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THOU SAYEST "GO."

Thou sayest to us,—“GO

And work while it is called to-day; the sun
Is high in heaven, the harvest but begun;
Can hands oft raised in prayer, can hearts that know
The beat of Mine, through love and pain, be slow
To soothe and strengthen?”—still Thou sayest,—
“Go;

Lift up your eyes and see where now the line
Of God hath fallen for you, one with Mine
Your lot and portion. Go, where none relieves,
Where no one pities, thrust the sickle in
And reap and bind, where toil and want and sin
Are standing white, for here My harvests grow:
Go, glean for Me mid wasted frames outworn,
Mid souls uncheered, uncared-for; hearts forlorn,
With care and grief acquainted long, unknown
To earthly friend, of Heaven unmindful grown;
In homes where no one loves, where none believes,
For here I gather in My goodly sheaves.”

Thou sayest to us,—“GO.”

—*Mission Studies.*

A practical theology must be a missionary theology. Here is a practical outworking of Christian experience that theology must express. The present conditions, moreover, are all the time in intolerable contradiction with the Christian assertion of what ought to be, and with Christ's sole purpose in coming to men. Hence the more close theology comes to life, and the more vital it keeps its conceptions and its contact with Christ, the more certainly missionary it will be. That theology will be missionary that has so vital a conception of the relation to God that it sees, on the one hand, the infinite richness of the life of the child of God, and, on the other hand, really enters into God's thought of sin and its loss and into his love for men; that sees the sin of men in the light of the love and holiness of God as a perpetual pain to God; that enters, therefore, into the double sympathy of Christ with God and with man, bearing in its measure the sin of the world; and that, consequently, must go to men with the same glad tidings and with the same seeking, suffering love with which Christ came.

—*President Henry C. King, of Oberlin College.*

We are pleased to learn from *The Helping Hand* that the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Missionary Union, U.S., have had a very successful financial closing of their year. They have a balance of \$1,400 on their account, with gifts for the Building Fund amounting to \$20,300. “This,” the Editor remarks “makes us glad, and it is a beautiful unselfish gladness, for it was not the money we sought, nor the success of our own plans, but the better equipment and added comfort of our dear missionaries.”

This is what our Societies are endeavoring to do in building the Bungalows for our dear missionaries and we hope every woman will share in it.

We regret that in publishing that beautiful story, “The Mission of the Thorn Bush,” in our May LINK, we unintentionally omitted crediting it to that excellent missionary magazine, *Life and Light*.

It will doubtless interest a number of people in this country to know that Vice Admiral Count Togo, the Commander of the Japanese fleet, and captains of three of the principal battleships of the Mikado's navy are converts to Christianity. Native Christians are indeed beginning to occupy many high and honorable positions in the state. Quite a long row of members of the lower and of the upper houses of parliament are Christians, and a number of the latter occupy seats on the judicial bench. Moreover, three of the largest daily newspapers of Tokyo are in the hands of Christians, and under the circumstances it cannot be denied that Christianity, with all that it involves in the way of civilization and enlightenment, is making its way quietly but surely in Japan.

In Japan the Bible Societies have provided a gift of 150,000 New Testaments and Gospels for the army. Each soldier is receiving a paper bound Gospel, each non-commissioned officer a cloth bound copy of the same, and each officer a New Testament.

A VISIT TO RAMABAI'S COLONY.

By Miss Jessie H. Scott.

I REACHED the Kedgaum station, and after a short drive arrived at the Mukti, the name given to Pundita Ramabai's famous colony and which means "deliverance." In this colony she has gathered, from the various famine centers all over India, no less than 1850 women, girls, and boys. Her high-caste school for girls and widows, started many years ago in Poona, is now only represented by one or two women who are teachers and helpers in this great institution. Besides these native women helpers, she has five European assistants from England, Australia, and America, and a large staff of pundits and matrons, both Christian and heathen; but over all, it is quite evident that she holds the reins and is the moving spirit in every way. One English lady has the position of guide to visitors, etc., for no one is allowed to wander over the place at will, but can go only when and where the guide directs. This is, on the whole, a wise policy, but gives visitors little chance of studying the methods, or seeing the spirit of the inmates at various times and in various conditions.

The colony is divided into four departments, one very large square, walled all around with rooms, having only one entrance from the road, at which a doorkeeper is stationed night and day. The visitors' rooms have doors only to the road, but none at the back into the court; all must enter by the one door and pass the keeper. Inside the court, there is a very large building used for church and school which can accommodate over 2,000, sitting in native fashion; then there are lines of rooms up and down the court where the girls sleep, eat, and do their work. One thing that surprised me greatly was to hear that none of that great multitude belong to Bombay district, and when first coming into the institution they have to learn the language spoken there, as all teaching in the school has to be given in the Maratha language. Besides the district and language being altogether new to them, they have no friends or country people in that part of the country and have no means whatever of coming into contact with the outside world.

Within the main enclosure there are, at present, about 1,300 girls of various ages; many of them, according to Hindu customs, must have been married in childhood, and no doubt some of the boys may have died in the famine; but

many of them, probably are rescued and are in orphanages, or have returned to their country, where they will never come into contact with each other again. The individual history of very few is known to themselves or to the people among who they now are. Ramabai's agents are out all the time, gathering the destitute from all quarters without any attention to condition, caste, or creed; many are Mohammedans, although the vast majority are Hindus. Among this great company there are over 200 blind, many have only one eye, others are lame and otherwise deformed; but the majority of those who have been there for several years are strong, healthy-looking girls, and act as cooks and caretakers of the little ones, of whom there is a great number. Naturally, among such a multitude gathered out of such conditions, there have been and still are many sick. During last year over 300 deaths occurred, and there were over 200 in the hospital when I was there. The hospital forms another of the four divisions, and is built on the opposite side of the road, to be completely separate; it is likewise constructed on the principle of the large building, but in consequence of so many deaths in one year, government has ordered more space to be given inside for air and exercise. That seemed to be highly necessary all over the colony, in a hot country like this, but natives do not have our ideas on that score. A third division is allotted to the women in the Rescue Home, who number over 200 and are likewise from famine districts all over India. Unless for the Sunday services in the large building, inside the main court, they never come in contact with the girls or boys. The same rule holds equally good for the boys, whose buildings form the fourth division of the colony and are equally guarded.

Every one must admit that the organizer and manager of such a scheme is a wonderful person, and to see Pundita Ramabai with her white garments such as any native widow would wear, and the power that is evident in her head and face, a great gratitude rises in the mind to Him who has so wonderfully endowed this woman and raised her up to do such a splendid work for her fellow country-men; knowing their customs as no European can know them, she can so much better help them in many ways. Money seems to flow into Ramabai's hands, and no doubt her work will be heard of by many generations yet to come, all over this great land and other lands.—*The Missionary Helper.*

EXTRACT FROM FOURTH REPORT OF LEPER
MISSION WORK AT RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

DURING the year a great many have sought our care; but as our accommodation was so limited, we could only admit the more serious cases. Our number, at the close of the year is 82.

The problem of eradicating this terrible disease with about 300,000 victims, and its tendency ever on the increase, calls for concerted effort most urgently.

At the Conference of Superintendents of Leper Asylums held at Wardha, C. P., India, February, 1904, among whom were qualified medical men, there was passed the following unanimous resolution:—"This Conference as a body and as individuals is convinced of the contagious character of the disease of leprosy. Also the decision of a Congress of Leprologists assembled in Berlin in 1893, was that leprosy was incurable and contagious, but not hereditary."

Is it necessary to say that there are cases personally known to some of us where the disease came only by contagion? Would it then not only be a great financial gain, but an inestimable blessing, if those who have been giving continue, and, if possible, enlarge their gifts, and those who hitherto have not aided waken up to their responsibility, giving practical aid and sympathy, so that in the near future our fair land may be rid of such an evil and there be no necessity for such institutions.

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts which have come through the "Mission to Lepers" per Mr. Bailey, which have amounted to Rs. 2,606-1-7; from the Canadian Baptist Mission and elsewhere Rs. 2,285-15-0—a slight increase on last years giving; though this report covers from September, 1902, to December, 1903, a year and three months.

During the year there were seventeen conversions and eighteen baptisms. Among these, Solomon and Purushoti, who have been Christians for a long time, were baptized, while one, the "bad-faced" man, was too ill to be baptized. The deportment of all has been good. The interest among the christians in the spread of the Gospel, which has brought peace and joy to them, is refreshing to see. Some of our older Christian men and women have greatly grown in grace, and are a great joy and help to us in the home.

Dr. Phillip's Home for the untainted children.

—This last year a home for the children has been built, 69 feet long, having five rooms, each 12 feet square, well lighted and ventilated. It is built of well-burnt bricks, plastered with mortar inside and out. The roof, which is tiled, slopes to the front forming a verandah. The kind friends who gave the money for this building have had to wait some time before seeing their desire put into effect, but they will please remember that the advantages for building in this country are not those of the home-land. A competent native contractor is not available here, so that all the work must be closely overseen by the missionary, who in this instance regretted much that she was not an architect. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Davis, who gave us what assistance he could when in the station.

After the building was completed heavy rains came on, flooding the compound and making the transfer of the children impossible until the last of October. From the hot season until this time the children were cared for in a house in the Mission compound.

The number of children at present is seven, three boys and four girls. One boy was with us a few months, when he was taken ill and died. A capable matron is in charge, and she teaches the girls how to cook and keep the house. All the children, excepting baby Mary, are attending school and are making very fair progress. When a little older it is our intention to have them learn a trade, or, if apt in study, to be trained for teaching.

In view of Miss Hatch's return in December, the home was not formally opened until the 28th. On this occasion a number of the missionaries and many of the native Christians were present. Before the time for the meeting, Mr. Lafamme very kindly took a photograph of the building, and also one of the children. After the opening exercises Mr. Lafamme gave some very interesting incidents of the life of Dr. Phillips, who was such a great lover of children, and who worked so energetically for their spiritual good. Miss Hatch gave a history of the beginning of the work, and how the difficulties which at first seemed as mountains, through faith had removed, till the work had grown from a small shed and one leper to its present dimensions and numbers. Mr. Davis offered the dedicatory prayer. Between the addresses the children rendered three songs. The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

GERTRUDE W. HULET,
Acting Superintendent

Our Work Abroad.

ZENANA WORK.

Report July to December, 1903.

LOOKING back in the years that have almost gone, and seeing all the many changes, one feels there ought to be much to relate, and much to be thankful for, past mercies, continual blessings and for help in many trying days. Now with deep thankfulness I wish to record something of what I have seen of His gracious doings during the past year.

The number of houses visited by us is 84. I need not say that we are always welcome, and that our Bible lessons are steadily kept up; they know we will not go to them unless they are willing to hear the Word of God.

This is indeed a very encouraging feature of our work now-a-days. Thirteen or fourteen years ago they would have raised objections, but thank God these have been removed. The woman who actually begged I would not read the Bible to her two years back is now much interested in it. Do pray that this may be the means of bringing her to the knowledge of the truth.

Some of the women have heard many times this year of the way of life through Christ; others once perhaps, but may we not hope some seed falls into their hearts that will be manifest in the last day, if not here. Of several we now have good hope, but most of these are not open professors of Christ, though they have allowed to separate themselves from idol worship and permitted to worship as they choose in their own families. It will be difficult to give exact numbers, impossible even for they are coming and going, and often hidden in some corner but listening as we afterwards learn.

I have eleven young women studying the Bible. Some are reading Matthew's Gospel, some Luke's, some the Acts of the Apostles, and two young Brahmin widows are studying the Old and New Testaments. They prepare their portions of Scripture for me, and I question them upon it and say a few words as regards the need of Salvation. Some of them, I am happy to say, are much interested and in two or three cases a real anxiety about their eternal welfare. Our prayer is that this precious Word of God may become more to them than a mere intellectual study. We want it to take deep root in their hearts and to bring forth fruit unto everlasting life.

I will now make mention of a few of my most interesting Zenana women. One is a young Brahmin widow with her mother. I verily believe that these both are the followers of our Saviour, Lord Jesus. She told me that when she read about the wondrous love of Jesus in dying for sinners, she could not help but cry. What seemed to touch her most was the thought that the Saviour allowed wicked men to put nails into His hands and feet after He has done so much good to all around. "Ah," she said (with tears in her eyes) "to think that Christ's hands were torn by nails. Oh what love for me." I turned to her mother and said, "your daughter will one day be one of God's chosen ones, and she will be one with us." The mother with a look of surprise said, "Why are not we His now? We are His followers." Her words made my heart leap for joy. Friends I ask you to pray for these dear women earnestly that the Lord may make the way plain for them to profess Him openly.

Another dear young woman who is studying the Gospel of Matthew is a secret follower of the Lord. It makes my heart good to speak with her. She is anxious to learn more of the Lord and to follow in His footsteps. She reads and prays daily, and often reads to the women around her and tells them about Jesus and His love. This dear one also needs our prayers.

Another woman (of goldsmith caste) said that there was no harm in becoming a Christian, and that the whole of us are one in Christ and that there will be no difference hereafter. This dear one is striving to know more of the truth. May the Lord shower His Spirit on her, so that she may see His glorious light and rejoice in it.

One day an old woman said, "How often you have read to us about the love of God to sinners? Why do we not listen and believe in Him, and walk in His steps, and leave all these false Gods?" Alas, alas, why do they not. It is an overwhelming thought that many very many of those who do hear will never embrace the truth. In every company there can always be found one or more among the most poor and ignorant women who can comprehend what is said, and in their own simple way they explain it to others. I have often watched these women with wonder and admiration as they represent the thought by some simple childish illustration that no one can

mistake, and their faithfulness in trying to give an idea is beautiful.

These incidents might be multiplied indefinitely, but perhaps this is as much as you will care to wade through.

"Give an account of thy stewardship." This is what we are called upon to do year by year, when the time comes round for sending in our Annual Report. To most of us the task is not an easy one, and to all it must be more or less solemn. What have we done in that great work in which it is not possible for the most zealous to do more than a very little. Friends pray for us though we must own we are unprofitable servants." We may be able to say, "We have done that which it was our duty to do."

P. H. N. BEGGS.

30/12/03.

MISS GIBSON'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending December, 1903.

DURING the last six months I have visited 96 out of the 107 houses open to me, of those six were news ones. I made in all 310 visits, reaching over 400 women with the Gospel, many of whom had not heard the name of Jesus before, but who now learned of the only one who could save. All the women who can read, and who have hitherto been without a copy of the Word of God, have had either a Bible, or New Testament, or even a portion given them through Lord Bradstock's Mission in memory of Queen Victoria. Thus the Word of God has entered many homes. The women appeared glad to receive the books and promised to read them. Moreover, these books are followed by the prayers of those who gave them, so we may hope for fruit from this work yet.

After many years teaching I thought I would test many of the women with the question "Whom do ye say that I am" concerning their opinion of Christ. Almost all answered "He is the Saviour, the true God, the only one who can save. Not only your God but ours also." With many of them this may be but head knowledge or belief, but how necessary that they should know, in order that the Spirit of God might work in their hearts for "How shall they believe on Him of whom they have never heard," and this knowledge will make it possible for them to call upon Him in their last hour if not before. Not that we are satisfied with this only, for we would fain see them follow the con-

viction of their hearts now and openly confess Him if they but had the courage to do so. Several, we know, are often troubled in their minds about this matter, and acknowledge that they ought to give up the world and follow Him, "If the way was only clear," is their plea. That many are ashamed of having worshipped idols is very evident. A new lesson on the folly of idol worship has been used by us of late, and all who hear it will agree that there is no profit in what they have hitherto done. Although these women are shut in from the outside world they sometimes have the privilege of seeing the magic lantern when the Missionary happens to exhibit it on their street after dark. They can see it under cover of the darkness. The pictures from the Life of Christ impressed their minds. "What a Lord to suffer so patiently, said one. If He were only man He would not have borne it." Another recognized the pictures from what she remembered of His life. I could have told what they meant" said she. As third told of how, although most of the spectators only looked at the pictures, she enjoyed what the Missionary said about them. Speaking of the times of ignorance or darkness that were past, but now all men everywhere were called to repent. I asked, since when did the light come? Some answered, since the railway reached us, others, since the white-man came to our country, but one who was educated in our school and can read her Bible, said, "Since Christ came." The Brahmin houses entered at the beginning of this term have not proved satisfactory. The girl who wanted to learn English after several lessons in which she appeared very apt and was quite anxious to learn, had to give up because of the season of feasts lasting over three months. This was the reason given, but I fear it means that she will not be allowed to continue hereafter. The other house also is closed owing to the caste people raising objections to my visits, although the woman of the house herself was anxious to hear the truth. They fear that they will be polluted by my presence and have to battle every time. Poor Brahmin women, I fear there is little chance of their receiving the Gospel. Several young women who are taking regular Bible lessons are improving in their knowledge of the truth, and being influenced by the Gospel in their lives. Several are learning to pray aright. One whose child was very ill, said she was able to say "Not my will but thine be done." One woman, who is very ignorant,

tells of how, although she cannot remember all she has been taught, yet when the temptation comes to go into the crowd to a battling festival she remembers that Christ alone can save, so it would be useless, and does not go. These women need to be convicted of sin. They are so apt to quiet their consciences by the mere fact that they have listened to good words and thereby acquired some merit. We know that the Word gives the light and thereby men see themselves and the sinfulness of sin. So believe in its power applied by the Spirit, to be ever with them, and show them that they are lost, that they may feel their need of a Saviour and so be more ready to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. So our hope in giving them the Gospel which is the power of God unto Salvation to all who believe it.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel.

LOTTIE GIBSON.

Cocanada, Jan., 1904.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Rev. J. E. Davis, writing from the Peddapuram field gives the following testimony to Miss MacLeod's work there. I want to write you

a few words about Miss McLeod—"I never knew what a good worker she was till I took charge of this field a year ago. Then I followed in her route for ten days. I found the people appreciated her every where and when I caught up to her she was conducting a big women's meeting. She did not see me, I came to the back of the Government Bungalow and listened. She had Christian men and women both listening and she was just pouring out her soul to them. I listened a little while and thanked God for such service. She was 28 miles from Peddapuram doing such work. I just shed tears of gratitude to God for such devotion. I knew nothing of her work before, but she is a worker that I am proud of. I have seen a good deal of her work since then and you need have no hesitation about sending her back to this country; more than that you will I am sure thank God for her. I have urged her to go home before she broke altogether because I believe her second term will be of great value to the work here. She is now thin and needs the change more than she realizes."

Our Work at Home.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

THE quarterly meeting of the Board was held Friday, May 13th, at 2 p.m. Fifteen were present, including Miss Brodie, of Grimsby, and Mrs. Dr. Chute.

A Program Committee was appointed to prepare for the Convention in November. The Treasurer reported that the Bands have made most gratifying progress, but that the Circles have fallen considerably behind in their contributions.

A resolution was passed instructing the Foreign Secretary to send a notice to the LINK, that as Miss McLeod is returning on account of ill health, and absolute rest is necessary, she will not be allowed to speak at any meetings for a year.

Very interesting letters were read from Miss Hatch, Miss McLeod and Mr. Davis.

A. MOYLE,
Rec. Sec

NOTICE TO CIRCLES AND BANDS OF ONTARIO (WEST.)

I have been requested to remind the Circles and Bands that Life-membership fees go into the

general fund, and cannot be diverted into other channels. These and Thank-offerings are counted upon for a part of the regular work of our Society, and if designated otherwise the regular income would be decreased.

Bungalow Fund.—It is expected that all money for the new bungalow be an extra gift outside the usual offerings. More than one-half of the Convention year is gone, and only \$382 has been received toward the \$2,000 required for this much-needed home.

EVA NASMITH,

Treasurer.

May 13, 1904.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

OTTAWA.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands, will be held with the Church at Vankleek Hill, on June 23rd. At 10 a.m. a business meeting will be held in the basement of the church. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and any business and matters in connection with the Association will be discussed.

At 2 p.m. the report of the Associational Directress will be received, and the work of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies will be presented. We hope all Circles and

Bands in this Association will send delegates, and Churches where no Circle exists are urgently requested to send representatives. The program will appear later in the *Baptist*.

EMILY C. MACDONALD,
Directress.

CANADA CENTRAL.—The Women's Circles will hold their annual meetings in Almonte, on Tuesday, June 15th. In the morning "Sister Belle," Ottawa, will conduct a Question Drawer, and in the afternoon addresses will be given by Mrs. H. L. Nichols, Lanark, returned missionary from Central Africa, "Sister Belle," and Mrs. P. A. McEwen, Carleton Place. It is hoped that every Circle and Band will be represented at these meetings.

J. MOULTON,
Directress.

NORTHERN.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Northern Association will be held in Parry Sound, on Thursday, June 23rd, afternoon and evening. Each Band and Circle is requested to send delegates.

R. CUMMER,
Directress.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands of the Middlesex and Lambton Association, will be held in Strathroy, on Tuesday, June 7th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. An interesting Program has been arranged. Will every Circle and Band kindly send delegates and reports.

ANNIE P. DACK,
Directress.

NORFOLK.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held at Vittoria, on Tuesday, June 7th. Morning session, 10 a.m., devoted to Mission Band work. Opened with prayer and praise service, led by Mrs. Beardsall, of Delhi. Band reports will be given, also entertaining papers on various phases of the work, followed by a conference, led by Mrs. Spidill, of Boston. Afternoon session, 2 p.m., Bible reading given by Mrs. C. Kitchen, Waterford. President's address, Mrs. Cohoe, Langton; followed by Circle reports. Addresses will be given by Mrs. Doolittle, on "Manitoba and North-West Missions," and "Our Papers, LINK, *Visitor* and *Baptist*," by Mrs. Lutes, Waterford. Also a paper on "Our Indian work," and a letter from Mr. Ralph Smith, Cocanada, India. Evening session, 7.45. Song service by Church choir. Scripture reading and prayer by Miss Stillwell, and Mrs. Fothergill. Addresses will be given on "Grand Ligne," by representative, and one on "Foreign Missions," by Mrs. H.G. Stillwell, Vuyyuru, India. Miss Norton will give a Map Exercise on "Mission Fields in Ontario." We hope for a large representation from our Circles and Bands and also from Churches where there are no such organizations. The Vittoria friends

will provide homes for all who arrive on the evening of the 6th. All such will please send word by June 4th, to Miss Vivian Fisher, Vittoria.

MARY E. DAVIS,
Directress.

PETERBORO'.—The Circles and Bands of Peterboro' Association will meet in Belleville, on the afternoon of 21st June. Delegates from all Churches in the Association will be cordially welcomed. Circles and Bands please send reports to this meeting. A good program is being prepared, and a profitable time is expected.

ANNIE WALTON,
Directress.

TORONTO.—The annual meeting of circles and Bands will be held in the Parliament St. Church, Toronto, on Wednesday June 7th, at 10 o'clock a.m. Mrs. Dr. Chute will address the meeting on "Medical Missions." Let us hope for a fine day and a large attendance. Luncheon will be served in the Church.

E. H. SHENSTONE,
Directress.

WALKERTON.—The meeting of the Home and Foreign Circles of this Association will be held in Walkerton on the afternoon of June 2nd. Will all Circles and Bands send as many delegates as possible. An interesting program is expected.

ANNIE McDOUGAL,
Directress.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

LONDON = MAITLAND ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.—Our Union Circle meeting was held on the 15th April. An interesting Program was given. Mrs. Utting, our faithful President, occupied the chair. In the afternoon a Bible Reading was given by Mrs. (Rev.) Ross, of Talbot street, which was excellent; also a long letter was read by Mrs. Woodburne, from her son, Dr. Woodburne, in India, which was very interesting. We were favored with a solo by Mrs. Brown, of Talbot St. Mrs. Johnson, of Adelaide St., gave a talk that was very much appreciated. After singing and prayer, a social time was enjoyed. Tea was served from six to eight. On account of the very severe storm the attendance was not as large as was expected. Collections six dollars and seventy-five cents. At the evening meeting, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Carew, Presided. The Rev. J. J. Ross, of Talbot St., gave an excellent address on "Missionary Work," that was enjoyed by all present; also the singing of Mr. and Mrs. Leach, and a few words from the Pastor. The meeting closed with singing and prayer, and we all went home happy through the storm.

E. A. BOYD,
Treas.

FOREST.—It is a long time since anything was heard from this Mission Circle, but we are still

alive, and though few in number are trying to do a little to help forward the Master's cause. We hold our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. At our last meeting we were pleased to welcome one new member. The annual Thank-offering was held on the 5th of February, We expected Rev. Mr. Bowen, of Watford, to address the meeting, but on account of the bad condition of the roads he could not get here. Our Pastor presided, and gave us a short talk on "Missions." Mrs. Boughton also gave a paper on "Leper Work in India." Thank-offering, \$5.40. With the year ending, March 31st, \$26.60 was raised, which was divided between Home and Foreign Missions. A box and a bale of clothing with some literature was sent to Mr. Segsworth at Fort Frances. A quilt was made and given to Mr. and Mrs. Scott, in India.

IDA A. GAMMON,
Secretary.

BOSTON.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Boston Mission Circle was held on the evening of February 27th. The president, Mrs. Nelles, presided. A very interesting program was given, the most important part being the reading of a missionary address of the late Dr. Dadson, entitled "The Child Factor in Missions." The offering amounted to over sixteen dollars. At present we hold our meetings at the homes of the members, and invite the gentlemen to tea. A collection is taken up in aid of the Bungalow Fund, at each meeting. We earnestly hope that our meetings may not only be instrumental in spreading the Gospel, and our own souls blessed, but that those around us may become interested in the cause.

ADA M. SPIDELL,
Cor. Sec.

ST. THOMAS.—It is with a deep feeling of gratitude to God, that we again report our annual Thank-offering meeting, held April 21st, 1904. After the devotional exercises, the envelopes containing the offering and suitable texts of Scripture, were opened and read, each acknowledging blessings received during the year. We then listened to a very interesting program, prepared by a committee. Those present felt drawn closer together. Prayers were offered and many expressions of Thank-giving were given. Our prayer is that during the year many of our sisters may become interested in the work of spreading the Gospel.

K. McCOLL,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

DURHAM.—Last year was our first year as a Mission Band. This year, so far, we have sent only \$8. We will not be able to give so much this year as last, because the little offering books, which have been distributed to help to

pay off the debt on our church, have been given to some of the older members of the Band. The interest in the Mission Band is still being kept up, and we hope to be able to do better in future.

LILIAN B. WALKER,
Secretary.

ST. GEORGE.—Our Mission Band sustained a great loss, when on January 14, Maudie Alloway was taken from us. Since early childhood Maudie was a member of the Mission Band. When eleven years of age she gave her heart to Jesus and made public profession of her faith. Before her baptism, her pastor, Mr. Mihell, said, "I wish you older Christians would talk with Maudie and gain inspiration from her childlike faith and clear perception of the truth." Willingly she gave of the best of her time, talents and possessions to further the cause of the Lord. When we packed boxes, she gave her best cards and picture books, and once she lovingly kissed her largest dolly "good-bye," and it found a place of usefulness in a mission bungalow in India. She was a good reader and reciter and never said "no," when asked to help on programs. A trying illness left her very frail, yet she was spared for three years longer. Last summer she represented the Band at Oxford-Brant Association, and brought back a stirring report. In the autumn her old trouble returned and few could see her through her long weeks of suffering. She still yearned for the souls of her companions and would say, "Mother, I wish I had talked to the girls more about Jesus. Now I am not able." Though not yet seventeen years old, she had blessed many lives by her influence. All loved her and spoke of her tenderly. At the funeral service the choir sang her favorite hymn, "Throw out the Life Line," and the speaker emphasized the truth that the Gospel is "distributive"; we must go and work and give that others may know Him. The Band longed to "throw the line further" and send \$10 in her memory to make her brother, Arthur Alloway, a life-member of Foreign Mission Bands. May we, who are still granted the gift of life use our hours and days to glorify the Lord our Redeemer!
S. B.

OXFORD-BRANT.—Beside the practical topics to be discussed at the afternoon session of this Association at Jerseyville, on June 8th, (as noticed in May LINK), there will be an address on Home Missions in the evening, also a lecture by Rev. J. E. Chute, illustrated with views of our work and workers in India.

LENNIE M. GRAY.

WHILBY AND LINDSAY.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands of this Association will be held in Lindsay, June 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. A good programme is being arranged, and will appear in *The Baptist*.

S. E. RYLEY, *Dir.*

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

Receipts from April 16th, 1904, to May 15th, 1904, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Guelph, Trinity (25c. add. for bungalow), \$2.25; Stouffville, \$3.70; Lakeshore, Calvary, (\$25 for "D. Susi"), \$37.80; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$5; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$6; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$2.32; Bentinck, \$2.80; Brantford, First Ch., (for bungalow), \$53; Calton, (for bungalow), \$5; Gladstone, \$4.15; Toronto, First Ave., \$6.25; Langton, \$3.50; Cramahe, \$2; Arkona, \$4; Pine Grove, \$1.30; Hamilton, James St., (\$15 Thank-offering), \$21.60; Lobo, First, \$7; Cheltenham, (for "Rebecca"), \$3; Strathroy, \$10.25; Tiverton, \$7.50; Guelph, First Ch., (for bungalow), \$6.56; St. George, \$7.35; Scotland, \$5.50; Port Burwell, \$3.90; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., (\$6 Thank-offering; \$5 for bungalow), \$12.65; Sparta, \$4.23; Fingal, \$1; Campbellford, \$2.55; Lindsay, \$13; Whity, \$4; Toronto, Bloor St., (for bungalow), \$25; Toronto, Bloor St., Y. W. Aux., (for bungalow), \$11.10; Durham, \$4; Reaboro', \$6.30; Toronto, Immanuel, (for bungalow, \$1.35), \$11.95; Brantford, Park, \$11.38; Tyneside, \$2; Bloomsburg, \$5; Simcoe, \$5; Simcoe, Y. L. M. C., \$2.75; Delhi, \$2.50; Toronto, Olivet (for bungalow), \$4.20; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$8.43; Toronto, Elim, (for leper "Venkamma"), \$4; Salford, \$3.20; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$26.16; London, Maitland St., (collection union meeting), \$3.40; Orangeville, \$5; Dunnville, \$4.25; Ailsa Craig, \$5.80; Toronto, College St., \$11.20; St. Thomas, Centre St., Y. L. M. C., \$2.50; Boston, (\$5 towards Life-membership), \$9; Port Arthur, \$9.50; Hamilton, Wentworth St., (\$5 for bungalow), \$8.75; Brantford, First Ch., (for Miss McLeod), \$125; Brantford, Holmedale Mission, (for leper), \$6; Hamilton, Herkimer, \$5; Decewsville, \$3.50; Paisley, (\$8 for bungalow), \$12.25; Hillsburg, \$2.50; Toronto, Parliament St., (\$7 for bungalow), \$19.35; Binbrook, \$4; Hespler, (\$2.10 for bungalow), \$3.10; Collingwood, \$2; St. Thomas, Centre St., (\$10.83 Thank-offering towards Life-membership), \$10.83; Windsor, \$5; Wyoming, \$2.50; Toronto, Century (\$10 for bungalow; \$5 from Miss Eagle for "Dora"), \$23.40; Uxbridge, \$5; Houghton, First, \$4.50. Total, \$675.46.

FROM BANDS.—Stouffville, \$5.15; Orangeville, Boys, (per Gen. Treas.) \$2.50; Barrie, (per Gen. Treas.), \$4; Wheatley, \$1.80; Chatham, William St., (for "Boddapati Elizabeth"), \$17.45; Arkona, \$1; Fullarton, \$10; St. George, (in memory of Maude Alloway, to make her brother, Arthur, a Life-member), \$10; Aylmer, (\$10 for bungalow, \$20 to make Miss E. Wright and Miss B. Pierce. Life-members), \$31; Oshawa, \$6.50; Townsend Centre, for

"Pendurti Davidu"), \$8.50; Sault Ste. Marie, First Ch., (for "Tatapudi Deborah"), \$17; Claremont, (for "Bonn Jennie"), \$17; Ridgeway, \$1.75; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$9.25 for "Tota Maryamma), \$12.75; Galt, (for "Busi Sarah"), \$17; Durham, \$4; Reaboro', \$5.70; Bloomsburg, \$8; Simcoe, \$6.10; Toronto, College St., (collection from "Mission Band Rally"), \$6; Warton, \$6.40; Uxbridge, (for "Bakki Dinamma"), \$17; Gladstone, 50 cts.; Binbrook, (for "Godavi Martha") \$12; Boston, (for "Degala Paul"), \$5; Langton, (\$1 for bungalow), \$9; Eden, \$4.50; Ingersoll, \$2; St. Catharines, Queen St., (for "Appikatla Anandario"), \$2; Toronto, First Ave., Y. L. M. B., (for "Pulacoory Peter and wife Elizabeth, Yellaman-chilli), \$15. Total, \$296.60.

FROM SUNDRIES.—St. Thomas, Centre St., Junior B. Y. P. U., \$10; Mrs. E. Popplewell, (for bungalow), \$25; "A friend" (for Miss Corning), \$25; "F. and A." (for Biblewoman "Sayamma"), \$5; Mrs. Thorpe's Bible Class, Western Ch., Toronto, for "Jane," \$6.25; An aged widow, \$2. Total, \$73.25.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on estimates, \$569.66. Extras: For Bolivia from Sarnia, Central M. B., \$12.80; for Tuni student from Belleville M. B., \$10. Total, 592.46.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Mission Band Life-membership Certificates, \$3.63; 100 postal cards for Mrs. Lloyd, \$1; printing and postage for Mrs. Barber, \$4.24. Total, \$8.87.

Total receipts during the month, - - - \$1,045 31
Total disbursements during the month - - - 601 33

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Receipts.—Tupperville Union M. C. - - - \$ 6 25
St. George M. C. - - - 11 10

Total, - - - - - \$17 35

Disbursement.—By General Treasurer for

Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - \$41 67

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$5,845 67
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 \$5,781 55

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$138 05
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - 291 69

EVA NASMITH,

Treasurer pro tem.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

We are our best when we try to be it not for ourselves alone, but for our brethren; and we take God's gifts most completely when we realize that he sends them to us for the benefit of others who need them.—Phillips Brooks.

Youths' Department.

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

(Continued.)

Leader—

Tell me now of Afric's millions;
Do they yet the Saviour know?
Till they do, the Master bids us,
"To them with the Gospel go."

Africa—

Millions in this land of darkness
Know not yet of Christ the King,
But are bound in superstitions,
That like vampires round them cling;
With the horrors of the slave trade,
That has cursed this sunny land,
Gather countless sins and sorrows,
Crushing hope with cruel hand.

Christians, so-called, send them vessels
Bearing to them maddening rum;
Should not those who love the Saviour
With his Gospel to them come,
Bringing messages of mercy
From the God who loves the lost,
Leading them from sin and sorrow
To Himself at any cost.

Leader—

What of the neglected country,
South America's dark land,
Is it still to lie in darkness,
Without any helping hand?

South America—

Rome is hiding her in darkness,
With no power her wrongs to right;
And unable her to lighten,
She herself without the light.
Thus we need and ought to help her;
In Bolivia we've begun;
Telling them of God our Father,
And His grace through Christ His Son.

How He would have all to trust Him,
Who alone from sin can save;
Who in love and pity for them,
E'en his Son a ransom gave.
Are you helping on this mission
With your prayers, or gifts of gold?
For His sake who died to save us
Let not one his aid withhold.

Leader—

Finally, O watchman, tell us
Of the Islands of the sea;
Whether in sins cruel bondage,
Or in Jesus Christ made free.

Islands of the Sea—

Many Islands in sin's bondage,
Having heard God's saving word,
Now have thrown away their idols,
And are worshipping the Lord.
But we long to have this Gospel
Spread o'er every isle and main,
Freeing from sin's galling fetters,
And from superstition's chain.

SISTER BELLE.

AMONG THE TELUGUS.

REV. J. McLAURIN, D.D.

OVER thirty years ago a little Telugu girl who had believed in Christ was rescued by the missionary from a degrading marriage with a debased old heathen, who had bought her of her heathen father. She was brought to the station, fed and clothed, and put into the boarding school. But she seemed to have no capacity for study, and it was decided to return her to her village, hoping that in the meantime her old suitor had provided himself with another. But in her own village she looked so like a queen, though in the station so unpromising, that we changed our minds and brought her back again. She was given work in the kitchen, while the missionary's wife taught her to read. She improved rapidly. Shortly after, one of the young teachers asked her in marriage of the astonished missionary. When asked what he saw in Gangama to admire, he said: "She is cleanly, sensible and pious,"—reasons which we could not withstand; and they were married.

When starting for their field of labor the missionary's wife gave her this advice: "Gangama, you do not know much, but you can be neat and clean and truthful, and it may be you can teach some little girl about Jesus." With beaming face she said, "I will." On her first return she reported that she was teaching a little girl, and that she was "hearing well"; the next month she reported that she "had a mind to believe," and finally on a Saturday evening, in company with many others, she and her husband came. The missionary and wife were waiting to welcome them. The husband marched in front, and next in order and two or three yards behind, as became a dutiful Hindu wife, came this little reaper, and behind her again, was the little begrimed, tattered disciple. Her face was all aglow, and when she came near she cried out, "She's come! She's come!" Her little disciple was baptized, and on Monday she started to the jungle for more. No book could have wielded the power she did in that community.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. J. I. Bates, Amherst, N.S.

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

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.—*Bimlipitam, its missionaries, native Christians, that the boy's school and teachers may learn more of Christ, the only Way of Salvation and that consecrated Bible-women may be called to this field. That a great blessing may be experienced in all the Associational gatherings and in the Home Mission fields of our Provinces, many souls may be won for Christ.*

GOOD HOLDING GROUND.

In the bitter waves of woe
 Beaten and tossed about
 By the sullen winds that blow
 From the desolate shores of doubt,
 Where the anchors that faith has cast
 Are dragging in the gale,
 I am quietly holding fast
 To the things that cannot fail.
 I know that right is right,
 That it is not good to lie;
 That love is better than spite,
 And a neighbor than a spy;
 I know that passion needs
 The lash of a sober mind:
 I know that generous deeds,
 Some sure reward shall find;
 That the rulers must obey,
 That the givers shall increase;
 That duty lights the way
 For the beautiful feet of peace;
 In the darkest night of the year,
 When the stars have all gone out,
 That courage is better than fear,
 That faith is better than doubt,
 And fierce though the fiends may fight,
 And long though the angels hide,
 I know that truth and right,
 Have the universe on their side.

—Washington Gladden.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF W.M.A.S.

IN CONNECTION WITH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE,
 CUMBERLAND, COLCHESTER AND PICTON CO'S.

PROMPTLY at Three P.M. the brethren adjourned their meeting and gave the Aid Societies the rest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Estabrooks of Spring Hill, County Secretary for Cumberland, presided. After a hymn and prayer by the Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. Chubbuck of Amherst, gave a Bible-reading on Giving.

The chief point was a parallel drawn between the age-long contest of Christ and Satan and the Russo-Japanese War.

The zeal, unselfish devotion and heroism of the little brown men and women was sharply contrasted with the Bride who refuses to open her ample resources at her Lord's command and doles out a meagre pittance, barely enough to keep a handful at the front, when a call for help to hold an important strategic position comes too often. The answer is "retreat" instead of "advance"—"Retrench," for "Go Forward."

Japan withholds nothing, presses her treasures on the authorities, heaps up the nation's altar with willing offerings, and is prepared to sacrifice everything precious and dear to resist and conquer her foe.

Her peril is great, the need is urgent and the nation is alive to the danger.

Yet, in comparison to the eternal issues of Christ's kingdom, the resources of the foe, the welfare of millions of human beings, there is no balancing the two causes. As eternity is greater than time, as heaven is higher than earth, so Christ's Holy War demands and deserves, all His Church possesses. Alas! that she does not, with the wisdom and devotion of Japan, respond.

Following this bible-reading came a very pretty duet by two young ladies of the Oxford choir. Then the reports from the churches was in order:—Spring Hill, Oxford, Belmont, Onslow, New Glasgow, Westchester, Linden and Amherst, responded.

The general tone was encouraging and told of earnest effort and faithfulness in the face of many difficulties. The average attendance in many of the smaller societies, compared with the larger ones, in proportion to the membership, was quite wonderful, and many of these scattered ones are shining as lights in the world, unseen by the multitude, but watched with tender love by the Master of Assemblies. The new Society at Linden, which was organized during

the last Quarterly Conference, sent a most hopeful and encouraging report. Had the unrepresented Societies only sent a written report and all the number in the three counties been heard from, we would have felt the circle complete. Perhaps the next meeting may accomplish this.

Again the sisters listened to a ladies quartette from the Oxford choir. The parts were well sustained, and the variety thus given the programme, greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Esterbrooks read a paper which had been secured for the meeting by Miss Blakeney on "The Savaras."

Miss de Praise's work for this interesting people, and their history and prospects were brought before the meeting in a clear and forceful manner.

Mission Bands next claimed our attention. Mrs. Smith, our devoted Provincial Treasurer, in earnest and impressive words, magnified this phase of W.M.A.S. work.

Her own experience has been a satisfactory one, and she said that Mission Bands afforded an opportunity for training our children for Christian work that we cannot afford to lose.

She pleads with any sister who had time and opportunity to embrace this opening for effective work for Christ.

Some discussion followed, questions were asked and opinions exchanged, and we hope some seed sown which may result in several new Bands.

The meeting closed with a hymn, and we separated feeling it was good to have been there.

WHAT ONE WOMAN HAS DONE FOR MISSIONS

Visitors to Florenceville East, N.B., has much enjoyed the opportunity of visiting Mrs. Hartley's large and interesting collection of curios. Readers of "*Among the Telugas*" will have noticed in Mr. Corey's report from Parla-Kimedi references to the Hartley schools. At the request of a friend, the relation that exists between the two, is given below by the energetic collector Mrs. A. D. Hartley, East Florenceville.

DEAR SISTER,

You have asked for my experience in mission work. Hoping it may prove an impetus for other sisters more favored than I in regard to both time and money, I willingly comply with your request. From childhood I was very fond of curios, and even when a girl had gathered a few specimens. After my marriage I was always

buying some queer specimen rather than the jewelry, fancy ribbons, etc., so dear to a young woman's heart.

For many years these articles accumulated until they were in almost every room. These were only seen by many friends who visited at our home; but gradually the desire arose in my heart to make them useful in God's cause. I had been a member of the W.M.A.S. eighteen years, and about ten years ago had made myself a life-member of the Union. Then Satan told me my work was accomplished for life. But after much consideration, I felt I could not become a drone in the hive of busy workers. I was much in prayer for guidance to do my Master's will.

One night after retiring, I was deeply impressed with the idea of collecting all these curios to make an exhibition for the public.

I arose, walked the floor, and prayed until after midnight. Then I promised God to do His bidding if wisdom should be given to direct, after which I retired and slept soundly.

In the morning I did not know just what to do, but my promise now had been given to God, and I dared not retreat one step. As the King's business required haste, in a few weeks, I had collected all these things, and placed them in a room just across the garden, up stairs.

There being a local drill which drew people to this part of our village. I sent tickets for admission (10) and in two weeks collected \$19. Next year I did likewise receiving \$22.88, each time removing articles back home. The third year, I consecrated this room and all its contents to God's service as long as life lasted, and now I wish it given to our Baptist denomination for an embryo museum, believing that it will become a mighty factor for pulling down the strongholds of satan in benighted lands.

For eight years, I have sent direct to Rev. H. Y. Corey, Parla-Kimedi, and have built two schools called the Hartley schools. I have had the privilege of supporting one native teacher K. Appama, now a minister of the Gospel.

My museum now has five departments, five rooms filled with specimens one thousand in number. For most of these I have earned the money doing fancy work, knitting, and selling produce from my garden. Some call this a hobby, but I call it God's business and much I enjoy the work.

If anyone should have even a small collection of curios, please try my plan and see what an expansion of soul God will give those who work

for Him in sending the Gospel to those sitting in darkness. An account of the arrangement of my museum may be of interest.

First, there is the ancient kitchen with all its appliances, such as open fire, hand irons, three-legged pot, large round griddle on a swivel, crane, hooks and trammels, baker or Dutch oven, flax wheel, flax swinging knife and patchell, cards, (wool cards, not bridge whist), candlesticks, splint broom, cupboard—one-hundred years old, and house-wife for spoons and forks; dishes of strange devices; table, chest, mortar splint bottom chairs, etc. Time and ability fail to enumerate all.

The south room is a picture gallery of no mean size, and well-filled. A table running the full length of the room, is filled with birds and small articles. These should be seen to be appreciated.

In the large middle room there are three cases filled with many curios, and the side walls are draped with native garments. Under the stairs is a *den* with a large animal in the act of springing out.

Another large room is filled with idols, larger animals, shells, ornaments, gong, heads, and antlers, and skins of beasts, snakes, etc.

Last, but by no means least, in the north room, we have the old-fashioned wearing apparatus, loom, warping bars, quill wheel, shuttles and all the necessities for weaving cloth, carpets and horse-rugs.

(MRS.) A. D. HARTLEY.

The short sketch given above by no means does justice to the exhibit it partially describes. The writer visited it, when it occupied much smaller quarters than at present. It was an object lesson in many ways. It showed great perseverance and industry; a wonderful skill in arranging, and collecting; an indefatigable zeal for the cause of missions. It shows what one woman can do, when she works for the Master and consecrates her talents and property to Him.

M. S. C.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT, W.B.M.U.

Ending April 30th, 1904.

	F.M.	H.M.	Total.
Rec'd from Nova Scotia,			
W.M.A.S.	\$89.19	\$303.29	\$1282.48
New Brunswick.....	588.07	113.54	701.61
P. E. Island.....	101.04	51.56	152.60
Mission Band Treasurer	302.50	49.86	352.36
Annual Reports.....			8.68
Tidings.....			10.00
Leaflets.....			16.53
Donations.....			10.15
			\$2524.41

Paid Treas. F. M. Board	2168.75
Treas. N. W. Missions	190.00
Treas. Indian Work	50.00
Treas. G. L. Mission	100.00
Treas. H. Missions,	
N.S. & P.E.I.	150.00
Treas. H. Missions,	
New Brunswick	50.00
Printing, Tidings and	
Leaflets	17.70
Prov. Sec. Nova Scotia	4.00
M.B. Sup. Nova Scotia	4.42
Drafts and Postage	12.80

\$2717.67

MARY SMITH.

Treas. W.B.M.U.

Amherst, May 2nd, 1904.

PEEL, N.B.—On account of the absence of our County Secretary, who is about moving to Fredericton, I was kindly invited to go to the new Baptist Church at Peel to organize a Mission Band, April 3rd.

We had a splendid spiritual uplift on seeing nineteen children and eight or nine adults ready and willing to engage in warfare against spiritual darkness in heathen countries. All seemed eager and anxious to assist in carrying forward work in the name of the Master. A most efficient staff of officers was elected. We trust the new Missionary Band may be a power for good both at home and abroad. Officers—President, MRS. McMURRAY; Secretary, STELLA MCCRAY; Treasurer, MRS. ARCHIE EBBET.

MRS. A. D. HARTLEY.

W.B.M.U. TREE.

*The lesson in "The W.B.M.U. Tree, given by Mrs. Coy, Prov. Sec. for N.B., at this convention, last Aug., was much enjoyed by those who had the privilege of hearing it. In the attempt to re-produce the lessons in these pages, the magnetism of the teacher's personal presence and sympathetic voice, are necessarily eliminated, but we trust our interest in the nature and needs of the work, will be stimulated.

THIRTY-FOUR years ago, Miss Hannah Maria Norris set out, in these three Provinces, the roots of this tree.

Apart, they grew rapidly, but some force outside, or within themselves drew them nearer together as they rose above the earth until the trunk, as we see to-day, is a three-fold union with branches almost innumerable. The trunk divided and sub-divided into officers and workers added as the years have shown their need.

THE NEEDS OF THIS TREE

Soil—As anchorage ground; air-giving space for spreading branches. The most important necessity is *rain*, filling life to branches, roots, leaflets and leaves; *winds*, to make it grow strong and sturdy.

What refreshes the soil? *Money*, the earthy

matter necessary to every tree. If we burn any tree we will find lies earth in its composition than any other constituent. So with our tree. Money is a necessity, but only for anchorage ground and mineral needed for the growth.

The *Air*—"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christians native air." So the needed atmosphere on this tree is prayer.

The rain is God's blessing, "falling as showers upon the new mown grass."

Leaves—Drawing from the atmosphere the life and growth are literature., "The Old Bible," text books, magazines.

How soon a tree begins to wilt if its leaves are withered or stripped off.

And the *Fruits*—We cannot innumerate them all, but we may specify the enlargement of our own lives and *hearts*. The Salvation of souls, at Home and in India. The organization of more Aids and Bands. And so the fruit reaches back to the root, so our tree must be a Bangan as the top sends down branches that re-root in the soil, so the tree spreads on and over the land.

And in each fruit there is the seed, in each seed the embryo of a new tree. Eternity alone will tell the tale of the work and worker—roots, trunk, branches, twigs, leaves, leaflets, fruits, germs.

Let us review *Soil, Money*. Every tree needs earth for solid standing room. The roots cannot grow if the soil becomes hardened so that rain and air cannot permeate the ground. So the soil necessary for the support of this tree becomes hardened in pocket-books, carried away from its original use to feed fashion and vanity, and wasted over trifles. We should watch our methods on using the soil.

The *Roots, Aid Societies*. All roots should have their growth, too, their power of pushing their way through the soil. A root dies; the whole tree feels the effect. Our roots should keep moving. Stagnation means death; when we cease to grow, we die.

The *Trunk*, with its beautiful three-fold form. The centre officers, President, Vice-president, Treasurers, Secretaries, form the trunk and, main divisions.

Branches, Provincial Secretaries, Mission Band Superintendents, form branches differing, as all branches do in size and utility, but branches still.

Leaves, the clothing, so to speak, of the tree.

The breathing apparatus is leaves, literature, knowledge, knowledge of God's word, knowledge of the needs of others, knowledge of the work and the workers.

Fruits, so many and varied, differing in size but all holding that life-giving embryo. They do not all germinate! No, neither do all seeds in natural trees germinate. There are still the "fowls of the air, the rocky ground, and, the shallow soil." How many aids sprung up in shallow soil have withered at the first drought!

Winds, necessary to the rooting and growth, and symmetry of our tree, are the prayers, often of the unknown and most humble woman or child in the union. The prayers of the saints—"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Watch a natural tree in dry seasons, in summer when the air is hot and dusty and every limp leaf hangs useless. Some cool wind, with a tint of sea breezes blows, how different the tree looks! The dust is blown away, the leaf recovers its lost life, rather its dormant life, and rustles in fresh green again. Pray on sister.

And the *Rain*.—God's blessing.—"Falling as showers that water the earth. Oh, that to-day they might fall."

How the life moves through the tree! The atmosphere is clearer, the soil freer, and the blessing that washes the roots rises up in sweetness and sap through the tree, sending life and energy, which mean growth to every smallest twig and branchlet.

"The trees of the Lord are full of sap."

May one tree be as the cedar or lebanon.

HOW TO TAKE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.—Inform the people thoroughly of the work. People prefer to give for that of which they know something. Regenerated people are willing to give, but they need information to know their duty. It is well to have a special week of prayer for missions in which appeal is made to God, and at the same time to set the needs of the work before the people.

Ask for a definite amount. In many churches it ought to be ten times as much as they have been giving for foreign missions. Get some consecrated man or woman to give one-fifth, or one-tenth of what you want, and the rest is easy. Whenever a large amount is raised in a church there is always some liberal moving spirit to lead off.—*The Foreign Mission Journal*, of the Southern Baptist Convention.