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Once in royal David's city,  
Stood a lowly cattle-shed  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

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## LETTER FROM MRS. GORDON.

We spent a very delightful holiday in Kodaikanal, Pulney Hills, during the hot season. It was a treat to feel the cool breezes after two years in the heat of the plain, and the rest and change gave us new vitality for another year's work. There is a lake in Kodai, on which we were privileged to row, after paying a small fee, and we spent many a happy hour there, you may be sure.

My baby girl, who was born last September, has been very delicate ever since her birth, we think, due to the extra care and strain during Mr. Gordon's illness, as he was taken ill two months before baby's birth. You may be sure my hands were more than full with sick husband, opening of school, letter writing, looking after over 40 workers, and many other varied duties. However, we give God the thanks in sparing our little one to us, and we trust that she may grow strong. She will soon be a year old, but only weighs 16 lbs. Elsie, our big girlie, has always been well and happy; she had a delightful time at kindergarten while in Kodai.

Since our return from the hills we have had terrific heat. The rain has been very late this season, so much so that many acres of land have not been sown with rice, which is the staple food for India, and, as a result, the price of food is very high. So many of the poorer classes are starving; it is pitiful to see them in their distress, and we try to help them as far as we can.

School is in full swing again; it opened July 4th. I have 46 boys and 33 girls under my care, and now that First Form, or Standard VI., has started, I find the work quite heavy. I fear one more capable must take charge when FORM II. is organized; not that I want to give up, for I enjoy the work immensely amongst the children; but the work calls for one who can give all her time to it. I have two classes daily. I teach the girls how to crochet and to sew. I am thinking of teaching them to make baskets and mats, which they use to carry their paddy and rice, and the mats to sleep upon. The boys are taught carpentry and other manual work. The girls and boys have been most enthusiastic over their garden work. In front of the church we have two plots for the girls, in which they have sown vegetables and some flower seeds. The boys have their plots in front of the dormitories, and I wish you could see how nicely each boy has arranged his plot.

One girl took 90 per cent. in Bible examination on Ezra, Nehemiah, 4 chapters of Isaiah, James, and 3 chapters of Revelation, also 25 memory verses. All the children did exceedingly well and averaged much better than the workers for whom the Bible Course is intended. All the girls did splendidly in the memory verses.

R. GORDON.

## MOBILIZING FOR PRAYER.

## The Federation of Women's Foreign Societies.

Friday, January 10th, is appointed by the Federation of Women's Foreign Mission Societies as the Annual Day of Prayer. What does this statement mean to YOU? God has called the Christian women to the task of evangelizing the heathen world through women and children. It is an impossible task except that He has promised to give wisdom and power. He, the King of Kings, invites us to meet and confer with Him. This is the appointed day. He will be present at the meeting-places. Who will come? We might prophesy from the past that there will be very few. In many places the women will not observe the day at all. They are too busy. Where the day is observed in great cities, with hundreds of churches of all denominations, one hundred to three hundred women will constitute a "good attendance." Those who come in the Spirit will receive great blessing and strength. Unfortunately, the meeting will not always be for prayer, but will merely furnish an opportunity for addresses. We wonder what would happen if women should come in great numbers to meet their Lord and Saviour and should spend the entire day with Him, asking of Him and listening for His answer. Is it not possible so to present the call for this day of united prayer by women of all denominations that we may have overflowing churches, glowing hearts and a wave of prayer reaching to the very centre of Divine power?

We have been asked to suggest some of the great, outstanding needs for which we should unite in prayer. We can only suggest, leaving freedom for the Holy Spirit to direct the intercessions.

**First Hour.**—For our enemies, that they may be brought to see and abhor their sin in making this war. For ourselves, that while we think and act with absolute justice, we may not hate. For our Allies, with thanksgiving to God that He has called all those nations to work for the freedom of enslaved peoples, and that our neighbors in the Orient—China, India, Japan, Africa, the Philippine Islands—have united on the right side. Thanksgiving that the Holy Land has been released from the unholy hands of the Turks.

**Second Hour.**—For women workers in the Orient. The outline of our Study Book by Miss Margaret Burton will furnish wonderful suggestions. For our Union College and Medical Schools—Vellore Medical School, which opened August 20th; Madras College, Ginning, Peking College and Medical School, and the greatly needed medical school for Shanghai. Note: (See Chapter VI., Women Workers of the Orient.)

**Third Hour.**—For South America and Mexico, our nearest neighbors, who must not be forgotten in the "passing of the Bread of Life."

**Fourth Hour.**—For Africa and the Near East—Egypt, Persia, Arabia, Turkey and Syria—with special thought for Moslems who are to be so deeply affected by changes wrought by the war. Thanksgiving, that, instead of responding to

the cry to join the holy war against Christians, they have chosen in great numbers to join with the Christian Allies in the fight for freedom.

**Fifth Hour.**—For world reconstruction, beginning with the training of our children for the Christian internationalism of foreign missions. For a new world alliance, based on friendship and brotherhood rather than on political foundations. For a programme for our churches great and heroic enough to compel the attention and devotion of all Christian women. For a new reading and comprehension of the Divine plan. For a universal proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is suggested that the General Boards of Foreign Missions be invited to unite with us in this Day of Prayer, and that the evening of the day be devoted to prayer for the great work of these Boards, in which men and women unite.

Abundant information may be secured from the missionary magazines of the various denominations and the Missionary Review of the World, with the many leaflets and books published by Missionary Societies and by the World Alliance for International Friendship. Note: (This outline, with some further suggestions, may be obtained from your Woman's Board. 10 cents per dozen; \$1 per hundred.)

Say not the struggle naught availeth,  
The labor and the wounds are vain,  
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,  
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;  
It may be, that in you smoke conceal'd,  
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,  
And, but for you, possess the field.

For when the tired waves, vainly breaking,  
Seem here no painful inch to gain,  
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,  
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,  
When daylight comes, comes in the light;  
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!  
But westward, look, the land is bright!

—Arthur Hugh Clough.

## THE MISSION CIRCLE DEPARTMENT.

**Calgary.**—We had a Union meeting in First Church, Sept. 27, of all the City Circles to hear Dr. Jessie Allyn and her sister, Miss Laura, as they were paying a farewell visit to our city. It was an inspiration to all who attended. We pray for the ones who receive healing in Dr. Allyn's hospital, and who go out to their homes with some little knowledge of a loving God, that they may have a greater revelation.

Every three months we have a Union meeting of our City Circles and get an inspiration in Union and from some of our splendid devoted women who are leaders in this part of God's vineyard. C. J. S.

**Lakefield.**—Our Mission Circle held their Thank-offering meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 26. We were delighted to have Miss Priest with us, and to listen to her very earnest address. We had distributed little silk bags and sent a written invitation to every woman in the church a week before the meeting. The offering amounted to \$15, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. We also raised a special of \$6.75 for passage money for our new Missionary. You have not heard from us for a long time, but we are still alive. We are only a small handful, but are striving to do a little to help on the good work.

Ever yours in the Master's service.

MRS. JOSEPH C. HARVEY.

**Essex.**—The Mission Band was reorganized on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, with a very fair membership. Officers elected were as follows: Leader, Miss Myrtle Mageo; President, Miss Lillie Lyell; Vice-President, Miss Myrtle Chase; Secretary, Miss Mildred Winfield; Treasurer, to be appointed later on. Will meet second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

JANE RITCHIE,

Director.

**First Yarmouth Band.**—A Mission Band was organized on August 3rd, 1918, at First Yarmouth Baptist Church, with thirty active members. They have chosen for their motto, "Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my Lord the King shall appoint."

MARY B. McCANDLESS, Director.

**Elgin Rally.**—The Rally of Circles and Bands of the Elgin Association was held at Centre St. Baptist Church, St. Thomas, September 27th, 1918.

"Our Agencies" brought to us the need. Mrs. Mills, of London, enthused the Band workers with her talk on Programme Building. Rev. H. H. Bingham awakened us to a deeper sense of stewardship with his stirring address, "How to Overcome the Indifference to Spiritual Things in Our Country." All messages throughout the day were inspiring and helpful, and the "Quiet Hour" and prayers a source of strength.

MARY B. McCANDLESS, Director.

## GIRLS AND BOYS.

## LETTERS OF THE VOYAGE.

Being a Series of Letters Written by Miss Ellen Priest on Her Way Home to  
Interest the Boys and Girls,—and They Will Be Not Only Interested,  
but Grateful to Miss Priest for Her Kindly Thought of Them.

On board S.S. Santa Cruz, May 16, 1918.

Dear Boys and Girls:

You will have heard the big folk talking about the missionaries coming "on furlough," and I am wondering if you would like to know something about what that means. Well, there is a lot of work to be attended to—packing, sewing, seeing that all our accounts are straight, having last meetings with our people, old and young, and oh, so many things. You will know about our disappointment, just when we were all ready to go to the station and buy our ticket for Calcutta, a letter came telling us that Government had taken our three passages. So we just went to work again for awhile, and at the beginning of May there came a message saying we could go on May 14th right through from Calcutta to San Francisco. Again we got ready, and on the 9th of May we started for Calcutta. There are many fine buildings in that city, and a pontoon bridge, over which much heavy traffic passes. We had not time for much sight-seeing, for travelling in these war days means visits to many offices to see about passports, police permits and other such things. We were glad when all was attended to and we were really on board our steamer. The pilot was with us until Thursday morning, for the River Hoogli is very treacherous, and much care is needed to pilot a ship safely out into the open sea. Now we are fairly started on this long journey, and it is good to know that our Heavenly Father's care is over us just the same on sea as on land.

Your friend,

ELLEN PRIEST.

My Dear Boys and Girls:

Thinking you would be interested in all that is going on about us this morning, I am going to write a short letter to you. How many of you know where Colombo is without looking it up in your geography? Just in case some of you do not, I will give a hint where to find it. Look for the Island of Ceylon, to the south of India. Well, we came in sight of Colombo harbor yesterday morning. There is a fine break-water here, and it was a grand sight to watch the waves go dashing against it, and then the spray fly up so high in the air! We could see vessels safely anchored inside. Then there was excitement when the pilot's boat came out through the passageway to meet us. The waves just tossed it about like a plaything, and how glad we were to be on our big ship instead of that small one. The pilot came aboard and soon had us safely inside the wall and anchored. Miss Blackadar and I went ashore in a row-boat, and had to have our passports to show to a big policeman when we landed. Another lady was with us, and we three got a carriage and went for a long ride. We

drove through the native part of the town, and visited a Buddhist temple and school, then came back through the European part, the old Cinnamon Gardens, and had a little while in the Museum. One very interesting exhibit to me was a case full of things made from the cocoanuttree. I wonder how many I can remember! There was a tea set on a tray, four cups and saucers, a teapot, sugar bowl, milk jug and teaspoons, some brooms, ropes of different thicknesses, matting, a nose-bag for horses, a whole shell beautiful carved and mounted on a stand, cocoanut oil in various stages of purity, shell pots for keeping curry powder and other things in, ladles, a shell fixed to resemble a turtle, etc. There are great collections of jewelry worn by different classes of women, a collection of coins, among which are a number belonging to old Roman days, found on the island. We could only walk through quickly, as we must be back on the boat at 6.

The launch had already left the jetty when we reached it, but there were plenty of small boats watching for belated passengers. So we showed our passports and got into one of these quickly. I sat in the stern, and the boat boys told me to steer, so I took hold of the ropes and tried to look very important steering our little craft out of the way of the many launches and boats that were moving busily about between the different ships and shore. One of the boys amused us by saying, "Manma good captain."

When we got up next morning we found a troop-ship had anchored not far from us. It was coming from Zealand with 1,200 soldiers on board. How you would have been interested in watching the process of getting them ashore! The officers had a big tug bring four large cargo boats fastened to gether, and then they packed the boys in like sardines. They took them all in two loads, and when the boats began to move, it was a sight to watch that moving mass of khaki. We who stayed on board and were watching them, waved our handkerchiefs, and as they waved back we felt a big lump in our throats, as we thought they were somebody's boys. Miss Murray was among those who had gone ashore, and she told of seeing some of their doings in the shops. As she was buying some silk, one of the boys came over to her and asked what price he should pay for some silk, and how much it would take for a blouse! She was so indignant, because the shop-keeper was asking him such an exorbitant price. And some of our folks told of the busy times in the post-office, where they were sending back to their dear ones some gifts from Colombo.

Among them were many good swimmers, and the next morning they made lots of fun for us by diving off the upper deck of their ship and swimming over to our ship. There were a number of small boats strolling around in hopes of a job, but they did not know what to make of it when these soldier boys would grab on to their boats and pile in, in one case until the boat was ready to sink, then out they would dive again. One boat was trying to keep out of their way, but one of the boys got hold of it behind and pushed, others caught hold of the sides, and brought the boat right alongside our ship. How we laughed at their antics, especially one of them, who got hold of a big bunch of cocoanut fibre that was floating near one of the cargo boats. He put it on his head like a wig, then called up to the girls to give him a hairpin. What fun they did have, and when they finally decided to leave us they gave three cheers for the Santa Cruz and three cheers for America. It was great to hear them, but didn't I wish I was a man, to yell "Three cheers for New Zealand." Britishers



are decidedly in a minority on this boat, but some of the men got stirred up, so that as we moved out just a little later, and those boys cheered and cheered us, and give their New Zealand call, they got an answer from our boat. One small laddie determined to do his bit all by himself, and climbed on a bench apart, put his hands to his mouth and cheered with all his might.

Thursday seems to be an auspicious day for us. The pilot who steered us safely through the treacherous Hoogli, left us about 3 a.m. on Thursday morning, the 16th, and it was on Thursday afternoon, the 23rd, that the pilot took us safely through the breakwater passage out into the open sea and started us off once more on our long journey. But before we say good-by to Colombo harbor, I must tell you we saw a number of ships all decorated with camouflage—black and white and green on some, black and white and blue on others, the stripes zigzagged on from the funnel right down to the water's edge. Good-by till we get to Penang.

Your loving friend,

ELLEN PRIEST.

#### MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR—OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Dear Circle and Band Workers:

I am so sorry that many more of you were not at Convention in Smith's Falls to receive fresh inspirations and help for this year's work.

The splendid addresses given by Dr. Smith, Miss Murray and Mrs. C. J. Cameron were veritable mines of information concerning our Foreign and Home work.

The slogan adopted by our Eastern Convention for this year is "Forward." Will you each take it up and make it yours? If you do, it will surely mean advancement of our Master's work and the deepening of your own spiritual life.

Your Director has two Circle rolls, a Banner Roll and an Honor Roll. To be in the Banner Roll, a Circle must go forward along every line, which means an increase in membership, subscriptions to LINK and "Visitor," contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, and at least one Life Member for either society.

On the Honor Roll will be placed Circles that have taken no backward step, and have gone forward doing some of the lines mentioned, but which have not attained to high watermark.

Will you each "take it on yourself" to do all in your power to have your Circle a Banner Circle, and if this cannot be done, to have it in the Honor Roll?

I hope to introduce many Circles to our next Association and Convention.

JEAN MACLEAN METCALFE, Director.

## NOTES OF BOARD MEETING.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in Egerton St. Church, London, on Friday, Nov. 29, at 9.15 a.m. The new President, Mrs. Albert Matthews, presided.

There were 86 members present and 5 missionaries.

The opening exercises were conducted by the Honorary President, Mrs. John McLaurin.

The newly-elected members, Mrs. N. Mills of London, Mrs. Veals of Hamilton, Miss Marjorie Trotter of Toronto, were introduced by the President; also Mrs. J. H. Hendry of Hamilton, who was present for the first time since her appointment.

Misses Murray, Priest, Marsh and Baskerville presented to the Board the urgent needs of the work in India.

A Training School for Biblewomen is the greatest need.

A Home for Orphan and Destitute Children is another need.

The Directors who, for the past year, have had the oversight of the Young Women's Work, feel that it could be cared for to better advantage by the appointment of a Secretary of Young Women's Work. A committee has been appointed to secure one.

In her usual clear and definite manner, the Treasurer presented the estimates. This year they amount to \$17,489.00, this being an increase of \$864.00 over last year. This is to be accounted for by the fact that exchange is much higher than last year.

Miss Hatch's boat, "Elizabeth," needs a new roof, which will cost \$150.00. She is to have it at once.

A special estimate of \$100.00 was voted for the purchase and printing of literature for the Bureau, specially on our own Canadian Baptist work.

The Officers of the Board for this year are: Hon. President, Mrs. John McLaurin; President, Mrs. Albert Matthews; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. S. S. Bates; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. G. Brown; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Frank Inrig; Cor. Sec., Miss Martha Rogers; Sec. of Directors (Foreign), Mrs. H. H. Lloyd; Sec. of Bands, Mrs. R. J. Marshall; Treasurer, Mrs. G. H. Campbell; Editor of LINK, Miss J. M. Norton; Supt. of Bureau, Mrs. Thos Moor; Secretary of Y. W. Circles, . . . .

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E. M. INRIG,

Rec. Secy.

## Estimates, 1918-19.

AKIDU	-	-	Miss Selman and work	-	\$ 876.00
COCANADA	-	-	Miss Pratt and School	-	1890.00
			Miss Baskerville and work	-	1440.00
			Miss Folsom, ½ year	-	150.00
			Miss McGill	-	600.00
			Miss Craig and Munshi	-	575.00
NARSAPATNAM	-	-	Miss Farnell	-	600.00
PITHAPURAM	-	-	Miss Allyn and Munshi	-	575.00
			Dr. Cameron	-	600.00
RAMACHANDRAPURAM			Miss Hatch and work	-	935.00
			Miss Jones and work	-	1132.00
SAMALKOT	-	-	Miss Robinson	-	600.00
			Miss McLeod and work	-	805.00
TUNI	-	-	Miss Priest's work	-	211.00
VUYURU	-	-	Dr. Hulet	-	600.00
YELLAMANCHILLI	-	-	Miss McLeish	-	600.00
Passages from India	-	-	Misses Folsom and Pratt	-	900.00
Passages to India	-	-	Misses Priest and Brothers	-	1200.00
Furlough Allowances	-	-	Misses Priest, Folsom and Pratt	-	1100.00
Bolivia, including Miss Morton and Mrs. Wilkinson	-	-		-	5000.00
Exchange and Home Expenses	-	-		-	1600.00
Total	-	-		-	17489.00
Special, Repairs, Miss Hatch's Boat	-	-		-	150.00

M. CAMPBELL,

Treasurer

1917-18.

## WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO WEST

### CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.

Mrs. F. C. Foster.

Oh, for the "pen of a ready writer" and reams of paper, and "Baptist" and LINK "space" unlimited! How else would it be possible for the dear readers of "Baptist" and LINK, unable to be present at Convention, to know what an inspiration and joy were the three sessions of Foreign Missions Day, beginning with the one for prayer on Tuesday evening! Mrs. Matthews led us in introspection, "Our tongues should sing praise to Him and not be silent." The "accuser of the brethren" can only be overcome and cast down to-day, as in early days, by "the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony." Why, then, are our lips so silent, when our God has been so gracious to us all our days? "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." "Whose offereth praise glorifieth Me."

London welcomed the delegates with hearty hospitality and beautiful weather. Appreciation is in all of our hearts; space only prevents printed expression. The sessions of Convention were held in Egerton St. Baptist Church. Chairs hanging about the church gave their silent instruction to the delegates waiting for the hour to begin. The buzz and hum of conversation, so prevalent in masculine gatherings, was not entirely lacking in ours, but we readily responded to the call for quiet, given by our President, Mrs. John McLaurin, and we sang together "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven." Mrs. J. G. Brown of Toronto refreshed our souls with strong promises from His Word, Mrs. Baldwin following in prayer; and so was opened the 42nd Anniversary Service of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. The Reports of Recording Secretary, Secretary of Directors and Treasurer's Statement followed, and we would suggest that as these are all printed in the LINK, our readers stop just now and read them through. "The pen is mightier than the sword." The result of the pen is the printed word, and when the printed page becomes the Sword of the Spirit, then mighty is the pen.

Mrs. Thomas Moor of the Bureau of Literature beautifully brought out the importance of the pages the Bureau sends out. "White-winged messengers," she called them, as she urged us to use more freely this arm of service. Six little girls stood beside her, each holding a letter spelling out the word Bureau.

B—stands for Business.

U—for Use It, for it is

R—Reliable. It is

E—Educating; therefore

A—Advertise it by all means.

U—Uphold it.

Mrs. Lloyd, Secretary of Directors, led her valiant band to the platform for a conference. How tremendously the success of our work depends upon these faith-

ful women! D stands for many things, besides Directors. It stands for Dear, Devoted, Dependable, Determined—the qualities they possess. It also stands for some things they despise, such as Disheartened, Discouraged, Distressed or Decrease. What an appeal to us, who form the constituency of the Associations, to be all that our Directors long for us to be; and, back of them, what our Lord and Master means us to be and do. To all the Associations fortunate enough to have had a visit from Miss Beakerville or Miss Priest, there has come an added stimulus. The Northern, Collingwood and Thunder Bay Associations are clamoring for such a privilege. Surely we, who are nearer the "base of supplies," will help make possible such a treat for our Far-North sisters, whose generous impulses are only waiting for arms of service and gifts. The question of what to do with the freed energies of the hundreds of women whose busy fingers for four years have helped supply our brave men at the Front with hospital necessities and firing-line comforts, was taken up by Mrs. Madill. Part of the great need is over. The refugees and reconstruction, for days to come, will still claim some of their time. These are the things we should have done, but not to have left the other things undone. Those interests which have to do with time are important; but those for eternity are paramount. Praying for them, talking to them of the need, and securing their interest in the larger work of the Kingdom are the ways it can be done.

A message from the lips of Mrs. McLaurin is always acceptable and helpful, especially so, given in the capacity of our President. She had "dreamed a dream" that she had received a letter from Mrs. Ellis-Levering (we had better hyphenate that dear person until we are quite familiar with her new name), and so, lest her dream should fall of fulfillment, she wrote at once, and there, sure enough, was a true letter in reply. Every and always busy, Mrs. Ellis-Levering had taken up the activity of the missionary work in Baltimore; had been to a convention, such as we now were holding, and was happy in recalling the other Conventions she had had the joy of attending in Canada. She passed on to us "one of the terse phrases of one of the speakers: 'In order to realize our highest dignity we must do intensive living, extensive looking and expansive giving.'"

Nothing but a verbatim report of Mrs. McLaurin's beautiful address would do justice to it. The keynote was Inheritance—our Inheritance in Christ Jesus. And oh, the marvel of it—His Inheritance in us! "A part of the 'purchased possession' is the section of Telugus given to us Baptists, to whom we must tell the story of redeeming love. Four millions of them! Ten thousand are already His by acceptance. Ten thousand more boys and girls are in our schools, learning the way. Not only the salvation of their souls, but of their lives. Very briefly, then, Mrs. McLaurin told of the beginnings. Carey, 150 years ago, followed by Judson 100 years ago, and by Mr. Timpany 50 years later; then themselves. How close it linked us up with the past! Carey, Judson, Timpany, the McLaurins, the present, our Missionaries. Nurse Allyn and Miss Brothers soon to go out, the girls of our Auxiliaries, the children in the Bands, and the babies in the cradles. All of us HIS! His property, His workmanship, His building, His husbandry, His inheritance. We turned our faces from the setting sun of the glorious days of the past towards the coming day of the months before us, as we bowed our hearts to meditate with Miss Whiteside on the 3rd of Ephesians, and to pray with her for the Spirit's power on our constituency and Missionaries, His selection of more workers, His control of the European situation, for the President, Officers, Board,

young people, boys, girls, and always ourselves to be helped and strengthened and saved from being stumbling-blocks in the path of any soul. Many led in prayer.

Mrs. Firstbrook, on behalf of the Board, presented dear Mrs. McLaurin with some chrysanthemums, as she retired from the Presidency. We all arose and sang "Blest Be the Tie." Why should the tears always start when we sing that precious hymn!

The elections followed, resulting in our securing Mrs. Albert Matthews for President; Mrs. S. S. Batee and Mrs. J. G. Brown, Vice-Presidents, and the following for Members of the Board—returned: Miss Tapscott, Mesdames Hooper, Davies, Jr., Elliott and Johnston; new, Mrs. Bigwood and Miss Trotter, Toronto, and Mrs. Veals, Hamilton.

Lunch at the church.

Afternoon session began with that magnificent hymn, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." Mrs. Zavitz led in prayer. Minutes of morning session.

Miss J. M. Norton, our indefatigable LINK Editor, through the persuasive eloquence of four of its subscribers, showed what a loss we were sustaining when we failed to take, read and inwardly digest the pages of the LINK. Miss Priest had taken it ever since she was a little girl. At a missionary meeting she had heard Mrs. McLaurin speak. She put 25 cents in the collection, and was told that, for that much, she could have "that book" come to her home for a whole year! It had been a comfort to her personally.

Mrs. Pearce, as Director, said: "It is nearly as good as having a missionary to talk to your Circle." She hoped the agents would realize they were servants of the King of Kings.

Mrs. Judson McIntosh thinks that the two articles in December LINK by Miss McLaurin and Miss Farwell would give sufficient food for thought and discussion and inspiration and heart-searching for a whole meeting.

Miss Dayfoot brought out the business view of it. Miss Norton followed with her report:

Nothing anywhere can ever equal the joy of looking into the faces of our own Missionaries and hearing them speak. Miss Ellen Priest—How good it was to see her!—took us right away into the heart of her work. We could almost see the brown faces as she talked to them—and note the gathering hope in the eyes of some, or saw the indifferent ones draw away. We shall pray for those white-robed widows she met on the train, taking the long pilgrimage in search of sin. She gave them the story so precious to us. What was the name of this marvelous One who could forgive sin? "What is His name?" "Jesu Christ!" How can her talk be condensed! We shall not try, but suggest to the women of the Convention that these, our beloved Messengers of Light, be given opportunity and freedom to talk to their heart's content—hours and hours, if they wish it—till we, too, shall have caught a little of the passion for souls which so consumed the very heart of our Master, and now impels His servants out there. An old Brahmin prays, "Lord, I am such a sinful man. Forgive my sins and give me a steady mind." And Miss Priest adds, "That time Jesus drew near." Joy 'n heaven; joy in the old Brahmin heart; joy to our Missionaries, and to us who listen; joy; oh, joy all around. One such and we know that missions pay.

Miss Gwendoline O. Ware, in her rich contralto voice, sang the sympathy of "A Little Word of Love."

An offering was taken. Was it taken or received?

The burden of Mrs. Fenton McIntyre's address was growing people for missionary work. She finds a deal of latent talent in the Sunday School.

Mrs. S. S. Bates gathered our "Heralds of the Cross" together on the platform, suggesting as she did so that the pictures they would give us of one Mission Station in India would be finer than any movie we had ever seen, providing that we indulged in movies. Quite unconsciously, they made a very dear picture just as they sat there. It is vain to hope that we of the audience inspired them as they inspired us. It was quite a corifer in missionaries—Miss Priest, Miss Murray, Miss Marsh, Mrs. McLaurin, Mrs. Benson, Miss Baskerville, missionaries; Miss Alexander, one-time visitor to India. With the aid of a map, Miss Alexander showed us the locations and points of interest in Cocanada. There was just a word from each. Mrs. Benson spoke of the hours, the weary hours, spent in travel. Ten hours to go the distance that could be covered in one hour here. The strain of the climate. Five married couples had gone in turn to Vuyyur. Three had lost their wives there—Brown, Stillwell and Cross. The Gordons are there. Mr. Gordon is ill. Mrs. Gordon has lost her mother. Pray for her. Brave Dr. Hulet trying to work three hospitals. Carry on a clinic for 100 patients a day; 16,000 patients treated a year. Feeling keenly the need of efficient helpers. Miss Zimmerman's splendid work has dropped. Where can two lady missionaries be found? There is no recreation, not even the joys of a china shop, to rest and delight feminine eyes.

Miss Marsh told us that Akidu was our oldest station, farthest away from anywhere and the hardest to get at. A white face is rarely seen. This is where the Cities are. The buildings are in a dreadful state. Star of Hope Hospital is far too small for all the needs. Mr. Chute is a war-horse for work, early and late, hard at it. Dr. Chute's large, loving heart mothers everyone. Words fail to tell of all that these devoted workers are doing, but the Lord knows it all.

Miss Priest still loves Tuni, her home for 25 years. Is rejoicing over her new bungalow, which is set in a little from the street. The privacy is very acceptable. A wire fence around the compound is a great surprise to the dogs and jackals, but a delight to the dwellers within. The people do not run away and hide when we go to see them. They say, "Oh, how your people must love our people to send you to us!"

Miss Baskerville hopes soon to be back in Ramachandrapuram. Her special thought was for Miss Hatch, Dr. and Mrs. Joshee and the Rani. Dear Miss Hatch, our senior Missionary, has seen 32 years of service, very richly blessed. The leper work is a tribute to her devotion. Dr. Joshee, Miss Hatch's adopted son, is a great help. Mrs. Joshee has the Caste Girls' School. There, too, is a School and a Home for untainted children. Miss Jones now divides the work with Miss Hatch.

Mrs. McLaurin spoke for Avanigadda, where Miss Katie McLaurin is holding the fort until the return of her brother. The work is most encouraging. Some of the women followed Miss McLaurin from house to house and learned a verse or a scrap of a hymn, which they seemed to treasure like some fair jewel.

Miss Murray of Yellamanchili told of the beautiful building due to Mr.

Lafamme's artistic taste, but dear to many hearts because of the revival there. It is L. shape. One Saturday the Telugus, people of the compound and the servants, assembled for prayer. Dr. Woodburne spoke on sin, and asked Pastor Peter to close with prayer. Pastor Peter had just returned from a revival. He said just one word in Telugu, "Bend them. Bend them." And there in that room the Holy Spirit came in power upon those penitent and waiting hearts. The hours passed. No one thought of leaving. At 30 the Christians dispersed. No one called them, but they returned to pray. All were there again Sabbath morning, and they wept all day. Dr. Woodburne remarked, "This is a revival." On Monday there was a terrible conflict. It was necessary to discern spirits. A tent was pitched, and for two blessed weeks the wonderful Spirit of God did His cleansing work. Now it is said of that corner, "This is where the Holy Spirit came."

Rev. H. Strachan, from the Argentine, S.A., encouraged and strengthened our hearts mightily, suggesting that whilst "Der Tag" had proved a sorry day for the Germans, now is our day of opportunity, in which all women may take part. Much of the work in South America men cannot do, but doors will open to the touch of women's fingers; hearts will respond to a woman's sympathy and yield to a woman's tenderness. He gave many illustrations of this, and spoke so feelingly of the beautiful service Mrs. Wilkinson and Miss Morton are rendering. Does not the work done by these two devoted women suggest way, in which many another woman of means and love for the Master may serve Him? Is there a "corner," such as these women are filling, just waiting for some of us to occupy, and is the Spirit of God waiting to show us?

Mrs. H. H. Bingham closed the afternoon session with prayer.

Even the intermissions were a delight, for we met old friends and made new ones, and refreshed the "inner man." Next year let everybody go to Convention.

Evening service opened with the National Anthem, and Rev. A. C. Bingham led us in prayer. Then came the hour for the girls, "our reinforcements," Miss Margaret McEwen in charge. She "wished our girls had half the enthusiasm of the Russian women, who made up the 'Legion of Death,' for we compose the Legion of Life." Girls, think that sentence over and over till you grasp its significance—"Legion of Life," "Legion of Life." The "Despatch Riders" sat on the front seat, and brought snapshots from their part of the firing-line. College Street, Toronto, are studying and giving—studying "African Trail" (Foreign) and "Western Missions" (Home), and giving \$59.78 to Foreign and \$59.78 to Home; a "brown collection of coppers for current expenses" and a Thank-offering besides. Owen Sound girls believe in doing: 20 cent talent money to start with, two members donating \$5.00 outright. Result, \$70.00 Home, and \$75.00 Foreign.

Jones Ave. began the report with "God answered prayers," and ended with "We are looking forward." They believe in using both "ear gate and eye gate." "Gained much valuable knowledge." "Unique posters were displayed." Each member has a "field to pray for." Thus they may well be "looking forward" to more "answered prayer."

Guelph girls are evidently not to be downed. Three times have they lost their President, because those important personages "left the city." They are thankful for their financial report. "Meetings well attended and growing." Are studying "Women Workers of the Orient." These are the avenues that lead to success.



Moulton College girls meet Wednesday evening with their teachers. Have been having talks on the love of Christ. They use weekly envelopes and have mite-boxes besides. These boxes are collected in the Spring, the little ones dropping theirs in a large basket at the door, the voice of which is cheerful to hear. The older ones, with more dignity, "hand theirs-in." Two little girls in India are being supported.

Bloor St. Circle is not as large as they want it to be, but the girls who do attend are feeling the inspiration that comes from being together and listening to "papers" and "talks"; especially are they finding the benefit of the use of slides. Impressions are made this way that are deep and lasting.

Peterboro.—"One of the unique features of our Society is the good work done by our Corresponding Secretary in securing a letter each month from one of our Missionaries on the "iring line," to be read at our devotional meetings. We also support one student besides our regular membership fee. We were happy this year in making one of our girls, Mrs. Haddow of Belivia, a Life Member of the Foreign Missionary Society."

Ossington Society is small—16 in number; the average attendance is 8—half of the membership. Spiritual atmosphere good; girls are in earnest, readily taking part, and they believe in looking for answers to prayer. Studying "Visitor." Made \$35.00 from a quilt. They are hoping for reinforcements from the other young people of the Church.

Danforth Ave. Society: "Probably the most outstanding feature of our Circle is the spirit of sweet Christian comradeship that pervades our meetings. Each member takes some part at each meeting. Is it any wonder that our pastor terms us the 'Real Live wire of the Church'? A cent a day from each member, besides our membership fee, makes a truly beautiful Thank-offering in September of each year. Have you a member who is responsible for the Missionary 'Current Events'? Try it."

Newberry girls devoted much time responding to the calls from the Front. Now that that need is no longer felt, they long to rally with all their strength around those who have given their lives to the greatest cause. May more come forward to join them. The young people are the Church of the future."

Hamilton, James St., reports a "forward step, for in addition to their regular giving to Home and Foreign, are now supporting a student in India. Red Cross work, too has occupied their time, this necessitating two meetings a month. Are beginning their winter's work with a determination to do nothing less than their best for the Master."

We wish we might report word for word Miss Marjorie Trotter's magnificent appeal to the girls. The King of Kings was speaking to her when a little girl. Thus picture and tableaux and song, in the Band meetings, revealing in her later years, the wonderful fact that He needed her. He needs US. We need Him, that we know; but what condescending love He shows in needing us! All the daughters of Canada will be needed in the new day of reconstruction. As we serve Canada, so we serve Christ. "Jesus demands rigid self-control. "Save our energies, not waste them in hysterical, nervous flurry and flutter." This was exemplified by our Lord. He heard the call when a boy. Galilee was surging with political disturbances. He did not then respond to that need, but saved Himself in order to give Himself to Calvary, His place, when it came. He brought to it all He had."

The Choir of the Egerton St. Church gave a beautiful rendering of "O Worship the King." The new President, Mrs. Matthews, introduced the next speaker, Mr. John McLaurin, as "one of ourselves," since he had been, in the very early days of his youth, made a Life Member of the W.B.F.M. Society. Mr. McLaurin said he "pled guilty to the soft impeachment." When leaving Woodstock, the document had been placed with a book of Lord Roberts, High School Algebra, some pictures of specially favorite horses. At a later glance, he found Roberts, the Algebra and pictures intact, but the mice had finished the Certificate. His subject was "The Missionary Imperative in the Light of the War," and magnificently did he handle it. The whole of his address should be printed, that as large a number of people as possible might answer to the ringing challenge. The war has drawn to a close. Let us gather up our energies with lavish increase, not let them be wasted, but turn them into channels of blessing. Challenge is that we gather them up in order that we may do great things for Him. The Imperial challenge: We have got an Empire on our hands. Canada is known. I went to see a banker in Cocanada, who said he had never had any doubt as to what Canada would do. The territorial lines had bent back, but did not give way, and the message came. They had saved the situation. How did they stand that first shock? They were not professionals; they were boys from the farms and the banks and the shops. Canada rises higher and higher. The Empire is looking larger every day. There are weak places, but, thank God, some strong ones too. Phantom thrones are falling all around because of force and oppression. The British Throne was never more broadly based, more firmly established. Thank God for her institutions. On the leaden levels of the North Sea is the fleet of Britain. Links of Empire. Thousands of the sailors thrown into the water. See them struggling there—unbeaten, invincible, not to be beaten! Still more majestic shalt thou rise! War has revealed our points of weakness. Quebec, Ireland, India, cause of anxious suspicions—links we are not sure of—that might snap. It were the part of cowards to close our eyes or shun the question. Here is the great missionary challenge. Now we govern them. It is their destiny to obey. When they get the vote, will they try to improve on us. We must wake up in an Imperial sense. It is no longer true that only the village students are coming. . . . The Hindu drifts to the lower part of the cities. All these have a pathetic desire to be thought our equal, to have the hand of brotherhood, that we are not against them. . . . thinking of them as something lower than ourselves. The Eastern and Western world are coming closer together. In Japan every station sign is printed in English. Six hundred clerks are taught English from the Bible. English is becoming universal. The Hindus speak in Telugu. In an address of welcome at Chicacole, the speaker started to speak in English. He was told that there were some delegates who could not understand. He replied "There are no words in Telugu to tell what I mean—no word for nation, unified people." He tried, but every tenth word was English. Many missionaries use nothing but English. . . . The mass of people are out of touch; they worship a barber's pole, a heap of stones, a cow. A widow lost her son; the future was dark; with her hands full of dust, she was pouring out her soul to the idol. Animalism is in nearly every face. They are peculiarly susceptible to German propaganda; were told that London had been captured, the King had been shot, and had fallen from his horse dead; that the navy had been

swept from the sea. They could not tell the true from the false. . . . A woman lost her husband and of course she was hated. After the funeral pyre was built she soaked her clothes in kerosene and jumped into the fire. They could not save her, and now the people come in throngs to worship the spot. India can never be a strength to the Empire until all this is driven out by the ocean of His love. . . . India is not disloyal. Her men are fighting beside the British in Mesopotamia, Salonica and Egypt. . . . Hinduism is dead, dying. If she loses faith she will be left in the blackest kind of atheism. . . . If we destroy the old foundations and do not give her the new we leave her floundering in awful atheism, the bottomless bog of blackest atheism. . . . We must win it all for Christ—go forth and bring that wonderful people to Him. . . . Join the dark unreal to the real; out of death to life. . . . Seeking light and finding none, . . . we lead them to immortality. . . . The disciples are amazed and afraid when they hear Him say that He must go down to Jerusalem, be mocked and scourged, must die and rise again. . . . James and John would sit on His right and on His left. We hear Him say, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of; endure the sins of others; be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with; go through the flood of suffering and sacrifice! Can you?" We can, in faith, looking into the eyes of Christ. We should hear His voice: "Ye can by My cross." Will you lay down your lives at its foot? Women of the Convention, will you?"

Lord, make us worthy. Accept our lives. Cleanse us in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

We have come again to our day of reckoning—the forty-second in the history of our Society—and as we summarize the work of the year, we recognize alike the guiding and restraining hand of our Father in Heaven.

During the year the Board has held 12 meetings—10 regular and 2 special. The average attendance at the quarterly meetings was 35, and at the monthly 22.

The President and five other members have attended all the meetings.

On different occasions we have been glad to welcome those of our Missionaries who are home on furlough. There have met with us during the year Miss Baskerville, Mrs. J. B. McLaurin, Mrs. E. G. Smith, Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, Mrs. R. C. Benson, Miss Priest, and our new Missionary, Miss Laura Allyn.

The monthly meetings of the Board this year have been largely meetings for prayer and fellowship in the study of the Word. To this end, the reading of the Minutes and all other than urgent matters of business have been left over to the quarterly meetings, when a fair representation of our out-of-town members are usually present.

The Scripture messages at these monthly meetings have been a source of strength and inspiration, and we are grateful to those members who, along with our President, have at different times throughout the year, rendered this helpful service.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in St. Catharines on Nov. 9, 1917.

There were 42 members present, this being the largest attendance during the year. At this meeting officers and committees were appointed, the chief item of business being the consideration of the estimates which were passed to the amount of \$16,975.00.

The absence, on account of illness, of Mrs. Wilson Fenton who, for four years had graced the office of Recording Secretary by her efficient and loyal service, was a matter of sincere regret, the more especially when it became known that ill-health would not permit her to continue to serve the Board in this office. However, we still hope to retain her as a member of the Board, and so profit by her wisdom and experience in the work.

At the beginning of the year the Boards appointed Miss Edith Davies successor to Mrs. Chas. Stark as Secretary of Young Women's Work. Miss Davies willingly placed herself at the disposal of the Boards for this work; but sudden and unforeseen circumstances arising out of the terrible disaster at Halifax, where Miss Davies was at that time, prevented her return to Toronto indefinitely, and the Board sincerely regretted having to accept her resignation. For the remainder of the year, the Young Women's Work has been under the care of the Directors.

The personnel of the Board has this year seen many changes, chiefly on account of removal from the city, and inability to attend the meetings of the Board. We record with regret the resignations of Mrs. F. C. Elliott, Mrs. W. L. Kingdon, Miss H. S. Ellis, Mrs. J. J. Rose and Mrs. F. C. Foster. These have all left behind a legacy of devotion and inspiration which will continue to be an impetus to the work.

We note with satisfaction and pleasure the appointments of Miss E. R. White-side of Moulton College, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ellis, and Mrs. J. H. Hendry of Hamilton, to fill another of the vacancies.

There have come to us during the year applications from Miss May Ella Selman of Vancouver, Miss Laura Cole Allyn of Edmonton, Miss Muriel Brothers of Toronto, Miss Nora Elmira Tribe of Ingersoll, Miss M. Hillyer of Waterford, and Dr. Elizabeth Findlay of Winnipeg. Miss Brothers and Miss Allyn have been accepted for India, Miss Brothers to go in the Fall of 1919, and Miss Allyn, who is a nurse and a sister of Dr. Jessie Allyn, is to proceed to India this year in December with the party of returning missionaries, whose outgoing was delayed because the Government commandeered for war service the vessel on which they were to have sailed from Vancouver early in October.

Miss Allyn is to be the representative of the Middlesex-Lambton Association in India. Over and above their regular giving, they have raised special funds for her support.

The Board has given serious consideration to the matter of adopting a standard of qualification for all future applicants as missionaries, with the result that, at the quarterly meeting in September the following resolution was adopted:

"That matriculation standing be required of all future applicants as missionaries of the Board; this to be the minimum requirement of education, but exceptions may be made in the case of specially qualified applicants, such as nurses or those having special training in other lines which would be beneficial in the work."

Through the kindness of Mrs. John Hooper, who gave her home for the occasion, a special meeting of the Board was held in October, at which the members

had the privilege of meeting Miss L. E. Wilson, the newly-appointed Missionary to Bolivia, during her short stay in Toronto. At this meeting we also had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Priest for the first time since her return on furlough.

Reports have come to us regularly from our missionaries which tell of souls being won for Christ in spite of the trying conditions imposed by these abnormal times. The heroic patience, perseverance and endurance of our missionaries, many of whom are all alone in their stations, ought to be a clarion call to us to double and re-double our efforts by prayer and giving, that their strength may be sustained and helpers be provided.

Legacies amounting to \$658.82, and Victory Bonds to the amount of \$150, have been received during the year.

The Thank-offerings this year show an increase of \$71.31, but, the number of Circles contributing Thank-offerings has decreased 26. The total number of Circles in the Convention, including Young Women's Circles, is 268. Of these, only 96 have sent in Thank-offerings.

The LINK has continued to add to its subscription list the names of those who have been finding inspiration and information from its pages. This year a large increase of subscribers has come from the West.

The Bureau of Literature has added to its selection of books, pamphlets and leaflets some of the latest Missionary writings, and, in addition to these, sketches of the lives of Miss K. S. McLaurin, Miss Selman, Miss Priest, Dr. Gertrude Hulet, and an exercise by Miss Edith Craig, entitled "Lighting Up India."

In April a cordial invitation was extended by the Egerton St. Church, London, to meet with them in Convention this year. It was heartily accepted. A little later on, there followed a similar invitation from Guleph, for which the Board was grateful, but regretted being unable to accept this year.

The work of the Young Women's Circles, as before mentioned, has, since the resignation of the Secretary, been under the care of the Directors and has shown not only maintained interest, but advancement both in the number of Circles and the contributions, proving that the foundations have been well and truly laid.

Several new Bands have been organized during the year and others have been reorganized, but a few have dropped out of existence. The Band Secretary courts the privilege of helping you restore those missing Bands to their "place in the sun."

Grateful recognition is accorded Miss Baskerville for her untiring service among the different Associations throughout the year. The mantle of her spirit of willingness to serve, we hope, may fall on all who have come under her influence.

Sorrow and bereavement have come to some of our missionaries, to several of our Board members, and to very many of our sisters throughout the Convention. Our sympathy and love go out to all of these.

There is no way in which we can see the good in these experiences save by faith in the unfailing righteousness of our God. We have this message from His Word for all these sorrowing ones: "Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion, according to the multitude of His mercies." Lam. 3: 2.

As we step into the future with new hopes, and meet there new opportunities, may the history of another year record them as new attainments, new achievements for our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. INRIG,  
Recording Secretary.

Toronto, November 8, 1916.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

An expression that we have often heard is "Our men are fighting overseas for the democracy of the world," the freedom of all people. We are proud of these brave boys who have given themselves so freely, and we all have given our money, our time and our prayers to help in the struggle. Freedom is a grand objective, but some of our wisest people are asking, "Is democracy safe for an ignorant people?"

India is clamoring for Home Rule, but is she ready for it at present? No democracy that is not founded on Christian ethics is safe for the people. We have sent our missionaries—real soldiers of the Cross—to help our compatriots in their struggle to rise. This is a real warfare; the foe is strong and well entrenched. The fight is on. Our teachers are fighting the ignorance and vice that abound. Our doctors are fighting the disease, superstition and cruelty that are so prevalent. Our evangelists are carrying God's message of love and reconciliation into the midst of the strongholds of the enemy. All are fighting for the souls of men.

On the European front the results of many of our victories have been nullified to a great extent because ammunition ran out, or the forces were not strong enough to "carry on." So on our Indian front, advances could not be made because there was not money to pay the workers. Our ammunition ran out.

Our forces have been depleted. Do you know that in a number of the stations our ladies are holding the fort, standing alone, miles away from white people?

We hear much about keeping up the morale of our soldiers. The Y.M.C.A. are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for this purpose, and we consider it money well spent. But what about the morale of our fighters in India? They often come in from the day's conflict worn out and discouraged. Ought they not to be cheered by music, books, magazines, and by messages of coming help? We have responsibilities in this respect. We must not let the needs of the hour, however heavily they fall on the men and women of to-day, permit neglect of the defences of to-morrow. In keeping up and building higher the moral and spiritual defences of to-morrow, our missionaries are doing just as great a patriotic work as our soldiers at the front. They are carrying to the people of India Christ's message of the true freedom that will fit them for the lesser freedom they are longing for.

The year's reports of the work of our brave women at the front are in your hands. As you read, you will find many notes of cheer. They believe that we are going to win. They have faith in our great Commander.

Miss Hatch and Miss Pratt come home on furlough this coming year, and we are sending one new recruit and Miss Baskerville, our tried and faithful worker for many years. We will not forget to pray for them.

Miss Muriel Brothers is under appointment for the coming year, but we ought to have at least three to fill vacancies. The work demands it, and it is not well for our girls to live alone. God will send both money and workers if we do our part.

MARtha ROGERS.  
(For Sec.)

## COCANADA—ANNUAL REPORT.

## Work Among Women and Children.

During Miss Baskerville's absence on furlough our zenana work has been carried on by the two assistants, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs, and by nine Bible-women. Miss Baskerville had the work well organized, each worker having her own section of the town to visit, so that when the missionary left on furlough the work was continued faithfully along the same lines. The monthly reports of the workers show that the interest is continuing. Not only is the spoken message given, but hundreds of tracts have been distributed and many Gospels sold.

Often a testing-time comes to those who profess to have given up all idol worship and are trusting only in the true God. Such a test to many of the women was the great bathing festival held near Cocanada in February. In spite of the displeasure of friends and threats of impending evil, many refused to go, saying they had found a better way. Even some who were compelled to go did not bathe nor perform the ceremonies. A group of rich women, before going to bathe, took off their jewels, tied them in a bundle, which they gave to an old woman to watch till they returned. Some others saw this and formed their scheme to get the jewels. They dropped a rupee near the old woman, and when she moved over to get it the bundle containing the jewels disappeared. When the owners returned there was great weeping and wailing on account of the loss of their wealth. Then one said, "Didn't the Christians tell us we should not come here. Oh, if we had only heeded their word!"

**Caste Girls' School.**—April 2, 1917, was a Red Letter Day in the history of the Caste Girls' School, for on that day we moved to our new premises on Bank Street, where we were fortunate in securing in a central locality a good lot with a building that is being used temporarily for the school. When Miss Baskerville returns she hopes to erect a new building as a memorial to Miss Simpson, the founder of the school. The work throughout the year has been encouraging, especially in the Bible classes.

**Sunday Schools.**—The work in the Church Sunday School has been a source of much encouragement. The best attendance for the year has been 216. The teaching of the Young Men's Bible Class has been a real joy. There are about 20 in the class, varying greatly in educational attainments, some being servants unable to read, some pupils in the Industrial School, others in the High School, and one a College student. The charge of the Primary Department was taken over by Miss Craig on her arrival. The teachers' meeting on Thursday evening before prayer meeting has been conducted throughout the year.

The Rally for all the Sunday Schools was, as usual, a great event, when over 800 children, carrying gay banners from each school, gathered for an outdoor service, after which they were made happy by fruit and sweets.

**Boarding School.**

During the year the enrollment was 190. Among the day pupils were 9 Brahmins and 5 of other castes.

**Staff.**—There have been more changes on the Staff this year than for some years, owing to the marriage of four of the teachers. One of them had held the position of First Assistant, which has been temporarily filled by M. Lizzie, daugh-

ter of the Cocanada pastor, and first girl matriculate of our own High School. The other vacancies were filled by former pupils of the school. On the whole, faithful work has been done, as evidenced by the Inspector's report and the examination results.

Fourteen girls completed the school course. Several of them are looking forward to preparing themselves for teaching. A token of the interest taken in the school by our Christians was the awarding of a general proficiency prize of Rs. 5 for the highest class by the inmates of the Leper Home, in honor of Miss Hatch, the beloved founder. It seemed fitting that the prize should be taken by one of the girls of the Phillips Home.

**Boarding Department.**—In our Boarding Home, we have had a greater proportion than usual of very small girls. Each small child is given to the care of an older girl, who must act the part of "big sister" to her, combing her hair, making her tidy for school, and helping her to take care of her things. The Boarding Home affords great opportunity for all-round development of character, especially in the matter of unselfishness and kindness.

We record with gratitude that this has been the best year yet in regard to the health of the girls. Not one case of serious illness occurred among them.

Besides our regular pupils, the school has given shelter and help to some caste women, who have come out from Hinduism, and whose missionaries wanted them to be in some safe place, where they might receive some training. Four widows—one with her two children—have been with us part or all of the year. Sometimes our greatest problems are connected with these women, as conditions are so different from what they have been used to, and the restraint of rules and regulations is hard for them. One, after three years in the school, returned to her missionary much improved and eager to get to her work as Biblewoman. Another has gone temporarily to help on a field where Biblewomen are very few and the need very great.

**Christian Activities.**—The Christian Endeavor Societies, both Senior and Junior, have been conducted throughout the year; class prayer meetings have been held; some of the older girls have taught in the church Sunday School, and others have conducted evangelistic schools in different parts of the city for non-Christian children. During the week of evangelism several groups of girls went with the Biblewomen or teachers to near villages to sing and preach. In the evenings they returned full of enthusiasm over the eagerness of the people to hear the Gospel. Our hope is that the joy of this service may so appeal to the girls that many of them will devote their lives to this definite work among their own people. During the year 11 of the girls were baptized at an impressive ceremony performed one evening in the moonlight after prayer meeting.

LIDA PRATT.

#### TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL REPORT, 1917-18.

War conditions have seriously affected our school, both in regard to enrolment and cost of maintenance. Cocanada is a seaport town, and as there has been a marked decrease in shipping, many of the class of people among whom we work have had to look for employment elsewhere. At any time these people are continually moving, and in many cases Protestant families have been replaced by Catholics who, of course, send their children to the convent. Last year a decrease in enrol-



ment was reported, but at that time we had word of several who intended joining. Unfortunately, these did not come, so our numbers are considerably below the average, at present. As long as war conditions continue as they are the attendance is likely to remain low, unless we can get support for orphans and for those whose parents are poverty-stricken. We are very thankful that although prices have soared high, in some cases being doubled or trebled, God has supplied our financial needs.

The work in the Boarding Home has been unusually burdensome this year. In order to save expense and also to teach the children to respect labor and become independent, the older ones were taught to do their own washing and ironing. Many learned to do the work very well. The children have also helped with the mending, which is no small consideration for twelve girls and ten sturdy boys who like to climb trees. Towards the end of 1917, the work was greatly increased by the addition of five motherless children, the youngest of whom was a delicate infant of ten months. Two others were under five years, and we already had a little girl of two—a mere baby. At the beginning of the new year three little boys of seven were admitted, and as some of the older ones had left, more than half of the boarders were then under eight years of age. There are compensations, however, for impressions for good are more easily made at this tender age, and there is surely great need of making good impressions. It is very discouraging at times to find out how little regard many of them have for truth and honesty. On one side, at least, they have inherited from their ancestors the tendency to lie and steal. It is true that the environment of a Christian School may help them to conquer these evil tendencies, but only the power of God can cure them by renewing their hearts and supplying grace to overcome in the continued struggle. Will you not, dear readers, join with us in daily prayer that as these little ones grow older they may become worthy the name of Christian? Their lot is a hard one, and is made doubly so by the over-sensitive nature common to most of them.

The work of the Day School has been good. The assistant teachers showed considerable improvement along the line of discipline. The Staff was the same this year as last, but as two members have resigned, we must look for new teachers. Miss Joseph, the first assistant, resigned because she was offered a much larger salary than she was receiving from us; the other, Miss Brown, is to be married.

The Christian Endeavor meetings have been held every Friday, and were attended regularly. The children themselves prepared the topics for most of the meetings and were much blessed by doing so.

We have always felt badly to see Protestant parents sending their children to convents. This year the tables are turned, and we have children of Catholic parents. Seven of our new children had been under Roman Catholic influence until they came to us.

GEORGINA MCGILL.

#### WOMEN'S WORK.

##### Ramachandrapuram—Miss Hatch.

It is with some diffidence that I begin to write my Report for 1917-18, mainly because, instead of touring now and then for a total of about three months, I was resting and recruiting. I have therefore no touring to report this year, Miss Jones having taken the responsibility of visiting my villages as well as her own.

For the months that I was absent, Dr. Joshee had the full responsibility for the Leper work, without even a permanent pastor to assist him, though Mrs. David, the Deaconess, had her full share of work. The painstaking keeping and rendering of accounts by Mrs. Joshee greatly enhanced the value of my rest. And now, as the year for which I report closes, I wish to give thanks to God for restored health and strength, and my gratitude to those who insisted on my taking complete rest for a time, thus avoiding what might have been otherwise a complete breakdown.

**Biblewomen and Training Class.**—For half the year there were five in the Training Class, and valuable lessons were given in the books of the Bible that are laid down as a curriculum for Bible study for our workers, on the singing and teaching of lyrics in the Zenanas, in practical talks on the various Parables of our Lord, on the learning by heart portions of the Bible written in Telugu poetry. Those in the class also accompanied the experienced Biblewomen to their various houses in the afternoons, and on occasion accompanied Miss Jones on her tours, thus gaining much valuable instruction. In January, however, the needs of the field in Parlakimedi were voiced by Miss Harrison who visited us, and two women who had been in training for a year and a half volunteered for work there. They went, and have made a good report of themselves. Another woman had been sent from Avanigadda, and she returned there, where I hope she may have been doing faithful work. The class was thus reduced to two, and one of those was required in tour; so, since February, there has been no class. Moreover, the teacher of the class, my assistant, M. Memikyam, was herself taken very ill, and has hardly yet recovered. We hope to open it again in July.

We have G. Satyavedam working in four villages, P. Mary in other four, G. Martha in six, G. Shantamma in two, Y. Martha in one, M. Sarah and Kamamma in one, and M. Yhanikyam and her class in and around Ramachandrapuram. We thought we could ill spare our two for Parlakimedi, but "Give and it shall be given unto you" seems to have been fulfilled in our case, for since then we have engaged B. Subadramma to do work in two villages, and B. Martha, recently widowed, to visit in Peddada and two or three surrounding villages, and the coming of a pastor to the Leper Home, for the present at least, has released Mrs. David for some Bible work in the town. It has been part of the pleasures of my partial retirement to prepare the lessons for this goodly band of women, and though my voice has not reached those of the villages directly, at least some echo of the teaching may have reached them through the Biblewomen.

**Lace Industry.**—This has "grown wonderfully during the year"; but here, again, without Miss Jones' valuable help, I would not have been able to keep up with it. We have over 100 names on our payroll. Many of these workers are very poor, and are very thankful for the timely assistance rendered. They are all also being taught habits of cleanliness, habits of industry, habits of giving to the Lord's work constantly, for they contribute every month out of their receipts, and we are planning that they receive more regular Bible instruction than formerly.

**Leper and Medical Work.**—Have been glad to take part in my usual services in the Home, when in the Station. We had two beautiful baptismal services when, in November, eleven lepers were baptized, and in April four others. These were from different castes, and two especially are proving to be of special help to us. A new Observation Ward has been built, as the Toronto one was not commodious enough. The latter will still be reserved for boys, or possibly for a family who must be under observation. After many delays and much worry and vexation, the usual accompaniments of building here, the Ward was opened with much eclat. Dr.

and Mrs. Wolverton and Newton Ellis, Miss Clarke of Vizianagaram, Miss Schade and Miss Munroe of Bahamundry, and Miss Lockhart of Madras, together with Dewan Bahadur Seshigiri Rao, President of the District Board, who opened the building; a Deputy Collector, the District Munsiff, the Zemindar Seshigiri Rao of Kotipalli and other notables were present. Reverend J. R. Stillwell presided. Dr. Wolverton gave an address on the value of segregation; Miss Schade led in prayer; the Joshee children recited the 24th Psalm in dialogic form, and K— S—, the teacher of our Fairies, gave an address expressing the great gratitude of the Fairies for this new home provided for them. It is a large, airy building, with a room for the teachers and a large dormitory for the girls, with verandahs in front and behind, and separate cook-rooms and bathrooms. The total in all the Homes is 104.

The hospital has had an attendance of 5,490 patients this year and 8,898 treatments, while Kotipalli has had 2,526 patients and 4,153 treatments, making a total of 8,016 patients and 13,053 treatments.

We are all rejoicing at the break in Kotipalli, the result of the medical and evangelical work carried on there. Four have been baptized, but they are still in fear and trembling, not knowing what may befall them. We need the prayers of God's people that these little lights flickering in the darkness there may become a blaze of glory that will lighten the surrounding villages.

S. ISABEL HATCH.

#### RAMACHANDRAPURAM—1917-18.

##### Work Among Women and Children.

**War.**—While the awful world-struggle and sorrow has, by home letters, come close to me personally, work here has been not a little influenced by it. Both in Ramachandrapuram itself, and out in the field, the people have varied in their attitude towards the war, from those absolutely ignorant, needing education; those selfishly indifferent, needing reproof, to those intensely interested, needing information and encouragement. To supply these needs, time, which would otherwise have been spent in zenanas, has frequently been given to lessons in Government Schools and war-talks to groups of caste men, as well as to Christians. This work culminated in the celebration of Our Day, when much interest was aroused and much money collected, some of our Christian teachers being specially successful in securing gifts. Our caste girls went from house to house singing patriotic songs and showing drills.

**Cholera.**—Twice during the year cholera has come to our field and taken its toll, sometimes from the Malapillis and Madigapetas, but most frequently in caste sections. In the home of Narayanna, one of our school girls, there were four deaths. Little Narayanna lost her father, her brother-in-law, and two sisters, one of whom was a former pupil. Her life and that of her baby nephew were spared to her grief-stunned mother. One of our Christian women, Subbamma, had to part from four of her five children. Her husband, relatives, and neighbors, non-Christians, blame Subamma's Christianity for her children's death. Only the power of God can keep her faith from failing in this crisis. One caste woman, whose life we and she believe was spared in answer to prayer, has changed from a careless hearer to a keenly interested one. One day, in Mataharam, my Bible-woman and I, while on our way to an interested blind woman, had to step carefully to avoid a stream of water. On inquiry we found this water had been used in bathing a cholera victim. Fortunately, the cholera officers were near at hand and necessary disinfectants were quickly used. In the last outbreak, our Tahsildar, Dr. Joshee, and the Government doctor employed such radical methods that the epidemic lasted only a week. As five of the eleven deaths during that scourge were within a stone's throw of our Girls' School, it had to be closed.

Work among the children continues to bear fruit. Up to the January Conference I was in the Station, or out on very short tour. During that period more time than usual was given to the Christian women's class in the Compound Sunday School, and also to the school itself. Saturday afternoons, when possible, were given to groups of Brahmin or other caste boys, who come either because they enjoy the visit or for picture-cards. The younger ones introduce themselves some-

times after 3 p.m., in their few words of English: "Good morning, sir! We are boys. You must give us a picture." The pictures have been earned by the memorizing of different Bible portions. All have shown real interest in any Bible lessons time has permitted me to give. These classes of boys have their effect on the attendance of little sisters in our day school.

**Caste Girls' School.**—The Caste Girls' School has 107 girls on the roll. Vedamankiyam is back with us as Headmistress, much the better for her year's training. M. Mamkiam gives two periods of teaching daily, and so keeps in touch with the children, whose homes she visits in the afternoons. Over two months' illness made a substitute necessary. Both of our conductresses have also had long spells of sickness. The young wife of our pastor has charge of the First Class, and, considering her age, lack of experience and training, does fairly good work. By her teaching, or in spite of it, and their irregular attendance, some sixteen of her twenty-four pupils will be promoted to the Second Class. Our ever-faithful teacher, P. Veeramma, reluctantly took hold of our large Primary Class, but has made such a success of it, that she will be just as reluctant if asked to give it up. She is assisted by our ex-pupil, P. Sathemba, whom I trust many of our readers continue to remember prayerfully. Still sweet and pure in spite of surroundings far from uplifting, she loves and is loved by the wee-ones whom she teaches to play, sing, read and write. Since October, negotiations have been proceeding regarding her marriage to a seemingly suitable young man. If this is God's will for His child, may it come to pass.

Mahalakshi, of whom we wrote last year, whose father, a Christian, sacrificed her by marrying her to a Hindu, sickened with plague and died within a few hours. Her mother's grief is pathetic, but the father, after visiting his little daughter's home and finding it a centre of idol-worship, believes with us that our Heavenly Father has wisely and lovingly taken His little one to Himself. Two others of our graduates joyfully tell us of their husbands' interest in Bible-reading, Gospel hymns and prayer. Illa Manickyam's husband was very ill, and believing that he was recovered because of his young wife's faith in Jesus Christ, is sending a thank-offering to the Ramachandrapuram Church. Two of our girls have been widowed, both before they reached the Fourth Class. One is now also an orphan. But for the caste obstacle, both these girls might be trained to live useful, happy lives. As it is, their future is dark and empty.

A former pupil of the Kumma Savram was given no proper medical treatment. We tried to help her, but were too late. Her faith in the Saviour was strong. Her mother says she died looking to Jesus.

**Touring.**—Touring occupied seventy-four days, full of interesting incidents. About a third of the time was given to the annual examination of our Christian women and girls in some eighteen centres, Mr. Stillwell examining others. In some places the lack of interest was a keen disappointment, but as a rule there was apparent progress. Kallera, formerly our great rejoicing in this connection, but latterly a heart-break, showed signs of revival. Nalluru school boys and girls had taught their mothers, so each mother had to do well or disgrace her child. Valluru, where caste women, Christians, and even uncombed coolie women and girls had been taught by the teachers' wife, Subhadramma, won first place. It was interesting here to see an old grandmother, with a wee boy hidden in her skirt at one side and a small girl hidden at the other, look first at one side and then at the other for the forgotten word which would unlock the next difficult verse. Mothers or fathers held tiny tots in their arms and had them lip for me at least one verse.

In Kapelashwarapuram I experienced unusual joy while visiting G. Sarah, who was dying of cancer. Her daughter, a Christian of only a year, sole breadwinner for their home, told of foodless days, bright with assurance that the God who fed Elijah by the ravens could supply her need. "The Lord," she quoted, from Pa. 85, "will give that which is good."

In February I was able to reach three villages, difficult of access, regularly visited by Miss Hatch's Biblewoman, G. Martha. In each, doors flew open for us, and many women showed that Martha's faithful teaching was influencing their hearts and lives. Martha's unflinching cheerfulness and politeness has opened homes

of most exclusive women. This is also true of Satyavedam's work in Kulla, where we entered large walled-in compounds and found, in the midst of luxury, many a heart aching for comfort over the loss of husband or son. Surely the world is one in its need of the God of all comfort.

Again we have been reminded of the co-ordination in our work. In Tapeishwaran and in Kota our most interested women had been hearers or learners in the C. M. S. Schools or zenanas. Again, in a seldom-visited village, one whom Miss Priest had taught seemed near the Kingdom. In my first visit to Sundarapalli, the school boys joined in a prayer which Miss Hatch taught them five years ago. In Gangavaram and Ventur, homes opened because members of the family had been treated in Ramachandrapuram Hospital. Our District Munsiff's wife is responsive because of Miss Murray's special interest in her children while they were stationed in Yellamanchilli.

At the Kotapilli theertrum we assisted in selling upwards of five hundred portions. During that week we visited ten evangelistic schools in which E. Deahalu has been working. We had the joy of witnessing the baptism of four converts coming from three of the Malapillis, near the Kotapilli School. What was joy to us, however, was grief to the wife of one of the men, for he was not out of baptismal waters when she began wailing as for the dead. These new Christians will need much prayer if they are to stand firm in the midst of the persecutions they must endure.

We need new workers in this eastern part of our field. Our new and young workers, Korati Kantharay and his wife, Martha, will need more of God's Spirit than they now possess if they are to build strongly in Andragi. Both have ability, but they have much to overcome, and will need much prayer.

Our Katakuluru work still continues difficult. Were Satyala Mary and Lazarus living in close fellowship with the meek and lowly Jesus, at least some of the difficulties might be overcome. Tuluri Krupamma, my touring Biblewoman, seems to have improved during the last few months. There was, and is, room for improvement, but in God's hands even this earthen vessel may be used to pour out the Living Water.

LUCY M. JONES.

#### SAMALKOTA BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL—1917-1918.

The keynote of our work during the past year has been "extension." In July, 1917, our school, previously "Lower Elementary" (working through Standard Four only), added a higher standard and became recognized by Government as a "Higher Elementary" school. The three classes (V., VI. and VII.) necessary to make it a complete Higher Elementary institution, are, according to the decision of Conference, being added, one each year for three years. Accordingly, last July one of the locked-up classrooms was opened and furnished became a scene of busy life, and sent out in April nineteen boys for the succeeding standard, to be added in July this year. This additional work in our school is a relief to the McLaurin High School, which sends back to us its boarders in these preparatory classes, leaving more accommodation for their higher students.

In our dormitories two long-closed rooms were opened, and all our boarders comfortably housed. During the year over one hundred and thirty boys entered as boarders. A few left on account of sickness; two were sent out for improper conduct; but some twenty-five, finding regular work and discipline irksome after the free, unrestrained life of their unordered homes, not "folding their tents like the Arabs," but, in the custom of the Telugus, taking their bundles of clothing, "silently stole away"! Most of these runaways occurred within the first two months of the school year. If a new boy only manages to stay with us long enough, he gradually loses the feeling of strangeness, becomes accustomed to regular hours, feels interested, finds for himself a real place in the school life, and develops into a happy, progressive member of its community. In April, 1917, school closed with sixty-five boarders, and in April, 1918, with ninety-eight; of the additional thirty-three boys, only seventeen were in the added class, so the increase in the number of boys in the lower school is encouraging. In July, this year, including another new class, we expect one hundred and fifty boarders.

The cost of foodstuffs is going up, due no doubt to the war. Rice is much higher, ragi also, and other things in proportion. Kerosene oil is almost unobtainable, especially the good quality used in the large lamp for evening study-hour. Nevertheless, we rejoice in the prospect of more boys, and trust that the elastic band of our resources will reach around them all.

In March a mild form of smallpox appeared among the boys, and before school closed eight cases occurred, though none was serious. Dr. Wolverton promptly came to our assistance, vaccinated everybody, and directed the disinfecting. This process was in itself an excellent object lesson to the boys in stamping out and preventing the spread of disease.

Physically, our boys should be well. All our buildings are well situated, on a natural ridge, with great stretches of maidan on every side (the old parade-grounds of cantonment days). Thus fresh air abounds. The water supply also is good, from the fine wells sunk for British troops a century or two ago. The boys do their own work, clean their rooms, pound the rice, grind the ragi, carry the wood and water—in short, do everything but wash their clothes and cook their food; in this last operation, however, giving material assistance. Drill is taken regularly in connection with school work. Outside, their favorite sport is football. Their first ball was presented by Mr. Gunn; but even with bare feet, balls wear out, and a new one is needed periodically. However, the expense is more than counterbalanced by the evident pleasure and benefit derived. Through the kindness of Mrs. Timpany, the teachers, too, have beneficial exercise, this taking the form of tennis. They enjoy it greatly, one especially having become quite an expert player.

In the classroom one of the most interesting studies is the Bible. Each class has a daily lesson, and undergoes a monthly examination. The boys like it, and love to talk over the incidents in the lives of the Old Testament characters, and of Jesus and the Apostles. From the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, in the Infant Standard, to the thorough study of Exodus and the Gospel of John, in Standard Five, there is regular progress throughout the classes. Surely such systematic work must store the mind with much that will in after years affect the thought and life. In October a number of our boys confessed Christ in baptism, being received as members of the Samalkot Church.

A year ago Dr. Eva de Frazier gave a sum of money to be used in memory of Miss Corning. Conference placed part of this in the bank, deciding to use the interest as annual prizes in the three schools where our sister spent her life in India, viz., the Timpany Memorial School in Cocanada, the Akidu and the Samalkot schools. It was further decided that the amount coming to each school be given as one annual prize, for the best essay written on purity of life, temperance, or some kindred subject. In April our pupils handed in their first essays, very elementary indeed, but showing preparation and thought. The decision is to be made known upon the reopening of school in July.

Much interest is evinced in the progress of the war, especially among the older boys, and particularly regarding Palestine and Mesopotamia. Regarding the former, their Bible study has familiarized them with the geography, and the progress of the British along the ancient way from Egypt to Jerusalem was watched with great interest. As to Mesopotamia, Busra is a familiar word, many of their own neighbors having gone there as Governmt coolis. Then, too, is not Mr. Ralph Smith, one of their own fathers, up there with the army, advancing up the Tigris valley against the cruel Turks? When the boys heard of the Syrian and Armenian atrocities they voted the balance of their rice money (over and above the Sunday collections for the term) to that relief fund, offering it with true sympathy.

During the past year our whole school building was whitewashed, inside and out; two sections of the verandah were re-tiled; one of these sections was floored with stone slabs; the walls of the rice storehouse were repaired; and the second line of teachers' houses was re-tiled. Additional trees were planted near the dormitories. New furniture was added, a number of dual desks (for St. V.) a table, and some blackboards, etc.

Regular correspondence has been kept up with the supporters of individual boys. Group photos were taken and sent to those interested friends. This communication with sympathizers in Canada is a source of great pleasure to the boys and of comfort and strength to the missionary.

Altogether, though in school work there is much monotony, and results appear neither great nor exciting, we feel that progress is being made, and that though gradual it is certain, and will in after-years tell in enriched lives and Christian influence. Our school needs the constant prayer of all interested. With so many bright young lives under our instruction and influence, the possibilities appear so great and far-reaching that sometimes our hearts fail us, and we cry, "If Thy presence go not, carry us not up hence." Then comes the assurance, "My presence shall go with thee." Aand again, "When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him." Still we need your prayers, that our faith fail not, and that we may be used to strengthen these our brethren.

JANET F. ROBINSON.

#### SAMALKOT—1917-1918.

Touring.—Seventy-one days were spent on tour, and ninety-one villages seen. The usual programme of visiting the Christians in the morning and the caste women in the afternoon was followed as far as practicable, but some days were wholly spent in going from village to village to see the Christians. Our people on this field are so needy spiritually, and often so oblivious to their need in this regard, that to work for them is hard, especially after I have undergone a species of physical torture in the form of an ox-cart ride over the fields, with absolutely no beaten path to travel, over stony ways, up hill and down dale, to reach them. Nevertheless, all this counts as nothing if, at my journey's end, I am privileged to see all, or even a majority of the Christians in the place, and to have a short time with them in the study of the Word. I was greatly encouraged by my visit to Kartasalupilly, where my Biblewoman, Guanarathamma, works. She introduced me to the Peddapuram work over twenty years ago. In the meantime she had other work to do, but after all these years she has again entered this work with an enthusiasm that is refreshing. Persuaded by her, the Rani granted a piece of land to the Mission, and now we have a very comfortable home for the preacher and his wife, my Biblewoman there. She took me to several caste houses that I had not visited before, and in all we were received very courteously and had splendid hearings. Towards the end of 1916, the land was obtained and when I went there in 1917 the house was built, the ground walled, and a garden was flourishing, in which great golden marigolds lifted their bright heads high above the surrounding vines. May the golden glory of the Light of the World so lift itself in the homes of many of the people of that place through their work there.

In Pedda Rayavaram, a year ago, eleven men were baptized. When I visited them in 1917 they asked me to come to see them some evening, as they would be at work in the daytime. I went, and I shall not soon forget the joy of that meeting. Of course I talked to them, but my heart sang for joy as they sang hymn after hymn as though their whole hearts were in the singing. Their new school-house, which, with the Kartasalupilly house, will stand as a memorial of Mr. Gunna's work on this field, was crammed to the doors, and outside of it, too. As I was coming away one of the Christians thanked me so heartily for coming that my heart still sings when I think of it.

I am still using my bicycle for touring, but the whirling wheels of time are swiftly bringing me to the day when I will have to give up that method of locomotion; and when that day comes, if I am still fit for work, I will have to ask appointment to some less strenuous touring work than that of the Samalkot field.

Station Work.—We have conducted ten evangelistic classes during the year. There are more boys in our classes now than formerly, and they are very enthusiastic about our coming, dancing up and down in great glee whenever we come in sight, especially if it is the time for the monthly distribution of fruit or pictures.

A great many grown people seem greatly interested in our classes, but their interest is occasionally somewhat embarrassing, as when a grandfather, exasperated at the inattention of his granddaughters, boxed their ears most vigorously. Our work amongst the women of Samalkot has narrowed down somewhat to the regular teaching of the interested few rather than the telling of the Gospel story to the many, who, for various causes, gather from time to time to look, listen and question.

Amongst the most promising of these is still Atchamma, the young woman of the barber caste, whom we taught to read. As refreshing as a cool breeze after summer heat was an experience I enjoyed one hot day in May. I was seated at Atchamma's home, feeling happy because I had found her singing the last hymn I had taught her, as she sifted her rice, with hands and mind so busy that she had not known we were coming until we were right beside her. A few minutes later her mother said: "She is so busy now that she does not read the book you gave her as often as she did, but she prays to your Jesus each night and sleeps with the book under her head." Only another form of superstition! do you say! Perhaps. But what do you think of this? Her mother went on to say, "She will not tell a lie for anyone." A gentle "Hush!" from Atchamma led to the explanation, which I must give in my own words in order that you may understand.

When teaching Atchamma to read, we sat on the porch of a house across the path from her home. In that house dwelt a woman, a widow, of gentle, lady-like manners, who had outcasted herself from her father's home by becoming the mistress of a man of another caste. She, too, had been interested in our message, but never seemed to apply it to herself as far as we could tell. She died of small-pox, and Atchamma, who often went in to do little acts of kindness for her, told us that during her illness her mother had been visiting her secretly, and that she had given her mother a valuable ornament which this man had given her. When she died, a dispute arose about the ornament, and the man asked Atchamma to testify that the mother had stolen it. When she refused to do so, he said that Atchamma and her people must leave their home, as it was built on his land. Then our brave little sister said: "You may turn us out if you choose; but no matter what you do or say, I will not tell a lie like that. I might have done so before the Misamma taught me better, but I will not now." Surely for deeds less brave iron crosses have been won on Europe's battlefield. Pray for her that her faith fail not.

Just here I want to say that the physical disability which hampered my work towards the close of my first, and during the greater part of my second, term, has entirely disappeared, and since my third term began I have been very well indeed and exceedingly grateful to the Great Master who has given me the privilege of serving Him a third term in India.

C. M. McLEOD.

#### WOMEN'S WORK.

TUNI—1917-18.

"My ways are not your ways" had been repeatedly brough home to us during the year under review. Instead of the thorough preparation for the Week of Evangelism and lots of touring that we planned to enter upon right after July Conference, sickness laid me aside for months. The Biblewomen were busy, and when October came a number of the Christian women joined them, and they went to as many of the nearby villages as possible to tell the Gospel message through the hymn and texts that had been chosen as this year's message. It was not easy to have to stay at home those days, but it was good to see the interest taken by our women.

Later on one good tour was made before Christmas. As the heavy rains had made the path to some of the villages impassable for me, we decided that two of the younger women, with an elder one to chaperone them, should spend three days visiting these villages, specially encouraging the new Christian women and seeing how the children were getting on with their verses and hymns. When they re-



turned, their first word was, "Now we know how Jesus' disciples felt when they came back from tour full of joy, for we have so much to tell you of what God has let us see." The people had kept them busy morning, noon and night, and as they told me of the interest shown by some who had been bitter opposers some years ago, and of the number of hymns the children in one village can sing, and many other things, I rejoiced with them over what God is doing among those who are despised by their own country people. We are looking forward to the time when Benjamin and his wife, the workers in one of these villages, can have more room both for their family needs and a place to gather the children and older ones together.

Another short tour was made back among the hills, and if we had known that our passage would be commended it would certainly have been a longer one, for we found so many open doors, and the Christians there need all the help they can get. Among the things that touched us there was the kindness of the teachers in Hindu and Government schools. In the latter, the Biblewoman has the privilege of going once a week to teach the children our hymns and "God Save Our Gracious King," and other things. The teacher in the other school came to call at the tent and invited me to his school, telling me he had taught in one of Miss Blackadar's schools years ago, also that he had heard Mr. Walker in Waltair. He came again on Sunday evening and then revealed the restlessness of his heart. After a long talk, to my surprise, he began to pray in Telugu, and it was certainly a heart prayer. He was counting the cost of open confession, and I hope we shall hear of him again.

One of the special joys of Christmas Day was the baptism of some for whom we have worked and waited long. Amongst them was Veerama, a caste widow, middle-aged, who has been believing for the past three years, and confessing too, for she told me that since she truly believed, she had given up everything belonging to idolatry, would not bathe on the feast days, but chose some other day, and the same with any special cooking and other things. She has been faithful in attending church and giving to the Lord, and is interesting her friends. Just before I left her younger boy was baptized, and she is very happy that now they are a united family. Her older boy was baptized some years ago.

The year has brought home to us the fact that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against the rulers of the darkness of this world. In this day of crisis in the history of India, the Church of Jesus Christ has a very special mission, and well does the enemy know this, and how he is scheming to weaken and spoil the testimony they should give! And so we have had to spend time and strength trying to lift up hands that were hanging down, and make straight paths for lame feet. The great truth that the final victory belongs to Jesus Christ has been our comfort and inspiration.

The work among the children has been full of interest. The caste boys' class on Saturday afternoons has meant opportunity to touch many young hearts, and there have been tokens of its influence beyond Saturday afternoon. One dear boy said to me, "It seems to me it would have been good if I had lived then, for then I could have seen Jesus. I do not believe in idols, but I am a minor, and what can I do?" This same boy asked me how long Jesus lived, and how long His public ministry was. On being told, he said, "And did all that in such a short time. How wonderful!"

The new home has meant much to us all, and we look forward to greater things, when the answer comes to the prayers that have gone up to Him Who has called us into the fellowship of service for the uplift of India. The same Bible-women and house servants continue to be my helpers, though some are getting too old now for the work of former years. We look forward to training some others later. It may be that a training home will be started in Tuni for some who are not of good age to put into our school in Cocanada among the girls, but who can be trained to be useful, helpful women.

Yours for the uplift of India's women,

ELLEN PRIEST.

## AKIDU FIELD—1917-18.

## Work Among the Women and Children.

This report is for part of a year only. I thank God for journeying mercies, and a safe return to Akidu. On my arrival I was greeted with the good news that at special services some twenty had confessed Christ. Some of these are past middle-age, had heard and rejected Christ many times. The pastor and deacons wished to carry on special meetings in the nearby villages, and I went with them. Some Christians were revived, but there was something that hindered the work. We found it to be hard feelings against the pastor; seeds of jealousy and strife soon bore fruit, and we are still reaping, in the serious church quarrel that now hinders the church work, the result of Satan's seed sowing.

Christmas was a happy day. About three hundred gathered together. First of all was a service in the chapel, consisting of singing, Scripture recitations, and a short sermon. All then gathered on Mr. Chute's lawn, and there, under the trees, we sat down, a merry company, to our breakfast of curry and rice. After a treat of fruit, many went to enjoy the games. It did us all good to meet together and to remember the great Christmas Gift of God's love.

Touring.—On the first day of the New Year we left Akidu in the "Glad Tidings" on tour. The work in the villages is as intensely interesting as ever. There are the children who gather about to listen to song or story, the sick, the blind, the lepers, the ailing, crying babes, the very poor, the feeble old folk and the sturdy young men and women, the indifferent and the interested, the high-caste and low-caste, all sorts and conditions of humanity. I am so glad to be able to take to all the gracious invitation of our Lord, "Whoever will may come and take the water of life freely."

Work Among the Children.—Wherever possible we have evangelistic classes among the non-Christian children. Our great need is more workers. In connection with the village schools we have Sunday Schools, and to encourage the children to memorize the Scriptures, in addition to regular work, we offer prizes for correct recitations of selected chapters. Many have received prizes of hymn books, New Testaments and Old Testaments. I aim to have a Sunday School rally in each church once a year. I wish you could see the children as they come, with their banners, from the different villages to the tent or chapel. Each school has a part on the programme. Last of all, a treat of fruit is given and the prizes distributed. In one small school in a Madiga hamlet, six boys of the Kamma Caste attend. In one small school in a Madiga hamlet, six boys of the Kamma caste attend regularly. Three of these Kamma boys received from me New Testaments as prizes for Scripture memory work.

Christian Women.—The Christian women are learning each year more of the joy of Christian service. The members of the Helpmeet Society gave 125 rupees last year towards the support of the Kalakur Church work, and were so happy to hear that thirty had been saved and added to the church by baptism. I regret to say that some who give generously do not take as much joy in their Scripture lessons as they should. We aim to have every member a witness for Christ in her home and village.

Caste Women.—The work among the caste women is growing. In the greater number of the villages visited we are received into more homes, and our messages are listened to with greater interest. Among the Kammass we find many intelligent women. Some tell us they have ceased to observe Hindu feast and fast days. Some are indifferent, but many are seekers after God.

An Unusual Event.—While I was away on furlough, Manikyamma, a woman of the Kamma caste, brought her husband to Mrs. Chute's hospital. She had heard the Gospel before; in Akidu she learned more, attended the services and cast aside all caste distinctions. On my return, she sent an invitation to me to visit her home. I went, and my Biblewomen and I were received very warmly. We

were taken inside to an inner room, friends were called in, and for over an hour we had a service with them. The husband had died a few weeks before. Their hearts were tender. We felt the Lord very near and very dear, as we knelt with them in prayer. An earnest request was made for me to end a year for the daughters. The Lord led me to ask the daughter of one of our parents to give her vacation, while home from the High School, to teaching in that home. Arrangements were made, and now Sowdhamany, a dear Christian girl, is living in that home, as one of the family. I have had letters from both teacher and pupil thanking me for making the arrangement. This is indeed an exceptional event, and I ask you to pray that in the near future many such homes may be opened to our educated Christian girls.

I wish to say something about my faithful helpers.

The Staff.—P. Mary, supported by Mrs. Marchant's class, Victoria, B.C.; M. Miriam, supported by "F" and "A"; P. Jemina, supported by Mrs. and Mr. Thos. Henry, West Toronto; T. Mary, and a new worker, P. Lydia. Miss Hinman very kindly loaned me her helper, B. Susan, for some of the touring. Pray for all these women. They have great opportunities to win the Telugu women to Christ.

The months have hurried by; the time seems short; the evil one is fighting us at every step of the way. I feel my own weakness as never before. I am waiting upon God to give us the victory.

Yours very sincerely,

MARY R. B. SELMAN.

#### VUYYURU—1917-18—DR. HULET

##### Work Among Women and Children.

**Medical Work.**—The long-contested dispute concerning the ownership of the land adjoining our present hospital site was finally settled but a few weeks ago. Immediately following its conclusion, the property was being eagerly purchased at a price almost incredible, the newly sanctioned Registry Office directly opposite and to the right of our bungalow, the incentive. We had particularly desired this land, as it is low; but rather than have it taken for native quarters facing our bungalow, we hastened to secure the remaining bit—three-quarters of an acre only. Fortunately, the part on which the building must stand is comparatively high. The plan of the building has been drawn, estimate made, and sent to the Building Committee to be presented to the Conference in July. We gratefully acknowledge the money—\$500—sent by the "John Knott Memorial" towards this very much-needed extension. We also thank the generous donor who sent us \$100 towards medical supplies. These sums, coming as they have, unsolicited by us, are all the more gladly received. Our hospital helpers, by accepting lower salaries than they could elsewhere receive, by being careful in the use of supplies and faithful in their service, have largely helped towards making this work, during these strenuous times, self-supporting. The Dispensary attendance of any one day has reached higher than any time before, being almost a hundred, and a hundred on several occasions. The total number of Dispensary treatments were 16,177; the new patients 6,702, and in-patients 584.

There have been a number of confessions of faith this year among the caste as well as non-caste patients. Kortamma, a woman of the Kamma caste, suffering from kala-agar, to which she finally succumbed, showed the greatest faith. Although she wanted to be spared to her family, she was perfectly resigned to the Fathers' will, ready to go when the call came. "Whatever the Father does is best," she would smilingly say. The testimonies of the others, we

believe, were sincere. We must follow them with our prayers that their awakening may ripen into a fuller experience and obedient life.

We were much surprised to learn inadvertently that in two villages, among the caste people taught by us, they have what may be called family worship, using the Christian hymns and Bible verses, these being sung and recited by the younger members of the family every evening before retiring. Many of our patients, not unlike sick people at home, become very pious when brought face to face with death, and make confessions of faith which are too often, we fear, forgotten on recovery or overruled by their unsympathetic orthodox relatives at home. We have only recently learned that quite a number of our patients on recovery, either on the way or after reaching home, though they have previously joined with us in acknowledging God as their Healer, make an offering to some idol or give a feast to Brahmins. This latter is considered a very meritorious deed. Their gratitude must have some practical outlet, not to idols, or to already over-fed Brahmins, but, under proper guidance, to the real needy ones "In His name."

An Indian gentleman, a lawyer, has signified his desire to build a choultry in connection with our hospital. All arrangements have been agreed to, and at the time of writing, the deed only remains to be made out. We know better than to anticipate too much. We will believe when the deed is actually in our possession.

**School Work.**—We wish we could report progress, but, hard as we have tried, we have only been able to keep the usual number on the rolls. Even this much, through the indiscretion of one of our teachers, we failed to do for a short while at Vallara. Nearly all of the girls were withdrawn. However, providentially, we were given a teacher by one of the A. B. missionaries. Through her efforts these girls were won back, and a few new ones secured. Prizes of dolls were not given for the simple reason there were none. We gave pictures to the smaller girls, and small story books to the larger ones. What prize money there is we are using to buy material for sewing and knitting. We would ask you again to keep in mind and pray for the large girls who have gone out from the school. In them there is much promise and reason for encouragement. A few of them were patients in our hospital during the year, and several others had the opportunity of coming to see us. But the greater number of them we have not been able to see at all. There are two books, one an exposition of the Parables of Jesus, and the other, "A Basket of Flowers," both by A.L.O.E., which are very much liked by all who have any knowledge of Christian truth. These we are trying to place in the hands of each one of our former pupils.

**Bible Women's Work.**—The condition of our Christian women was less satisfactory this year than we had hoped. The Association held on our own field at Karturu was poorly attended, and the giving considerably less than last year. Our Biblewomen, we believe, have been faithful, but even if they tour the whole year without any break they are only able to remain one month in each one of the centres. In each centre there are, on an average, twelve villages. This means less than three days for each village, in which to see caste as well as our Christian women. The same time is necessary to get from one centre to another. Rain, smallpox and cholera often hinder. We are compelled, therefore, to depend upon the pastors' and teachers' wives to do the regular teaching. The Biblewomen have only time to examine lessons learned and to constrain them to greater effort and faithfulness.

As an inducement to study we have offered a prize to the church which gives the best recitation. This prize finally goes to the best congregation among the several that make up that particular church, and will be some necessary article of furniture. In learning Bible truths and hymns the caste women have shown more interest than our Christians. To those who can recite the lessons of the year before, we are giving a Christian story book, the size and price of which is in proportion to the amount learned. On the whole, our helpers are confident there is much good soil on which the seed is falling and from which a rich harvest will be the result.

GERTRUDE HULET.

## FROM PITHAPURAM—1917-18.

Another busy year has gone, and hot season again finds me attempting to write a report in a temperature as uncomfortable in the other extreme as 60 below in the Canadian West, and with hospital work at high tide. The year has been one full of work and equally full of joy. It is a never-ending, ever-present pleasure to have the means at hand to help the needy.

The number of in-patients during the year has had the usual ebb and flow (from 25 to 45) with an operation and a half for each day of the year. (The half might mean begun one day and finished the next!)—and one call for each working day. A call sometimes means a trip of 25 or 30 miles by car out to a distant village, sometimes a day's travel by train; more often it means a trip to a village four or five miles away. The Traffic Superintendent, whose daughter has been one of our patients, has given me a pass, so that I can go and come by the first freight train, this doing away with long waits for passenger trains. As "rest is a change of work" these trips are times of refreshing.

At the beginning of the year I changed the Women's afternoon Sunday School at the bungalow to a preaching service at the hospital. This meeting has been well attended by the patients and their friends, the maximum attendance being 75. The bed patients look forward eagerly to the day when they shall be well enough to attend, and often ask to be carried in. Visiting missionaries had been most kind, taking this service whenever at Pithapuram, and as I have looked at these halt, maimed and blind in Oriental attire and attitude, listening to the words of life, I am reminded of the Gospel scenes when Christ spoke to just such people, and afterwards healed their diseases, and I pray that we also may put first things first and see beneath their physical ills their sin-sick souls.

During the year the Ranees has been pleased to visit the hospital on two occasions. Once the Rajah and Ranees and their five children came to tea, visiting the hospital afterwards. First came the torchbearers—only they carried immense wooden spears; then the forerunner on a motorcycle; next the children's car, and the Ranees's gosha car, followed by attendants on bicycles; and last and not least, an innumerable multitude of street arabs, and some not young enough to be so classified, but just as curious. All the doors and windows were shut, and we had tea inside. The second occasion the Ranees brought a friend, another Ranees, and their eight children sat on chairs and manipulated dishes of ice cream in quite modern style.

Our present most urgent need is for an European ward. Since taking the work I have had 127 European patients, of which 45 were in-patients. These I have had to have in my own home and entertain as well as treat. This does not apply to the missionaries, who are always one of the family, and whom we are always delighted to have with us. However, the patients have been most patient, and although accustomed to much better than I could offer, have taken it most cheerfully. And I have found among them many warm and true friends. The first two months of this year were high tide, when I had an average of a new European guest-patient every fourth day. For their sakes I wish we had a separate cottage, where they could be away from the echo of the general hospital work.

I must tell of our little castaway. A little 7-days-old baby, because it did not cry lustily, was given a dose of opium and thrown out under a tree. It was out all night in the rain, but next morning one of the family, seeing it still alive, rescued it and called me. It found it rolled in a wet rag, in a little dark room, and asked them to give it to me, which they readily did, and I brought it home. As the child grew strong, so also their affection for it, and my house was besieged day and night by loving friends wanting a peep at the babe. After three weeks, when we thought the little castaway was properly appreciated, we gave her back to them.

A Brahmin man, while staying here with his wife, became interested in reading the Bible. He used to sit by her, reading it, and one day she said to him,

"You believe in their God, and you pray to Him for my recovery." He did so, and refused to go to a certain temple and do puja, as her family wanted. Later, when his mother died, he refused to perform part of the ceremony, thus incurring the wrath of the other members of his own family.

All Christmas Day, Miss North and I spent by the bed of a lawyer's baby, as the little one's life slowly ebbed away. We were amply repaid for our little sacrifice by a letter from the lawyer, a Brahmin, who said he did not so much regret the death of his child, for it had permitted him to see what our religion really meant in a practical way. When a native doctor sees a case is hopeless he leaves at once and does no more for the patient. May these seeds sown by the wayside and among thorns bring forth some fruit.

DR. CAMERON.

### YELLAMANCHILI—REPORT FOR 1917-18.

#### Work Among Women and Children.

Although the past year began with a very trying experience, one which at the time seemed to affect our work seriously, we cannot but praise the Great Shepherd of the sheep for the many manifestations of blessing which have subsequently attended our labors, and trust that they are but forerunners of coming showers of blessing.

As one of our best Biblewomen had to be dismissed, and another was not able to work, we found ourselves without adequate help, so it seemed best to begin training a few of our Christian women who were available to become helpers. We had no teacher for them, but about this time it was necessary for me to go to Cocanada on business, and in a very wonderful way I was led to a woman who was a trained teacher, who consented to come and teach these women. She and these women have been our helpers throughout the year. It has been interesting to watch the progress they have made, both in their studies and in their ability to speak to the people the Word of Life, and we hope they may become capable, efficient workers in time.

As cloud and sunshine chase each other over mountain and valley, so the cloud has followed the sunshine in our Caste Girls' School, and the cloud has seemed to reast heavier this year than before. Our capable Headmistress, on account of ill-health, was not able to work for some weeks, and the second teacher, on account of home troubles and ties, could not give her undivided attention to her work for some months, and besides, we lost our Infant Class teacher, and were compelled to put in an untrained woman, so that the school work has been unsatisfactory this year. Although we have lost nearly all of our Brahmin girls, we are grateful for a "remnant" and feel that we have a mission to the non-Brahmin caste-girls, whose parents, in many cases, do not realize the advantages of an education for either their boys or girls, but think they are better employed gathering sticks or carrying a baby. Two wee girls, twins, of whom we are very fond, were regular attendants at school until their twin sisters arrived. When these were a year old, Ramamma and Lakshamma each had to care for a baby, and probably will have to for some time to come. This is one of the disappointments among our pupils. There are also many encouragements. Some of our girls made one hundred marks in their Bible examination. Not long ago some of our girls came to see us. During the conversation one of them said we all gather together on a mat at night before we go to bed and sing hymns and say the Lord's Prayer.

The caste boys come on Saturday afternoons as usual. After the Bible Lesson they are never content to go away without a picture card or a paper. Those who read English are glad to take books from my small lending library. I see improvement in the deportment of the boys, and in some a real interest in

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the lessons taught. A lad who attended quite regularly suddenly lost his father. This afouled in his mind questionings about the hereafter, and he has come many times since to converse and read the Bible.

The regular Sunday morning Sunday School is a real joy. The Superintendent takes a great interest in his work.

The Evangelistic Sunday Schools held on Sunday afternoons under the shade of a tree or a friendly verandah, suffered in the beginning of the year on account of scarcity of teachers, but improved later, and before Christmas we had a good rally. The children showed a fair knowledge of the lessons taught, and sat as orderly as such restless, undisciplined mortals could be expected to do.

By the grace of our Heavenly Father, we have been enabled to open four little village schools for out-caste children. One of the teachers is a poor, deformed man. In his childhood a kind Government officer, seeing him, took pity on him and sent him to school, and when he had gotten a fairly good education he employed him as private secretary. After some time the Government officer was transferred to another station, leaving the poor deformed man without work. In a village near Yellamanchili his sister was living. Here he came, and here our pastor found him. As the result of this discovery, both he and his sister became Christians, and were baptized. Now he is teaching a little school in a village named Teragapalle. A number of people in this village are minded to become Christians. We are hoping that God may use this poor, weak man to bring, not only the little ones, but their parents and friends, to Jesus.

Another young man who, for the time being, had to quit school, has started another school in a village two miles away. Here many are interested in the Gospel, and this teacher has been the means of bringing some of them to Jesus, and we hope that in the near future there may be many others who will follow their example.

During the year I made five short tours, one of them being on the Narsapatnam field with Miss Mason.

Although my Biblewomen were inexperienced and not capable of working independently, our servants, who are Christians, were eager to preach, and made use of every opportunity to go to the surrounding villages to do their share in spreading the "Good News," and indeed they reached many a village which we were unable to see.

We rejoiced at the interested reception of our message in so many places, and felt that some were in the valley of decision, but were counting the cost. One woman said, "If I become a Christian I must quit lying and stealing, and I can't live on my daily wage if I do not lie and steal." Oh, that the Spirit of God would open many blind eyes during the coming year.

EVA McLEISH.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.

For some wise purpose, the old Northern Association was cut into three sections and our Directorate increased by two. One of these Directors is Mrs. Wm. C. Dennis, who has taken charge of the Collingwood Association, and already greater interest has been manifested. The education of three children in India was one of the results of the Associational gathering in Stayner. Eight Circles out of twelve have increased their gifts to Foreign Missions.

Another is Thunder Bay, Mrs. E. D. Remand being Director. She has sent in a report from Port Arthur and For William Circles, which is very encouraging. aging.

The Northern Association has put on new life since it passed into the hands of Mrs. F. C. Elliott. She reports a Circle formed in Cobalt and one in Milberta since April; one revived during the year at Sudbury; also a Young Woman's Circle in New Liskeard. At a Thank-offering meeting at Halleybury a collection of \$16 was taken. "Not bad for a little Home Mission Church!" The people are waking up to the need in this North country, and in time we will see these women deeply interested in all missionary activities.

Miss McCandless reports one new Circle, one reorganized, two Young Women's Circles, and an increase of over \$66 to Foreign Missions in Elgin Association.

Quehph Association was without a Director, but Miss Dayfoot stepped into the breach and undertook the work. She reports four Young Women's Circles, all in a healthy condition. East Nissouri Circle is specially mentioned. Eleven women gathered together \$135.75 for Missions. This is a country church, and they have some splendid women there.

Middlesex and Lambton Director thinks it is wonderful how much has been accomplished in spite of war conditions. The Association has gone forward; the women are drawn more closely together, and the spirit of self-sacrifice seems more evident. Great credit is given to Miss Baskerville, who worked so hard among the country churches. The hearty response given to the support of Miss Laura Allyn has been most encouraging. Mrs. Baldwin's one difficulty is how to make time for Young Women's Circles when they have so many other meetings.

Niagara and Hamilton Association seems to have found a way out of this dilemma, for Mrs. Doherty's report is fairly bristling with these Societies, and all doing well. They are supporting students, dressing dolls, hemming and working towels, etc. The Circles, too seem to be doing good work, and the results are very satisfactory.

It is always a pleasure to report Norfolk Association. There is so much enthusiasm in some of those churches. Boston, Villa Nova and Waterford have done splendidly. One of the pastors has a wife who is a missionary enthusiast. Mrs. Peares would like a few more such women. She believes much hidden talent might be dug up in Norfolk Association.

Mrs. Judson Macintosh is still doing good work in Owen Sound Association in the absence of the new Director. Daywood and Leith Church is conspicuous for its liberality. Two Young Women's Circles are very enthusiastic, judging from returns made by them.

Oxford-Brant reports an increase over last year. Some of the Circles did not send in their reports till too late for the Director.

Peterborough was asked at the Association to raise \$75 towards the passage money of a new missionary. The Circles were to be assessed, and some gave three times what they were asked for. Misses Baskerville and Priest have visited this Association, with good results. More zeal for missionary work has been manifested this year than ever before. Miss Nicholls is much encouraged.

Mrs. McKinney shouldered the heavy Toronto Association in a wonderful manner. She has even gone the second mile, and reported the extra giving of each Society. Sixteen Young Women's Circles are now in active operation. "With numerous other calls, the missionary cause is still in advance, and many women are ready to obey the last command of their Lord and Master."

Miss E. McKechnie has been doing the work of the Walkerton Association, and has reported a marked advance over last year. They have given \$287.08 to Foreign Missions—an increase of \$57.95.

Miss Ritchie was somewhat disappointed with her returns; \$642 raised or Foreign Missions in Western Association looks all right when one does not see it is a decrease of \$91.77. She says they need stirring up or else they need a new Director.

Whitby and Lindsay is putting on fresh vigor and Mrs. Madill will soon be rejoicing in new Circles and resurrected ones. She has one of the former and two of the latter already, but she expected six. Let us remember our 15 Directors very often in prayer. They do the hard work of the Association.

To briefly summarize this report: We have about 15,500 women in our



churches. About one-third of these contribute to Missions through the Circles. The 223 Circles have sent in \$12,597.99 to the Treasurer. Our Young Women's Circles, \$1,106.57, making a total of \$13,704.56.

L. LLOYD.

Respectfully submitted,

**WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY BUREAU OF LITERATURE—ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 19, 1918.**

Balance from last year.....	\$13 44
Total Receipts for the year.....	135 58
Disbursements.....	132 50
Leaving a Balance of.....	3 08
Disbursements were as follows:—	
For Study Books and Mite-Boxes.....	18 71
Leaflets, Hymn Books, etc.....	28 76
Printing 500 Catalogues and 300 Poems.....	24 25
Stationery, Postage and Money Orders.....	27 18
Bell Telephone Co.....	50 00
Expenses to Convention last year.....	3 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$132 50</b>

To those who patronize the Bureau from a distance, will you kindly remember when you send stamps for payment to send two's or one's, and by no means ten's.

We have sold during the year a number of Study Books. The number of literature of all kinds amounted to 4,962—an increase from last year of 75. A number of Home Mission leaflets have been distributed free; 29 books have been loaned from the Library, and 30 papers. These should be returned promptly so that others may use them.

I would especially call your attention to our Missionary Photographs, and also the new Sketches of Foreign Missionaries, containing the latest photograph of Miss McLaurin and Miss Priest. Then, of course, you have all noticed the splendid photos of our Home Missionaries being published in the "Visitor," portrayed on the cover. What a chance you Band Leaders have of teaching the children who they are, and what they are doing at home and abroad. Children love pictures of people and things, and they never forget.

If you want to know what new leaflets are in the Bureau consult your LINK and "Visitor." For the gems, we have Black Pearls from India, and White Pearls from the Land of the Midnight Sun, at 5c each. The B.Y.P.U. are studying "His Dominion" this year.

Our Foreign Mission Study Book is "The Women Workers of the Orient," both of which can be had from the Bureau. During these days of war and unrest, sickness and death, it has been brought home to us more than ever the importance of prayer, and I want you women to pray for your Bureau of Literature. As the years go on and the little white-winged messengers are sent to many a home, pray that none may go astray or be wasted, because each one contains a special message for someone, if only a child, or some story sweetly told of wondrous love and sacrifice.

The Bureau means:

**B**usiness  
**U**se it  
**R**eliable  
**E**ducating  
**A**dvertise it  
**U**phold it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. MOOR,  
 Sec. Treas.

## TREASURER'S FORTY-SECOND REPORT

### COLLINGWOOD ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. W. O. Dennis, Broadbridge.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		
	Circles.	and Others.	Bands.
Barrie .....	\$31 00	\$12 00	\$12 50
Burke's Falls .....	21 83	.....	.....
Collingwood .....	17 48	.....	3 00
Cremore .....	20 00	.....	10 00
Gravenhurst .....	35 50	.....	.....
Marchmont .....	19 00	.....	.....
Mililand .....	29 50	.....	.....
Mitchell Square .....	48 10	.....	.....
Orills .....	21 06	20 00	.....
Parry Sound .....	66 70	.....	24 00
Stayner .....	12 00	*45 50	.....
Thornbury .....	5 00	.....	.....

\$310 12

Assoc. Collection .. 5 26      32 00  
 Total from Assoc. .. 448 38      \*45 50  
 \*12 Circles. 2 Y. W. Circles. 1 \*O. Organizations.  
 4 Bands.

### ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Mary D. McCandless, Sparta.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		
	Circles.	and Others.	Bands.
Aylmer .....	\$123 00	\$15 00	\$22 05
Calton .....	14 75	.....	.....
Dutton .....	19 85	.....	.....
Gladstone .....	62 50	.....	50 50
Jaffe .....	3 50	.....	.....
Lakeview .....	68 10	.....	.....
Malahide-Bayham .....	57 35	.....	7 30
New Sarum .....	14 00	.....	3 00
Port Burwell .....	15 00	.....	.....
Rodney .....	10 00	.....	.....
Sheddan .....	3 00	.....	6 00
Sparta .....	94 54	.....	2 58
St. Thomas Centre .....	143 50	*33 94	.....
Memorial .....	51 79	*42 00	17 00
West Lorne .....	2 35	.....	.....
Yarmouth, First .....	10 70	.....	.....

\$637 73      \*842 00      \$108 43

Assoc. Collections .. 89 84  
 Total from Association .. \$848 94  
 16 Circles. 2 Y. W. Circles. 1 \*O. Organization  
 7 Bands.

### GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Gertrude Davy, Georgetown.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		
	Circles.	and Others.	Bands.
Acton .....	\$6 10	.....	.....
Belfountain .....	3 00	.....	.....
Brampton .....	45 71	.....	17 00
Cheltenham .....	81 20	.....	3 38
Fleming East .....	3 00	.....	20 00
Fullarton .....	10 50	.....	.....
Galt .....	51 25	19 00	3 50
Georgetown .....	50 15	.....	6 25
Guelph .....	34 40	35 00	14 55
Hempel .....	65 00	.....	3 00
Kitchener, Benton .....	.....	*17 00	.....

King .....	78 50	.....	4 00
New Hamburg .....	.....	*10 50	.....
New Dundas .....	13 50	.....	.....
Nisour's East .....	66 80	.....	9 15
Orangeville .....	3 40	.....	1 00
Preston .....	18 00	.....	3 00
Snelgrove .....	12 00	.....	1 50
St. Mary's .....	8 50	.....	17 00
Stratford .....	41 70	19 75	14 00
			17 55

\$594 01      \$76 75      \$140 71

Assoc. Collection .. 38 39  
 Total from Association .. \$46 86  
 15 Circles. 4 Y. W. Circles. 2 \*O. Organizations.  
 14 Bands.

### MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Jas. Baldwin, 1009 Mainland St., London, Ont.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		
	Circles.	and Others.	Bands.
Aliss Craig .....	\$59 91	.....	\$5 00
Alvinston .....	19 75	.....	7 70
Arkona .....	36 22	.....	20 00
Brooke .....	14 00	.....	.....
Brooke & Ennis .....	.....	.....	.....
killen .....	70 79	*18 00	.....
Calvary .....	10 00	*18 00	.....
Courtright .....	2 03	*6 00	.....
Moore Centre .....	17 00	.....	.....
Denfield .....	45 00	.....	.....
East Williams .....	7 00	.....	.....
Forest .....	38 00	.....	9 00
London, Adelaide .....	181 90	.....	.....
Egerton .....	21 70	.....	21 00
Kemall .....	13 63	.....	3 31
Mainland .....	56 30	3 25	.....
South .....	64 50	3 00	40 00
Talbot .....	301 33	*16 85	155 00
Parkhill .....	.....	*17 00	.....
Parkhill .....	2 85	.....	.....
Pestrolia .....	51 38	.....	.....
Poplar Hill .....	.....	*15 00	.....
Sarnia, Central .....	27 73	.....	35 00
Brook .....	.....	.....	14 23
Sarnia Township .....	12 00	.....	.....
Strathroy .....	78 27	.....	5 00
Watford .....	15 00	.....	.....

\$1,170 59      \$6 25      \$315 38

Assoc. Collection .. 98 85  
 Total from Association .. 1,003 91  
 25 Circles. 2 Y. W. Circles. 7 \*O. Organizations.  
 11 Bands.

### NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. J. O. Doherty, 89 Edmund St., St. Catharines.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		
	Circles.	and Others.	Bands.
Beamsville .....	\$72 50	.....	.....
Binbrook .....	16 25	.....	4 50

Burlington ..  
 Caedonia ..  
 Dundas ..  
 Dunville ..  
 Fonthill ..  
 Freelon ..  
 Grimsby ..  
 Hamilton, B ..  
 James ..  
 Park ..  
 St. Catharines ..  
 Victor ..  
 West ..  
 Marshville ..  
 Niag. Falls ..  
 Main ..  
 Perry ..  
 Port Colborne ..  
 St. Catharines ..  
 Welland ..  
 Westover ..

Assoc. Coll ..  
 Total from ..  
 21 Circles ..  
 17 Bands ..

Dire ..

Names.  
 Bloomabur ..  
 Boston ..  
 Chesapeake ..  
 Courtland ..  
 Delhi ..  
 Eden ..  
 Frogmore ..  
 Hagersville ..  
 Hartford ..  
 Houghton ..  
 Langton ..  
 Middleton ..  
 Round Pt ..  
 Pine Gro ..  
 Rainham ..  
 Simcoe ..  
 St. Will ..  
 Townsend ..  
 Victoria ..  
 Villa No ..  
 Walsh ..  
 Waterloo ..

Assoc. Total ..  
 15 ..  
 11 Band ..

Dir ..

Names  
 Halley ..  
 New L ..  
 North J ..  
 Sauls ..  
 Sudbr ..  
 Thestral ..

Assoc. Total ..  
 6 C ..

Burlington	80 00	10 00	
Caledonia	7 50	11 25	
Dundas	25 00	8 50	
Dunville	36 50	30 00	
Fonthill	6 00	2 70	
Freston	53 00	18 00	
Grimsby	11 50	5 00	
Hamilton, Barton	169 50	5 00	
James	29 08	8 00	
James	5 00	6 50	
Park	25 00	8 00	
Stanley	24 01	14 00	28 00
Victoria	71 00	20 00	2 00
Westworth	13 25	14 00	17 00
Wheatville		3 00	1 50
Wheatville		5 85	
Nias, Falls, Jepson	30 00	3 39	2 50
Mata	10 00	8 71	
Perry	19 50		
Port Colborne	171 85	25 79	10 00
St. Catharines	23 00		17 00
Welland	27 00		
Westover			
Assoc. Collection		\$142 26	\$154 45
Total from Association		\$895 43	\$14 56
21 Circles, 9 Y. W. Circles, 3 O. Organizations, 17 Bands.			

**NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Waterford.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles.	Bands.
Bloomsburg	\$17 75		\$9 50
Boston	62 00		23 50
Cheapside	5 00		4 50
Courland	33 90		16 00
Delhi	7 50		
Eden	6 20		3 75
Frogmore	8 90		9 00
Hagreville	26 50		
Hartford	15 00		
Houghton, First	5 00		
Langton		4 85	
Middleton, South	22 47		
Round Plains		6 50	2 20
Pine Grove		2 00	
Rainham Centre	50 00		29 00
Simcoe	13 00		1 00
St. Williams			27 00
Townsend Centre	25 30		17 00
Victoria	52 00		
Villa Nova		3 25	
Walsh		6 00	53 50
Waterford	96 00		
Assoc. Collection		\$85 00	\$161 55
Total from Association		\$486 84	\$15 40
15 Circles, 2 Y. W. Circles, 4 O. Organizations, 11 Bands.			

**NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Mrs. F. O. Elliott, Haileybury.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles.	Bands.
Haileybury	\$50 10		\$4 55
New Liskeard	26 85		16 85
North Bay	70 10		2 05
Sault Ste. Marie	23 50		
Sudbury	5 00		
Thessalon	3 75		
Assoc. Collection		\$159 30	\$23 45
Total from Association			\$5 25
6 Circles, 3 Bands.			188 00

**OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Mrs. Day, Leith, Ont.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles.	Bands.
Brimley	\$19 10		\$8 20
Bruce North	7 00		
Clusley	3 25	13 40	
Daywood and Leith	35 50		2 00
Durham	20 00		
Elmwood	3 00		10 85
Meaford	23 15		24 08
Owen Sound	55 75	71 00	
Palsley	24 00		
Port Elgin	10 00		
Southampton	30 25		
Wintar	13 75		
Assoc. Collection		\$242 75	\$84 40
Total from Association			\$25 00
12 Circles, 2 Y. W. Circles, 1 O. Organization, 4 Bands.			

**OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Miss Whiting, 14 Peel Street, Brantford.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles.	Bands.
Beachville	\$24 55		
Brantford, Calvary	30 50	6 50	
Brantford, First	450 00	17 00	36 00
Immanuel	83 02	9 60	27 56
Park	248 00	17 00	49 04
Shenstone	75 60	27 05	17 00
Riverdale	22 00		32 50
Burford	47 50		32 79
Burgessville	84 00	17 00	8 50
Burich		17 00	
Calnava	5 00		
Hatchley	4 00		
Ingersoll	58 03	21 50	16 85
Jerseyville		17 00	
Norwich	56 00		3 00
Oxterville	48 50		
Oxford East	27 00		
Oxford West	5 00		
Paris	22 05		
Salford	45 00		
Scotland	38 70		20 00
Springford	23 50		25 06
St. George	54 27	3 50	
Tilsonburg	94 40		20 00
Woodstock, First	79 55		10 00
Oxford	29 40		
Zorra, E., 13th Line		11 50	
16th Line		16 00	
Assoc. Collection		\$1,751 47	\$71 15
Total from Association			\$17 50
26 Circles, 5 Y. W. Circles, 6 O. Organizations, 14 Bands.			\$290 00

**PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Miss M. A. Nicholls, 216 McDonnell St., Peterborough.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles.	Bands.
Belleville	\$41 00		\$17 00
Brighton	8 00		
Campbellford	15 38	2 25	3 86
Colborne	13 00		2 00
Colborne	14 00		
Cramahe	8 00		
Gilmour Memorial	71 75	2 00	34 00

Haldimand	18 84		
Indian River	41 00		
Lakeside	27 30	5 30	
Norwood	7 00		
Platon	14 40		
Port Hope	151 86		3 25
Peterborough Park	59 25		16 50
Murray	216 08	25 00	45 00
	\$650 44	\$34 78	\$128 81
Associational Collection			\$2 48
Total from Association			\$16 01
15 Circles, 4 Y. W. Circles, 8 Bands.			

**THUNDER BAY ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Mrs. Renand, Fort William.			
Names.	Circles.	and Others.	Bands.
Fort William	\$85 50		\$11 00
Fort Arthur	33 00	*21 25	17 75
	\$66 50	*21 25	\$28 75
Total from Association			\$1*6 50
2 Circles, 1 *O. Organization, 2 Bands.			

**TORONTO ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Mrs. B. A. McKinney, 140 Havelock St., Toronto.			
Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Aurora	\$38 94		
Bethel	5 50		
Eglinton	34 00	10 00	5 00
Markham 2nd	38 21		6 00
York Mills	51 25		
Weston	39 50	30 93	
Weston, Annette St.	38 50		
Bethany	2 50		
Beverly	75 80		7 00
Bloor St.	471 27	88 40	
Boon Ave.	49 03		13 75
Calvary	80 00		25 00
Century	66 83	15 50	5 00
Christie	39 00		
Colleges	285 95	43 15	3 98
Danforth	46 95		5 00
Dorsetcourt	50 71	13 50	8 53
		*90 00	
Dufferin St.	29 60	*12 00	
First Ave.	23 85	13 16	
		*10 60	
High Park	85 75		6 12
Immanuel	276 25	1 00	
Indian Rd.	192 78	*17 00	
		*8 50	
Jarvis St.	1,411 45	45 39	
		*17 00	
Jones Ave.	39 00	5 00	
Memorial	21 85	*10 00	
Moulton		121 75	
Oliver	42 72	9 15	
Ossington Av.	81 14	12 50	34 00
Pape Ave.	40 25	8 73	
Parkdale	124 11	*18 00	45 00
Rhodes Ave.	7 00		9 50
St. John's Rd.	26 00	8 75	9 50
Walmer Rd.	551 06	108 06	98 22
		*17 00	
Waverley Rd.	98 04	5 55	
		*17 00	
Wychwood	53 43	8 00	
	\$4,512 98	\$517 04	\$239 68
		*238 06	
Associational Collection			\$42 34
Total from Association			5,530 04
35 Circles, 15 Y. W. Circles, 13 *O. Organizations, 13 Bands.			

**WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Miss Kate McCormick, Walkerton.			
Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Aitwood	\$14 55		
Glamis	25 80		7 10
Goderich	5 00		1 04
Kenilworth	56 75		
Kincardine	12 00		
Listowel	7 23		
Mt. Forest	56 53		2 00
Tiverton	26 00		17 00
Wingham	56 50		24 00
Walkerton	38 75		
	\$287 08		\$55 00
Associational Collection			\$3 80
Total from Association			\$45 45
10 Circles, 6 Bands.			

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Miss Jane Ritchie, Arno, Ont.			
Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Blenheim	\$22 00		
Bothwell	5 00		
Chatham	117 86	10 00	20 75
Cochraner	33 50		
Dresden			3 25
Ebera	25 00		
Essex	2 00		
Harrow	15 00		
Kingsville	42 82		
Leamington	72 75	25 00	19 50
Ridgeway	22 20		5 55
Thornville	11 00	*3 00	
Tupperville	8 35		
Wallaceburg	72 75	21 00	2 10
Walkerville	48 15		2 50
Wheatley	44 00	*20 00	33 80
Wilkesport	11 75		
Windeor	50 00		
Zane	5 00		
	\$600 44	\$56 00	\$78 15
		*23 00	
Associational Collection			\$9 25
Total from Association			765 84
18 Circles, 3 Y. W. Circles, 2 *O. Organizations, 7 Bands.			

**WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.**

Director—Mrs. Madill, Stonyville.			
Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Baddow			\$35 00
Brooklin	22 00		
Charlemont	23 00		17 00
Fenelon Falls			5 00
Hallburton	6 00		
Lindsay	103 25		
Reahoro		*18 00	
Scotch Line	8 00		
Stonyville	25 75		12 50
Uxbridge	1 50	*10 00	
Whitevale	10 00		
Whitby	24 53		3 00
	\$226 31	*28 00	\$72 50
Associational Collections			\$101 00
Total from Association			427 81
9 Circles, 2 *O. Organizations, 5 Bands.			

**SUMMARY.**

Receipts for Extras and Lepers	\$405 96
Receipts for Building Fund	581 03
Receipts for Bolyis Teachers	129 28
For Regular Work, including \$250.00 for Miss McLesch, \$215.00 for Miss Robinson, \$213.75 for Dr. Hulet, \$450.00 for Miss McLeod, \$421.82, for Miss Allyn and \$104.15 for Miss Brothers.	18,335 78

Balance for Regular. Legacy. From Circles. From Y. W. From Bands. From Other. From Indiv. from "sso. from "Mie.

Balance f From Get Balance Cash d Cash d

Receiv ary Lev Receiv \$50.00- Receiv stock.

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Incom Com W. Wa Vio

Cit nell, Thos Had Mrs. Coun Wall Wilb A. I Hall Mrs Ia Wal Joh Ch Lio

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance forward, Oct. 21st, 1917.....	\$3,859 89	
Regular Work.....	215 75	
Legacy.....		\$4,075 64
<b>From Circles.....</b>	<b>15,597 99</b>	
From Y. W. Circles.....	1,106 57	
From Bands.....	1,925 02	
From Other Organizations.....	719 06	
From Individuals.....	1,601 51	
From Assoc. Collections.....	1,241 43	
From Miscellaneous.....	1,249 12	19,482 05

\$23,507 60

### DISBURSEMENTS.

To General Treasurer.....	\$16,025 00
On Regular Estimates.....	\$226 33
Extras designated.....	179 68
Legers.....	463 96
<b>Specials.....</b>	<b>100 30</b>
Miss Selman's Bond.....	206 25
Bolivia Teachers.....	500 00
Samaloot Seminary.....	906 25
	584 14
	41 18
	928 98
<b>Home Expenses.....</b>	<b>100 30</b>
Muskoka Rest Home.....	906 25
Transferred to Investment Acct.....	584 14
Balance on hand, Oct. 20, 1918.....	41 18
Regular Work.....	928 98
Cocanada Oastie School.....	\$8,860 75
Refund from Gen. Board.....	561 08
	200 00
	4,621 78
	\$23,507 60

Balance forward, Oct. 21st, 1917.....	\$25 00
From General Account.....	215 00
Balance, Oct. 21, 1917, LEGACY.....	658 82
Cash from Legacies.....	24 56
Cash designated for investment.....	
	\$923 38

Invested in Victory War Bonds in denominations of \$50.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$100.00, \$500.00.....	\$799 75
Balance on hand, Oct. 21, 1918.....	123 63
	\$923 38

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,  
Treasurer.

Received from Mrs. John McNeill, \$100.00 Victory Loan Bond.  
Received from Gladness Class, Walmer Road, \$50.00 Victory Loan Bond.  
Received from Mrs. Hawkins, 40 shares Marconi stock.

Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell,  
119 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.  
Audited and found correct,  
W. E. ROBERTSON,  
F. SANDERSON.

### \*MISCELLANEOUS

Collections.....	\$121 34
Bank Interest.....	64 66
Refund Building Account.....	200 00
Vancouver Ladies.....	17 05
Ladies of Board.....	75 50
Legacies.....	
Mrs. Woodburne.....	550 00
Mrs. Laird.....	560 00
Mrs. Rowland.....	64 66
Mrs. Freeland.....	58 82
	658 82
<b>Income from Investments.....</b>	<b>40 00</b>
Commercial Cable Bond.....	8 75
W. A. Rogers Stock.....	
War Loan (Mary Shenstone Fund).....	50 00
Victory Loan Bonds.....	12 40
	111 15
	\$1,249 12

of Waterloo; Rev. H. H. Bingham, London, Talbot; Mrs. J. B. McLaurin, Grace Hall, Edna Richards, Toronto, Walmer Road; Mrs. Clive, Georgetown; James Bruce Wilson, Woodstock, Fris; Mrs. Milton Porter, Townsend Centre; Ila Farquhar, Eva Hunter and Thelma Jackson, Gladstone.

### \*REGULAR WORK SUPPORTED DURING 1917-8.

<b>Akita.....</b>	<b>\$880 00</b>
Miss Selman.....	820 00
Cocanada.....	2,200 00
Miss Pratt.....	150 00
Miss Baskerville.....	600 00
Miss Palsom.....	575 00
Miss McGill.....	375 00
Miss Farnell.....	
Miss Craig.....	650 00
<b>Pithapuram.....</b>	<b>896 00</b>
Dr. Cameron.....	1,085 00
Ramchandrapuram.....	788 00
Miss Hatch.....	645 00
Miss Jones.....	376 00
Samaloot.....	600 00
Miss McLeod.....	600 00
Miss Robinson.....	500 00
<b>Yayuru.....</b>	<b>1,000 00</b>
Miss Priest.....	1,400 00
Dr. Hulet.....	550 00
Yellamanchilli.....	875 00
Miss McLeish.....	
Bolivia.....	1,000 00
Exchange.....	1,400 00
Paruloo.....	550 00
Passage to India and allowance, Miss Baskerville.....	1,000 00
Passages from India and allowances, Misses Folsom and Priest.....	1,400 00
Passage to India, Miss Allyn.....	550 00
	\$16,025 00

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

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