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WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING US?

"Ye have not passed this way heretofore." Josh. 3: 4.

What will the New Year bring us?
Will it bring us ease or pain,
Will it bring us joy or sorrow,
Will it bring us loss or gain?

What will the New Year bring us?
Will it bring more grace to share
The weight of want and misery
That sorrowing sisters bear?

What will the New Year bring us
For brightening lives of gloom,
And making their rough ways smoother
And their arid deserts bloom?

What will the New Year bring us,
In making more known the name
Of our exalted Saviour,
And spreading abroad His fame?

What will the New Year bring us
In satiating our soul's desire
For stronger faith and steadier zeal,
And love's more quenchless fire?

What will the New Year bring us,—
Say sisters, O can you say!
Will it bring us tearful toiling,
Or rapturous rest for aye?

MISS PRIEST.—It is absolutely necessary that Miss Priest have complete rest from public speaking in order that she may with renewed strength be fitted to return to India next fall. The Board therefore decided at the annual meeting not to allow any engagement to be made for her until spring, and then only through the Foreign Secretary, Miss Buchan.

WE regret that owing to demand on our space we have been compelled to hold over several interesting articles, these will, however, be published in our February number. After this month all articles reaching us in time will be printed in the issue they are intended for.

IN issuing our January number we extend to all the readers of the LINK, A Happy New Year. We thank them for their co-operation in the past, especially those who have acted as agents for our paper. Its success depends largely upon them, though their task is not always an easy one. As a merchant takes stock at the close of the year, the editor has been examining the list of subscribers, and is surprised to find how many are some years in arrears. Now if each one would examine the label on the paper and resolve to begin the year up to date it would encourage the editor and greatly assist the work.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in Jarvis St. Church, Toronto, Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 8 p.m., Mrs. Booker presiding. Twenty-five members were present, also Miss Folsom.

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

The first meeting of the newly appointed Board was held in the same place, Friday, Nov. 15th, at 11 a.m., Mrs. Booker presiding. Thirty-five members were present.

Miss Buchan and Miss Elliot were re-appointed Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

It was found impossible to grant a request which had come from India for further financial aid to the Timpany Memorial School, but the Board were quite willing for Miss Baskerville to take charge of the school as long as necessary. As Miss Priest's health is not equal to the strain of so many meetings, it was resolved that all engagements with missionaries on furlough be made through Miss Buchan.

Applications were received from two young ladies for service in India. Owing to the state of the funds it was impossible to make an appointment. It was decided that an effort should be made to have the Circles increase their offerings to \$6,700 that the work may be sustained.

A resolution of sympathy with the General Board was passed.

The appointment of a successor to Mrs. C. W. King, to take charge of The Bureau of Missionary Information, was left with the Executive Committee.

A special meeting of members of the Board residing in the city, was held Thursday, November 29th, at 3 p m., Mrs. Freeland presiding. Fourteen members were present.

Mrs. W. H. Porter and Mrs. Pearce, with the officers, were appointed delegates to the Interdenominational Conference of Foreign Mission Boards, to be held in Toronto in February, 1902.

The Treasurer read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Thompson, formerly of Guelph. Before removing to the States Mrs. Thompson was for years a valued member of the Board, her name being the first one on the Treasurer's books when the Society was organized in 1876.

The following appropriations for 1901-2 were made. To be supplied from regular income :

Bible-women (on fields where we have no single lady).....	\$ 58 00
Village Schools, grant.....	330 00
Samulootta Seminary grant.....	360 00
Miss Morrow and work.....	650 00
Miss Simpson and our share of zenana work.....	798 00
Cocanada School.....	700 00
Miss Baskerville.....	500 00
Miss MacLeod and work.....	600 00
Miss Hatch and work (salary for part of year only).....	360 00
Work at Tuni.....	140 00
Miss Selman and Munshi, paid on account.....	550 00
Miss Hatch's return, \$325, less \$70.....	255 00
Furlough allowances—	
Miss Priest for one year (Nov., 1900, to Oct., 1901).....	300 00
Miss Folsom.....	300 00
Miss Hatch for five and a half months.....	137 00
Expenses of the Society at home.....	125 00
Total regular.....	\$6,163 50
Special appropriations—	
"Medical Lady" Fund for Dr. Gertrude Hulet and Munshi \$550 less \$8.13 balance of refund re purchase of instruments.....	\$541 87
Special Estimate:	
Passages to India for Misses Priest and Folsom.....	700 00
Grand Total.....	\$7,405 37

A. MOYLE,
Rec. Sec.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF "THE LINK"

Read at the Silver Anniversary of the W. F. M. S., 1901

When the late Brother Timpany and his young wife were leaving their native land for the second time, in 1878, they were called on to part with the newly-formed Women's Missionary Society. This led not only to grief at parting, but to somewhat serious difficulties. To the one who, in God's hands, had led them to band themselves together into Circles, the women naturally looked for guidance. The work was so new to them and they were sure of having many things to consult with him about. How to surmount this was a natural question. Why not have a paper devoted exclusively to this special work? Letters and news from the foreign field would become general to the young Circles and there would be more mutual interest and loving sympathy. Such a paper would prove invaluable to those on both sides of the globe.

"Who will undertake the editorial oversight?" was the next question. This was hard to solve for a long time and our dear brother was almost in despair. However, he at last obtained the consent of Mrs. Freeland and Mrs. Rose, to take charge as editors while Miss Jane Buchan attended to the finances. The plan of the paper was this: They sent out sample copies and solicited subscribers. If the subscription list reached 1,000 the paper would be permanently started. Otherwise they would consider that the denomination as a whole did not desire it and would let the matter drop. The price was then as now, 25 cents a year payable in advance. Willing workers undertook the sale of these first copies and the managers of the little paper were no longer in doubt that it was wanted. Kind words came in from all parts of the Dominion of Canada, Baptists east and west regarded it with hearty approval, the little name LINK seemed wisely chosen. It was truly a bond of union, not only between India and Canada, but also between the sister Societies of Ontario and Quebec and those of the Maritime Provinces who were associated with us in endeavoring to evangelize the Telugus. Many beautiful articles are to be found in these first copies of the LINK and might do some of us, who were not privileged to see them, lasting good. To read the burning words of Timpany to the Christian women of his native land trying to stir them to more earnestness for their heathen Hindu sisters. Listen! "Cannot you spend a short time once a month in your Circle meeting to talk about, and plan and pray together to your Master, for those who are unwelcomed at birth, enslaved as wives, accused as widows, unlamented at death—your sisters."

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In 1882 our Society joined with that of the East in sending out Miss Frith to India. Her work has already been referred to in the report of the Eastern Society.

In 1886 Miss Hatch, of Woodstock, followed as our second missionary. Her work in Cocanada, Samulcotta, and Ramachandrapuram has been wonderfully blessed of God. Within the last two years she has been greatly interested in caring for the lepers on her field. A small hospital has been built through her efforts, and most of her time and prayers have been given to these helpless sufferers.

In 1887 Miss Alexander, of Toronto, was sent by us to India, but shortly after her arrival in that land she became the wife of Rev. D. H. Drake, of Madras, a missionary of the American Baptist Union. (The A. M. B. U. generously refunded all that had been expended by our Society in sending Miss Alexander to India.) For four years Mrs. Drake labored among the Telugus of Madras, then "sudden death meant sudden glory" for our dear sister.

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In Carnegie Hall, New York, where the great Ecumenical Conference was held in 1900, the decorations were specially appropriate. Over the back of the platform was a large colored map of the world. Over the centre of the map were the words, "The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the kingdom." Over the Western Hemisphere was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." Over the Eastern Hemisphere, "And they went forth and preached everywhere." In entering upon our subject, let us keep this scene before us.

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Every human being seeks some object of worship, to whom he can bring all his sorrows, and from whom he can seek peace and comfort. An incident from the life of Marcus Dodds will recall many similar incidents showing that the heathen worship an unknown God. As he and a friend stood near an old temple in a far off heathen land, a native woman with a sadly deformed child in her arms approached the temple. She seemed to be in great distress, so they watched her carefully. Coming close to the temple she threw herself down upon the ground as if in despair. Then she cried, "O, grant that my child may grow fair as other children; grant that it may be strong, grant that it may be comely. Oh, hear the cry of a mother and a mother's breaking heart." Then she arose and we drew near and asked her to whom she prayed. She answered that she did not know, but that surely there was somewhere a God who would have compassion and grant the request of a broken-hearted mother. Oh, who will tell them of the Christ who heals the broken-hearted? How are these heathen to know of a God, a loving God, a sympathising God, an all-powerful God, ever ready to help? We must teach them.

And yet when we speak of missions and missionary

meetings some say we should do our work at home first. Oh, let us be broad enough to take in the whole world, and we shall find that the home work will prosper as never before. Some complain because of the seeming slowness of the work. But God will accomplish His own work in His own good time. It is ours to do our part, and leave the rest to Him.

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But how shall we work? If we cannot go and preach ourselves let us send others. Then our missionaries need our help. We must be filled with enthusiasm, think about them, talk about them, write to them if possible, and above all pray for them regularly and fervently. Then too we need system. How cheering it is for them to know that there are organized bands of Christian workers who are striving to interest others, and who have fixed seasons for special thought about their labors. Also we need love—overflowing, world-wide love. We must get so near to Christ that His love will fill us and influence our lives. Then, and only then, shall we be able to do our best for Him. Let us be willing to suffer for Him. Livingstone who suffered so much for Christ said, "What costs little is worth little." Surely the Gospel of Christ is worth *much*.

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MRS. SMITH, *Sec.*

COLBORNE.—The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Mission Circle was held last Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the church. At the close of a very profitable session an excellent tea was served and much enjoyed by all the members of the Circle and a number of invited guests. After the tea and a season of social enjoyment, Mr. Wm. Barton was requested to take the chair. The addresses, readings and music given by the members were excellent and made a deep impression upon all present. The chairman voiced the feelings of the congregation when he said that few better missionary meetings, if any, had ever been held in the church. The offering of nearly six dollars was taken for Foreign Missions, and the President, Mrs. Watson, was able to report additions to the membership roll.

G. WATSON.

PORT HOPE.—Our regular monthly meetings are held at the homes of the different members, and this month we were invited to meet at the home of Mrs. William Craig, our First Vice-President. After the usual devotional exercises we had a report of the Convention proceedings, given by two of the delegates, to the delight and profit of all the members present. A reading, "The First Hindoo Convert," was given, after which the Circle had the pleasure of presenting their loved President, Mrs. John Hume, with a life-membership certificate in the Foreign Missionary Society. This Circle was organized twenty-five years ago, and we thought this a good way to celebrate our "silver anniversary." Mrs. Craig, in her own kind and hospitable way, entertained the members at five o'clock tea. After a pleasant half hour together, with tea and conversation, and especially in greeting two of our oldest members (over seventy years of age) the meeting was brought to a close by singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

Secretary.

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S. ROBINSON, *Sec. Treas.*

OSHAWA.—We organized about four months ago with a membership of twenty-three, since then we have just doubled our membership. On Monday evening, October 28th, we held an open meeting in the church, at which we had a large attendance. A programme on missions was supplied by the members of the Band and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. The collection, which was taken in aid of missions, amounted to \$5.20. We have sent \$6.50 to Home Missions, and \$6.50 to Foreign Missions.

EDITH STACEY, *Sec.*

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President.

COLLINGWOOD.—Our Mission Band was re-organized last March, and although we are not reaching so many of the members of the S. S. as we might wish, our attendance is increasing. Our Treas. has forwarded to Home and Foreign Missions about \$8, and is looking forward to greater things in the future. We are at present taking up the study of the stations on the Telugu field; and thank God for the privilege of influencing their young lives.

ETHLEEN McDONALD, *Pres.*

PARK HILL, ONT.—Last month we organized a "Willing Workers" Mission Band, and the progress we have been making is really gratifying. We have about two dozen members and there have been several visitors at each meeting. We took up Grande Ligne at two meetings, and next Wednesday will find us studying the work in our N. W., while we will have an hour with Carey or Judson on the first Wednesday in December. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The children are getting into the work very well. I wish them to have a training in leading, so I appoint one to prepare the pro-

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M S MANTHORNE, *Pres.*

FIRST REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT, W.F.M.S.

This department of our work is divided into Associations, of which we have thirteen. These are presided over by a Director and President. The former officer sends in to the Secretary of the Society reports from which we glean the following interesting facts: Number of women in our churches, 11,430; number who contribute to Foreign Missions, 3,133; number of LINKS taken, 4,260; amount sent by Circles to our Treasurer, Miss Violet Elliot, \$5,575.48, an increase of \$520.81 over last year. Some of the directors in addition to these statistics have added words of encouragement for the one who has undertaken the home correspondence.

We thank them for their good wishes and trust to prove faithful to the task undertaken for the Master.

If each local secretary will consider her work all-important and consult with the treasurer of her Circle before sending in returns there will be more likelihood of accounts agreeing. The secretaries are the hands of this great missionary undertaking and promptness on their part prevents anxiety on the part of the directors, and so the whole machinery moves on without a clog.

Looking forward to a prosperous year in this new sphere of labor.

Respectfully submitted,
LIZZIE LLOYD,
Home Secretary, W.F.M.S.

Nov. 14th, 1901.

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

Receipts from November 16th to December 15th, 1901, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Jarvis Street, (\$56.25 Thank-offering), \$70.47; Gilmour Memorial Church, special for deficit, \$12.05; Whitevale, \$3.18; Chesley, (\$2 Thank-offering), \$4.40; Petrosia (\$2.45 Thank-offering and \$2.25 special from two members) \$6.70; Calton, \$13.25; Mount Forest, Thank-offering, \$5.40; St. Catharines, Queen Street, Thank-offering, \$20.65; London, Talbot Street, to make

Miss Charlotte Jeffery a life-member, \$25; Lakeshore Calvary (\$11.63 Thank-offering), \$12.13; Port Hope, to make Mrs. John Hume a Life-member, \$25; Aldborough Plains, \$5.50; Keady, Thank-offering, 75c.; York Mills, Thank-offering \$6.30; Selwyn, \$3.23; Brantford, First Church, for Miss McLeod, \$75; Glanville, Thank-offering, \$6; Colborne, Thank-offering, \$6; Waterloo (\$12.50 Thank-offering), \$14.50; St. Catharines, Lyman St. (\$6.75 Thank-offering), \$9.75; Sheddin, Thank-offering, \$5.04; London, Talbot St., Thank-offering (\$25 to make Mrs. Andrew Dale a Life member), \$31.82; Port Burwell, Thank-offering, \$5; Strathroy (\$10 Thank-offering), \$13.25; Atwood (\$2.25 Thank-offering), \$4; Lindsay, Thank-offering, \$3.50. Total, \$387.87.

FROM BANDS.—Collingwood, \$3.83; Mount Forest, \$5; St. Catharines, Lyman St. (\$1.85 Thank-offering), \$3; London South, for Degala John, 26.95; Glanville, Thank-offering, \$3; Paisley, for Kandala Esther, \$7.05; Delhi for Boddu Dinamma, \$17.50; Belfountain, \$1.50; Sheddin, \$5; London, Talbot St., \$3.96; London, Egerton St., \$2. Total, \$78.79.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Fullarton, Ladies' Aid, \$5; Interest on deposit, \$17.23; "Redemption Home," Toronto, for lepers, \$1.34; London, Talbot St. Y. P. S. C. E., \$6.30; Mrs. Duncan Chisholm, Berlin, for Silver Anniversary Fund, \$10. Total \$39.87.

Total receipts during the month, \$506.53.

DISBURSEMENTS.—B. General Treasurer, for regular work, \$624.34; Extras: For lepers, Mrs. Dempsey, \$5, and Redemption Home, \$1.34. \$6.34; for deficit of General Board, from Gilmour Memorial Circle, \$12.05. Total, \$642.73.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Director of Guelph Association, \$1.25; Treasurer's Report for Convention, \$1; Extra pages in December LINK, \$20; Cash Book and Ledger for Treasurer, \$2.80. Total, \$25.05.

Total disbursements during the month	\$637.78
Total receipts since October 21st, 1901	996.71
Total disbursements since October 21st, 1901	1,154.62
"Medical Lady" Fund.—Receipts—Interest on deposit	2.66
Disbursements.—By cheque to General Treasurer for Dr. Gertrude Hulet	41.83
This remittance deducts the balance necessary to complete the payment for surgical instruments, as Dr. Hulet wished to provide them all herself.	

Since October 21st the names of seven Life-members have been added to the list, making it now 250. The Thank-offerings have also been coming in promptly, and if other Circles and Bands will forward proportionate amounts the treasury will be kept supplied with funds to meet the heavy payment due at the beginning of our year.

VIOLET ELLIOT, *Treasurer.*

109 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

W. B. M. U., Maritime Provinces.

OTTO FOR THE YEAR: "Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.—For Bobili, its missionaries, native Christians, and school, that the seed sown may yield an abundant harvest. For our Women's Missionary Societies, that every Christian may become interested in missions.

This issue of the LINK says January, 1902. To all the readers of W. B. M. U. Department, we extend a sincere wish for a "Happy New Year," a wish too that it may be a busy year, full of work for the

Master, that great things may be attempted for Him and greater things expected from Him. Oh, if only all our Christian women were united in the work for missions—Home and Foreign—what might we not hope for from the Lord!

Mrs. Cox, N. B. Prov. Sec., writes us that the W. M. A. S. of Hartland, Carleton Co., has lately been re-organized, Mrs. J. D. Wetmore, the pastor's wife, President. Also a new Mission Band organized, Nov. 17th, at Harper's Brook, Westmoreland Co., N. B., by Mrs. Tingley, Cor. Sec. Membership, 15.

DEAR LINK.—We did not fully realize the relationship we sustain to you until your W. B. M. U. Department became silent. Our beloved Miss Johnstone always gave you an honored place in all our work, and we are sure that she who now conveys to you our monthly message, will not give you a secondary place. We have hope that the renewed efforts in this department will even accomplish more, to increase your circulation by the seaside, than ever before. Your monthly visits have made us familiar with the Ontario and Quebec Missionary Societies, and the workers whose names you give, have indeed become as old friends, although few of us have been permitted to meet face to face, the Ontario sisters who have been associated with us from time to time, in the W. B. M. U. are held in highest esteem, and as some have returned to their home province we find it difficult to fill their places. We are thankful for the prospect of retaining Mrs. David Hutchinson for years to come. Her address at the annual meet in St. John, last August, and also Mrs. Ira Smith's, were among the best we ever had, and they will be long remembered.

It was a great satisfaction to the W. B. M. U. to send their worthy President, Mrs. J. Manning, as a delegate to the twenty fifth anniversary of the W. B. M. Society of Ontario (West). She has given to the readers of *Messenger and Visitor* a most interesting report. We agree with your editor, that if these visits could be exchanged more frequently, there is no doubt the bond would be strengthened, and the exchange of thought and action would prove to be a mutual benefit.

We congratulate our Ontario sisters upon the success that has followed their twenty five years of untiring service for the extension of our Lord's kingdom. If within the next twenty five years, they can reach some measures that will bring all the women of our churches in Canada into sympathy with the missionary enterprise, the greatest work of the church, we shall be profoundly gratified. There are about 25,000 Baptist women in the Maritime Provinces, but not more than 10,000 are identified with our mission work. So we are not doing all that is expected of us by the Lord of the Harvest.

The Executive meeting of the W. B. M. U. was held in St. John, Friday p.m., Nov. 29. The attendance was smaller than usual. Only two of the honoured mothers of the Board were able to attend, Mrs. Wm. Allwood and Mrs. M. E. Cowan. They have been members of the Executive since its organization, thirty one years ago. Their genial faces, wise counsel, keen foresight and faithful service are an inspiration to us, and we pray they may be long spared to participate in the work they love so dearly.

The Foreign correspondence shows signs of growth and promise. Miss Newcombe has recently sent Adamma, a young girl wife, to Miss Murray's school in Cocanada, with much to encourage them that Adamma's training will prepare her for a life of usefulness among her own women. Miss Harrison is busily engaged in acquiring the Oriya language, in addition to her Telugu. Large numbers of Kimeri women and children speak the Oriya only, and this will open another door of opportunity.

Miss Clark spends much of her time in spiritual teaching among the patients of the hospital, and is encouraged by seeing so many desirous of finding the Great Physician for the soul. She has also been out touring, and found eager listeners.

Our dear Miss Archibald is under the cloud of sorrow by the death of her mother. The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board—“Whereas it has pleased the Father in Heaven, to call to her home on high, a sister beloved, Mrs. Archibald, wife of Rev. E. N. Archibald, and mother of our esteemed missionary, Miss Mabel Archibald of India. Therefore resolved that the W. B. M. U. extend to Miss Archibald their most tender sympathy and love, praying the God of all comfort to be precious near in the day of sorrow.”

Some time was given to a discussion on the Course of Mission Study, as outlined and recommended by the Ecumenical Council. We see great possibilities in this course. There are many hindrances to mar its work. But there will be some who will overcome the obstacles, and theirs will be a reward worthy of the effort.

Wishing all your readers a bright, happy New Year.

Yours in Christian Service,
A. C. MARTELL,

Great Village, N.S.

Cor. Sec. W.B.M.U.

Dec. 10 '01.

CALINGAPATAM.

From "Tidings."

DEAR FRIENDS:—This morning seems to be a most opportune time for a letter to *Tidings*, for I am unable to go out to my work. Shall I tell you why? The monsoon has broken, not quietly, as it does sometimes, but with dazzling lightning and peal

after peal of thunder the whole night long. Now the rain is pouring in torrents and the roar of the sea is almost deafening.

I am neither in tent nor traveller's bungalow, but in the house of a Canadian lady whose husband is a Government Salt Inspector, so fear not wind nor rain.

The salt factory is a large one where hundreds of tons of salt are made by evaporating the sea water during the hot season, so there are a great many petty officers, clerks and other persons living in the lines with their families. These women, who are smart and intelligent, welcome us gladly to their houses and listen most respectfully to the Gospel message. After assuring them that the Inspector was on tour, and that there were no men on the compound, they consented to visit us this afternoon, but I fear the rain will prevent them coming.

Having visited all the near villages and the factory people, my plan is to move in a few days down to Mr. Gibson's, where my two Bible women are, and visit the villages in that part of Calingapatam. I am sorry to say that for the present Herrimah is not able to walk much as she has a bad sore on her knee. Four weeks ago when we were in Jainur, the travellers' bungalow was occupied, so we had to stay in a native house where the rats ran riot, and one bit Herrimah on the knee; it healed all right and when we left Chicacole for this tour it was well we thought, but it has since broken out. If it is not better by tomorrow I shall send her back so that Miss D'Silva can treat her at our hospital.

Last evening we had service in the Mala Street, quite a number of the people gathered, and the boys who attend Pitchia's night school sang with a will the Christian hymns they have learned. Many of these people admit so much, and they asked us to come again and stay until 8 p.m., for then all would be at home and could hear the Gospel. Still they halt when it comes to confessing Christ their Master. I believe there are many converted who never confess to the Lord, and because of their disobedience to the Lord's command they lose much of the blessing that they might have.

While I enjoy to the full the work among the women of Chicacole, I entirely agree with the author of a statement I saw some time ago:—"The cream of mission work is touring." The people scattered over the district have not the privileges those in the town have and, as a rule, are not so bigoted. Our prayer is that there may be a great turning to the Lord in town and village, that His name may be glorified among the Telugus. My class of Hindu boys, who meet on the veranda of the mission house every Sunday, are always asking for papers; the last Sunday I was home I told them I would write to Canada and ask some of the boys and girls to save some of their Sunday School papers for us. They do not know very much English, but can read simple little stories, such as are found in "Our Little Ones," etc. Any

papers of this kind would be very thankfully received and much enjoyed by the boys.

We rejoice with you all that our W.B.M.U. has closed such a successful year, and pray that the coming year may be fraught with still greater blessings both at home and in India.

Yours very sincerely,
MARTHA CLARK.

REPORT OF COUNTY SECRETARY FOR HANTS, N. S.

In reviewing the work of the year I find that much time has been given to the various meetings held, as well as to other necessary work; but what of the fruit of all this labor? Well, God knows, and to Him alone it is committed for approval or condemnation. Not in any strength of my own has effort been put forth, perfect weakness is all the perfection I can claim.

In visiting Hantsport and Mt. Dennison Societies I found the pastor's wife, Mrs. G. R. White, a most efficient leader. She does both Home and Foreign work with a rare devotion. How easy and delightful the lot of a County Secretary would be had we a host just like her. I have attended all the County Conventions, and often had an afternoon meeting of the sisters when I have tried to give them a helpful message just as the times, conditions, and place called for. These have been seasons of earnest prayer, and reports from the Societies were given. At the evening session I have given addresses on various subjects. At Hantsport, where the topic was "God and I," the meeting was one of true power. An address from Dr. Gates was much appreciated.

At St. Croix, where our meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, I gave a report of Missionary Conferences. Six months later I returned and took the service on Sunday, giving an account of Kamabai and her work, to which they gave a collection, amounting to \$7 91.

At Falmouth the topic assigned me was, "Why I should give to missions?" The answer was, "Because I am in debt to missions." Mrs. Spidell did a good work among the children in this church, and many are the regrets at the departure of this dear sister and her consecrated husband. Here is a word of testimony from one sister: "When Mrs. Spidell came to the Aid meeting she always seemed to bring the presence of Jesus with her."

Just before Association in Dartmouth I received the last letter Miss Johnstone ever wrote me. In asking me to speak, she said: "We want one of your stirring addresses, Halifax and Dartmouth need strong work." She seemed utterly unconscious that her work was so soon to fall into other hands.

Mrs. Smith, of Amherst, presided at the Association meeting. A few days after its close our dear Provincial Secretary "was not, for God had taken

her." A few of our sisters held a service around the casket where she lay like a queen with the old sweet smile playing around her mouth. The tribute of loving hearts from N.S. was a sheaf of wheat, emblem of a fruitful and ripened life gathered into the garner. We sang, prayed and spoke through our tears, closing with the following :

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side,
Bear patiently thy cross of grief and pain,
Leave to thy God to order and preside,
In every change, the faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul ; thy best, thy heavenly Friend,
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past ;
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake,
All now mysterious, shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul ; the waves and winds shall know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul ; when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears,
Then thou shalt better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy woe.
Be still, my soul : thy Jesus can repay
From His own fulness, all He takes away.

Be still, my soul ; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul ; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

In August I attended Convention in St. John, in September the Convention in Noel, which was full of enthusiasm. There are just a few scattered people in this place, and they greatly need outside help.

In Walton, Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Crandall are trying to keep the fire from dying out. In Scotch Village are some signs of encouragement ; we go there shortly to give a stir-up.

In Summerville, Mrs. M. C. Higgins is working up a Mission Band with good results

In Avondale two dear sisters, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Durrock Lockheart, have been bereaved of their husbands, so the work suffers.

Windsor has lost some good workers since the fire ; but in sunshine and in shade, in storm and in calm, we must work till Jesus comes to reward His servants.

Yours in this blessed hope,
RACHEL NALDER.

Mrs. Nalder, Cor. Sec. for Hants, N. S., a report of whose work appears in these columns, is ever evolving some plan in her fertile brain whereby stimulus may be given to mission work in her county. Wishing as many as possible to benefit by the Convention held in St. John last August, Mrs. Nalder suggested a most unique gathering, a W. M. A. S. picnic. This was held at Aberdeen Beach,

Hants Co., on September 5th, 1901, and was a great success, there being present about eighty from different parts of the county. Quoting from *Windsor Tribune* of September 6th, we find they partook first of a sumptuous dinner of meats, fish, hot vegetables, etc., then followed the missionary meeting, presided over by Mrs. Nalder, who, after opening exercises, gave a grand report of the W. B. M. U. Convention which she had attended. Remarks appreciative of mission work were made by others and a letter from Mrs. Laflamme (which appears below) was read. A generous collection followed and prayer closed this pleasant meeting.

"DEAR FRIENDS :—You have asked me for 'a few parting words.' Gladly would I have been with you this afternoon to meet the many kind friends and hearty supporters of our Foreign Mission Work in India.

"Very well do I recall the sympathetic and generous sending off given me twelve years ago by the Windsor, Hantsport and other societies, when I went out to work in India as a representative of our Maritime W. B. M. U. And however poorly I may have fulfilled your expectations, I have not forgotten your great kindness to me at that time, and never shall. Even a few months ago how little did I dream or even dare to hope I should so soon be called upon to speak these words of farewell—words so full of both joy and sorrow ! Now comes the fulfilment, in part at least, of the hope which has been in my soul during the past five years of waiting. And here let me give public expression of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for these years of discipline, in which He has set me many hard lessons, which yet have been most precious in the learning—revealing to me more and more the depth and richness and infinite greatness of God's love and mercy—through Jesus Christ !

"The work in India to which God has called us is a growing work, as a careful reading of our last report shows, a work of ever increasing importance. In view of this we might ask ourselves in all seriousness, 'Are we keeping pace with the work and with its ever increasing need as represented in our report ?'

"Are we one and all doing what we can to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the perishing ones of our chosen field of labor ?

"The great fundamental principle of Christian service is sacrifice. Do any of us know anything yet of real sacrifice for Christ and His kingdom ? Do we know aught of 'the fellowship of His sufferings ?' Are we willing, if need be, to suffer with Him ? Are we entering into the inheritance which is ours in Christ Jesus, or are we trifling with our high and holy privileges ?

"These are questions which we can only answer with the help of God's Holy Spirit, and after much heart searching and honest seeking to know God's will.

"I would still seek an interest in your Christian sympathy and prayers that I may be found faithful in some humble service for my dear Saviour to the glory of His holy name!

"Very sincerely yours,
"N. F. LAFLAMME."

Young People's Department.

MISSION BAND REPORT (ONTARIO WEST).

The first year of the new Century has not been marked with as great progress on the part of our Bands as we could have desired. Indeed there has been a slight decrease numerically and financially in both the Home and Foreign Societies.

Sixty-nine Bands have reported to the Home Mission Treasurer, their offerings amounting to \$378.40.

In the Foreign Society ninety-two Bands have contributed \$827.58.

This is a smaller total than we have had before for twelve years. We must not, however, judge of the interest of our young people by the amount of their contributions alone. Numerous letters from workers in different parts of our Province, show that a quiet steady growth has been going on which will no doubt bear fruit "after many days." Letters from Directors too, speak of the lively interest they feel in the spiritual welfare and missionary training of the young people under their charge. They have been reaching out to unoccupied places, and as a result eight new Bands, and five re-organized, are reported in eight different associations.

True there have been and always will be circumstances that are rather disheartening. We hear, for instance, that "Ridgetown Band has disbanded for lack of children." An unusual plea this; the more general one is "Our Leaders have failed us." In some instances matrimonial engagements have affected the Society.

One Secretary writes: "I think we must have had a very attractive set of young people, for four of our members got married last summer and moved away. Others moved also, and the few who were left lived at such distances, that they found it impossible to attend, so we were obliged to disband."

Whatever the causes which tend to the advancement or decline of the missionary spirit in the hearts of young people, we would like to urge upon our sisters of the Circles that they take this department of our work under their fostering care during the coming year. Pray for your Band and its Leader, in your Circle meeting. Remind the children of their meeting. Encourage them to attend, going with them yourself when possible.

In one of the reports received last week, the Leader stated, "I am trying to hold the children, but the parents are so indifferent." Surely such words cannot apply to any of our Circle members.

From several of our Bands no report has come though we know that they have been doing good work during the year.

Bands may not realize that by failing to report, and to report promptly, they make it very difficult for the Directors and the Secretary to prepare their reports before Convention. Will not our officers remember this, and when they receive the blank forms fill them out as quickly and carefully as possible, and return to their Director.

One Life-member of Bands of the Foreign Society has been made this year. Mrs. I. L. Matthews, by the Port Arthur Band.

No Life-membership certificate has been issued by the Home Society.

Seventeen boys in Samulcotta, and thirty girls in Cocanada, have received support from Societies or individuals.

The Secretary is often interested by the names chosen by our Bands. "What's in a name?" Our Bands will tell you. A motto, an incentive, an inspiration. An "I'll Try" Band will be a "Sure-to-succeed" Band. "Golden Rule" Band will be a generous, loving, praying Band. The "I'll Try" Band of Bardswille, in the Northern Association, has more than once received special mention in the annual report.

The President, who now lives in Toronto, continues to influence her members (principally boys) through the postal system. That they are noble and ambitious workers is evidenced by the fact, that they have been contributing to the support of a boy and a girl in India.

Stratford boys Band have manifested their sympathy for the *lepers*, by sending them a number of scrap books and balls.

Several societies have sent barrels and bales of clothing and other useful articles to the Galicians and Indians.

From the "Wjn One" Band of Ingersol comes an inspiring message. The President writes: "In order to live up to the double meaning of our name, we must win one member for our Band, and one of our members for Jesus. We receive into our membership all who are willing to help in our work. Our object is to promote a deep interest in missions and to do all in our power to send the Gospel to those who have it not. Our watchword is "forward" and we are determined to go forward not in our strength but with Christ as our Guide and Counsellor."

Several Leaders testify that a deeper spiritual interest in missions has been awakened in the hearts of those who have attended the meetings.

Thus, "We thank God and take courage"

A. M. TAPSCOTT,

Band Sec.

MISSION BAND REPORT (EASTERN CONVENTION).

As only 19 of our Bands have sent in their reports, this report is necessarily incomplete. Three new Bands have been formed since the last annual meeting, one in each Association. The total amount collected is \$452.18, \$79.58 less than last year, but the amounts sent to our Home and Foreign Treasurer by the Bands in Kingston, Perth, and other places will

probably more than make up. The Bands have sent to Missions in Canada \$142.58, an increase over last year of \$7.43; to Foreign Missions \$293.18, a decrease of \$103.58; collected but not designated, \$17.42. Nearly all the Bands report a deep and increasing interest in the work. And it must continue to be a source of encouragement to us that so many young people are being trained to carry on in the future the larger work of the Circles.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Allan's Mills reports five new members this year, making 24, also an increase in their contributions. In addition to giving \$20.00 towards the support of a native preacher in India, \$1.28 has been given to Home, \$1.00 to Grande Ligne and \$1.00 to North-West Missions.

Almonte.—The Band work organized here last year has been discontinued.

Brockville.—This is one of our largest Bands, having a membership of 90. They have started a Baby Band, all the members being under five years. They have sent \$30.00 to support two students at Akidu, \$10.00 to Home, \$2.50 to Grande Ligne, and a Christmas-box costing \$2.50 to the North-West. As there is a Boys' Band in this church, this represents the work of the girls only.

Delta.—This is a small Band of only 15 members, and they have given \$7.00 towards the support of a student at Akidu.

Perth.—No report.

Smith's Falls.—This Band has largely increased its membership, having now 62, an increase of 17 over last year. Fifteen dollars was given to support a student at Akidu, \$1.00 to Bolivia, \$1.00 to Home, \$1.00 to North West, and \$1.00 to Grande Ligne.

Kingston, Union Street, and Kingston, First Church.—No report.

Westport.—Membership 25; contributions, \$10.00 toward the support of a student at Samulcotta, to Grande Ligne \$4.50, to Home \$1.50.

Phillippsville.—This Band was organized last November with 11 members, and has now 24. They have given \$2.00 to Foreign Missions and have nearly that amount on hand for Home.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Clarence.—This is another new Band, organized last December, and has 35 members, \$9.42 on hand, not designated.

Kenmore.—No report.

Ottawa, First Church.—Last year the Board seemed to have reached its limit with 91 members, but 5 more have been added. In addition there is a Baby Band, with a membership of 16, under the charge of one of the members. The collections were \$55.75, divided as follows:—Foreign \$32.75, Home \$18.00, Grande Ligne \$5.00.

Ottawa, McPhail Memorial.—A student is supported at Samulcotta, and in spite of removals, in consequence of the fire, the membership is 75. Given to Foreign \$17.00, to Home \$7.20.

Osgoode.—This Band numbers 35. Sent to India \$21.50, \$2.50 of which was for Famine Fund; to Bolivia \$4.50, Home \$9.00 and North-West \$6.50. A student at Akidu is supported.

Rockland.—There is a slight falling off in membership, the number now being 30. They have educated a little girl at Akidu and undertaken the support of another. Sent to Foreign Missions \$15.00, to Home \$2.00, to North West \$1.00.

Roxboro'.—Membership 22. Barrel of clothing sent to the North West Indians costing \$2.35, and \$1.10 to the Grande Ligne Mission.

Thurso and Winchester.—No reports.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Montreal, Olivet.—The contributions this year are larger than ever before, owing to one of the families in connection with the Band taking a student at Akidu to support. Sent to India \$35.78, to Grande Ligne \$14.00. Membership 62.

Montreal, Grace Church.—This Band has a membership of 30 and have collected \$30.25. They support a student at Akidu and have given to Foreign Missions \$21.00, to Home \$4.25, to Grande Ligne \$5.00.

Montreal, First Church.—This is a new Band which was organized in January. Number of members not given, attendance 15. About \$8.00 collected, not yet designated.

Montreal, Point St. Charles.—Membership 25. \$10.65 was collected toward the support of a student at Akidu. 25 scrap books were made for the Children's Hospital, and 50 little books of lesson cards were sent to India and the North-West.

Quebec.—This Band sends a surprising report and must be called the Banner Band of the Convention. With only 27 members, they have contributed \$75.00, divided as follows:—Foreign \$35.00, Home \$10.00, Grande Ligne \$10.00, North-West \$10.00, India \$10.00. They support a student at Akidu, and have sent to India three rolls of S. S. Picture Lessons and a number of cards.

Sneyerville.—Several members lost by removals, having now 22. But they continue to support a student at Akidu and have sent \$15.00 for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

AMELIA MUIR.

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