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CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Sing, Christmas bells !
Say to the earth this is the morn
Whereon our Saviour-King is born ;
Say to all men—the bond, the free,
The rich, the poor, the high, the low,
The little child that sports in glee,
The aged folk that tottering go,—
Proclaim the morn
That Christ is born,
That saveth them and saveth me !

Sing, O my heart !
Sing thou in rapture this dear morn
Whereon the blessed Prince is born !
And as their songs shall be of love,
So let my deeds be charity,
By the dear Lord that reigns above,
By Him that died upon the tree,
By this fair morn
Whereon is born
The Christ that saveth all and me !
—Eugene Field.

THE DIVINE BIRTH.

(From "The Life of Lives," by Dean Farrar.)

Christ lifted the gate of the centuries off its hinges with His bleeding hands. History has borne its witness to Him. . . The Jews fell into utter and immediate ruin in accordance with His prophecy. The grandeur of the Roman Empire was humbled to the dust and vanished before Him. The Northern nations, abandoning their ignorance and savagery, knelt humbly before the "White Christ," and, conquerors though they were, accepted the religion of the Christians whom they had conquered.

The first Christian emperor wore upon the labarum of his armies His cross of shame ; and it is set in jewels on the diadem of many kings. The oldest crown of Europe—the famous iron crown of Lombardy—was venerated

because it was believed to be made of an iron nail from the cross of Golgotha. . . Rudolph of Hapsburg, founder of the great Empire of Germany, when no scepter could be found amid the tumult of his coronation, grasped a crucifix and swore that that should be his scepter. Napoleon, the last great conqueror of modern days, said in his exile, "I know men, and Jesus Christ is not a man. . . Between Him and whoever else in the world there are no possible terms of comparison."
"There is nothing fruitful but sacrifice"—and the noblest and most continuous self-sacrifice which the world has seen has sprung simply from the belief in, and the imitation of, Jesus Christ.

NOTES ON CONVENTION.

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Chas. Stark, Mrs. W. J. Robertson and Miss Boyd, the arrangements made by the Bloor Street Circle for the comforts of delegates left nothing to be desired. This committee and their large staff of helpers are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they served at lunch and supper upwards of five hundred guests each day.

We all appreciated having with us "Sister Belle," who was a member of our Board in the very early days of organization.

Without exception, every Association was represented either by its Director or Assistant Director. These workers, always enthusiastic, by their meeting and conferring together will go home inspired and strengthened.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL.

We wish all our readers a Merry Xmas, and at the same time would like to remind them that the close of the year is a good time to examine the date on their Link labels, which tells when subscriptions expire, and if in arrears forward to the Editor and make a glad New Year.

The Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario (West.)



HE Convention of 1907-8 assembled in the Bloor St. Church, Toronto, Wednesday morning, Nov. 11th, at nine-thirty a.m. The President, Mrs. Firstbrook, in the chair.

After the opening hymn Mrs. Distan, of Collingwood, read the twelfth chapter of Acts, giving very helpful thoughts on the subject of prayer. Earnest prayer followed, for God's presence in Convention and for His help in the Foreign Field and at home.

Miss Martha Rogers addressed a few words of cordial welcome, on behalf of the Bloor St. Circle, to the delegates in Convention. In reply Mrs. Mulock, of St. Catharines, voiced the thanks of the visiting delegates, at the same time urging all to greater efforts in the future, in their work at home.

The reports of the Recording Secretary, Home Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Bureau of Literature and "Link" were read and adopted.

Mrs. Sycamore urged on all the claims of the "Link." Mrs. Sycamore stated that owing to decrease of subscribers from the Maritime Provinces, on account of having their own paper, and the number of subscriptions in arrears, the Link is not paying at present. Mrs. Sycamore most emphatically stated that we must remedy this falling off.

The reports of the Associational Directors were read. These reports proved most interesting. Most of the Directors report progress and activity all along the line. Many of the Directors proved themselves indefatigable in their efforts to revive dead or dying Circles and Bands, or in organizing new ones. Circle membership has increased greatly, owing largely to Crusade Work, but in the Bands, many reports have shown a decrease.

After a hymn, Mrs. Halkett, of Ottawa, led a most interesting and practical discussion on "Methods in Band Work." Mrs. Halkett, better known as "Sister Belle," took up the reasons why Foreign Missions are more generally interesting to Bands; then told what

Mission Bands can do for Home Missions. She told how Band children can gather pictures for use in Mr. Harbor's work among the Indians. Mrs. Halkett advocated letting Bands choose their own scholars for support in Grande Ligne, making it a personal matter by giving their money, prayers and love to the little French boys and girls, to whom the Bible has been in ages past a closed book. The sympathy of the children can readily be aroused by asking them if they would not like to help organize a Sunday School for children who have no such privilege.

A discussion followed and many questions were asked which were answered by Mrs. Halkett in a most interesting and helpful way.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn, after which the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The election of officers and members of the Board resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Jno. Firstbrook; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Thos. Urquhart; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. J. Ross; Members of the Board, Miss V. Elliott, Mrs. S. S. Bates, Mrs. Wm. Davies, jr., Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Miss Tapscott, Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Mrs. Chas. Senior, Toronto; Mrs. C. W. King, Woodstock; Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Chatham.

Mr. Singer, missionary to Jews in Toronto, spoke briefly of the debt which Christians owe to Jews. Paul and many others suffered martyrdom for our enlightenment, without whose preaching, we would be ever as the heathen of India to-day. The Jews need Christ just as much as does any other nationality. Fifteen thousand are now in Toronto, and they still come. The President, in her address called to mind the great commission given to a few humble fishermen—the results showing that its fulfillment is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit." Continuing Mrs. Firstbrook showed that as a Society we have much to be thankful for during the past year, but we have also much responsibility and must devote our life and energy toward "this one thing" of giving the Water of Life to those who have not received it. The report of the

Corresponding Secretary will be found elsewhere in the Link.

Mrs. Angus read only extracts from the letters and in closing expressed the wish that we might in some way be brought into closer touch with our missionaries, who need not only our money, but our personal interest and prayer.

After a few minutes of quiet, during which Mrs. C. W. King led us in prayer, Miss Selman, took as her text the incident of the healing of the woman bowed together by an infirmity and spoke of the spiritually crooked women in India who cannot straighten themselves and have not heard the voice Divine which alone can loose them from their infirmity. She told how they go about seeking cleansing from sin by means of pilgrimages, idol worship, bathing in sacred rivers, fasting and praying, and there are so few to tell them the one effective cleansing. The Mohammedans are others of the spiritually crooked, and of these there are many thousands throughout our districts, but they do not speak Telegu and so cannot be reached by our missionaries. Miss Selman expressed the hope that before long, some single ladies might be sent out who would learn their language and devote their entire time to them.

The women who have been taught, and have heard the voice of the Lord, are living clean, straight lives and are gradually developing a higher type of Indian womanhood, which is telling on the heathen around, and must soon result in a great ingathering.

After the offering and a very sweet solo by Miss Freeland, Mrs. Newton, of Durham, gave three reasons why we should seek to win the disinterested women for our Circles. First, because our Lord needs them and misses them, and if we show them this, and the great need about them, it will appeal. Second, because we have prayed for them—and if we believe in prayer we must go after them. We will find that we have often misjudged. Third, because of the sufferings of Jesus. If we have had a vision of our Crucified Lord, we will interest these women in the heathen for whom He was crucified.

The work of Pundita Ramabai was the subject of an address by Mrs. Nalder. She told of Ramabai's great work for the widows of India, of her marvellous faith and entire de-

pendence upon God for every need of herself and her great family of two thousand.

At this point a cablegram was received from our out-going missionaries from England which read as follows: "Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundant above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Eph. 3: 20, 21."

A prayer of thanksgiving for their safe arrival so far on their journey was offered and again they were commended to the care of our Heavenly Father.

Mrs. Eva Rose York, in her Bible reading, spoke on "Songs in the Night." After touching on the literal songs in the night, when we waken and hold communion with our Lord, she passed on to songs in nights darker than the literal night. The song in the night of sin, of forgiveness and redemption through His blood, is the first and essential song, without which we can hear none others. In the night of pain, another song comes to us when we remember that it is only the earthly tabernacle which suffers, and our real life is hid with Christ in God. The hardest song to learn is that in the night of bereavement, but it oftentimes is only by going through this night that we can look into the face of our Lord. In the night of trouble, the song comes to us while Jesus holds our hand and keeps His everlasting arms about us. All of these songs must have the foundation note of Life and the note of Love for Jesus and for souls. There is no music except that which we give out through Jesus as He lives in our lives.

Dr. Farmer was given a few minutes during which he spoke of the history of our Mission in India, written by Rev. Jno. Craig, which is now being published,—after which the meeting was adjourned.

The evening session opened with devotional exercises by Rev. W. A. Cameron, after which the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The first address was by Dr. Woodburne, who spoke on the struggle up from heathenism in India. To become a christian is considered lowering, even by the low caste people, but after they find Christ their conception changes and they realize that only the gospel can hit

a man out of the miry clay and set his feet firm upon a rock. The process of this struggle up, is well shown in Benjamin, who was one of a family of three. He was found by the missionaries hired out under bond, which is slavery, to a farmer, forced to work Sundays as well as other days, and often all night. The price required to free him was paid and he was placed in the boarding school where he remained until he passed the primary examination six years later. He was then sent to the Seminary, but here, although he had been converted at the boarding school, he became so troublesome that he had to be expelled. A year of looking after himself brought him to his senses and he asked to be taken back. The next year or two showed a great change in his life, but he realized that there was still much in Christ that he had not yet learned. When the revival came, it reached him and left him "a flame for Christ."

From Benjamin's native village, the magistrate, who had led the people in persecuting the christians here, was forced by disease to come to the Mission Hospital. Here Benjamin preached to him Jesus, and when he returned to his village, he was a changed man. He acknowledged his mistake about christianity, and with Benjamin preached to the villagers and when recently the missionaries were there, they seemed almost ready to turn en masse to Christ.

Of the same struggle in new villages Dr. Woodburne also spoke. He told how they begin preaching in a village and come time after time with no apparent results. Then perhaps two or three believe, but persecution follows. They persevere and gain little by little, until in the course of five or six years there is a little school and Christian community.

This work requires much patience, and courage in both missionary and native. The missionary must be "incurably optimistic." God never disappoints and the revival has shown that He will bless His word if faithfully sown.

After the offering and music by the choir, Miss Armstrong, of Burmah, was introduced, and spoke on her work in Burmah, which is among the same people as our work in India, the Telugus. Buddhism is their religion and they are very difficult to work among, on account of their pride. For many years results

were small, but of late there has been a greater awakening.

The Karens are much easier to work among because of a tradition which said that some day a white man would come in a ship and bring with him a book, the teachings of which they must believe. There are about 750,000 Telugus and Tamils in Burmah, and Miss Armstrong and her parents are their only missionaries. They work principally through their schools, teaching the children and through them gaining access to the homes. Of late years there has been difficulty in getting teachers, so that a training school was opened. This has grown so that two of the best students were brought to Canada to prepare to assist in the training of the teachers.

These two students who are attending the Bible Training School each spoke for a few moments and roused much interest, after which the convention was closed by prayer.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the year which has just closed, the Board has held four regular, two special, and eight prayer-meetings, with an average attendance of twenty-five. The Executive Committee of the Board has met monthly, with one special meeting.

The past year has surely proven the text, "Ask and ye shall receive." Never has the Board depended to a greater degree upon the Lord, and never has God so honored it's efforts.

The opening meeting dealt with Crusade-Week work. An increase of twenty per cent in Circle membership had been asked for at Convention, and this appeal had been so generally met, that the Board decided to ask each Director to make a similar effort to increase the number of Circles in her Association by twenty per cent.

The February meeting was held at the Emma Davies Mission Home. Through the kindness of Mrs. John Craig, the members were taken through the new Missionary Residence. Miss Zimmerman was appointed to the missionary staff at this meeting. The Board also accepted gratefully an invitation from Bloor St. Circle to hold the annual Convention in their church.

In May the Board received and accepted a friend's offer to become responsible for Miss

Zimmerman's support in India for seven years, as well as her expenses to and from the field. Miss Jessie Findlay, B.A., and Miss Helen Reikie were at the same time appointed missionaries to India,—to leave for that field this Fall. The following ladies were chosen as a Programme Committee for Convention: Mrs. T. M. Harris, convener; Miss Merle Chamberlain, secretary; Mrs. Firstbrook, Mrs. Ross, Miss Nasmith, Mrs. Glenn Campbell

At a special meeting held in June, the Board accepted Miss Reikie's resignation owing to the fact that previous to the Board's appointment, she had pledged herself to the China Inland Mission. Miss Ryerse was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On July 29th the Board was called upon to face a most perplexing problem. The friend who had so generously promised to provide for Miss Zimmerman's support, found himself temporarily unable to assume such an obligation. The Board was confronted by the stern fact that with hardly sufficient funds available for sending out two new missionaries there was nothing in the treasury for sending out the third,—Miss Zimmerman. This difficulty was made a matter of prayer and earnest consideration. A letter presenting the facts of the situation was sent to the various Circles of Ontario West, which in its result was so honored that not only was it made possible for three missionaries to prepare for India, but what has been designated "The New Missionary Fund" was begun for the support of these and other new workers on the Foreign Field.

At the September meeting, the Board acting in conjunction with the Home Board, decided to set aside the first week in January as Crusade Week in Circle Work. A model constitution for the use of Associations was drawn up and adopted; this document is in the hands of the Board's Recording Secretary and is available for any Association wishing to adopt a constitution.

The following life members were added during the year: Miss Carrie Beemer, Mrs. A. Haines, Mrs. S. Spense, Aylmer; Mrs. C. A. Berry, Courtland; Mrs. N. Chute, Mrs. M. B. Laggan, Lakeshore Calvary; Mrs. Fred Wall, London South; Mrs. M. D. S. Copeland, Hariston, by Mount Forrest M. C.; Mrs. Hiram Beemer, by Miss Rhoda Massecar, through Round Plains M. C.; Mrs. J. H. Rinch, by her-

self through St. Thomas M. C.; Mrs. A. T. Gregory, Toronto, Western Church M. C.; Mrs. J. S. Jefferys, Toronto; Mrs. W. A. King, Toronto, by herself. Bands—Miss Carrie Davis, Miss Mabel Hutchison, Miss Lila Roy, Aylmer M. B., and Miss Emmeline Oxley, Boston M. B.

The total Thank-offering for the year has been \$1,042.03, contributed by 101 Circles, 2 Bands and 1 individual.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Recording Secretary.

HOME SECRETARY'S REPORT.

When we met in convention in Owen Sound last year many were led to form resolutions and determine that as far as they were concerned at least, they would do more than ever they had done before. They would win others to the Circle gatherings, they would engage in Crusade work. Yes they would give more—even if they had to deny themselves to do so. With some, these were merely transient emotions and have long since died out; with others the motto to "Go forward" has had a new meaning, and steady growth has been the result, both in spiritual and financial matters. When the crusade work swept over Ontario West faithful ones were found ready to respond and went at the work with a right good will. In some Circles every woman in the church is a member of the Circle, and, strange to tell, some have even more members in the Circle than they have women in the church. Let this good work go on this year and let us extend a warm welcome to the new recruits who will soon step into active service for our Lord and Master. We need every woman in our churches to help us carry on this great work of giving the Gospel to our sisters in heathen lands.

Of our thirteen associations eleven have contributed more this year than last. Is yours one of the two that has fallen behind? Was it your Circle that did less, or coming more closely home did you do less than you did last year? Let each one answer for herself.

Only one change in the Directorate—Mrs. Mahon has retired and Mrs. Nicholson has taken her place. Assistant Directors have been appointed and are relieving the situation by attending to either the clerical or organizing work, as may be best suited to their abilities.

236 Circles, 112 Bands and 35 other organizations have reported to the Treasurer and sent in to her \$11,664.74. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us this year whereof we are glad.

When we sent out an appeal for \$1,000 to enable us to send out three lady missionaries this Fall the call was so generously responded to that the desire of our heart was granted and Miss Ryerse, Miss Zimmerman and Miss Findlay are now travelling to their distant field of labor—India.

As you listen to the Directors' reports you will hear of new Circles being formed, old Circles increasing in membership and an added interest in many directions, but you will not hear what they tell your Secretary of their many discouragements and of how they are opposed by those who should be the first to assist them. Let us encourage our directors by words of cheer. It is simply marvellous what an influence one woman may exert in a whole association.

The Link has been taken, according to reports sent in, by only 2371 women in our churches. This paper is invaluable to us and we hope every new member of our Circles will subscribe for it and that we will all watch the little label on its face and not get in arrears. Let us pray very earnestly for the editor and let the paper be truly a link between Canada and India.

And now 1909 lies before us. What has it in store for us? Let us still "Go forward" and receive the "Well done" of our Master at its close.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LLOYD.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The past year has been in some respects a notable year in the history of our Society. We have had much to cheer our hearts in the ready response of missionaries to go to the field and in the way in which funds have been provided. We have been able to send out during the year three new missionaries, Miss Zimmerman, Miss Findlay and Miss Ryerse, all of whom we believe to be specially qualified for the work, the former being a trained nurse, the two latter teachers. When we consider that it is twenty years since we have been able to send so many at one time our hearts are made

doubly glad and we devoutly return thanks to God for His blessing and favor.

We are also grateful to God for the safe return to Canada on furlough of two of our esteemed missionaries, Dr. Hulet and Miss Selman, and we trust that their stay here may be helpful to them and to us, and that they may be refreshed and prepared for yet greater service.

While we have so much to rejoice over, however, the year has not been without its touch of sadness, for we have had the first break in our ranks by death. Miss Sarah Simpson passed away in Toronto, on Nov. 21, 1907, and in her we have lost a most faithful and devoted worker whose life of service and sacrifice has been a blessing and inspiration to many.

Two of our missionaries, Miss Priest and Miss Jones have suffered from typhoid fever, but we are happy to know that they are again in good health. With one or two other exceptions, the health of our missionaries has been good, and we have great reason to praise our Heavenly Father that they have been mercifully preserved from cholera, which has raged in some parts of India.

In addition to the three young women now on their way to India, five others have offered themselves to our Board, or have inquired about service in the foreign field. Correspondence has also been held with our missionaries in India, and extracts from their letters have appeared from time to time in the "Link."

The completion of the new Bungalow at Ramachandrapuram is another cause for thanksgiving, and we trust that this new home may mean much for the uplifting of the heathen society surrounding it.

Since the presentation of the last report, the former secretary, Miss Alexander, has resigned after rendering efficient and faithful service so that the present report is the first one given by the writer, who therefore presents it with many misgivings and with the earnest desire that it may give in as clear a manner as possible the work done by our Society during the year.

The following extracts from the annual reports of our missionaries give a summary of the work of the year. Lack of space prevents the presentation of any of these reports in full, which is greatly to be regretted, for they are full of interest and inspiration. The secretary has tried to give the outstanding features in each case, but of necessity many graphic

and touching incidents have been omitted. It is to be hoped that many of the Circles will avail themselves of the privilege extended to them through the "Bureau of Literature" to obtain the use of these letters for reading at their meetings.

Beginning at Cocanada where four of our missionaries labor, we shall go on to learn of their various forms of activity in the different fields and shall hope to enter into the spirit of their work.

COCANADA.

MISS BASKERVILLE—The problem of a suitable head master for the school had to be faced early in the year, but we are glad to know that Mr. N. Israel, formerly of the Seminary staff, has entered upon this position, and as he is pledged to remain five years, there is a prospect that some progress may be made. The widowed sister of Mr. Israel has become matron. "For many years I had longed and prayed for a suitable matron, but it was almost a surprise to me when the answer came," writes Miss Baskerville.

The boarders numbered 75 at the end of the year, but after Christmas they increased to 93. In spite of all the changes, the Inspectress reported the school as in better condition than the previous year. Of 71 who went up for examination, 57 passed. There is also some reason for encouragement in the spiritual progress of the girls. As it is the opinion of Conference that we should have at least 100 girls in the Boarding Department, and as the prices of food stuffs have increased very materially, a larger appropriation has been asked for the work next year.

MISS PRATT—Teaching in the Cocanada Caste Girls' Boarding School and visiting the women and children in their homes, occupies Miss Pratt's time very fully. Working with six Bible women, over 3500 visits were made. Two of the Bible women died during the year, and of one, Miss Pratt writes: "P. Elizabeth died of cholera. In the morning she arose as usual—and before sunset she was in her grave. Even when suffering most intensely she gave a beautiful testimony to the sustaining power and presence of the Saviour."

The work in the Sunday Schools is making good progress. "Day after day your representative with her helpers has gone in and out among the women of this great city telling the old, old story—sometimes to indifferent hearers, but more often to those who, having

heard it before, are glad to hear it again." In face of discouragement and hopes deferred, our missionary goes out day after day sowing the good seed.

"Village work has been most interesting. Twenty-nine villages have been visited during the year, and many hundreds of women have been reached with the gospel." Several new villages have been entered, and only in one of these did Miss Pratt and her helpers have to leave without giving their message.

There is ground for encouragement in the work among the Christian women and in the Caste Girls' School.

Tracts and Christian literature have been distributed, and we pray that they may bear fruit.

MISS BEGGS reports that her pupils are progressing well, and that she has visited 92 houses during the half year from January to June, the same number as last year.

MISS GIBSON reports regular house to house visiting and teaching.

MISS FOLSOM sends us a very interesting and hopeful report of the Timpany Memorial High School of Cocanada, where such branches as History, Domestic Economy, Elocution, Science and Mathematics, English and Scripture are taught. A primary department is also in operation. Miss Folsom herself teaches the Bible to all the classes and she says: "It was a great pleasure to teach the Bible once more, the children were so interested—but he who sets out to teach the infant class must have a thorough knowledge of Scripture and a clear understanding of theology, if he does not wish to be brought to confusion when trying to answer the stiff, searching questions of the little folk." The school library is being gradually built up, and no small honor is brought to the institution by her former pupils, many of whom are giving good account of themselves in their various callings.

MISS CORNING has surely been working almost unceasingly, teaching in the High School in the mornings, and doing village and Zenana work in the afternoons and evenings. She tells of the development of the Industrial Class, which was opened in January, '07, with a view to teaching the girls to make their own clothes, and also to help raise money for the much needed new building. About 12,000 rupees are needed to build this addition, 5300 rupees of which were in hand in cash and pledges in August last.

The native work has been most encouraging. "We started with a strong desire to give every woman in the five villages in which we teach a knowledge of the Gospel." With a larger staff of workers than usual, every part of the villages has been reached, regular weekly teaching having been given to those who desired it. About four hundred children are regularly taught in nine evangelistic schools. Early in the year the opposition in the "Fish Village" gave way completely, strengthening the faith of our workers. Where once there was violent opposition to the Gospel teaching, "now these same men gather with the women and beg us to tell them more and yet more of the love of God in Christ. Our God is mighty to overcome the strongholds of Satan."

RAMACHANDRNPURAM.

MISS JONES bears testimony to the power of prayer in her behalf, and sends us as an appropriate message II. Cor. I. 10, 11. "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver, in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us; ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." She rejoices in having been brought to a "city of habitation," i. e., Ramachandrapuram, where she has Miss Hatch's fellowship and counsel. Helping with the Sunday School work and studying Telugu fill the time chiefly for Miss Jones. "As I think of the missionary work on our field, I am impressed with both its possibilities and impossibilities." Cheered by the possibilities of work among the children, saddened by the self-satisfaction of the caste people, Miss Jones rests on these words: "The things that are impossible with men are possible with God."

MISS HATCH feels moved in her report to write of some of the discouragements and encouragements of the year's work.

Under the first heading comes loss of workers. Two hopeful Bible women have fallen into temptation and are so far lost to the work, some have moved away, others have died, so in many ways the work has lost helpers.

Miss Hatch's health also has not been good, so that she has been able to report only 500 visits, meetings, etc., whereas two years ago she reported 900. This is partly accounted for by the fact that she took no vacation trip that year, while she took two this year.

Lack of apparent fruit.—"We want to see a

more general movement among our many hearers in the way of accepting and confessing Christ, and we have not seen it." Some of the best hearers have made a pilgrimage to Benares, some have been too busy to hear, once Miss Hatch was ordered peremptorily to cease talking to some Brahman women.

But the encouragements outnumber the discouragements. New interest has been awakened in new villages, and in two of them the reception was almost overwhelming. "Our reputation had gone beforehand on account of the leper-work. In one of these, Yellinge, there were several who had visited us, though we had not been there before, and they received us with open arms and open hearts . . . We had to tell or sing the story over and over again, and when we came away the three of us had scarcely any voice left. Some of these who received us so heartily were near relatives of the blind woman convert, Mavolamma, who was baptized the year before, and they had only good to speak of her."

"In still another village a woman who had been on many pilgrimages, but had not found peace, listened with intense interest, and having taken special delight in a hymn we sang . . . would not be satisfied till she had a copy. In three or four villages we had specially kind receptions at the Munsiff's houses which we had not visited before. Among these we found many who had been attending Girls' Schools and who were glad to learn some hymns from us. In a distant village we were very graciously received by some Brahmans whose relatives had been helped at our Hospital."

"The addition of some honorary workers has also encouraged our missionary. "In July, 1907, Grace, the beloved wife of our good doctor, who was formerly a member of the Episcopal Church, united herself by baptism with the little church here. She is the first Indian woman matriculant of Madras University, to join our mission, and we feel very proud of her. She has helped largely in the superintendence of the Untainted Home and of the Cook-shutt Girls' School, and Savaram School. Of the two latter, Miss Hunter, the Inspector, gave a better report this year than for some time back."

The converts are showing their interest and helpfulness in many ways.

One more cause for thanksgiving has been the opening of the Albert Boulter Memorial Home for Women Lepers.

The New Bungalow.—We in the homeland have appreciated to some extent the great desirability of having separate bungalows for our single lady workers, and we rejoice that Miss Hatch and Miss Jones are now settled in their new home. Miss Hatch writes: "On Friday, the 19th of June, 1908, we entered the new Bungalow, your beautiful gift to us. I can hardly tell you how very very glad I am to be here, and I wish every one who gave gifts, large or small, to this home could realize how very glad and thankful I am. I wish that they could realize not only what it means to me, but to the work in every way. A separate home will mean much to the whole field in its influence and in its allowing full freedom of intercourse between our women friends and ourselves. Thank you, my dear sisters, again and again for your kindness."

When we remember that during the thirteen years that Miss Hatch has labored in the Ramachandrapuram field, she has had no other single lady stationed with her, and that since her return almost five years ago, except for a few months when Mrs. J. R. Stillwell was in the station, there has been no other lady missionary at all, we can sympathize with her when she writes concerning Miss Jones' appointment to the field: "Have I not reserved the best of our encouragements to the last? I believe Miss Jones feels she has had a most royal welcome from all sides. Miss Jones has already taken charge of the Sunday Schools of the station, and in many other ways is helping to lift the burden. I thank our Heavenly Father for this, His great gift to us."

"The encouragements include something from each phase of our work, Zenana, Educational, Touring and Medical, but over and above all we would ask you to pray that we, as David, may encourage ourselves in the Lord our God, that His blessing may enrich us all."

TUNI.

MISS MORROW.—The first month of Miss Morrow's second term in India was spent attending conference, getting settled, and helping to nurse our sick missionaries, Mrs. Woodburne and Miss Jones, so that she did not begin evangelistic work until the first of February, and from then till the twentieth of April, most of Miss Morrow's time was spent on the Narasapatnam field. With Sooria Kanamma as helper over forty villages were visited, and everywhere good attention was given, many showing by their questions that they were seeking for the Truth.

"I have had three Biblewomen, Sooria Kanamma, a widow, who tours with me. She cannot read and cannot remember the words of even one hymn to sing it through alone, but she is earnest and can tell the Gospel story and preach some. She was a caste woman, therefore we are well received wherever she is known.

"Next is Kosoor Annama, an old woman who sometimes comes with me. She can read and sing and talk very well, but does not seem to have much spiritual power. She is getting old and is often sick with fever. These two are the only ones who have been estimated for, and the amount does not cover even their salaries, which are Rs. 3. per month and a cloth. I do wish I had more good workers. There is a young woman learning to read who is very anxious to work for the Lord, so I hope that she will become a Biblewoman. She sings very well. The prospect on this field is very bright—but alas the workers are so few! Pray for more workers, and that these we have and myself, may be used of God—with power for winning souls."

"For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever."

MISS PRIEST is impressed with the inwardness of the conflict against the forces of evil. "I realize that figures can give so little conception of what is going on in the spiritual conflict. The word quoted above has been opened to me in a new precious way—"Thine is," no matter what the enemy does and says. There is no question as to the issue. So there is no place for discouragement."

With such fervent hope and buoyant courage, we are not surprised to find a dominant note of thanksgiving in Miss Priest's report. Although laid aside part of the year by typhoid fever, Miss Priest has been able to hold meetings during her convalescence with the Bible women. "Another truth that grows upon me is that what we are is more essential than what we do. This people need Jesus Christ and He must be lifted up in our lives if they are to see Him. And this makes so important our work amongst the Bible women and Christians. They have not the Christian heritage behind them nor the Christian atmosphere that has helped to form our conceptions of right and wrong."

Miss Priest has eight Bible women working with her, four of the women work in different parts of the field, the rest in and around

Tuni. Several of them help in the evangelistic or Sunday School work. Last October on Rally Day about 300 children gathered, representing a number of different classes of society, and the order and singing were a great improvement on a former meeting of the sort.

Miss Priest has found a happy service in helping a little in the care of the Boarding School boys, and she realizes that this is a hopeful and responsible part of the work. The boys enjoy gathering in the missionary's home on Sunday evening "for a sing."

Visiting in the surrounding villages, teaching regularly in Tuni, meeting and talking in her own home with inquirers or visitors are various forms in which our missionary extends her work. There are also some voluntary workers sharing the service of giving the Gospel.

In conclusion she says: "How glad we should be to be able to tell you that the walls had fallen down, but we are still walking around them and we will keep on. Some day the glad sound will come, 'Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city.' And you at home will hear the shout and rejoice with us for we are workers together."

PEDDAPURAM.

MISS McLEOD rejoices in almost uninterrupted good health during the year, having been able to work almost steadily every day except Saturday when in the Station, every day except Sunday when on tour.

The Station Work means as usual, mornings with groups of children in various parts of the town, a class for each working day in the week and two for Sunday. The average attendance for the seven classes is hardly fifty. The lessons are chiefly memory work but the hope is that these lessons will linger in the children's minds and bear fruit.

"Our house to house work in the afternoons continues to grow in interest. Four Bible women have been working comparatively regularly during the year. Of late we have been received in more Brahman houses than formerly, and while we rejoice at this, we regret to find that in some cases the evil one has kept us out until he succeeded in giving them something more satisfying to their intellects than idol worship, while, according to God's Word, no more effectual as a means of salvation, since though it causes them to agree with us that 'there is but one God,' they still deny the need of a Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

Touring has occupied one hundred and two days of Miss McLeod's year. Thirteen days of this time were spent with Miss Murray on the Narsapatnam and Yellamanchili fields; the remainder in the various towns and villages of our own field. Christians were encouraged, the caste women taught, and thus very many have heard the Word. There are now four Bible women in the Peddapuram field, five in three other towns, and two in Pithapuram. "We are now quite an army, eleven in all, humanly speaking very insufficient to the work still; but if as single-hearted as Gideon's Band, we surely will accomplish great things. Pray for us."

VUYURU.

DR. JESSIE ALLYN is the only medical missionary of our Women's Society at present on the field, and she has been taking charge of the work at Vuyuru during Dr. Hulet's absence on furlough. Her time is very much taken up with the medical work, so that she can visit in the homes of the people only occasionally, and as Miss Allyn has been such a short time in India, she is still studying Telugu. The Bible teaching in the homes is done by the Bible woman, and the most encouraging apparent fruit of the Zenana work this year has been in the life of Sunyasamma, who seems very definite and bold in her faith in Christ, having discarded her caste mark and her idol worship. "Even when cholera was raging and the people were wild with fear, she was calm and put her trust in God to protect her—and He did." It is hoped she will soon be baptized.

The medical work is constant and varied. There have been 9867 patients including new and old during the year. "It is an interesting sight each morning at 8 o'clock at the preaching service. Between fifty and a hundred people will be seated on the ground on the verandah floor while the Compounder preaches to them. After the service it is a busy scene. Nearly all the treatments are done outside on the verandah, but the medicines are dispensed and the more serious operations are performed inside in the one centre room which serves all purposes. We have a new compounder in training and have a great need for a Christian nurse to look after in-patients and to teach them. Some of our in-patients have learned very much during their days with us."

In view of all these records of the unstinted devotion of our representatives in India shall we not do well to think on the Apostle's words that "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," and remembering the faithful sowing of the seed in our Telugu land, shall not we at home be stirred "by the mercies of God" to present our bodies "a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service."

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. ANGUS.

Toronto, Nov. 3, 1908.

TREASURER'S THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

From October 21st, 1907, to October 20th, 1908.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—MRS. J. H. RINCH, St. Thomas.			
Aylmer.....	\$11 75	\$30 00	\$141 75
Calton.....	15 00	.....	15 00
Dutton.....	8 25	.....	8 25
Fingal.....	5 50	1 25	6 75
Gladstone.....	56 23	9 40	65 63
Iona Station.....	{ 2 75	{ 11 25	{ 19 00
".....	"	{ 5 00	"
Jaffa.....	5 60	2 00	7 60
Lakeshore, Calvary.....	97 15	8 00	105 15
Malahide-Bayham.....	52 55	.....	52 55
New Sarum.....	11 00	11 50	22 50
Oneida (Indian).....	5 20	.....	5 20
Port Burwell.....	9 25	4 00	13 25
Shedden.....	8 00	.....	8 00
Sparta.....	20 29	15 07	35 36
St. Thomas.....	{ 135 17	{ *17 00	{ 156 17
" Y. L.....	{ 4 00	"	"
Association Collection.....	.....	.....	.....

\$547 69 \$114 47 \$662 16

16 Circles. 9 Bands. *2 Other Organizations.

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—MISS GERTRUDE DAYFOOT, Georgetown.			
Acton.....	\$5 25	.....	\$5 25
Belfountain.....	{	{ \$5 00	{ 15 00
".....	"	{ *10 00	"
Berlin, King st.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Berlin, German.....	.....	*25 00	25 00
Brampton.....	23 55	22 00	45 55
Cheltenham.....	39 15	.....	39 15
Flamboro, East.....	.....	*3 00	3 00
Fullarton.....	15 00	.....	15 00
Galt.....	33 45	17 00	50 45
Georgetown.....	11 70	.....	11 70
Guelph, First Ch.....	50 83	8 20	59 03
" Trinity Ch.....	63 48	23 60	87 08
Hespeler.....	33 36	.....	33 36
Hillsburg.....	11 65	.....	11 65
Nissouri, East.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Orangeville.....	6 65	3 50	10 15
Preston.....	23 75	.....	23 75
Snelgrove.....	3 00	1 00	4 00
St. Mary's.....	16 07	10 00	26 07
Stratford.....	{ 82 75	{ *14 50	{ 99 30
" Y. L.....	{ 2 05	"	"
Tavistock.....	.....	*4 25	4 25
Association Collection.....	.....	6 65	6 65

\$424 69 \$157 05 \$588 39

17 Circles. 10 Bands. *4 Other Organizations.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—MRS. J. B. CAMPBELL, 197 Central Ave., London.			
Ailsa Craig.....	27 45	.....	27 45
Alvinston.....	7 80	.....	7 80
Arkona.....	{ 22 67	{ 3 23	{ 32 90
".....	"	{ *7 00	"

Names.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Brooke.....	\$6 34	.....	\$6 34
Brooke and Enniskillen.....	{ 30 05	{ \$1 80	{ 39 00
".....	"	{ *7 15	"
Calvary.....	19 00	.....	19 00
Courtright and Moore Centre.....	7 50	.....	7 50
Denfield.....	24 00	.....	24 00
Forest.....	5 10	1 85	6 95
Lobo.....	2 00	.....	2 00
London, Adelaide St.....	{ 135 78	{ 58 00	{ 205 13
" Y. L.....	{ 11 35	"	"
" Egerton St.....	{ 14 65	{ 16 00	{ 30 65
" Harding Hall, College.....	7 60	.....	7 60
" Maitland St.....	{ 33 50	{ 14 02	{ 57 37
" Y. L.....	{ 9 85	"	"
" South.....	77 20	36 50	113 70
" Talbot St.....	{ 209 64	{ 16 00	{ 253 89
" Y. L.....	{ 28 25	"	"
Mount Brydges.....	.....	*7 00	7 00
Nissouri, West.....	2 75	.....	2 75
Oil Springs.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Parkhill.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Petrolia.....	26 28	.....	26 28
Plympton.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Poplar Hill.....	.....	*6 00	6 00
Sarnia.....	50 76	4 04	54 80
" Brock St.....	.....	7 50	7 50
" Township.....	10 25	.....	10 25
Strathroy.....	34 50	2 00	36 50
Watford.....	16 60	.....	16 60
Williams, East.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Wyoming.....	6 00	.....	6 00
Association Collection.....	.....	7 00	7 00

\$841 87 \$208 09 \$1056 96

29 Circles. 12 Bands. *4 Other Organizations.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—MRS. M. J. MULLOCK, Box 686 St. Catharines.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Beamsville.....	\$25 00	.....	\$25 00
Binbrook.....	18 71	.....	18 71
Burlington.....	1 25	.....	1 25
Caledonia.....	12 00	6 15	18 15
Dundas.....	23 87	14 88	38 75
Dunnville.....	14 75	9 00	23 75
Fonthill.....	21 65	.....	21 65
Freelton.....	16 30	.....	16 30
Grimby.....	21 26	12 00	33 26
Hamilton, Barton St.....	43 02	.....	43 02
" Ferguson Av.....	.....	5 00	5 00
" Herkimer St.....	45 25	25 00	70 25
" James St.....	127 20	*12 00	139 20
" Victoria Ave.....	45 05	22 00	67 05
" Wentworth St.....	{ 26 25	{ 17 00	{ 68 25
".....	"	{ *25 00	"
Niagara Falls, South.....	8 50	.....	8 50
Niagara Falls.....	{ 2 50	{ 2 00	{ 9 50
" Y. L.....	{ 5 00	"	"

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Port Colborne.....	\$10 25	\$4 28	\$14 53
St. Catharines.....	138 50	36 70	189 75
" Y. L.....	14 55		
Westover.....	40 25		40 25
Association Collection..			6 28
	\$661 05	\$191 01	\$858 34

21 Circles. 11 Bands. *2 Other Organizations.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Director—MRS. GRO DAVIS, SIMCOE.

Bloomsburg.....	\$6 50		\$6 50
Boston.....	50 88	\$29 00	79 88
Courtland.....	27 00		27 00
DeCewsville.....	2 50		2 50
Delhi.....	44 05		44 05
Eden.....		4 00	4 00
Hartford.....	14 00	10 00	24 00
Houghton, First.....	9 00		9 00
Langton.....	10 00	12 50	22 50
Lynnville.....		*1 50	1 50
Middleton, North.....		5 00	5 00
Pine Grove.....	7 25	3 00	10 25
Round Plains.....	55 05		55 05
Selkirk.....	9 55		9 55
Simcoe.....	15 25		15 25
" Y. L.....	20 65		35 90
St. Williams.....		*2 75	2 75
Townsend Centre.....		17 00	17 00
Villa Nova.....	47 15		47 15
Vittoria.....	22 32	8 00	30 32
Walsh.....		3 75	3 75
Waterford.....	72 30	71 00	143 30
Association Collection..			3 63
	\$413 45	\$167 50	\$584 58

16 Circles. 10 Bands. *2 Other Organizations.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Director—MRS. R. CUMMER, Parry Harbor.

Barrie.....	\$34 76	\$17 00	\$51 76
Bracebridge.....	4 00		4 00
Burk's Falls.....	13 65		13 65
Collingwood.....	25 50		25 50
Dryden.....	5 00		5 00
Fort Frances.....		*9 25	9 25
Fort William.....	39 50	20 00	59 50
Gravenhurst.....	35 00		35 00
Haileybury.....	13 62		13 62
Kenora.....	16 00		16 00
Kipling.....		*5 00	5 00
McCool.....	2 70		2 70
Midland.....	14 00		14 00
New Liskeard.....	13 65		13 65
Orillia.....	47 20		47 20
Parry Sound.....	15 15	5 75	20 90
Port Arthur.....	23 00	17 00	40 00
Stayner.....		*1 50	1 50
Steeltown.....	10 00		10 00
Sturgeon Falls.....	2 77		2 77
Association Collection..			1 36
	\$315 50	\$75 50	\$392 36

17 Circles. 4 Bands. *3 Other Organizations.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
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OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Director—MRS. W. L. NEWTON, Durham.

Bentick.....	\$7 50		\$7 50
Bruce, North.....	15 05		15 05
Cape Rich.....		*3 00	3 00
Daywood.....	12 50		12 50
Durham.....	18 00	6 00	24 00
Glencle Centre.....	5 00		5 00
Keady.....	8 00		8 00
Meaford.....	22 90	3 50	26 40
Owen Sound.....	33 80	25 00	58 80
Paisley.....	8 60	17 00	25 60
Port Elgin.....	14 85		14 85
Southampton.....	31 40		31 40
Strathavon.....	6 00		6 00
Thornbury.....	7 00		7 00
Warton.....	9 25	5 00	14 25
Woodford.....	3 00		3 00
Association Collection..			3 65
	\$202 85	\$59 50	\$266 00

15 Circles. 5 Bands. *1 Other Organization.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Director—MRS. J. W. NICHOLSON, 111 Erie Ave., Brantford.

Beachville.....	\$5 65		\$5 65
Brantford, Calvary Ch..	69 15	\$17 00	86 15
" First Ch.....	350 00	15 00	385 00
" Immanuel Ch.....	72 05	21 30	118 35
" Gleaner.....	25 00		25 00
" Park Ch.....	174 07	29 20	230 27
" Shenstone Mem.....	20 80	5 75	26 55
Burford.....	15 05		15 05
Burgessville.....	25 65	1 25	26 90
Burtch.....	4 00		4 00
Hatchley.....	4 00		4 00
Ingersoll.....	38 28	10 05	48 33
Jerseyville.....		13 50	13 50
Norwich.....	23 25	11 50	34 75
Norwich Gore.....		51 05	51 05
Onondaga, First.....	5 80	17 00	22 80
" Second.....	3 25		3 25
Otterville.....		4 00	4 00
Oxford, East.....	19 00	17 00	36 00
Paris.....	57 65	31 64	96 79
" Y. L.....	7 50		7 50
Salford.....	36 95		36 95
Scotland.....	37 25	11 45	48 70
Springford.....	13 50	5 25	18 75
St. George.....	57 35	10 95	82 30
" Y. L.....	14 00		14 00
Tillsonburg.....	17 15		17 15
Woodstock, First.....	113 50	4 00	117 50
" Oxford St.....	29 15	18 00	47 15
Association Collection..			
	\$1239 00	\$341 89	\$1580 89

26 Circles. 19 Bands. *2 Other Organizations.

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK
GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward, October 20th, 1907 :	
Dr. Allyn's Surgical Instruments Fund	\$100 00
Miss Jones' Fund	261 71
Regular work	1,347 67
	\$1,709 38
Circles (inc. \$574.41 for extras)	9,684 46
Bands (inc. \$137 59 for extras)	1,528 75
Other Organizations (inc. \$20.00 for extras)	392 25
Association Collections	59 28
Miscellaneous (inc. \$169.83 for extras)	2,000 20
	\$13,664 94

\$15,374 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

By General Treasurer :	
On estimates (\$9,712.00 less \$774.90)	\$8,937 10
Addition during the year ..	25 00
Advances for outfits	200 00
For New Missionaries	1,253 75
Narsapatnam tent	150 00
Akidu Bungalow furniture ..	60 00
Ramachandrapuram Bungalow furniture	60 00
Harris Bungalow out-buildings, Cocanada ...	335 00
On Bungalow Account	57 83
	\$11,078 68
Extras designated by donors :	
Pithapuram Hospital	\$355 00
For Miss Priest to distribute among the poor ..	100 00
For Miss Corning in response to December LINK ..	10 00
Extra Bible-women	27 00
Native Preachers	133 00
Native Teacher	30 00
Famine Fund	9 00
Lepers Famine Fund	20 00
Bolivia	23 25
Lepers	194 58
	901 83

11,980 51

Balance of Miss Simpson's expenses at hospital	61 85
Special for November LINK	65 00
Home Expenses \$134.99—16.38	118 61

\$12,225 97

Balance October 20th, 1908 :	
Dr. Allyn's Insts. Fund ..	\$300 00
New Missionaries' Fund ..	1,392 39
Regular Work	1,455 96
	3,148 35

\$15,374 32

SUMMARY.

Receipts for Extras	\$901 83
Narsapatnam tent	150 00
Akidu Bungalow furniture	60 00
Ramachandrapuram Bungalow furniture	60 00
Harris Bungalow outbuildings	335 00
Bungalow Fund	57 83
Dr. Allyn's Instruments	200 00
New Missionaries' Fund	2,646 14
For Regular Work (including \$150 for Miss Corning, \$287.80 for Dr. Hulet, and \$80.25 for Miss Jones)	9,254 14

Total Receipts during the year

Total Disbursements during the year

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Received from Miss Selman	\$500 00	By 5 shares W. A. Rogers Preferred Stock ..	\$475 00
		Balance in Bank	25 00
	\$500 00		\$500 00

Audited and verified with the books.

EDMOND GURN, }
G. W. HOLMES, } Auditors.

October 24th, 1908.

SARAH J. WEBSTER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF LITERATURE

From Oct. 31st, 1907 to Oct. 31st, 1908.

During the year the number of Books taken from the Library was 25, the number of Papers from Bureau, 97; which is far in excess of any previous year. This was owing to the interesting letters from our Missionaries in India and for which I had so many requests.

The number of Leaflets sold was 1,234; Song Books, 39; Excise Books, 11; Books for Juniors 21; Study of Missions, 8; Baby Band Certificates 60, and 1 Map. Total 1,384.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Nov. 1, '07—To cash on hand	\$40 88
Cash received for Literature	52 01
Expenditure	44 28
Balance on hand	48 61
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	\$92 89

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. DANCY,

Treasurer.

Link report from Oct. 31st, 1907, to Oct. 31st, 1908:—

Number Links taken Oct. 31, 1907.....	4,266
Number Links taken Oct. 31, 1908.....	3,968

Less

Financial Statement.

Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1907.....	\$ 13 17
Receipts from Nov. 1, '07 to Oct. 31, '08	862 30
From Wom. Mis. Board	123 00
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Total	\$998 47
Expenditure	931 72
Balance on hand Oct. 31, '08	66 75
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Total	\$998 47

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. PORTER.

THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING.

The Foreign Board held its annual meeting in Bloor St. Church, Toronto, Tuesday, Nov. 10th, at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. There were 43 present.

The meeting was opened by reading the eighth psalm, and prayer by Mrs. Newton. After the minutes were read and adopted Mrs. Porter reported on a new lot of picture post cards.

Miss Nasmith reported that the Constitution Committee suggest to the Board, provided the Home Board agree that the present letter of Instructions to Directors maintain with three amendments already carried by the Board. This report was adopted on motion of Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Scott. Carried.

The reports of the Recording Secretary, Home Corresponding Secretary, Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Bureau of Literature, Link, Bands, were all read and adopted.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Yule.

The newly appointed Board met in Bloor St. Church, Friday morning at nine a.m. The following officers were elected: Recording Secretary, Mrs. Glenn Campbell; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd; Bureau of Literature, Mrs. Dancy; Treasurer, Miss Webster; Band Secretary, Mrs. Barber; Link, Mrs. Porter. The estimates were then discussed, and adopted as follows:—

Akidu—Work for women \$ 230 00
Cocanada—Miss Pratt and our share. 952 00

Zenana Work:—

Miss Baskerville, ¼ year and girls' school	1,125 00
Miss Folsom	500 00
Miss Corning ¼ year and work outside school	60 00
Miss Zimmerman and Munshi	575 00
Miss Findlay and Munshi	575 00
Miss Ryerse and Munshi	575 00

Narsapatnam—Part Miss Morrow's salary

Peddapuram—Miss McLeod and work. 648 00

1,078 68

901 83

1,980 51

61 85

65 00

118 61

2,225 97

3,148 35

5,374 32

\$475 00

25 00

\$500 00

asurer.

Ramachandrapur—Miss Hatch and work	812 00
Miss Jones and Munshi	550 00
Tuni—Miss Priest ¼ yr. and work	275 00
Vuyuru—Dr. Allyn	500 00
Furlough Passage—Misses Baskerville, Corning and Priest	1,050 00
Furlough Allowances—7 months	700 00
Furlough Allowances—Misses Selman and Hulet	800 00
Return Passages to India	700 00
One month's salary after return	83 34
Loss by exchange in India	80 00
Village Schools' grant	425 00
Samalkot Seminary Grant	400 00
" Biblewoman	25 00
Specials—	
Biblewoman's Houses at Ramachanda- puram	125 00
Ladies' Compound Wall at Ramachanda- puram	100 00
Davies' Compound Corner Lot	120 00
Ramachandrapuram Bungalow, Furniture, half allowance	40 00
Harris Bungalow Furniture	53 00
Home expenses	200 00
Total	12,478 34
Specially provided for	1,463 00
	\$11,015 34

MARIE C. CAMPBELL.

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

*Receipts from Oct. 16th, 1908, to Oct. 20th, 1908,
(inclusive)*

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Onondaga, Second, \$1.25; Beachville, \$1.80; Strathroy, \$10.00; Wallaceburg, \$9.00; New Liskeard, \$4; Daywood, \$4; Glenelg Centre, \$5; Mount Forest, (\$2.55, spec.) \$4.71; Chat-ham, Wm. St., \$6.15; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$85.72; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$7.40; Simcoe, Y. L., \$3.85; Oil Springs, for new missionary, \$3; Brooke and En-niskillen, \$1.75; Dunnville, (\$5.25 Thank-off.), \$10.50; Pine Grove, \$2.40; Paris, (\$4 add. Thank-off. \$2.05 for new missionary), \$10.05; Paris, Y. L., \$7.50; St. Thomas, (\$7.20 to complete Life-membership fee), \$20.45; Grimsby, (\$1 for bungalow), \$11.20; Port Colborne, (\$1.50 for Famine Fund), \$5; Bur-ford, \$2.05; Teeswater, \$5.35; Ingersoll, (\$7.06 for

lepers), \$13.79; Hamilton, James St., \$27.15 for new missionary fund), \$65.15; Nisour, East, \$3; Meaford, \$3.20; Waterford, (\$19.35 Thank-off.), \$33.40; Durham, \$5; Scotland, \$7.35; Delhi, \$2.59; Oneida, \$1.25; Toronto, Immanuel, \$8.15; Chel-tenham, (\$12.75 Thank-off.), \$18.90; Boston, \$11.50; Brantford, Calvary, (\$2 add. for new missionary), \$11; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., for new mission-ary, \$1; London, Adelaide St.; \$17; Dundas, \$12.87; Sparta, \$3.30; Brantford, Park Ch., \$24.77; Cobourg, \$6.15; Hatchly, \$1; St. Mary's Thank-off., \$2.40; Westover, (\$16 for Bible-woman), \$30; Round Plains, (\$1 for new missionary), \$3.55; Tup-terville Union, for Dr. Hulet, \$6.25. Total, \$515.60.

FROM BANDS.—Ingersoll, \$1.77; Toronto, Mem-orial, \$1; Townsend Centre, for V. Obed, \$8.50; Paris, \$18.23; Peterboro', Murray St., Baby Band, \$1.50; Durham, \$4; Waterford, (\$1.28 for lepers, \$6.50 on Life-membership, \$5 for Appana), \$15.10; Boston, for G. Samuel, \$6.80; Belfountain, (\$1.25 sale of post cards), \$5; Port Hope, for student, \$12; London, Adelaide St, Y. P. M. B., \$30; Norwich, \$6.50; Iona Station, sale of post cards, \$1.25; Brantford, Park Ch., sale of post cards, \$2.20; Dun-das, \$5.88; Woodstock, Oxford St., for "N. Mary" \$18; Sparta, \$2.17; Arkona, \$1.13; Lindsay, \$4; Port Colborne, \$4.28; Pine Grove, \$2. Total, \$151.31.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Miss MacArthur, per Mrs. G. B., sale of post cards, 35c., Ross Magee, per Mrs. G. W. B., sale of post cards, \$5. Total, \$5.35.

Total receipts during these five days - \$672 26

DISBURSEMENTS—By General Treasurer, Special for Miss Zimmerman, \$60; On Bungalow account, \$16.50; Extras: For lepers, Ingersoll M. C., \$7.06; Waterford, M. B., \$6.28. Famine Fund, Port Col-borne, M. C., \$1.50; Sarnia, Brock St., M. B., \$7.50. Native Teacher, Hamilton, Barton St., M. C., \$30. Extra Bible-woman, Satyavedam, Beamsville, M. C., \$7. Total, \$135.84.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT—Rand Secretary's expenses during the year, \$2.67.

Total disbursements during the five days - \$138 51

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1907, to Oct.
20th, 1908 - - - - - \$13,681 32

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1907,
to Oct. 20th, 1908 - - - - - \$12,242 35

SARAH J. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

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Young People's Department.

OLD RUBBERS.

One of the best things I heard at our Toronto Convention last month was of a Mission Band who set all the small boys at work collecting old rubbers.

The little chaps called themselves the "Rubber Band," and by selling these worn out articles, helped to raise money for their mite boxes. Another mission band leader told me she gave each child a little bag made of sateen in the shape of a heart. Inside this bag was a slip of paper with words like these: "Out of a heartfull of love for Jesus, I bring an offering for Missions." I wish the dear people who told me so many fine new plans for helping their own mission Bands would just write them out for the Link, so every perplexed President might get the benefit of them. The editor would gladly welcome all such letters. I was glad to shake hands with so many friends in Toronto, who read our Corners. If meeting our friends on earth is so pleasant, how much greater the joy will be when we have an eternity to spend together! May the dear Saviour draw each boy and girl to Himself as they work for their Mission Bands. Then we shall have many a bright jewel for His crown as a result of our work for Him, and the new song of praise from Canada will be echoed in India, all rejoicing in the same dear Jesus who died that they might live.

SISTER BELLE.

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TUNI, INDIA.

Dear Boys and Girls,—Would you like to hear a little about a family, the various members of which have been giving me lots of trouble lately? They seem to have combined to do all the damage they can to my bungalow, and though they are very small, they are so numerous and industrious that they can make lots of trouble and expense. Have you guessed what family it is? The ant family. First, there are the large black ants. They built nests under, or in, the lime and brick floor of the verandah and then diligently set to work to carry out the sand from the foundation of the house. Last year, I had one side dug up and the nests cleared out, then a new flooring of sand, lime, bricks and cement. Just lately the other side was dug up and

such a lot of their eggs were found. It seemed as though they were about as thick as the sand. Well their case was dealt with as far as the floor is concerned, but now they are busy finding holes in the wall through which to work. Another branch of the family called the scissor ant, have also designs on the floor. One morning, on stepping into the bath-room, such a noise was stirred up at each step on the bamboo mat. These ants had made holes in the cement and come up in a number of different places and were busy trying to eat the mat from underneath. All the things had to be cleared out and the mat taken up and the holes filled in with tar and cement. One of them was about a half yard deep. Then the white ants keep us busy looking up to the roof as well as at the floors. They have eaten away several of the small slats that hold the tiles on, and yesterday I saw that a contingent of them were busy trying to eat one of the rafters and covering up their presence with mud. Still another branch must be introduced and that is the small red ant. Not long ago, our women's prayer-meeting was held in one of the houses in the Compound, and we were treated at the close to some parched grain and sweetmeat. I took mine in my hand, while the rest had theirs put in a corner of their cloth. Soon my hand was covered with these wee insects crawling out from the grain, and the women quickly emptied theirs out and the ants were sifted out.

Your loving friend,

ELLEN PRIEST.

TO THE MISSION BANDS.

Dear Young Friends,—Last Sunday the teachers of our Sunday School were called together for the purpose of discussing plans for a Christmas Entertainment, and, for the first time, we realize that the gay Christmastide is just ahead of us. Years ago we children had a little song with which we always awoke the household on Christmas morning, and its chorus rang out cheerily:

"Merry Christmas to all;
Merry Christmas to all,
Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas,
Merry Christmas to all!"

We wish we could shout it to everyone of you. We wish time and strength and pocket-

book would allow a letter to every Band member; but oh, what hundreds that would take! Hence we thank the editor of the "Link" for this page where we may have a pen-chat with all the Bands. Won't you take this letter as a very personal one?

The very spirit of Christmas is giving, not getting. The Father gave the Son; the Christ child became the man, Christ Jesus, who gave His life for the world. Through Him we receive all the blessings that make life worth living. But if receiving is the selfish motive, which controls us, we have failed to catch the true meaning of God's wondrous gift, which this date commemorates.

The very air seems full of secrets, and there are forbidden corners in many a household. It takes real study, doesn't it, boys and girls? We must not go beyond our means. We must spread our littles over a large territory, and our gifts must be simple, appropriate and mean something of ourselves for "the gift without the giver is bare." Love gifts are the precious ones. Of whom are we especially thinking? One says, "Our own family, of course." Others say, "I must give X something for she remembered me last year; 'I must give Y. a handsome gift for he is so rich, and always gives such fine things himself.'" "I must not forget Z. for he'll give me a good gift in return." Thus our giving becomes a burden, a nuisance, and the sweet Christmas spirit of love, and joy, and peace is lost in needless worry. Right principles of giving should rule now as at other seasons—give according to ability, unselfishly, lovingly, thoughtfully, not only our own, but other's own, should be thought about. "There are lonely hearts to cherish;" they are in every community, strangers in a strange land, far from home, or lonely because of the bitter losses which the year has brought; often such wee things, a sprig of holly, a flower, a message. A letter, can make more bearable the weary days. Then, "the poor ye have with you always and whenever ye will, ye may do them good." It was Jesus who said it, and he assures us that in ministering to the needy, we minister unto Him.

Then what are you going to give and save that will help along the great cause for which our Mission Bands exist? Some are sending packages of Sundav School cards, lesson picture rolls, and little prizes for school children in India. Some are packing boxes for Home Mission stations. Wouldn't we like to peep behind the scenes and see the joy which our work brings to many? Why not use plenty

of our picture postcards of India scenes? They are 8c per 100, for postage and they sell at the rate of two for five cents. There is room on each for your own Christmas message and a little word regarding the myriads of Christless souls to whom Christmas is unknown. The Board has a new supply of cards, sufficient to fill all your orders and no card album ought to be without them. You serve thus a double purpose and net a nice sum for your Mission Band's Foreign Mission Department. A present that lasts all the year is a good investment. Send the "Link" and the "Visitor" to some friends who have never enjoyed their pages. And are you going to give a book? There is nothing better than the missionary books, true, inspiring, and full of intense interest. What family under the evening lamp, would fail to enjoy a reading aloud from "Canoe and Dog Train," "The Cobra's Den," "In the Tiger Jungle," "The Life of John G. Paton," or sketches of noble women, such as Pundita Ramabai, the wives of Judson, Fidelia Fiske, and many others. Send to Mrs. Dancy at the Bureau and to the Baptist Book Room for suggestions. And maybe, somebody wants to give your Mission Band a present. Tell them how you would like some books for circulation and for reference, also some maps and wall charts. And while we feast, do we forget that thousands are hungry? In India, famine prices prevail and a greater stress and strain is put upon Mission Boards? Why not forego some pleasure you crave, and help to feed the starving?

Don't forget our missionaries. A wide, wide waste of waters flows between them and home. The distance, perhaps, seems greater and the loneliness keener at Christmas time. Let our Bands send letters, not prosy, preachy letters, but happy, homey, cheery letters that will not expect an answer. A missionary in Burma watched eagerly for the incoming mail. She had been on the field eleven years; no letters came, and as the younger worker sat down to "devour" her budget, she said with tears in eyes and in voice: "The longer I am on the field, the fewer letters do I receive. After my long absence, home friends must have forgotten me." Remember the new workers who are just becoming used to the peculiar sights and sounds of this strange country, but never neglect those missionaries who for years have had such desperate things to see, and such hard things to do.

"Somebody did a golden deed,
Proving himself a friend in need,
Somebody sang a cheerful song
Brightening the skies the whole day long.
Was that somebody you?"

May the rejoicing that comes from loving, helpful doing be abundantly yours this Christmaside.

Your affectionate Secretary,
SARAH STUART BARBER.

35 Charlotte St., Brantford.