \$28.00.

## SELECTED ITEMS.

When men do anything for God—the very least thing—they never know where it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for Him. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for God and not to mind because they are very little ones.—*Faber.*

It may be set down as a principle that the true test of a life is found in the things that are done when no eye is watching—the things of the quiet days.—*J. R. Miller, D.D.*

"We must all at some time go up the Mount of Temptation and wrestle for our lives. Those who

return have God with them, while those who remain are brought face to face with what they really are."

Notwithstanding all England has done to benefit India, the missionaries have done more than all other agencies combined.—*Lord Lawrence.*

Widows are the greatest sufferers in India, and they numbered 21,000,000, more than the entire female population of the United States, above three years of age. "Only the Hindu widows know their own sufferings. It is impossible for another mortal to realize or reveal them."

### PRESENT CONDITION AND NEED OF N. B. AID SOCIETIES.

In New Brunswick this year we had only sixty-six contributing Aid Societies. There are at least ten societies that have not helped with their gifts this year. We hope they are only resting, intending to begin the work with renewed zeal in the near future.

These Societies are distributed by Counties as follows: Restigoche, one; Northumberland, three; Westmorland, fifteen; Albert, ten; Kings, six; St. John, nine; Charlotte, four; York, four; Carleton, seven; Queens', ten; Victoria, two.

In seven of these Counties we have a County Secretary. Mrs. E. O. Perley, York; Mrs. W. S. Saunders, Carleton; Mrs. C. W. Pearce, Queen's; Mrs. C. H. Horseman, St. John; Mrs. J. W. Brown, King's; Miss Janie Tingley, Westmorland; Miss Bessie B. Horseman, Albert.

This year in New Brunswick we have Associational Directors. Mrs. J. J. Wallace for the Eastern; Mrs. H. H. Roach for the Southern, and Mrs. Havelock Coy for the Western. "A three-fold cord is not easily broken," so we are looking for strong work in this direction this year.

Many Societies in towns and villages have taken up the Mission Studies, "Lux Christi," by the talented Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason, which is adding to the interest and intelligence of the workers.

Crusade Day has this year been observed by many more Societies than formerly.

Of these Societies many have kept their place faithfully, toiling on amid discouragements, scattered membership, poverty, nothing to incite them to

renewed exertions. No, that is not correct, they have the "love of Christ constraining" them, and enabling them in many cases to deny themselves much, that they may help on "the coming of His feet."

We have faithful Secretaries, who in thirty-two years have never failed to send their reports to the Provincial Secretary, and Treasurers who have never failed in that time to send their money to the proper Treasurer. Their reward is sure, great promises are given to the faithful. "Be ye faithful unto death and I will give you a Crown of Life."

We need over one hundred and seventy Aid Societies, we have more than that number of Baptist Churches; we need a membership of more than four thousand. We should have these. Is it too much to say, we would have them if every sister would do her best for this one year; surely each sister could bring in at least one more; are not our young sisters growing away from the work. Do they always graduate to the Aid Society as they leave the Mission Band? Have we not many young sisters who do not belong to either Aid or Band? Dear sisters, do not read these lines and drop them carelessly, let us awake and engage heartily in this work now. Let us not be contented until every woman in our church is a member of the Aid Society. Let us remember our responsibilities. Our responsibility to God, our responsibility to our sisters in the church and our responsibility to our sisters in India for whom we "have been allowed of God to be put in trust with this gospel."

We need, further, at least three more country secretaries. Much could be done if we had the workers.

We need a Crusade Day oftener than once a year. Could we not have each monthly meeting a Crusade Day on a small scale?

We need a revival of missionary intelligence, instructive reading and further knowledge of the work at home and abroad. We need a greater interest in Home Missions. Twenty-eight of the contributing societies last year gave nothing to Home Missions. Shall we not have a different order of things this year?

When we think of the destitute portions of our own province, the needs of our Grand Ligne Mission, the North-West with its thousands of real and comparatively heathen immigrants flocking by every train

to its great prairies, should we not be striving eagerly to double our contributions to the work?

We need *more* for the home work this year, and very much *more* for the foreign field. We need above all an abundant outpouring of God's spirit in our hearts.

More love to Christ would make toil in His service sweet. If we remember what He has done for us, and then remember our motto, "Laborers together with Him," if we would not be ashamed "at His coming," will we not begin at once to work earnestly, more faithfully and more self-denyingly.

"What have we done for Him," who gave His life for us? How much of our *lives* are we giving Him?

What part of our time? Our money? Our pleasures?

He *knows*, just as He did in the olden days.

We need a *praying* membership. A membership that pray, as our dear Sister McLaurin said at Hebron, "conqueringly." We need a membership that pray for the work in their closets, and in their societies and churches.

The "prayer of faith," how much this world owes to that prayer! The prayer that will not cease till the blessing comes. It may last "till the day breaketh," but it "will prevail."

"He is faithful that promised," He has promised. "Whatever two shall agree to ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive." Are there not more than two who will unite in believing prayer, that new and greater life shall come to Mission work in New Brunswick?

"From glory to glory! Be this our joyous song,  
As on the King's own highway we bravely march  
along!  
From glory to glory! O word of stirring cheer,  
As dawns the solemn brightness of another glad  
New Year.

Oh let our adoration for all that He hath done  
Peal out beyond the stars of God, while voice and  
life are one!  
And let our consecration be real, and deep and true;  
Oh, even now our hearts shall bow, and joyful vows  
renew!

Now onward, ever onward, from strength to strength  
we go,  
While grace to grace abundantly shall from His  
fulness flow,  
His glory's full fruition, from glory's foretaste here,  
"Until His Very Presence crown our Happiest New  
Year!"

M. S. COV, *Prov. Sec.*

## SELECTED ITEMS (NO. 2).

When God created man, He did not say to him, you are to spend your time in devout contemplation and prayer; He put him into a garden, and told him to dress and to keep it.

Christ is the only fountain from which you will never come staggering back crying with bitter anguish, "I thirst."

It is, no doubt more agreeable to ascend to the Mount of Transfiguration, there to behold the shining face of the Beloved, than to plough one's way along the every-day pathway of duty; but the question is not one of mere delight.

"Self-ease is pain; thy only rest  
Is labor for a worthy end,  
A toil that gains with what it yields,  
And scatters to its own increase,  
And hears, while sowing outward fields  
The harvest song of inward peace."—Whittier.

Men measure their charities by a peculiar standard. A man who has but a dollar in his pocket would give a penny for almost any purpose. If he had a hundred dollars, he might give one; carry it higher, and there comes a falling off. One hundred would be considered too large a sum for him who has ten thousand, while a present of one thousand would be thought miraculous from a man worth one hundred thousand—yet the proportion is the same throughout, and the poor man's penny, the widow's mite is more than the rich man's high-sounding and many-trumped benefaction.

"The longer I live and the more experience I have of the world, the more I am convinced that the one thing that is most worth living for and dying for, if need be, is the privilege of making someone else more useful and happy. I have found that the happiest people are those who do the most for others, and the most miserable are those who do the least."—Booker T. Washington in *Up from Slavery*.

We believe in evangelistic work among the children more and more. Who forms the inner circle of the average Hindu audience? the children. And what a pleasure to hear them sing the songs of Zion and answer questions about which their elders are seemingly ignorant.—Mabel E. Archibald, *Chicacole*.