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CONVENTION NOTES

College Street Church proved as hospitable in entertainment as cordial in welcome, and the Convention of 1912 with the Convention church, will remain a helpful memory to many delegates. Ingersoll is the meeting-place for next year.

Mission Band leaders and enthusiasts will be glad to know that not only was much emphasised laid on the need for a uniform course of study in Home and Foreign work, but at the suggestion of the directors, plans were set on foot to provide such a course as promptly as possible.

The Young Women's Circles are reported as increasing in number, but not so rapidly as one might wish. Is there not a large field for work here? In every church there are numbers of younger women, who are quite unable to attend afternoon Circle meetings, but there is no visible reason why these should not and would not, become supporters of missions, if they but had the inspiration of knowledge.

Last year there came an appeal from Miss Zimmerman for a horse to help her in touring. Peterboro Association took up the matter, but Murray St. Band, Peterboro, sent in so much money that they were able to do it themselves, and the only reward they asked was the privilege of naming the horse "Pete Murray"—the first name for the Association, the second for their church.

The Foreign Board has lost two valued officers during the year—Mrs. Angus, the Corresponding Secretary for over four years, and Miss Pugsley, the Recording Secretary for two years. The place of the former has yet to be filled. Miss Etta Pugsley, has taken her sister's place in the latter office.

The total amount of money raised by Circles and Bands was reported as larger than ever before. The Bands have kept up the total by a considerable increase from last year, but the Circles have given \$100.00 less.

Is the Bureau of Literature fully appreciated and made use of? Mrs. Moor has an excellent selection of books for reading, pamphlets for distributing, and addresses for lending. She is adding to these all the time. This Bureau ought to be a mine of information for Circle leaders, Band leaders, and programme committees.

Mrs. Mulock, in her address on Band work, spoke of the difficulty in securing leaders, because of lack of training, and threw out a suggestion that the Young Women's Circles might devote themselves to this work of training Band leaders as one of their special missions.

There have been many ways suggested of having the boys and girls earn their own money for missions, but one guaranteed to be new, is to set up a boot-blackening stand with a small boy in charge—10c a shine.

Our Timpany Memorial School at Cocanada has evidently been making a good reputation for itself. It has enrolled amongst its students the children of the Rajah of Ramachandrapuram.

This past year has witnessed a number of changes in the constitution of our Foreign Mission Board,—the formation of the Dominion Board, the appointment of Dr. Brown as Dominion Secretary, and the more recent appointment of Rev. R. R. McKay as a Field Secretary. Perhaps the most interesting to the Circles is that there are to be from now on several elected women members of the new Board. For the first time in our history, we have been given a representation as Circles. It is expected that the President and Treasurer will be the members from this Western Ontario Convention.

HOW WE CAME FROM CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. B. McLaurin.

The carts stood at the door, the last article had been put in, but to make sure that nothing was missing, we went over the list; fifty pounds of sugar, basket of stores, fruit, basket of kujas, three panes of glass, some tin mugs, a tin dishpan, a pasteboard box with some dishes, a kuja stand and kuja with drinking water, two camp cots, a roll of bedding, one cabin trunk, one tin trunk, one suitcase, one tin hat box, and one dispatch box. "Drive on," we cried, "everything is in."

At the last minute the baker brought the bread, nine loaves, which we put into a cotton bag, and took in the carriage with us. When we arrived at the station, the carts were there, along with other carts.

Such a pile of luggage there was on that station platform! The shipping-clerk was frantic, but at last it was

done; every label was on, and we sighed with relief. Down came the rain, and there was a scramble to put things under shelter.

Around the corner came the train, and we made a rush for it. There were two small compartments to hold seven people, and the things that were not allowed to be put in the brake van. Ding, dong, went the bell, and with coolies frantically yelling that they had not received enough pay, we left the station.

"Will you move a little, please," someone requested. Move! It was an impossibility. I sat on the edge of the seat so as not to lean up against someone's pictures,—my feet rested on a bundle of cloth. On all sides of me were parcels of various sizes and shapes. We settled ourselves as best we could, for the twenty minutes' ride before changing trains at Samalkot.

The station lights came into view through a dim mist of rain. Our train stopped at one end of the platform, and the one, we had to get on, stopped at the other end. There was a fifteen minutes' wait, and we sat or stood holding the thing we prized the most. My parcel was the nine loaves of bread in the cotton bag.

It was the mail-train we got on this time, and there was no time to be lost, so, long before it came in, we were ready. The train came in car after car. "There is an empty compartment," we cried, but it was not empty for long.

Two hours' ride brought us to our station and the boat. "Coolies won't come to-night," the boat-man informed us, so we did not get started until early the next morning.

Monday evening at seven we left Cocanada, and Wednesday evening at four we arrived at Akidu. We were home from Conference. Akidu, India.

Young People's Department.

A GIFT.

Lucy A. Bennett.

(Recitation by Young Band member.)

"Hark! the Christmas bells are ringing
Far away across the snow!
Are the herald angels singing
As they sang so long ago?
Will the shepherds be affrighted
As in those sweet days of old?
Will the wise men bring their treasures,
Myrrh, and frankincense, and gold?

"Can I find Him as they found Him
Lying there upon the hay,
With the swaddling clothes around Him?
Will a star point out the way?
If I seek the Saviour lowly
Shall I find the manger bare?
Do no angels pure and holy,
Linger singing in the air?
"Is there aught which I could take
Him?
Any spices rare and sweet?
Treading softly lest I wake Him,
May I worship at His feet?
If my money-box would please Him,
May I give it, and the key?
Oh, I want so much to thank Him
For His tender love to me!"

(Response by older member, or Band leader.)

"Listen, darling! Gentle Jesus
Is not now a Babe on earth,
But Christmas we remember
All about that wondrous birth.
If you seek Him, you will find Him,—
Not indeed amongst the hay,—
But He bendeth still to listen
To the very words we say.

"Though you cannot hear them singing
'Glory be to God on high!'
Angels still their flight are winging
From His throne above the sky.
"Though the manger now is empty,
Yet He lives for us above,
And His voice is just as tender
And His heart as full of love.

"Though we cannot bring the spices,
Neither myrrh nor incense sweet,
There are other sacrifices
We may lay before His feet.
Though the 'inn' no room afforded,

For the Saviour meek and mild,
He is pleased to make His dwelling
With the Christ-like little child.

"Though no glistening star befriend us,
Yet you need not miss the track;
Though no princely gifts attend us,
You an offering do not lack.
Listen to His voice of mercy,
Answer to His loving call;
Darling, give your heart to Jesus,
This will please Him best of all."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR MISBANDS.

LESSON IX.

Suggestions—

Choose Christmas choruses.

Recite in concert Luke 2:8-14.

Have season of special prayer for a blessed Christmastide for all our missionaries at home and abroad.

The leader or pastor may give the Band a heart-to-heart talk on giving themselves to the Lord. God's plea is, "Son, daughter, give me thy heart." What better gift than this to Jesus at this time?

Make definite plans for the evening. A week beforehand, distribute wee envelopes on which are written the words, "Christmas gift to the Mission Band." These envelopes can be bought at a stationer's for about 10¢ per 100. Little collection baskets may be daintily trimmed with holly. Four boys appointed for collecting the gifts, come to the front. One tells in his own words the story of the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem. They then repeat together.

"Gladly now our gifts we bring
To our holy Saviour King;
Bless them, Lord, and let them be
Silent messengers for Thee."

The Band Secretary will send recitations to any who may request them. Excellent Christmas stories may be

found in old "Visitors." Miss Susie Hinman has sent us a sketch, "How I spent my first Christmas in India." She adds: "I am so busy studying Telugu, for examinations come November 27th and 28th. This sketch is not flowery or descriptive, but it is just as I would talk to the children." I am sure you will all agree that it is very interesting, and gives us many of the little details we so much like to hear.

Dear Girls and Boys,—Did you go in a sleigh to spend Christmas day last year? You will not be surprised to know that I did not. Miss Baskerville and Miss Pratt took me with faithful old "Commissioner," over to Cocanada station and started me off to Vuyuru to spend the holiday with my cousin, Dr. Hulet. Have you heard about the trains in India? They are divided into compartments each with two seats facing each other with a passage between, and have a door opening out on either side of the car.

After a short ride, I came to Samalkot, where we have to change for the mail-train between Calcutta and Madras. Here I had to call for a coolie to come and transfer my luggage. One has so many bundles when travelling in India, for in addition to "bag and baggage," as we say at home, here one usually takes "bed and bedding." As we did not reach Beswadi, the station, until nearly midnight, I had time for a little rest. I expected only rickshaw men to meet me there, but what was my delight when Miss Zimmerman came to the door of my compartment. She was taking a train some few hours later for Cocanada, to spend her Christmas there. She thought it wise to let the coolies who had brought her, rest awhile before taking me back, so I remained with her, and for two hours we reposed on the table of that stuffy waiting room. Guess why? Then we

went out and awoke the men, who were lying on the ground, all wound up in their clothes, and as sound asleep as only Indian men can be. You see, I had been in the country but three weeks, and so my Telugu was very limited. Miss Zimmerman told me what to say if I wished to urge the coolies on, and what to say if I wished to stop them. You may be sure they needed the former injunction more than the latter. But I became puzzled to remember which was which, and therefore didn't dare to say "go on" for fear it might mean "stop!" That twenty miles seemed very long. All night we were meeting heavily-laden ox-carts, the drivers sound asleep on the seat out between the two white bullocks. The faithful animals go slowly, steadily on, if they do not follow the example of their drivers. I wish I could make you feel how weird and creepy that night seemed. Everything was so new and strange, and I felt so hopelessly at the mercy of those rickshaw men.

As day began to break, I saw crowds of work-people going to the fields, for that district is given up to agriculture. The process of flooding the fields from the canals is very interesting and I had good opportunity to witness it that morning. The fields are divided into little plots separated from each other by ridges or dykes left uncultivated. The rice is grown, as you know, under water, and each little plot in turn has to be filled from the canals. Various shades of green are presented by neighboring plots as they are in different stages of development. These make a very pleasing sight in comparison with adjacent dry and colorless fields.

When within six miles of Vuyuru, we stopped to change coolies. The men motioned for me to get out. I very much wondered what they were about to do with me, but they insisted, so I

finally agreed. I soon discovered the reason. Their breakfast of rice, tied up in a cloth, was under the seat of the rickshaw!

It was half-past nine when I reached Vuyuru, having been six hours on the way. Dr. Hulet gave me a hearty welcome, and Mr. Bensen soon came over to offer his greeting and to take us over to his bungalow for breakfast.

I was much interested in the hospital, and enjoyed meeting Dr. Hulet's helpers. The Biblewomen with their children came to see me, and, although I could not talk with them, I felt I knew and loved them right away.

Now about Christmas Day! There being no chimneys in India, I had to be my own Santa Claus, and on Christmas Eve, before I went to sleep, I laid out the parcels to be opened in the morning. I have never yet gotten over awaking early Christmas morning, so I did this time, and looked at my gifts. Taking Dr. Hulet's gifts with which I had been entrusted, I went in to wish her a Merry Christmas, and, just as you children would do, I crept in beside her, and we talked a while, then donned our robes and slippers, and came out to Miss McLaurin's piano to sing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." While there, the compound children came in, and, in English, wished us a Merry Christmas. They brought garlands of marigolds and put them about our necks. They also brought a gift of rice-flour pancakes called "appas" for our chota. Dr. Hulet taught them our hymn in Telugu, and then we had to send them away so that we could prepare for chota.

After it was over, we chose a little gift for each of these children to take to a little burned girl in the hospital. Poor child! she was suffering so much she was not able to feel much joy on receipt of them, but no doubt the giving did the children good. There was a

short service in the Telugu chapel. Then Dr. Hulet had to return to the hospital, while I picked cosmos from Mrs. Bensen's flower bed to decorate our table.

In the afternoon the children of the Caste Girls' School came. When I came out of my room, they had Dr. Hulet almost smothered with the number of garlands which they were putting over her head. They reached up to her ears, and she was standing laughingly submitting to their attempts to honor her. Of course, I had to laugh, and when they saw me, I had to yield to a similar treatment. Our hands and arms were filled with fruit and little paper pokes of sugar, for sugar is grown in that district. They all sat on the drawing-room floor and sang their hymns, after which Dr. Hulet gave them a little talk. Then we went out for games, and we had a great time over the races. Poor little things, they were much hampered by their long skirts. The walking races were most amusing, for it was with such difficulty they restrained themselves from making it a running race. Then we distributed prizes of cards, which no doubt some of you children had sent. We gave them fruit, and, just like the girls and boys at home, many were ever so excited for fear they would be missed. When it was sundown they left for home, and we had to hastily tidy the rooms for the reception of the helpers and Biblewomen. These we served with coffee and a cake which I had had great experiences in making on Saturday. When they had talked, sung and had prayers, they left, and it was then 8.30 p.m., and we had not had our Christmas dinner. That was a very amusing meal. The soup was smoky, and I put gravy on my sliced tomatoes, thinking it was salad dressing. Then the pudding was cold, and when Dr. Hulet reproved the servant, he said: "I put heat to it once, and it got cold, and then I put heat to it again, and it got cold."

It was you who delayed." When she told me what he said, I laughed, but if we had not been so tired, we would not have thought everything so funny. We tried to read a Christmas gift book, but found ourselves too sleepy, so after prayer we retired. And this was my first Christmas in India."

That all our Band members may have a "Merry Christmas" is the wish of your loving Secretary,

Sarah Stuart Barber.

BUREAU OF LITERATURE.

New Books.

Dialogues: Aunt Polly Joins the Missionary Society, 3c; Miss Leety's Views, 3c; How the W. F. M. S. Won the Young Ladies, 3c; Miss Canada's At-Home, 3c; A Missionary Post-office, 1c; New Leaflets (From Priest to Pastor), 2c; Dora, one of our Telugu girls, by Miss Haich, 5c; The Lost Mite Box, 2c.

Poems: If You Were Little Ah Lin, 1c; The Great Guest Comes, 1c.

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NOTICE—EASTERN CONVENTION.

As the first Board Meeting of the year is to be held on the second Friday in December (Dec. 13th), the Circles and Bands of the Eastern Board are requested to send in to the Treasurer any money they may have on hand be-

fore that date, as the money comes in very slowly the first quarter.

Mrs. T. Shields, of Westmount Baptist Church Circle, has already been made a life member for this year. Who will be the next?

In the Treasurer's annual statement, published in November "Link," Mrs. W. D. McLaurin, of Vankleek Hill, is credited with having given \$17.00 for foreign work. Please read, instead, Mr. W. D. McLaurin.

Mrs. N. Ohman.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From Oct. 1st to 20th inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

Toronto, Parkdale Ch., \$7.00; Snelgrove, \$5.25; Weston, \$6.40; Toronto, College St., \$22.70; Colchester, \$5.00; Toronto, Bloor St., \$70.09; London, Mailland St. (Thank-offering, \$16.25), \$27.25; Chatham, Central (Bible-woman, \$25.00), 28.02; Wallaceburg Y.L., \$7.50; Orillia, \$3.30; Lindsay (Bible-woman, \$25.00), 32.00; Kincardine, \$6.00; Bracebridge, \$5.00; Springford, \$15.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd. (including special from Mrs. Shenstone, \$50.00), \$93.80; Stayner, \$2.00; Lakeview, \$15.55; Aurora, \$5.00; Beachville, \$3.35; Sault Ste Marie, \$5.00; Peterboro, Murray St., \$37.94; Huntsville, \$4.00; Eberts, \$5.00; Toronto, Boncesvalles, \$9.45; Toronto, Elm, for leper Venkamma (\$1.00 special for her), \$10.00; Essex, \$5.50; Milberta, \$1.25; Brantford, Immanuel, \$7.30; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$17.18; Bethel, King, \$5.00; Woodstock, First, \$5.00; Bentnick, \$3.35; Gilmour Memorial (Lepers, \$1.20), \$17.25; Malahide Bayham, \$10.00; Burlington, \$7.75; Courtland, \$4.00; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$3.22; Arkona, \$3.05; Windsor, Bruce Ave., \$15.00; St. George, \$8.30; St. George Y. L., \$6.80; St. Catharines, George St., \$5.00; Claremont, \$10.00; Forest, \$4.00;

Southampton, \$3.85; Hatchley, \$2.00; Kingsville, \$2.50; London, Talbot St., \$13.50; Blenheim, \$5.00; St. Catharines, Queen St. (Mrs. Mills, for Bible-woman, \$25.00; for Lepers, \$3.55), \$44.60; Berlin, King St. (Thank-offering, \$16.00), \$26.00; Petrolia (Thank-offering, \$3.25), \$3.25; Toronto, Danforth Rd. (Thank-offering, \$16.00), \$25.00; Toronto, First Ave. Y. L., \$5.00; Leamington, \$8.00; Toronto, College St., \$9.50; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$10.00; Owen Sound, \$4.00; Grimsby, \$5.00; Campbellford, \$2.50; Guelph Y. L., \$4.50; Mount Forest, \$4.57; Ingersoll, \$8.77; Westover (for Najamma, \$16.00), \$28.00; Calvary, South, \$5.50; Denfield, \$9.00; Cobourg, \$2.40; Haliburton, \$2.25; Port Hope (special collection, \$5.00), \$31.20; Toronto, Myrtle Ave., \$5.75; Sarnia, \$8.25; Binbrook, \$2.50; Norwood, \$9.00; Hamilton, James St., \$30.35; Orillia, \$6.50; Belleville, \$3.00; Hespeler (for "Rhoda"), \$21.25; Toronto, Indian Rd. (Thank-offering, \$4.20), \$10.30; Acton, \$3.50; East Oxford, \$9.65; Aylmer (Life-membership, Mrs. Doan), \$92.43; Toronto, Danforth Ave. Y. L., \$2.33; Peterboro', Park Ch., \$5.50; Stratford (Bolivia, \$8.00), \$23.50; Bothwell, \$3.25; Toronto, First Ave., \$9.75; Collingwood, \$8.00; Toronto, Century Ch., \$11.35; East Nissouri, \$6.50; Guelph, \$13.70; Hillsburg, \$6.00; Niagara Falls, Morrison St., \$15.00; Simcoe Y. L., \$8.50; St. Catharines, Queen St. Y. L. (for Ch. Krompamma, \$17.00), \$31.25; St. Catharines, Queen St. (Thank-offering), \$33.25; Meaford, \$4.75; Tiverton, \$15.00; Simcoe, \$7.00; Toronto, Immanuel, \$21.55; Caledonia, \$3.00; Daywood, \$5.00; Caltou, \$11.50; Fingal, \$1.00; Parry Sound, \$3.25; Pine Grove, \$2.00; Toronto, Annette St., \$9.50; Dundas, \$8.00; Hamilton, Stanley Ave., \$10.75; Alvinston, \$3.50; Petrolia, \$3.65; Orangeville, \$8.85; Wallaceburg, \$5.00; Cheltenham, \$14.45; Villa Nova, \$19.00; Toronto, Earlescourt, \$4.90; St. Thomas Y. L. (Life-membership acct., \$7.75), \$14.00; Scotland, \$10.00; Brantford, First (for McLeod, \$125.00), \$175.00; North Bay, \$3.05; Waterford (Thank-offering, \$15.75), \$29.00; Norwich, \$28.00; Port Elgin (for "V. Bhagyamma"), \$4.25; Lakefield, \$4.00; London, Maitland St. Y. L., \$7.00; Georgetown (Life-membership, Mrs. E. A. Layfoot, \$25.00), \$31.72; Blomsgrove (Thank-offering, \$2.25), \$5.25; Cramaha (\$6.00 mite-boxes, \$5.00 spe-

cial collection), \$13.50; Tupperville (for Dr. Hulet), \$6.25; St. Marys, \$11.00; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial (Life-membership, Mrs. Blackmore), \$35.00; Chatham, Wm. St., \$6.81; Beamsville (Bible-woman), \$23.65; Markham, First, \$5.00; Thornbury, \$3.00; Langton, \$5.00; Houghton, First, \$14.00; Dunnville (special offering, \$5.00), \$13.25; Wheatley, \$2.55; Walkerton (Thank-offering, \$10.50), \$17.75; Hartford, \$4.00; Ailsa Craig (Thank-offering, \$19.50), \$24.45; Brantford, Park (Mrs. C. W. Rose, \$5.00; Mrs. Read, \$5.00; Misses Merritt, \$5.00; others, \$10.25; for Cocanada class room building), \$84.20; St. Thomas (Life-membership, Miss C. Juston, \$25.00; Bible-woman, \$25.00; Miss McLeish's munshie, \$3.00), \$69.25; Boston, \$20.25; Gladstone, \$9.20; Moulton College (for two students, \$40.00), \$44.25; Moulton College (boarders), \$29.10; Indian River, \$1.50; Toronto, Waverley Rd., \$9.32; Brantford, Calvary, \$11.00; Peterboro', Murray St., \$10.52; Wilkesport, \$2.50; Toronto, Jarvis St. (including \$15.00 from Evelyn Gordon for Yuyuru school), \$189.13; Brooke and Eniskillen, \$5.45; Wyehwood, \$4.00; Sparta, \$7.18; Campbellford, \$1.30; Ridgetown, \$7.32; Stouffville, \$7.03; Port Perry, \$5.00; Toronto, Beverley St., \$19.90; Toronto, Pape Ave., \$3.45; Round Plains, \$7.00; Strathroy, \$13.50; Paris, \$10.00; Toronto, Olivet Ch., \$3.43; London, Eger-ton St., \$12.86; London, Adelaide St., (for school in Persia, \$5.70), \$29.75; East Toronto, \$7.00. Total from Circles, \$2,503.52.

From Bands—

Snelgrove, \$1.75; Gilmour Memoria for student, \$17.00; Stratford, M. Laurin Band, for "Bolivia," \$5.00; Glamis, \$3.75; Port Arthur, for "M. Mamkyam," \$4.25; Iona Station, for "D. Lilliana," \$17.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd. (Life-membership, Mrs. S. S. Bates, \$10.00), \$12.00; Bendley, for student, \$12.75; Georgetown, \$3.20; Strathroy, \$7.50; Villa Nova (Cocanada Class Room Building), \$5.00; Leamington, \$4.80; Toronto, Waverley Rd., for "Ruby," \$8.00; St. George, for student, \$7.00; St. Catharines, George St., \$4.00; Brantford, Calvary, \$3.00; Fullerton, \$1.60; Hamilton, Wentworth St. (for Lepers), \$3.00; Walkerton, for "G. Processam," \$7.00; London, South, for "P. Samuel" and "D. Ratnam,"

\$34.00; Beamsville, for "V. David," \$18.00; Frogmore, \$2.00; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$3.75; Jerseyville, \$2.00; Galt, for "P. Grace," \$17.00; Stouffville, \$8.50; Gladstone, \$10.33; Townsend Centre, for "V. Obed," \$8.50; Toronto, Annette St. (for Lepers, \$1.00), \$5.32; Arkona, \$1.75; Wallaceburg, \$2.25; Kensall Park (London South), \$4.69; Simcoe, \$1.50; Burgessville, \$6.00; Dundas, \$2.00; Hamilton, Stanley Ave., for "P. Agnes," \$17.00; Orangeville, \$2.10; Cheltenham (mite-boxes, \$5.00), \$8.00; Grimsby, \$3.50; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial, \$4.00; Guelph (Bolivia, \$3.25), \$6.50; Ridgetown, \$5.00; London, Adelaide St., Boys (for cripple "John," \$4.72), \$8.72; Wingham (for Cocanada Class Room Building), \$5.00; Woodstock, Oxford St., for "S. Keranama," \$18.00; Delhi, for Cocanada Class Room building, \$3.00; Wingham, for "S. Ruth," \$8.50; Collingwood, \$1.50; London, Egerton St., \$4.50; Waterford (Leper "Appama," \$10.00), \$14.00; Bloomsburg, 75c; Chatham, William St., for "B. Nivalah," \$3.64; Binbrooke, \$2.00; Brantford Park, \$15.50; Southampton, \$1.50; Owen Sound, for "Cornelius," \$4.00; Lakefield, \$4.79; London, Adelaide St., for cripple "John," \$6.85; East Oxford, for "G. Yonam," \$17.00; Brantford, First Ch., \$10.00; Boston, \$8.25; Sparta, \$3.80; Peterboro', Murray St., \$3.68, (including \$1.79 from Baby Band); Toronto, Beverley St., \$2.50; Vittoria, for "K. Manikyamma," \$2.50; Cobourg, for student, \$12.25; Toronto, First Ave., for "G. Ruth," \$7.00; Campbellford, \$63.00. Total from Bands, \$446.27.

From Sundries—

Governor's Rd., Ladies' Aid, \$2.50; Sarnia, class in the corner, for "K. Ruthama," \$17.00; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Gal SEVEN—Link—Nov 19 Jr., \$25.00; Miss Lenard, \$2.50; Gravenhurst, Miss Davies' gift, \$10.00; Investment in trust, \$8.75; East Zorra Ladies' Union (Thank-offering), \$9.34; 13th line Oxford-Brant, Ladies' Aid, \$5.00; Georgetown Boys' Class (for "I. Deenamma"), \$16.25; London, Adelaide St. Young People, for native preacher, \$32.00; Toronto, Ossington Ave., for B.Y.P.U., to furnish a room in Cocanada school, \$6.00; Hamilton, Wentworth St. Girls' Club, for "G. Mary," \$20.00; Anou (Port Hope), \$4.05; Delhi, Sunshine Class, for Cocanada Class Room

Building, \$2.50; Wingham, B.Y.P.U., for "S. Ruth," \$8.50; Toronto, Indian Rd. Y.L.B.C., for Edla Alice," \$4.25; Mrs. Thos. Braden, Teeswater, \$5.00; Mary Shenstone Scholarship Fund, for three students, \$50.00. Total from Sundries, \$228.64.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cheque to General Treasurer on estimates for India (including \$13.87 for Miss McGill, and \$13.87 for Miss Hatch), \$864.65. Furlough for Miss Hatch, \$88.90, for Miss Ryerse, \$33.34; for Dr. Allyn, \$41.66; for Miss Hatch's passage, \$175.00; Passages for Misses McLeish and McGill, \$700.00; extras—Vizaj Girls School, \$50.00; Akidu, Chapel, \$34.11; Bolivia, \$4.00. Total, \$1,991.65. Treasurer's expenses, \$20.83; exchange, \$1.30; postage, \$1.03; by cheque to General Treasurer, for Lepers, \$8.75; Leper Venkamma, \$10.00; Leper Appama, \$10.00; Bolivia, \$16.25; Persia, \$5.70; Vuyuru School, \$15.00; cripple "John," \$11.57; native preacher, \$32.00; extra student for Miss Priest, \$16.25; Cocanada Class Room Building, \$481.60. Total, \$607.12. Total receipts from Oct. 1-20, \$3,203.31. Total Disbursements, Oct. 1-20 \$2,621.93.

Total receipts during Convention year—\$14,630.70. Total Disbursements during Convention year, \$14,523.67.

From Oct. 21-31, inclusive. Receipts from Circles:—

Lynnville, \$1.50; Onondaga, First, \$3.00; Delhi, \$6.00; London, South, \$10.00; Toronto, Bloor St. Y. L., \$5.37; Fonthill, \$7.00; Toronto, Century Ch. (for Lepers), 12.00; total from Circles, \$44.87; from Bands—Essex, \$2.93; Brampton, \$1.00; Round Plains, \$1.20; Jaffa, \$1.31; Scotland, 2.15; Sarnia, Brock St., Mary Quimby, Fund for untainted children of Lepers, \$2.00; St. Catharines, Queen St., for Cocanada Class Room Building, \$5.00; Berlin, Benton St., for "M. Mangamma," \$17.00; total from Bands, \$32.59; from Sundries—"Two Sisters," \$5.00; total receipts, Oct. 21-31, \$82.46.

During the month, the Treasurer has heard for the first time from: Lynnville Mission Circle, Governor's Rd. Ladies' Aid and Wallaceburg Mission Band.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,

Treasurer.

Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell,
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A SUGGESTION—TO CIRCLES.

The annual report of the Foreign Corresponding Secretary appears in this paper. There are in it twenty-two pages of the most interesting and most recent information about our women's work, both in the words of the writer of the report, our Vice-President, Mrs. McLaurin, and in the reports from our missionaries. To simply read over these pages, enjoy them and lay them aside, does not touch the fringe of their possibilities for Circle and Band work. They ought to prove a helpful basis for Circle and Band programmes for many months. Why not take, as the writer of the report has herself suggested, each missionary's report as the basis of one programme. Find out the geographical setting of the report and the relation of this field to other fields in our mission. Use a map for this if possible. It can be obtained on application to our General Secretary, Dr. Brown. Have a sketch of the history of our work there, and the conditions and class of people among whom it is now being done. Add the personal touch by making the missionary writer as real as possible, and then her report as contained in our General Report, will mean something more to us and bring us strictly up-to-date in our news of the particular field. We feel sure that such a study faithfully carried out, would result in a vastly more intelligent, as well as a more lively interest in our different fields, and would at the same time be making an appreciative use of the material laid to our hand, which has meant such an expenditure of time and energy to prepare.

CIRCLE NEWS.

Boston.—The annual thank-offering of the Mission Circle was held in the church on Sunday, October 6th. Written invitations had been sent to ladies of church and congregation. We were highly favored indeed, in having with us Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, who spoke to us at morning and evening services, and at our Sunday School, also in the afternoon. Words cannot express the good she did us. Her remarks were exceedingly direct and inspiring on our mission work, its needs and its possibilities and aroused deep interest in the hearts of those present, and a great longing to assist in every way possible the work of the Master. The choir fur-

nished the music. Offering amounted to \$28.50, equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. M. E. Crooker,
Rec. Secy.

King St., Berlin.—Our Mission Circle has had three very interesting and helpful meetings just recently. On September 26th, we had our thank-offering meeting at the home of one of our members, with an attendance of forty, and an excellent address was given by Miss Dayfoot, our Directress, in which she compared the condition of the women of India, with those of our land. On October 9th, the Rev. Jno. Kolesinkoff kindly came to us and gave an account of his work among the foreigners in Toronto, and on the 16th of October, we were favored in having with us Miss Hatch, who gave a most helpful account of the work in India. We are looking forward to growth in our Circle membership, and work being done for the Master during the coming winter.

Mrs. E. D. Lang,
Secretary.

Villa Nova.—On September 25th, the Mission Band and Home and Foreign Mission Circles of the Villa Nova Baptist Church, held an open meeting and made their thank-offering, which amounted to nearly \$30.00. The Band rendered the programme, after which we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Ida Ryerse, Miss Ryerse's address was most interesting, and her account of the work there made us feel at least our efforts were not in vain. At the close of the meeting, the ladies served dainty refreshments. The Mission Circle work has a most encouraging outlook for the coming year. The greater part of work has been carried on at west side of field, until just recently. The ladies here decided to organize a Circle, and it meets once a month. Of course we really have only one Circle and one president, but it has been the means of a greater interest being taken, several new members being taken within the last two months. We have great reason to feel thankful for what has been accomplished in the past and hope for greater and better things in the future. May our Heavenly Father's richest blessing rest upon the cause here.

Mrs. W. Goble, Secretary.

Hartford.—The Mission Circle in connection with the Hartford Baptist Church, held their annual thank-offering meeting on Sunday evening, October 13th. We had with us Mrs. J. A. Wallace, of Simeoe, who gave us a very interesting talk on China. We also had a short programme of recitations and songs by members of the Mission Band. An offering was taken, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Carrie Van Horn,
Secretary.

Springford.—The Sunshine Mission Band wish to tell their friends of their experience in mission work. We have an average attendance of not more than forty members. This year, the Band is taking as a special work, the support of a student in Cocanada Girls' School. After raising part of the money by special offering, the President distributed "Blessing Bags." At the monthly meeting in August, the contents of the bags were counted, which amounted to nearly \$11.00, thus completing the amount required. The President had charge of the meeting, and a programme on "blessings" was rendered by the members of the Band. We feel that our efforts have been blessed during the past year, and we are entering upon another year with renewed encouragement.

Myrtle T. Havens,
Sec. Treas.

Leamington.—On the afternoon of September 20th, we were highly favored in having with us, Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, who gave an address that will long be remembered by those who heard it. Her earnest words will be an inspiration to us during the coming year.

We were also pleased to have a few encouraging remarks from Miss Ritchie. Mrs. Large sang very sweetly "A Little Bit of Love." The missionary societies of the other churches in town had been invited, and a number of ladies responded. Tea was served, and a social half-hour enjoyed.

Mrs. J. King,
Secretary.

Emmanuel Church, Victoria, B.C.—We thank God, for answered prayer, and report, that the meetings of our Circle for many months past, have been

full of encouragement, both in attendance and interest, and greatly increased giving. The President, Mrs. Arthur Johnston, is faithful and untiring in her efforts to remind us of our high privilege and responsibility of obedience to our Lord's great commission. Our programme convener, Mrs. Letts, has splendidly arranged topics for monthly consideration on varied mission fields; the work is thus kept vividly before us, and each meeting vitally interesting. On November 2nd we were privileged to meet some of the missionaries en route to India, viz.: Misses Clark, Woodman and Corbett, who touched our hearts and enlarged our vision, as they spoke of the urgent, pressing need for India, to hear the glad evangel of a risen Christ Jesus. A Mission Band was organized in January last, in our Sunday School, which is gladdening our hearts by its growth and deep interest. On November 5th, our Circle and Sunday School, sent off a Christmas box to India, full of love-gifts for our missionaries; also some gifts to be used in their work for the Master. Most cheerful and voluntary was the o-eration throughout, making it veritably, a "labor of love."

E. Marchant,
Cor. Sec'y.

Thurso, Que.—A thank offering under the auspices of the Ladies' Mission Circle was held in our church on Thanksgiving night, October 28th. Besides our own people, we had quite a number from Clarence. The main feature of the programme was an interesting address by our pastor, Rev. G. H. Harber, on his work on the Congo, Central Africa, in which he related the story of many hardships and dangers encountered by Mrs. Harber and himself in their anxiety to reach the people with the gospel. We also had a word from Mr. Plant, of Papineauville, Rev. K. H. Palmer, of the Presbyterian Church here, and Rev. P. A. McEwen, of Clarence. Suitable music was rendered by the choir, assisted by Mr. Plant, who also gave us a solo. After a solo by little Kathleen Elliott, the offering was taken, amounting to \$43.30. Fifteen dollars of this we are giving to Home Missions, to make Mrs. Harber a life member, and the remainder is to be divided evenly among the other three missions.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention of Ontario West

FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

Reported by Miss Ruth Denovan.

The sessions of the Woman's Baptist Convention of Ontario West commenced at 9.30 a.m. on November 6th, in College Street Baptist Church, with Mrs. John Firstbrook, President of the Foreign Mission Board, in the chair. The meeting was opened by the reading of the fourth chapter of John, by Mrs. Albert Matthews. Mrs. W. A. Gunton led in prayer, asking at the beginning of the Convention that the presence of God might permeate every meeting, making them truly helpful.

Mrs. Grove, a member of College Street Church, gave the address of welcome to the delegates of the Convention, assuring them that the people of College Street had planned and prayed for the success of these meetings for the past year.

In replying, Mrs. Firstbrook wished to convey through Mrs. Grove to the church the pleasure of the delegates in being present at the Convention in College Street Church, because there was a mutual bond of sympathy between them and the delegates, that of Christian women interested in the cause of missions in this land and in the lands beyond the seas.

Associational reports were heard from the Elgin, Guelph, London and Middlesex, Niagara and Hamilton, Norfolk, Oxford-Brant, Peterborough, Toronto, Whitby and Lindsay, and Western Associations. In the Band reports from all these there was reason for encouragement both on account of the in-

crease in the number of members as well as in the advance made in the offerings for Home and Foreign Missions. During the year there had been a decrease in the Mission Circle giving. Another phase of the Band report was a general feeling of the need of some systematic course of study in the Mission Bands. One Band had endeavored to overcome this need by means of a memory course, but it had not been found adequate. At the Convention last year it was decided to make a special effort in the Band work, which has proved so successful. The President urged that this year the emphasis be put on the work of the Mission Circles.

The annual reports of the closing year were then read and adopted.

Mrs. Mulock, of St. Catharines, gave a most interesting address on Band work, which had been marked with such unusual success during the past year. She had found that the great need in Band organization is not children, but leaders. It is always easy to find plenty of children who are willing and eager to belong to the Mission Band, but it is much more difficult to provide leaders. These leaders must have not only a love of children and a zeal for Jesus Christ, but a training adequate for the work they have to carry on.

These leaders should come from the Young Women's Mission Circles. When one thinks that the Mission Circles of the future depend for their members on the Mission Bands of the present, one sees how important the Band work is.

In Mrs. Mulock's Band she encouraged each child to assist by doing the thing he or she was most capable of doing. When they were getting up a bazaar, one small boy's achievement was cleaning boots, so they decided to have a shoe-shine stand, thus making use of the boy's talent.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year and a short season of prayer, the meeting adjourned.

The chief features of the afternoon session were addresses on the work in India by Miss Ida Ryerse and Miss Grace Alexander. Miss Ryerse, who was in India for only half a term, told of her work in the Cocanada Girls' School, of which she was given the control at the end of her first year in India. In the school were few qualified teachers who could be depended on. The majority were married women, who stayed away when it was necessary to attend to their household duties. Consequently, Miss Ryerse found it almost an impossible task to carry on the work at all. To add to the lack of sufficient teachers, there was no adequate accommodation for the classes. Several more rooms at least were needed, so that the lesson of one class would not conflict with the teaching in another. As Miss Ryerse was forced through ill-health to return to Canada, she is spending her time telling the people here of the needs of the Cocanada School.

Miss Alexander spoke of the work as it appeared to her from a visitor's standpoint. The visitor saw and could tell of the difficulties and hardships the missionaries endured in a way in which they themselves never would. Miss Alexander endeavored to show to what an extent those at home were responsible for the conditions in India. If the people at home read the "Link" and became more conversant with the work, they would know where the missionaries were situated, and what they were

doing, and would take a greater interest in them and pray oftener for them. Nor is it necessary to pray for the missionary alone. The native workers do a wonderful work among their own people, and certainly need the prayers of those in the home lands. To do this work they must be educated, which takes both time and money. If we could understand the necessity of educated workers and adequate equipment, we would be pleased to spare a little of extravagances on our own churches and send the money to build chapels in India. Unless we are praying for some definite end for the work in India, it will not be as successful as it ought.

At the evening session, after the devotional exercises by Rev. A. T. Sowerby, addresses were given by Rev. W. A. Cameron and Mrs. Chute, M.D.

Mr. Cameron spoke on "Missionary Obligation." In the missionary spirit of Christianity, he said, lies the one hope for the redemption of man. The parable of the seeking Shepherd contains the germ of all missionary enterprise. If men are to be brought to God, they must be sought. As soon as the Christian Church loses the power of reclaiming the lost, it ceases to be a church. So long as this power is still in the church, it may be said that the tabernacle of God is with men.

When the Christian religion spread itself abroad it was only realizing the desire of its own nature. When a force, especially a spiritual one, has been intended for a large expansion, and has been denied that expansion, it not only fails to do the work in the large sphere, but loses its power in the narrow sphere. It is in ideas being denied expansion that they become insincere. Whenever the outward missionary tendency of the church has been interfered with, where its intense religious life has been shut in amongst itself, it has worked its own destruction. Heterodoxy sprang out of

the soil, where orthodoxy lay corrupt.

The church had renounced the missionary claim. It had forgotten that Christ had still His ancient power. It was not till the missionary passion took possession of two followers of Christ that a new era began to dawn for England. Why is Africa still the dark continent? Because the early church forgot that her business was to reach the churches about her. The missionary obligation is the only true ground for optimism concerning the individual. The missionary obligation is the only true ground for optimism concerning the church. Given to the church the missionary principle, it simply cannot die. If the Christian Church never fails to hear the cry for help, that church simply must live.

The faithful members of the churches are passing into the city whose gates are pearl. The hope of this young nation lies in the reply that the young are giving to the call to service. May we push out and out to universal triumph in this missionary crusade. Behind it all must be the impelling motive of love.

Mrs. Chute, M.D., of India, told of the extent of their mission, and the number of people for whom they are responsible. She gave an account of touring, in which one-third of the missionary's time is spent. She spoke of the various ways of making tours, and the preparation necessary for them, giving one tour in detail, telling of the work accomplished on it.

HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1912.

From the thirteen Associations of Ontario West, through their Directors, has come the material from which this report is made. Mingled tones are heard. Some of thankfulness; others of regret; still others of glad rejoicing over success in what they have undertaken. Perhaps a few of these will prove of some interest to the Convention.

Peterborough reports that some of the smaller Circles have more than doubled their contributions. Mite boxes have been placed in many of the homes with instructions to have them collected during the first week of April and the first week of October.

Owen Sound report is full of cheer and originality. Out of the twelve Circles reporting, nine gave more than they did last year. They had only two Bands a year ago, and now they have five that are all doing splendid work. Some of the women in the Circles earned their missionary money in novel ways. One weeded onions, and so saved hiring help while she received so much a row; another kept her linen suits from the laundry; still another earned a dollar by doing her own washing.

Elgin Association sends forth a minor note, but it is a strong protest against the lack of visits from missionaries. Homes are awaiting their reception, and we hope to send some one there next year.

Guelph report is always bright and encouraging, and this year is no exception. Band problems are occupying the spare time of the enthusiastic Director, as the Circles are progressing favorably and have increased their giving.

Whitby and Lindsay has raised about \$20 more for Foreign Missions this year, but Mrs. Madill wishes something special could be done to work up the Bands. There are only seven Bands in the whole Association.

Western Association is rejoicing over a young ladies' Circle, which has been formed in Wallaceburg, and which is in a healthy condition.

Middlesex and Lambton Circles are reported in good shape, and showing great interest in the work of spreading the Gospel. In one church in this Association \$1 "Links" are taken.

Norfolk Association has made great strides this year. They have been greatly favored by having visits from Miss Hatch, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ralph Smith, and their own Miss Ryerse, who is both willing and capable, and is visiting every church in the Association that needs her. One Circle reports twenty women in the church and twenty-five in the Circle. The interest and giving have increased proportionately, and

\$125 more than last year has been added to our treasury.

Niagara and Hamilton Association reports a new Circle at Victoria Park, Hamilton, and a splendid Band at George Street, St. Catharines.

Northern Association shows wonderful vitality and increased liberality.

Oxford-Brant Director sent in a splendid report, and although they have not come up to their very high standard of giving of last year, it does not indicate any lack of interest or activity. New Circles and new Bands have been organized, and are doing splendid work. "A Mission Circle in every church" is the ambition of Mrs. Nicholson.

Walkerton Association reports two Circles less than last year, and no returns have come in from either Clinton or Teeswater. We cannot spare even one Circle from our number. No doubt the Director will explain the omission.

Toronto Association reports nearly 400 increase this year to Foreign Missions. Danforth Avenue has 70 women in the church and 70 in the Circle, while East Toronto has seven more members of the Circle than they have women in the church. The Assistant Director has been very helpful to Mrs. Scott in visiting small country churches and giving missionary addresses.

In closing this report, we would urge on our Circle this fact. Unless we increase our gifts we cannot come up to what is required of us to meet our obligations. After two years' service in India, our missionaries' salaries have been increased \$100. No one objects to this, but our present income will not permit of our paying this small advance. Unless we as Circles give more generously, how can it be done? Our missionaries deserve it and a little denial on our part here and there, and we will come up to what is expected of us.

Financially the Circles have gone back this year in their gifts to Foreign Missions \$103.50. Wherein lies the fault. Is it yours? Is it mine? Let us be up and doing while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LLOYD,

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

During the past year there have been held two executive and ten regular meetings of the Board, with an average attendance at the latter of twenty-two. It was a real pleasure and inspiration to welcome at various meetings a number of our lady missionaries—Miss Hatch, Miss Robinson, Dr. Allyn and Mrs. Chute, Miss McLaurin and Miss Murray.

At the first meeting of the Board, the estimates for the year were passed with the specials of \$1,520.00.

Mrs. Firstbrook, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Ross were appointed to meet with the General Board. The Executive Committee consisted of Mrs. S. S. Bates, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Miss Webster and Mrs. Urquhart. Later, on Mrs. Davies' resignation, Mrs. Hooper was named as her substitute on the committee.

The personell of the Board has undergone some changes, Miss Pugsley's resignation as Recording Secretary was received in September, and Miss E. Pugsley was appointed to that office.

The resignation of Mrs. Angus as Corresponding Secretary, has left that office vacant. A committee has been appointed to secure someone to fill this position.

Mrs. J. N. Norton has resigned her position as Directress of the Northern Association, and Mrs. Price, of North Bay, was appointed in her place.

Seven applications for appointment to the work in India have been received, but the Board felt that it was not in a position financially to undertake more than two more missionaries at the present time. Consequently, Miss McGill and Miss McLeish sailed for India this fall, and Miss Marjorie Cameron will go in two years, when she has completed her medical course.

During the year 102 Circles have sent in as thank-offering \$1,149.14.

It gives us very great pleasure to welcome twenty-five life-members, who have been added during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA M. PUGSLEY,

Rec. Sec'y.

THE STORY OF THE YEAR.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report.

The President of the United States of America has lately said: "I am convinced from observation, that Foreign Missionary work is the greatest civilizing force in the world." Again it is true that the Christian rule of Great Britain is the other main factor in the advancement of India, and that these two together are especially making for the uplift of women in the Orient.

Two outstanding events that have marked the past year have had a significance in this connection. One the magnificent pageant at Delhi, when King George V. was crowned Emperor of India, in the presence of 200,000 spectators. Hindus looked on in amazement to see his wife, Queen Mary, standing beside her Royal husband, and sharing with him the homage of princes and rulers. In such a position Christianity alone places woman.

The other wonder was that, in the appalling Titanic disaster, it was the safety of women and children that was first considered. In the Zenanas, it seemed an unbelievable thing, and our missionaries were eagerly asked: "Is it true, what they say, that when that great ship was sinking, strong, rich men stood aside and let 'women' escape first?" How they marvelled to know it was even so.

The impression made upon Hindu minds by these two facts, will not soon pass away.

Union.—We rejoice to-day that the long-desired and prayed-for union of Canadian Baptists in Foreign Mission work, has been consummated, and that we are now one Society from sea to sea. This blending of forces in India has given to our mission there a new strength and prestige that we believe will do much for the more rapid and effective progress of the Kingdom.

Visitors.—The reports of the ladies make repeated and appreciation men-

tion of their visitors from the homeland. Should any Canadian Baptist wish to learn how much beloved they are, how generally important and delightful, let them visit our mission in India! Of Dr. and Mrs. Harris' visit, we have fully heard. Very bright hopes and cherished plans for the furtherance of the work were cut off by the sudden home call of Dr. Harris, but there is still thanksgiving that they came at all, and for the loving and abiding service accomplished in those few short days.

Mr. and Miss Denness, of Vancouver, were warmly welcomed, were a cheer and encouragement while they remained, and on leaving, left behind substantial proof of their interest in the work.

To Miss Alexander a peculiar indebtedness is felt inasmuch as to quote from one report, "for one whole year she bravely persevered, enduring the trials and annoyances that come by night and by day from wizards, toads, scorpions, snakes, bats, centipedes, rats, cats, dogs, fleas, ants, jackals mosquitoes and such, besides heat and some other things trying to the flesh. She travelled in all sorts of conveyances, over all sorts of roads in all sorts of weather, and has seen every station in the Mission, and every kind of work we are doing." Miss Alexander's exceptional knowledge of conditions on the Mission field qualify her, they add, to speak with authority regarding missionary matters.

And the Angel of Death visited that dear Band also. Utterly unlooked for, he yet came in such quiet guise, and so softly whispered his message that there was no affright or consternation, but the Visitor departed. Eurette Timpany Stillwell was not, for God had taken her home. A sense of real impoverishment swept over the Mission from end to end. Every one loved her. But hearts were the more closely welded together in sympathy, and the fragrance of a life in which the grace of the

Name was magnified, remains.

Helpers.—Among these the Misses Laura and Edith Craig are gladly counted in by the missionary family, and are making a valued place for themselves. Our old friends, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs, send brief, interesting reports. From Miss Phillipsz, we hear for the first time. Miss Gibson tells of one of her pupils illustrating the folly of idolatry by setting on end the low stool on which she had been sitting, and exclaiming: "See, this is what my people worship, instead of the Holy One, who came to save us," and then she spoke impressively to the women around of the sin and shame of such an act. Another, formerly a pupil, and now living in a distant part, is cut off from all Christian companionship and finds in her New Testament and Miss Gibson's weekly letters her greatest joy and strength. Her own abundantly show her steadfast faith in Christ, as well as her loving gratitude to those who have led her into the way of life. Her prayer for her children is, she says, not only that they may themselves be Christians, but that they may teach the things of God to others.

Anticipating Heaven as the enduring Home, she writes: "I think Miss Simpson is watching for us to come there too, and then how happy will we all be together." Surely the feet of this dear woman have been taken out of the horrid pit of heathenism, her feet set on a rock, and her mouth filled with a new song.

Miss Beggs says she is often cheered by finding her Zenana pupils ready and waiting for her, neat and orderly, with lessons prepared, and a keen relish for the new Bible reading. Although some of these are still compelled to go through the forms of idol worship, those words are only unmeaning mutterings they say, while the words from God's book go to their very heart, and they really care for them only. Some of these women, our workers are convinced, are true believers. The matter of their being advised to make a public profession of Christ, and in consequence be driven from their homes, is still a problem.

Miss Phillipsz, lately added to the Cocanada staff, is studying the language, and at the same time doing daily work in Zenanas and near hamlets. She meets the usual mingling of experiences—encouragement and defeat,

joy and regret. This remains, the seed which is the living word of the living God is being sown, and we have His own promise for it that it shall not be in vain. Miss Phillipsz reports 347 homes visited, and 12 new homes opened during the year.

It has been quaintly said that "Religion is a commodity, the more of which is exported, the more remains at home." Like the loaves and fishes in the hands of the Blessed One, it multiplies by dividing, and by imparting the soul of the giver is enriched. Working in accordance with this law of the Kingdom, and in the spirit of the Master, in all 29 young women have gone to India from the ranks of the Baptist sisterhood of Ontario and Quebec. Of these one, Miss Simpson, is "at home with the Lord." Fourteen are now on the field, three at home, and five en route for India. Two are embarking for the first time, Miss McGill and Miss McLeish. To-day we are to hear from those now on the field and our very own representatives, and from the eleven now working under our Board reports will be submitted to-day.

COCANADA.

As touring is much in vogue in India, shall we to-day make a grand tour of all their stations, that each for herself may tell us the story of her work for the year? We shall begin with Cocanada—the oldest station, and still headquarters. After giving 20 years of faithful and successful service to the Girls' Boarding School here, Miss Baskerville is now in charge of a large Zenana, Caste Girls' school, and touring work. Of city work, she says: "As the first part of the year was spent in visiting on the north side of the river, a great deal of time after vacation was given to the south side in visiting with Miss Beggs among the interesting women whom she has been teaching for so many years. Some of them are undoubtedly Christians, at least, quite a number have learned to read the Bible for themselves and are taking a regular course in Bible reading.

One who shows great interest is a daughter of Suramma, of Ramachandrapuram, who was baptized a short time before Miss Hatch left on furlough. Another bright woman who has already

given her heart to the Lord, will soon, we hope, identify herself with His people. Her parents and several members of her family, became Christians after her marriage. She is now a widow, and it will not be so hard for her as for some who have to leave all for Christ. Her brother is a fine, enterprising young man, one of the teachers on the staff of the Cocanada field. One dear little woman, who had not only given every evidence of a real change of heart, but who had shown remarkable spiritual development, had for months been passing through a period of great darkness and distress, and we were very anxious about her. We are now deeply grateful to the loving Heavenly Father, who has been gradually bringing her into the light again.

Thus I might go on telling of special instances throughout the city, where we have found wonderful encouragement, and have rejoiced to realize that our labor has not been in vain. We have been most happily impressed by the cordiality with which we have been received by all classes of women. We often meet with women who have heard the Gospel in other places, and these gladly welcome us to their homes; this is another proof that the word of the Lord is not fruitless.

In connection with the city work, I may mention that Suramma, the young caste woman, who came to us in December of 1910, still remains steadfast. She has been put to rather a severe and protracted test, because she has not yet been baptized. We are satisfied, however, that she is a true believer and worthy to be numbered with the followers of Christ. She is in the school, and is making fair progress in learning to read. We hope that she may be a messenger to carry the gospel to her own people in days to come.

After having made, in company with the various workers, one round of visits, I decided to make each woman responsible for a certain district, and planned to visit with each one in turn. This plan has been carried out so far this year in the city work, though I have not been able to increase the number of workers on the staff, as I had hoped. Though two new half-day workers have been gained, they have thus far done no independent visiting, but have in each case gone in company with another Biblewoman. The ideal

way, of course, is for two to go together, but in order to cover the ground, some of the more experienced ones must go alone.

Caste Girls' School.—While my afternoons are spent in visiting in the homes of the people, my mornings are given to teaching Biblewomen in the Caste Girls' School. We are reaping the results of the work done in the school everywhere we go, not only here in Cocanada, but out in the villages when we go on tour. In Kovvur, a village some two or three miles away on the south field, one of our former school girls is a real help to us; a great many of her neighbors have become interested through her. We have found a welcome in a number of other villages also, because our girls are living there. They seem to feel a sort of proprietary interest in us, and are always pleased to see us. We have reason to believe that some of them truly are believing in Jesus, and have proved His power to help in time of trial. One in particular, who is living in a far distant city, corresponds regularly with Miss Gibson, and her letters are decidedly Christian and deeply spiritual in tone. Of the girls attending the school at present, several have shown a real heart interest in the truths we teach. During the year we have had under our influence in this way over a hundred of these little girls—127 being the highest number enrolled in any one month.

Evangelistic Schools.—The evangelistic work among the children has not been all we could have wished. The number of schools under my immediate supervision is less than in Miss Simpson's time, partly because the fields have been divided and the schools on the south field are otherwise looked after, and partly from lack of workers. Though our efforts seemed so inadequate, we had no reason to complain of the attendance at the Rally, which was the largest ever seen in the history of this work, even when the fields were one. While over 800 children gathered in the chapel and its verandahs in Cocanada, it must not be forgotten that hundreds more had a Rally of their own in Jagganaikapuram. With the coming of the High School, we hope to see this work receive a fresh impetus, for, under the guidance of their Christian teachers, the boys can reach the swarms of children in the districts that have been

untouched, or have had to be given up by us. We shall retain the nearer districts to be worked by the women and girls. It will be a happy day when we can feel that all the little ones in this city are at least having a chance to hear the precious story of the Saviour's love.

Touring.—During the period under consideration, I am thankful to report that some touring has been done. In November, Papamma and I went with Miss Jones and her helpers for a seven days' tour on the boat "Elizabeth." We visited nine villages, six on the Ramachandrapuram, and three on the south Cocanada field. In one of these three we had a good reception, where some years ago the Christian teacher was beaten, and he and his family driven out of the place.

Early in the year the old "Glad Tidings" was handed over by Miss Selman to the Cocanada fields. She thought it was worn out, but we are thankful to have it, and find it very useful. We hope to get a few more years' useful service from it, and by that time we trust that some good friend will be ready to give us a new one. Through the generosity of Miss Selman's brothers, she has had a new boat provided for the Akidu field touring. Miss Selman's old boat can be readily repaired in Cocanada, where facilities for such work are at hand, while on the remote Akidu field it was difficult to get repairing done.

Before the weather became too hot I was able to make three tours in the boat. First, Mary and I spent six days at the end of January, on what is known as the Salt Creek. Early in February, Satyavedamma spent three days with me on the Samalkot canal, where Minnie and her husband are stationed in a village called Venkatarishnapuram, about five miles away; several other villages in that neighborhood were visited also. Nine days in March were spent on the south field with Lakshamma as my helper, and between the second and third tours on the boat six days were spent at Timapuram, our usual camping place on the north field. Altogether, thirty-one days were spent on tour, and thirty-five of our own villages were visited. We usually give a whole day to the large villages, and half-a-day to the small ones. Touring experiences are very in-

teresting. In several villages we found an entrance, and an opportunity to speak with the women in the homes of Rajahs, and were treated with great courtesy and kindness. In one place I met an old lady, who has been the greatest hindrance to her son's open confession of Christ. He is a fine, well-educated young fellow of good caste and family, and the mother's opposition had been so strong that we were somewhat doubtful as to the sort of reception we might get from her, but the Lord inclined her heart while I talked steadily for a whole hour of the one true God, and His wonderful plan of salvation. In only one village of the thirty-five we met with real opposition. An unfriendly munsiff gave us rather an uncomfortable half-hour, but even there God gave us the victory, and after we got through with him, we had an audience of about sixty women, who listened attentively for more than an hour.

Helpers.—Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs who have been assistants in this work for many years, are faithful and true and tried. Miss Phillips, who has joined the staff, has spent a part of the time in the study of Telugu, but has gone to the homes and visited in the near hamlets. This has been a help to her in acquiring a more fluent use of the language. We expect to find in her an able helper, now that she can give herself completely to the work.

The houses regularly visited by the missionary and her helpers, in Cocanada and the two villages where Bible-women have been stationed, number 640; 4,425 visits have been made, with an aggregate of 20,240 hearers. About 3,000 women are being regularly taught, and 30 new houses have been opened to us.

Besides this 35 villages have been visited, and at least 1,000 women have been reached in this way."

Miss Pratt, warmly welcomed back from furlough, was promptly put in charge of the Girls' Boarding School. She tells of her experience as follows:—

"The year 1911 was a very trying one for the missionary in charge, as the head master left, and it was impossible to secure a suitable man to take his place. Later in the year the second master left. Under the strain of the extra work thus put upon her, Miss Ryerse's health broke down and

she was compelled to drop the work and go to the hospital in Pithapuram for about two months.

"After a most delightful furlough, I returned to my work, arriving in Co-canda on December 7th. Owing to the somewhat disorganized state of the school, the regular examinations were not held at the end of the year.

"With the new year brighter days came. We were fortunate in securing as head master a trained matriculate—a Hindu, but one who had had some experience in a mission school. He has proved a most enthusiastic and energetic teacher. Our new second master is one who has had some years' experience as a teacher in the Samalkot Seminary. The third master is not trained, but seems anxious to do well. These three with four mistresses, have done good work during the half-year.

"The results of the promotion examinations, held in April, were encouraging. Out of 127 who wrote, 110 passed. Of those who passed our final examination this year, one will go for training and two have entered High School—one in II. Form and III. Form.

"Our school is graded as an Upper Elementary, having standards from Infant up to Seventh. The course of study followed is that laid down for Government girls' schools of this grade. The Government inspector or inspector examines the school thoroughly every year to see that the work is kept up to the standard.

"This school serves the whole mission (southern section), being the central girls' boarding school for all the fields. (Akidu and Vuyuru have their own primary schools, so girls from there come here only for the three highest standards.) The proportion that may come from each field is determined by Conference. The total number on the rolls last term was 130, of whom 25 were day pupils.

"The secular part of the work is well kept up, but the object of the school is not only to provide the girls with a good education, but to prepare them for lives of usefulness among their own people by giving them a good training in Bible knowledge. Each class has a lesson in Bible every day. The Bible course is the same as that of the seminary, excepting the highest classes in which we cannot cover quite

all the work. There is also a special training class for Biblewomen.

"The Christian activities of the school give opportunities for service. Christian endeavor meetings are held every Monday evening after school. These are led by the girls, and a great number take part. Some of the older girls are teachers in the Christian Sunday School, and others go out to do work among the non-Christian children in the city on Sunday afternoons.

"On Sunday mornings the school attends church and Sunday School in a body. In the evenings we have our own little service in the school compound. Just at sunset we gather (usually out doors) and these have been some of the happiest hours of the term, when we have tried to lead these young lives into a deeper knowledge of the things of Christ. During the year ten girls from the school have confessed Christ in baptism.

"One of the events of the year has been the adding of four new rooms to our dormitories, and extending the wall to enclose a larger compound. We wish to thank all who, by their gifts, have made this much-needed extension possible.

"Now that we are able to accommodate so many more in the boarding department, we feel more than ever our great need of adding to our class rooms. We rejoice that the prospect of having these is in sight, because the Mission Bands have undertaken it as a special for this year.

"As the days go by we are impressed more and more with the wonderful importance of school work. Although at times the work may seem somewhat humdrum, yet to have so many girls under one's influence, discipline and teaching every day, furnishes a magnificent opportunity of reaching the Telugus in one of the most effective ways—through their own people. This school has been greatly blessed in the past, and we confidently expect that the future also will see great things accomplished through those who pass out from its walls."

Let us turn south now, from the Harris compound bungalow, where Miss Baskerville and Miss Pratt have so interested us, and driving through the crowded bazaar, call at the Timpaay

Memorial School, where Miss Folsom and Miss Findlay will take charge of us. They are rejoicing over a gift of \$1,600 from Mr. Dunbar Hudson, Miss Folsom's nephew, to put up a sorely needed addition to the building. Miss Folsom says:—

"We have had a continuous run of fever, dysentery and boils among our pupils since this term began. There have been few days that there has not been from one to half-a-dozen patients requiring more or less care, and I have no matron. Miss Findlay is just recovering from a second attack of illness this term. We sent her out to Pithapuram last week, where she will have the care of a good doctor and nurse.

"I have kept well through it all, but have been too busy and tired to even write home letters. Miss Phillipsz was ill for nearly a month, and I had finally to move her to this building to give her the care she needed.

"Fever, cholera and dysentery have been unusually prevalent all over our fields this season, and many have died. We are most thankful that more of our number have been taken.

"School work has gone on every day, though with many interruptions on account of so much sickness. My classes in Scripture and needle-work have shown considerable interest, and have done good work. The older girls have been putting their knowledge of Scripture to use, by teaching in both English and Telugu Sunday Schools. One has earned almost enough by her needle-work to pay her school fees, and others have made their own clothes, and those of their younger brothers and sisters in school.

"Money has come for our new school building, and material is being collected for it. We hope to see the foundations in before many weeks.

The Rajah of Ramachandrapuram has removed to Cocanada, that his children may have an English education and training. Five of his children have been placed in our school. They are bright and intelligent, and it will be a pleasure to teach them when they have learned a little more English. We are allowed to admit a small percentage of native children, and for years we have had a few high-caste children

from some of the best families in town. Our pupils have Bible teaching daily, and we hope and pray that the Truth may reach the hearts of these heathen children, as well as of those of Christian parents.

"We are now having our Michaelmas holidays. I do trust that the coming term, with cooler weather, may be free from sickness, and more satisfactory in every way."

Miss Findlay also reports: "That in the first place, speaking generally, our term has been almost uneventful as far as extraordinary happenings are concerned, but the work in the school went forward quietly and steadily.

"We are all so happy in having Miss Folsom with us once more, and one wonders how we ever managed to get along at all without her.

"For some years we have been trying more or less successfully to run a High School department in connection with the school, but the management thought it best to drop this work, as we have not the funds to run it properly, and as the number of pupils has been quite small. So all our energies have been devoted to the primary and middle grades. We now have these classes well equipped, and the first term's work has been very satisfactory.

"There are now in the school three teachers from America—Miss Folsom, Miss Edith Craig and myself; two Eurasian teachers, one of whom has been with us four years, the other two. Then assisting Miss Craig, we had one of our old girls for the first term. Unfortunately for us one of the Eurasian ladies left us at the close of the term, but another has been engaged in her place.

"Besides these teachers there is the Telugu Munshi. His work although quite simple as far as the 'knowledge required on his part is concerned, is really quite the hardest problem we have in the teaching line, as, in the first place, few of the children are anxious to learn the language, strange as it may seem, in in the second place, many of them come to us from districts where Telugu is not spoken, and hence not taught, and while they may be proficient in other branches of study, they are quite behind the standard in Telugu. So we find it hard to grade

them. Then we find it very hard to get good teachers for this subject. We hope to get a trained teacher some day, and so have less difficulty in this branch of our work.

"At our yearly prize distribution, Miss Craig gave us a very interesting reading, and this together with some enjoyable music and the interest which always attends the distribution of prizes, made the evening a very pleasant one indeed.

"The only other outstanding event of the year was the Inspector's visit. His report has now come, and we are very pleased with his remarks. The summary of his remarks was that 'it is an excellent little school.'

"We are looking forward to our new building, which is in the process of construction now. It will be quite an event in our life, when this longed-for accommodation is at our disposal. We are not crowded in the matter of classrooms now, but of course we have a rented building to help us out, the kindergarten and first standard having been meeting in the other house this last term, and they must do so until the new building is ready.

"Of the pupils who have passed out from our school within the last two years, one is taking teachers' training in Madras, two are working in missionary families, one is married, three are learning nursing, and one is still studying. One of the nurses writes: 'I am now on duty in the native men's ward, and enjoy my work very much. There is only one man in the whole ward who believes in God, and every night he says to me, 'Missie, will you pray for me?' So we believe that she, and others, too, are seeking to do the Master's work where she is placed.'

"Our native Sunday School work has been carried on, and increased. We have now four schools with an average attendance of about one hundred and twenty-five.

"I was very much pleased at the interest manifested in this work, when the call for a new helper was given: As one of the teachers remarked, 'The girls consider it a great honor to be asked to help in this work, don't they?'

"If this experience only leads them to try and win others for Him, as it has done for others, how thankful we will all be for this avenue of usefulness.

"We have much to thank the Lord for in this past term's work, and our only regret is that we have so little to offer Him in return for all His benefits unto us. May He grant that we may daily grow to be more useful to Him and more like Him, that others seeing our good works may glorify the Father, who is in heaven."

PEDDAPURAM

Having completed the round in Canada, we go north by rail or boat, or drive to Samalkot, ten miles, and then on by "the king's highway" three miles more, to Peddapuram. Here we find Miss McLeod, who gives us her last report from this place, regretting that the impending removal to Samalkot will compel the closing of part of her work here. She says:—

"Only in 'the merry month of May,' and then not in the morning time, have I ceased from work this year. Perhaps my heart would be lighter and gayer if my rest had been longer, but I meant well."

"Touring.—Ninety-six days were spent on tour and eighty-two villages were seen. In many of these villages only Christians were visited and a message of encouragement given them. In others the caste people were visited, and to all who would listen one message given. 'There is but one name whereby men may be saved.'

"Station Work.—This, as us al, consisted of morning classes of children and afternoons spent with the women. The children's classes are perhaps the most encouraging department of our work. During the year, seven of these have been conducted, regularly, with upwards of a hundred children on the roll and an average of sixty. Only one of these classes is conducted in the outcaste part of the town, the other classes all being of Shudras of various grades. In one of these a young mother surprised me one day by requesting that I would pray for her baby boy, who was clambering about me grabbing at my book and pencil, and anything else he could lay his hands on, in his ignorance having no fear of being contaminated, and as he was clothed only in nature's garments, his people had no fear for him. 'What do you wish me to ask for your boy?' I said,

and received a still greater surprise when she answered, 'that he may be a good man.' A few days ago, when I visited them again, she renewed her request, and when I told her that I had passed it on to my people when we met in conference, and that many would be praying for him, although the other children had heard, in her joy she had to repeat my answer to them. 'The Missamma Garu asked her people to pray for my baby, that he may be a good man, and they are praying.' May all to whom this word comes pray for that dear little lad and his child mother, whose greatest desire for him is that he may be a good man.

"One of the most encouraging features of this work, is that many of the older women, and sometimes men also listen to and understand, the simple lessons taught the children, whereas if we addressed them, they would say, 'We do not know anything. We cannot understand.' By listening, they realize that they can understand, and we get better hearings from them also. This work I will have to give up when I go to Samakot, as it will be impossible to carry it on regularly from there.

"Nearly all of our afternoon work at the station is amongst the Shudra women, with only occasional visits in high caste homes, but there is plenty of work to keep one missionary and several Bible-women busy in the large town of Peddapuram, even if there was no touring to do. Over and over again we hear, 'You have no favor on us. It is such a long time since you appeared to us,' and yet four of us are going every day but Saturday.

"Five hundred and sixty visits were made during the year. This includes personal visits on tour, and at the station, but not the children's classes of which I attended one hundred and ninety-four.

"Biblewomen.—The year began with eight Bible-women, but one of these, the one upon whom the most money had been spent for her education of any on the field, early in the year was dismissed from work, with a dark cloud resting on her name, leaving a sad heart behind her, for this is the hardest part of a missionary's experience, that one who has been loved and trusted should prove so unworthy. The seven who remain have each and all some incapacity

for the work, physical weakness or lack of education or family cares, but 'God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty,' and He can use them.

"Pray for us and those to whom we bear the Word of Life."

PITHAPURAM

Since writing the report of a year ago God has continued His good gifts to us in Pithapuram. In October, 1911, we had the joy of hearing that Mr. and Mrs. Motion, of Vancouver, were sending money for a bungalow for single lady missionaries in Pithapuram. This was through the good work of Mrs. McLeod, who knew our need and had hastened to help us. We began the work on the bungalow at once, and it is to be finished, through the kind assistance of Dr. Smith, who took over charge of the construction when I came home last spring, and is expected to be ready for my sister and me when we reach India in December.

We had just received word of the bungalow money when another gift came, in the form of the promise of a hospital choultry or rest home for the families of caste patients who come to the hospital from distant towns. This was another of our Ranees' kindnesses. Instead of building some useless monument or other memorial of the Indian Durbar, they have built this handsome choultry at an expense of 10,000 rupees to commemorate the coronation of their Imperial Majesties in India, and the corner-stone was laid on Durbar Day, December 12th, 1911. This is their second gift of 10,000 rupees towards our work.

On December 5th we had the pleasure of formally opening our Nurses' Home (part of the Ranees' first gift). H. H. the Ranees graced the occasion by her own presence, bringing with her little son and the Rajah's stepmother.

It was during December that Miss Ryerse was so ill. Our European wards were in almost constant use by sick missionaries from October until March of this year, and have no doubt been full since that.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith returned in January, and the very day of their arrival in Pithapuram a little daughter was born in the palace. Immediately after this the little son fell ill with pneu-

monia, and as Miss North and I were both worn out with our year's work, the days of anxiety at the palace told heavily on us both. Miss North began to have fever first, and then I took it. In March I took Dengue fever, and the day after getting out of bed received the Board's kind letter, offering me a six months' leave of absence. Just about two hours later a cable arrived from my father, inviting me home. I believed the kind Heavenly Father had "given me leave," as we say in Telugu, so in two days' time I joined the missionary party for Canada, and have had a delightful and refreshing six months in Canada. My sister's presence with me will be a great help, and we pray that we may together be able to do much for our Master.

Jessie M. Allyn.

TUNI

Next neighbor to Miss McLeod, during Dr. Allyn's absence, is Miss Priest, of Tunni. Returning to Samalkot, we take train for Obewhole, 40 miles. What a boon that new East Coast Railway is to our missionaries! We find Miss Priest alone at Tunni, while Mr. and Mrs. Scott are at home. She does not seem to console with herself at all, however, while she gives an account of herself in this wise:—

"In looking back over the year, the testimony of one of old comes to mind, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' The absence of the fellowship of the missionary family has meant greater dependence on the Master Himself, as the daily problems have presented themselves. The year's experiences have proved afresh to us the truth that 'He is faithful that hath promised,' and over and over again David's experience has been ours, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'

"The work has gone along the same lines as usual. The touring is a part of it that is full of interest, for it brings us into touch with so many folks whose chances of hearing the precious message are few and far between. It was good to be kept free from fever and be able to camp at some new centres. We were thus enabled to see some new villages, as well as some that we had not seen for years. In one of the latter, Vankamma and I went hesitatingly towards the Kernam house, not

sure whether this Brahmin would allow us to come near, but soon we were seated on his verandah with a number of the head men sitting to one side and a crowd of women in front of us. They were not willing for us to leave, even after a long visit, and this Kernam said, 'Couldn't you come once a week and teach us these good things?' How I would love to, but there are many villages, and not only that, the loss of my pony is a hindrance to me, as I have not been able to replace him yet. Ox cart travelling has its advantages 'tis true, but it has disadvantages also.

"Besides the work done in Tunni, I have worked in 82 villages, and the Bible-women have seen others. In every one we have found ready listeners.

"The work in Tunni and surrounding villages, would more than fill one person's time. It has been a joy to be called to some Brahmin houses, and we hope more will have us pray when we visit them.

"The Christian women must be cared for. They have so much to unlearn, as well as to learn, and we long to be helpful to them, for their testimony will mean so much among their neighbors, if it is clear and bright. Their heritage and surroundings are against their growth, but God is able for all circumstances, and some of the experiences of the past year have filled my heart with courage. One was when we went out together for the day to a village four miles away, taking our noon meal with us. It was a great surprise to those villagers, who were used only to the three or four Christian women there, to see this crowd of 15 bright, clean women coming through their midst, singing hymns. We divided into bands, and there was not one paid worker in the band that came with me. It did me good to hear their earnest testimonies to the change the gospel had made in their homes. Another day to remember was one they had planned amongst themselves. First, an experience meeting, and then curry and rice on my verandah, provided at their own expense. As I looked on that company of 26 women, gathered from the Mala, Madiga and Golla (or shepherd caste) classes, and saw our pastor's wife choose to sit between two from the Madigas (lower caste), my heart

did rejoice at what God has wrought! Only those who have worked in this land of caste bondage, could truly appreciate the happy family feeling of that gathering. The victory is not complete yet, but what we have seen assures us that He hath begun a good work in them. Satan is taking advantage of the hard struggle for daily food, and they need our prayerful sympathy, but He is able.

"One of the special opportunities the year has brought, has been amongst the caste boys of the town. Many of them have got into the way of coming to my home often in the evening after school, and through this friendship many a little seed of truth has been sown. God has shown me that one special purpose of thus linking me on to these young lives is, that I am to pray for them. Some of them are learning that it means something to pray to the true God. During a siege of cholera in the village near by, one of my boys was taken ill. Some time ago, God answered prayer on his behalf, when he had a very sore knee, and the other day, when he came to see me, he told me that when he got sick with cholera, he prayed to the true God, and was at peace.

"A number of evangelistic schools were kept up regularly, and it was encouraging on Rally Day in November, to have over 400 children gather, and it was a very representative company too. If we could have a young man with love in his heart for the children, he could be busy in Tuni and the near villages, and it would count in the days to come.

"By His grace, we hope to make this year count more for Him.

"Villages, 82; house visits, 322; children's classes, 169; meetings with Christians, 151. These figures do not include those of the Bible-women."

VUYURU

We will now visit the two most isolated stations in the Mission—Vuyuru and Akidu. Vuyuru is about 100 miles from Cocanada, reached by railroad, and a long cart or rickshaw ride. A disorderly collection of mud-walled leaf-thatched huts, it appears to us, but surely Isaiah's prophecy never had truer fulfilment morally than here, for the wilderness and the solitary place

are truly glad for them—the messengers of peace and help and hope.

Dr. Hulet has had the usual reward of the hard worker—which is more work. We know that chiefly through her own efforts and liberality, the accommodation of her hospital has been much increased, and that, for the first time she has had Brahmin inpatients—several of them. Also that the schools for caste girls, under her care, continue, but concerning these she reports to the Eastern Board. Dr. Hulet's report is brief, but means much. The statistics for the year are as follows:—New patients, 6,234; major operations, 5; minor operations, 206, maternity cases, 35; inpatients, 34; calls, 130.

Miss Zimmerman, with her professional training, gives valuable assistance to Dr. Hulet at times, but her own large field, would keep her more than full-handed with direct evangelistic work. Her report is so full and so important, that nothing need be added, nor can anything be left out. She says:

"In making up my report, I find that I have spent only seventy-eight days on tour (outside of Vuyuru Church). In the Vuyuru Church, we spent about thirty days visiting in twelve villages. During the seventy-eight days, I visited and taught in eighty-nine villages. In ten or twelve, we had only Christians. In a few only non-Christians, but in the majority, both Christians and non-Christians. That meant that we had to, in most of these places, spend the day, going to the Christians in the morning, and after conducting the women's meeting and Sunday School, and visiting in their homes, I would eat a little lunch, which I had taken with me, and then go in the hottest part of the day to the caste people, who usually live some distance from the Christian settlement. Those were hard days, but an inner joy came to us, as we endeavored to throw light on the troubled minds of some of those women and to teach the Word.

The hindrances were not a few, which hindered us from doing as much as we would have liked to do. First, the rains; they lasted longer than usual last year. Secondly, the death of my horse. This was a real hindrance, which we were for a time unable to remove. Last January, I succeeded in getting a country pony. The animal

has not proved a very good friend to me. It is not safe for me to ride him, so I am trying to sell him and get another, which is not a very easy thing to do in this part of our Mission.

"Yesterday, I received word that the money for the horse is being sent. For this I am very grateful.

"The attending of the July and December Conferences, and the Kistna Association, two months at the hills and two weeks spent with our sister, Miss Ryerse, took away a little time from the regular work. But it was time well spent, for God visited us and provided refreshment for body and mind.

"With travelling among the villages, we camped in twelve different places, and conducted sixty-two women's meetings, and thirty-eight regular Sunday Schools, and in many places where we have no pastor or teacher, little bands of boys and girls would gather around, eager to be taught.

"These schools afford a good opportunity to sow the seed and to become acquainted with the children. This work has been of special interest to me, and it will be. Our hope for the future is largely in the boys and girls.

"The work among the Christian women was both encouraging and discouraging. I wanted to get acquainted with them and with their home life, to share if I could in their joys and sorrows, and I have in part succeeded.

"Their homes and home-life are vastly different from ours. Many of these women are ignorant in the deepest sense of the word, but some are learning, and have a real love for Jesus, and do, in so far as they know, try to live to please Him. The women in the Bodagunta Church seemed more intelligent along spiritual lines, than those of any other church on the field. This is largely due, I believe, to the earnest work and prayer of our faithful Bible-woman, Jane. For many years she has taught and worked and prayed for the salvation of those women, and her work has been rewarded. I believe Jane will have many bright gems to bring to the Master. She is old, and says she is of no use in the world, but I see the results of her daily work in many homes in that large church.

"When I was camped near her home, one evening she brought to my tent a

young woman, who had recently been converted. The girl said Jane had led her to Christ. I became very fond of her, and found she could sing well. I found out that her relatives, who were heathen, were treating her very cruelly; but she was firm. When tried beyond endurance, she would start away to Jane's home, and together they would pray for guidance and help. Since then her husband has given himself to Christ. There is great rejoicing in her heart and ours, but what must be the joy among the angels of God? How gradually God's plans unfold, but how surely.

"During the year I have had many impressions. Some have been forgotten, but a few remain. One is, that we need more Bible-women to do daily work among the women in the churches and among the caste women all over the field. They do need to be taught more than once a year. How many times I heard them say, 'Do come to us once a month.' We are praying for more women, and prayer is being answered. A new one came to-day, and two more are coming in a few days, for training in the school. Mary and Martha, who have been in the Vuyuru school and in the work, are having the advantage of attending the Bible-training class in Coanada boarding school until Christmas. Also Shantamma, a young woman, who came to us last year. These three will come on at Christmas. Pray that they may return to us in the fullness of the Spirit, full of zeal and extra knowledge, ready for what will be their life-work.

"As I went from village to village, it hurt me to find so many girls who were not having the advantage of our boarding-school. It seems to me we need to lay more stress on the education of our girls, so that when the time comes for them to enter homes of their own, they will be better fitted to help teach and instruct the women who live in the villages where they go. In a number of places where our boarding girls have gone, the women are learning verses and hymns, and a little more interest is shown.

It grieved me to find that a number of our pastors' and teachers' wives cannot read. The wife of the pastor of one of our largest churches said to me: 'I would teach them if I could, but I

cannot read.' She is a good mother, however, and is doing all she can to give her children privileges she has been denied. There are many such cases. I found that many of the supposed leaders among the women knew less than the women themselves. Should this be so? 'No,' I hear you say. We are doing our best to encourage education among the girls. Pray that the fathers and mothers in the little hamlets scattered all over this field, may be awakened to this great need.

"We are, on the other hand, often helped and encouraged by some of our women, who have the cause of God so much at heart, that they find time to do a little work outside their own homes. One dear woman is suffering from consumption. She is the only woman in her village who can read. She has been leading the women in prayer and in the study of memory work. They recited almost all of the 5th chapter of Matthew, and the Twenty-third Psalm, besides a few other verses. They, by the way, said more verses perfectly than any society I visited last year. The teacher in their village is an earnest fellow, and I am sure he helped them too.

"Last year was my first year among these women. They had missed Miss McLaurin, and many of them had grown careless. Their meetings needed to be started over again. Some were reorganized. A few new ones organized, and old ones revised. Some women had stopped attending the Sunday services, and had forgotten all about the mid-week prayer meeting. Some had forgotten to give their mite to the work among the women, and so on. But—we are full of hope that this new year may bring to us many causes for thanksgiving. Pray for our Christian women and children on the Vuyyuru field this year."

Caste-work.—'This is a large part of our work, and deserves special mention. In all but about ten of the above mentioned villages we visited the caste women, and found them eager to hear and to learn of Christ. We tried to spend from four to five hours each day—but Sunday—among them, and found that was not half enough time. I found a number whom we are convinced are secret believers. A number

seem very near the Kingdom, and many more are deeply interested. In only one caste village, did we find no one to listen to our story. We had the joy of being allowed to enter a village, where Christian workers had never before been allowed to enter, and taught in two homes. Crowds gathered to listen. After being there three or four hours, we started to go away. The elders among the men came and said that we were to come every month. Personally, I would like to go to that village every month, and to others.

"Do we not need more of the intensive work? And is it too soon to begin to pray for another touring lady for Avanagadda? I think not. Then we shall be able to teach more, instead of spending so much time travelling the long distances we must travel, in order to cover our field in the year.

"The caste women are bright, beautiful women. They are hard-working people, and many among them are very thoughtful. A few women can read, but many are unlearned in anything pertaining to religion.

"I wish I could take you with me on one of my tours, and show you how they welcome us, some out of curiosity, but some for higher reasons. A few quotations from the words of the Kama women, will show you that they want to learn of the true way.

"One said: 'I want to see this Heaven you talk about. Show me the way.' Another drew me into her home one evening, and when she had closed the door, said: 'Amma, tell me more about Jesus. I pray to Him every day.' She had followed us from house house all day and listened to every word.

"Another came to the tent twice at night, to talk about being baptized. Pray for this Lukshamma, that she may have the courage of her convictions. A very old woman said: 'Pray that when I die, God will lift me up to His home.' A Brahmin widow had been peeping over a wall, listening for nearly two hours, when she heard a pompous looking Kama man say: 'I am pure; I need no Saviour.' She lifted her head proudly, and said: 'He died for us all, He died for me; you tell a true story.'

"I could tell you much more, but there is not time.

"Pray that we may have the joy of seeing some of these women, who are on our hearts, come out boldly for Christ this year.

"The Bible-women sold four hundred and sixty books during the year among the caste women, and toured in over two hundred villages. Besides these books, we left a number of other small books and many hundreds of tracts and papers, the Lord's Prayer, Twenty-third Psalm and Matt. 5:1-12, printed in pamphlet form. We claim for this and other work done, God's promise, 'My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish the work whereunto I sent it.' The words of the old hymn,

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing,"

have been ringing in my heart. Without this fortress we could not remain in India, but in His never-failing strength, we launch forth into another year. May it be a year of victory for Him."

AKIDU

Miss Selman and Miss Corning we find at Akidu, about 40 hours travel from Cocanada, by rail and cart, or, most of the year, all the way by boat.

Again the prophet's beautiful words come to mind; "The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." This wilderness also is beginning to respond to the breath of life divine.

Miss Selman, the evangelistic missionary and a trained nurse, says: "As my work is itinerating on the Akidu field among over 2,000 Christians, and thousands of non-Christians, and Mohammedans, I shall try in my report to tell you something of the touring work in which I have been privileged to have a share.

"During the year under review, I have toured 148 days. With my Bible-women I have visited 282 caste homes; with Christian adults, have conducted 78 services, and with children, have had 22 services.

"In these 282 caste homes, many, many shut-in women have heard the gospel, some for the very first time,

and others who had heard before listened eagerly again. As yet, I have not been able to reach the Mohammedan women, because very few of them understand Telugu. I hope that the day will come when I can talk to them in their own language.

"Each year we meet more caste women, who want to be taught Scripture and prayers. Our present great need is more Bible-women to live in the different centres on this large field, and visit the villages oftener than the missionary can. This year two Bible-women have been placed in a centre, where they can visit and teach regularly in several large villages. Their work is bearing fruit already, and I long for women to be placed in each church centre, and an extra two to tour with me. Pray that for the other nine churches workers may be raised up. I am trying to wait patiently for a Lower Secondary school in Akidu, that more of our girls may be better fitted for such work. Many young women are left widows, and if they had a fair education as a foundation, might be trained as Bible-women. At present, parents, at least many of them, refuse to send their daughters away to Cocanada, and so they are kept at home after leaving Akidu boarding school, and soon become married, without a fair education. There is a great harvest here to be gathered in, and we must work and pray for more laborers.

"In January last in the village of Cowtharam, a sweet young girl of fourteen of the Kamma caste, was much interested in our Telugu magazine for women, the 'Vivekavati.' She subscribed for a copy; on my second call, she was less reserved, and listened with much pleasure while I played and sang some Telugu hymns to her, using a little organ her father had bought for her. She seemed much interested in the gospel message, and I long to visit her again,—not likely that I shall be able to until September.

"One Biblewoman, who works near her own village, has been teaching some little caste girls Scripture portions and prayer. She said in her last report, 'The two little girls prayed to Jesus for their father's recovery from illness, and he has been restored to health, much to their joy and strengthening of faith.'

"The medical help I have been able to give, has this year, as always, opened to me many homes that would otherwise be closed. Many in the hour of sickness and suffering, have heard of Jesus Christ the Great Physician.

"The work among the children and the Christian women, has gone on much as usual. The regular lessons are taught wherever leaders and teachers live. Will the kind friends, who have sent me gifts for my children's work, accept my sincere thanks, and if possible, remember my work this year again.

"With a heart full of gratitude and hope, with renewed physical and spiritual strength, the result of a vacation in Ootacamund, and a fine new boat and staff of five Bible-women, I begin the work of another year."

Miss Corning, in charge of the large school here (during Miss Robinson's absence on furlough), and also doing some outside work, sends a report so full, and yet compact, that not a word can be omitted. She says of the boarding schools: "The year as now arranged for our annual report, from July to July, corresponds with our school year, as our final examinations take place at the close of the spring term.

"At the opening of school in August, the new boys' dormitory was ready for occupation, and we increased the number of boarders from 60 to 93. Even then we did not take in all who wanted to come, and who should have been received, as we had not the means for their support. But we rejoice that suitable dormitories have made it possible for 30 children more than the usual number to receive the benefit of Christian training and education during the past year. The work of teaching has been carried on under difficulties, as the old chapel was altogether too small for the number of children. I was in a constant state of apology for stepping on toes and fingers, as I moved from class to class, but we have been encouraged by the sounds of the builders at work, and next term we shall open school in our beautiful new chapel, even although it is still minus doors and windows. The girls' dormitory has been plastered and white-

washed, transforming it from a dark, dreary room into a bright, cheerful, and we believe far more healthy home for our girls.

"Strength of the School.—During the first term we had on the roll 138 names, with an average attendance of 114. Of these, 93 (57 boys and 36 girls) were in the boarding departments. The second term opened with 138 names on the roll, 90 of whom were boarders. Our average attendance during this term was 106.

"The teachers have done faithful work, and the final examination results were most gratifying. 11 boys and 4 girls have been sent to Cocanada for a higher course. One of our 4th class girls married at the close of the term, and the remaining member of the class, a high-caste boy from the town, was away during the last month of school, and so missed the examination. He is a bright, clever boy of fifteen. His relatives had arranged for his marriage with a baby girl not yet two years of age, and although they were sorry for him to miss the examination, the time had been declared propitious and they were afraid to delay. He will return to school next term, and be examined by the inspector at his next visit. A large number of caste boys are coming to us from the town for the English teaching. These boys are not compelled to attend Bible classes, but so far no one has missed a lesson. They soon become as deeply interested in these lessons, as our Christian children are. In March 8 boys and 1 girl, and on Easter Sunday, 8 boys and 3 girls from among our boarders, openly confessed Christ by baptism. But more than all I have been glad to see the growth in Christian character. It is not easy for these children to break away from the sinful habits in which they have indulged all their lives, but many of them are learning, with the hope that never fails, to really overcome.

"Village Work.—I have tried to give from three to four hours each afternoon to work in the village with my Bible-women, T. Mary and V. Ratnamma. There seems to be a desire to hear our message on the part of many, and we believe that a few of the women whom we teach regularly, are really trusting in Christ as their Saviour. We were

again disappointed about procuring land for a caste girls' school. A site was offered by Mohammedans, and the necessary papers made out. Out of the three brothers owning the land, one was in debt to some of the Hindu merchants. The caste people, although they want a school for their children, really seemed terrified at the idea of our owning land in their midst, and succeeded in so frightening their brother, that he did not dare consent to the sale. We know from experience in other places, that a caste girls' school, and reading room, which we plan to have connected with it, will go a long way towards breaking down the superstition of caste which still holds the Akidu people. Will you pray that a suitable site may be soon procured and this work started.

"The Mala village school, carried on very faithfully by Estheramma, the wife of my head master, has received Government recognition. This school has been the source of great encouragement. My visits for inspection and examination are always unexpected, but no matter when I appear, I always find a large number of children present and the work being well done. I do thank God for the faithful helpers He has given me from among our Indian Christians in my work in the schools, as well as in the Zenanas."

RAMACHANDRAPURAM

Ramachandrapuram remains. We return to Cocanada and go part way by boat and train; finish up with cart or rickshaw. Here Miss Jones will give us her report. It is almost as long as the name of her station, but too good to be cut down. She begins with:—

Special Events.—"First of all, I must mention Miss Philpott's coming. It has been a great joy to have her in the home with me. In numberless little ways she has been a great help. For some time she has taken the whole responsibility of the compound Sunday School; has frequently visited the Loper Home, and for some months taught the Bible lessons to the senior caste girls.

"Another pleasure was the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Gunn, and now little Carey has more than doubled our company of missionaries.

"We were sorry for ourselves in seeing Mr. Stillwell go, but it was im-

possible not to rejoice with him in the joy of going home.

"The celebration of the King's Coronation was a great event in Ramachandrapuram, and your missionaries were given places of honor, and joined heartily in this expression of loyalty to King George. The lepers were feasted, and Coronation medals were given to a number of our caste girls and boarding school boys."

Caste Girls' Schools.—In March our combined roll numbered 117. This is a falling off from last year, we think due to the loss of Susie, who was specially adapted for work among the junior classes. The older pupils are attending quite regularly. I have found the caste girls' schools, not only a great joy, but also a constant anxiety during the year. After much difficulty, we have secured three new teachers whom we believe will be competent. On an average two mornings have been spent in the schools.

"We had a specially good time at the prize distribution. We invited only mothers and elder sisters, and were rewarded by having eighteen come to the bungalow. The children gave a very interesting programme. We hope to give our Brahmin teacher leave, and with our new teachers, we will at last have what we have aimed for, only women Christian teachers.

"The Rajah continues to take a real interest in the school. Two of his daughters are among our most regular pupils. He anticipates building for us. Pray that the Lord may definitely guide in this matter.

"We have been repairing the Cockshutt school, so that it is now much improved in appearance and utility. In the meantime, both the Rajah's school and Cockshutt school have been meeting in one building, and we hope if possible to continue the union. This is a real forward step, as it means that the Brahmins are not giving so much place to caste as they did two years ago, when the Rajah's school came under my management."

Zenana Work in Ramachandrapuram.—"This work is closely allied with our caste girls' schools. Through the schools many of the higher caste homes have opened to us. M. Manikyam continues to do faithful, efficient work in

these and other homes. This year she has been hoping for definite results, and is somewhat disappointed. Mainly through her work, however, Suramma, one of her former pupils, was able to testify to Jesus, her Saviour, before He called her into His presence.

"Another old pupil still continues interested, but does not seem to advance. Her husband is also interested. Both have given up idol-worship. Pray that they may both be led to Christ and confession. The sub-magistrate's wife is an earnest learner, but fears her relatives. Her husband is our friend, and I think allows his wife to think for herself. Their niece, who has passed the fourth class and left school, knows Christ's life and teaching well, and we hope will really trust in Him.

"I have been welcome at the sick bed of another girl's father, a goldsmith. His wife has for a long time been much interested. The Rajah and Ranees welcome us gladly. I expect to teach the eldest daughter, who is now married. For two months, our servant's wife did earnest, faithful work in the town, seeing also with S. Sydia, a voluntary worker, the town of Pasalapudi once a week. We saw much service for her here, but to our surprise, consumption appeared, and after lingering two months, she passed away, leaving a joyful testimony to her Saviour.

"Personally, I made 75 visits in the town. One day when alone in Pasalapudi, little six-year-old Rajamma, one of Veeramma's pupils, did the singing for me. How the women there listened and wondered. We have everywhere open doors. Oh! for time and strength to enter them and open them so widely that the King of Glory may come in."

Bible-women.—"Through our eleven Bible-women, about 25 villages are seen fairly regularly. Taken as a whole they are a noble band of women. M. Sarah, though growing quite old, is always eager to go with me on tour. Deborah has removed to the Cocanada field. M. Mary, though rough in appearance and not very well educated, is doing a good work. She is zealous—so much so, that now, while out transplanting in the rice-fields, she sings and explains Gospel songs to her companions. K. Ruth has just been taken on to the work, and promises well. At

our monthly meetings, requests for prayers have been made, and frequently the answers have come. S. Mary, a good teacher, but married to a man of not much character, has been given work in the large town of Kutukuluru, where different missionaries have vainly tried to secure land. In answer to prayer, we have been able to secure for Rs. 50, a well-situated piece of land large enough for teachers' home and small school.

"Our two young women, who have been training in Cocanada, are making good progress."

Work Among Christians—Compound Sunday School.—P. John still has charge of this school. I have visited it about once a month. The scholars and teachers competed in the all-India Sunday School examination, and acquitted themselves very well. The boarding boys continued to take their Sunday morning evangelistic schools with such good results that over 400 gathered in church on rally Sunday. These included pupils of Christian Sunday Schools in near-by villages, some of whom sang unusually well. One Sunday School sang a Telugu version of 'Jesus Lover of My Soul,' in splendid tune. Another school sang with such vim, that a visiting caste man presented the school with a rupee. These results come only by steady, earnest work.

"Now our boarding school here is closed. We wish to continue our evangelistic schools, but as yet see no way to do so."

Church Services.—"I have addressed 15 services in the churches out on the field. At these times the attention and responsiveness of the Christians has been gratifying. Before Christmas, I examined the Christian women all over the field in hymn-singing, Bible-stories and recitations. Many churches did unusually well. Surely these Bible truths must bear fruit in holy living. While we have rejoiced because of the earnestness of some of our Christians, we find in many, and in some churches in a general way, an increasing disregard of Sunday observance, and therefore a general weakening of their and our testimony. This condition has become to us a special burden these last few months. We hope to see a change for the better.

"The thanksgiving services held in January, were specially interesting. At the missionary's request I took charge at three different church centres, and in the three week-ends, visited 140 Christian homes. None of the churches are even anxious to give, and yet we see an increase in this grace, all giving more than they gave last year. We are trying to introduce them to proportionate giving; and some are beginning to understand their privilege in this regard.

"Eighty-four other visits have been made to Christian homes.

"Suramma, our sweet hymn writer, who was baptized just before Miss Hatch went on furlough, has this year been through the fires of persecution, but God has been with her, and she has been growing in grace. Not only so, but all her family, with the exception of the eldest son, are interested, and three, we think, are really believing. I am not yet allowed to go and visit her, but we write back and forth. Last month she sent an offering for herself, her daughter and daughter-in-law.

"Seshamma, the wife of Venkiah, of Chellur, who came to him after he had waited for her 25 years, is very happy in the little son God has given them. I have visited them many times, for they are left alone by their people. The bright little boy baby is, however, breaking down some of the hard walls. Pray for him."

Touring.—'Days on Tour, 70; villages seen, 50. Of these, 25 villages were visited only once. If my map is a correct one, there are 70 other villages on our field, not seen even once during the year, and half of these were not seen during the last two years. Some have never been seen.

"Among the joys of touring, to me the work among the children is one of the greatest. I visited several schools. Everywhere the children gather round me. I have begun teaching a hymn called 'Jesus our Refuge.' The words of one little girl, 'Good-bye, Ammah; come again quickly,' are very common. Often my heart aches because I cannot respond.

"In company with some of my Bible-women, I visited 152 caste homes, and spoke in many hamlets. With two exceptions we were welcome in every village. In one, the people were

frightened of me, and would not open their doors. In another, which Miss Baskerville and I visited together, we were not wanted on Brahmin street. They pride themselves that no one but a Brahmin has ever been on that particular road.

"Two evening meetings stand out in my memory. In one, by the light of the moon, and the dim light of lanterns, many gathered around us. There are only three Christians, but the others have heard the Gospel story quite often, and our audience was almost breathless as we tried to bring them to decision. God was surely with us. We look for fruit from that meeting. The meeting in the other village was not so quiet. In a nearby house a man was beating his wife, and his blows and her cries were not pleasant to hear. There was nothing very cleanly or refined about our audience, but they listened as the Gospel story was sung and spoken.

"We had some interesting times at Kotapilli, where we were invited to sit in the temple and speak. In our audience were four priests, all of whom listened respectfully. One was specially interested. At his request we gave him a New Testament. We have not heard from him since, but hope we may ere long.

"Our medical helper in the leper work, Mr. D. L. Joshee, has won the favor of the chief man of Kotapilli. Miss Philpott and I were at the opening of a new dispensary, which this friendship made possible. We are looking for a competent and trustworthy Christian compounder to put in charge of this work. If we can find such a one with a wife, who might do Bible work, we believe much may be done here. We were here for the annual Theertium, or religious festival. For hours each day we stood with our Bible-women, and spoke with the women returning from their religious bath, and visit to the temple. We asked, 'You came here with a burden of sin upon your backs. Did you lose it in the water as you bathed?' The general reply was, 'How could we lose it? How could it go?' 'You came for forgiveness of sins. Did you obtain it?' 'No,' or 'How can we know?' was the constant answer. Then we preached to them Jesus, the bearer of sin. Many said, 'These are the only

good words we have heard in this place. Thousands upon thousands came, for it is a very holy place, and among them all, none seemed to leave with any certainty of salvation, or sins forgiven. Many tracts were given and Gospel portions sold.

Several caste women are showing special interest. One of these, Sabbamma and her blind sister, are not far from the kingdom. Two others say they believe, and want to know what to do next. Still another, after hearing in the day time, came again at night that she might learn the way of God more perfectly. She is an earnest, intelligent woman, who has been interested for years. Like our sweet Suramma, she would be a power if she openly confessed Christ. She is a widow with independent means. We look for her definite surrender. Another, after hearing only once, was able months later to tell what she had heard. Yet one more, who says, 'I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart,' still holds back from open confession."

Lepers Work.—"This work was passed over to me at the beginning of this current year. In all, I have paid about 20 visits to the lepers. The average number of lepers is 73 adults, 2 tainted children, and 15 untainted tainted children. Finances are in good condition. Miss Hatch is sending from home larger or smaller sums, which come to her in response to her appeals. Owing to the faithfulness and efficiency

of our helpers, D. L. Joshee and wife, and Pastor David and wife, the details of the work do not fall on me. My work is mainly inspirational and advising. One of our present needs is an observation ward, where those in whom the disease is only in its incipient stages may be kept and perhaps cured. At present we have three bright boys and two little girls, who should be in such a ward.

"In closing my report, I ask your prayers, that I may be pliant in my Master's hands, and that I, with you, may learn to use on behalf of our Indian Christians, and the caste women who are near the Kingdom, the weapon of intercessory prayer."

Statistical Report.—Number of days spent on my field, 276; number of days spent in touring, 70; number of days spent in work elsewhere, —; preaching services conducted by me, 15; prayer meetings conducted by me, 8; Bible classes conducted by me, 21; other meetings conducted by me, 46; visits to families or with individuals, 451."

Thus closes the record of the year. Let us remember the requests for prayer. Entering into fellowship with our representatives on the field in the ministry of intercession, our hearts will be bound by ties invisible, but very real, to them, to each other, and to the Lord Jesus Himself.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. McLAURIN.

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TREASURER'S THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. J. H. Rinch, St. Thomas.			
Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Aylmer	\$112 98	\$ 7 50	\$120 48
Calton	11 50	.....	11 50
Pingal	2 15	.....	2 15
Gladstone	54 50	10 33	64 83
Iona Station	2 75	17 00	19 75
Jaffa	3 30	.....	3 30
Lakeview	68 20	.....	68 20
Malahide-Bayham	29 00	.....	29 00
New Sarum	9 50	2 45	11 95
Sheddan	6 50	.....	6 50
Sparta	21 99	3 80	25 79
St. Thomas	161 28	161 28
St. Thomas, Y. L.	17 37	*17 00	195 65
Collection	4 50
	\$500 97	\$58 08	\$568 55

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GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Gertrude Dayfoot, Georgetown.			
Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Acton	\$7 00	.....	7 00
Berlin, King St.	41 50	.....	41 50
Belfountain, Y. L.	2 50	.....	2 50
Brampton	24 10	22 00	46 10
Cheltenham	24 95	18 00	42 95
Flamboro East	5 50	5 50
Fullerton	10 00	1 60	11 60
Galt	24 31	21 00	45 31
Georgetown	43 72	3 20	80 17
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Guelph	72 80	13 50	86 30
Guelph, Y. L.	21 50	107 80
Hespeler	58 25	2 63	60 88
Hillsburg	17 56	17 56
Niasouri East	11 85	.....	11 85
Orangeville	14 65	4 80	19 45
Snelgrove	10 25	1 75	12 00
St. Mary's	15 00	27 00	42 00
Stratford	52 80	17 00	69 80
Y. L.	4 25	5 00	9 25
Collection	.....	.....	3 50
	\$462 49	\$170 73	\$636 72

19 Circles. 12 Bands. 2 Other organizations.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. J. G. Taylor, 112 Forsythe St., Sarnia.			
Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Ailsa Craig	\$88 65	.....	\$88 65
Alvinston	7 00	.....	7 00
Arkona	12 88	1 75	14 63
Brooke	8 40	.....	8 40
Brooke and Enniskillen	26 45	.....	26 45
Calvary (Wanstead)	13 50	*17 00	30 50
Courtright and Moore	.....	.....	.....
Centre	10 00	.....	10 00
Denfield	24 00	24 00
Forest	10 55	6 00	16 55
London, Adelaide St.	121 95	8 72	130 67
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" Egerton St.	34 69	7 00	41 69
" Kensall Park	9 69	9 69

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" Maitland St.	43 25	43 25
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" Y. L.	23 50	23 50
" South	36 61	59 00	95 61
" Talbot St.	238 40	5 00	243 40
" Talbot St.
" Y.L.	25 00	*17 00	285 40
Mount Brydges	.....	20 00	20 00
Parkhill	3 55	.....	3 55
Petrolia	61 28	32 00	93 28
Sarnia, Central	56 45	8 25	64 70
		22 00	86 70
Sarnia Township	13 35	.....	13 35
Strathroy	56 00	12 50	68 50
Sunderland	.....	2 50	2 50
Watford	7 00	.....	7 00
Williams East	11 50	.....	11 50
Collections	.....	.....	5 62

\$885 96 \$267 29 \$1156 87

23 Circles. 14 Bands. 4 Other organizations.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. John Hendry, 117 Sherman Ave., Hamilton.

Beamsville	\$30 65	\$23 00	\$53 65
Binbrook	5 00	2 00	7 00
Burlington	21 25	.....	21 25
Caledonia	7 00	5 50	12 50
Dundas	33 00	6 50	39 50
Dundas	18 50	.....	18 50
Dunsmuir	6 05	.....	6 05
Freelton	4 00	.....	4 00
Grimsbay	20 00	7 50	27 50
Hamilton, Barton St.	19 04	3 13	22 17
" Hughson St.	8 00	.....	8 00
" James St.	100 30	.....	100 30
" Y. L.	26 85	*12 00	139 15
" Kensington Ave.	.....	17 50	17 50
" Stanley Ave.	19 25	42 00	61 25
" Stanley Ave.	.....	.....	.....
" Y. L.	19 50	.....	80 75
" Victoria Ave.	43 98	.....	43 98
" Victoria Park	5 70	.....	5 70
" Wentworth St.	23 50	25 00	48 50
		*20 00	68 50
Niagara Falls, Morrison St.	20 00	15 00	35 00
Port Colborne	5 50	.....	5 50
St. Catharines—	.....	.....	.....
Queen St.	151 85	22 00	173 85
Queen St., Y. L.	42 25	.....	236 10
George St.	10 00	44 00	54 00
Welland	6 00	.....	6 00
Westover	28 00	.....	28 00
Collection	.....	.....	3 60

\$695 17 \$245 13 \$943 90

25 Circles. 12 Bands. 2 Other organizations.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Bloomsburg	\$8 75	\$0 75	9 50
Boston	48 75	18 75	62 50
Conland	10 00		10 00
Culms		*3 00	3 00
Decewsville	2 00		2 00
Delhi	28 50	20 00	51 00
Frogmore Mission		*2 50	2 50
Hagersville	3 50	4 80	4 80
Hartford	9 00	14 00	23 00
Houghton, First	14 00		14 00
Langton	9 00	10 00	19 00
Pine Grove	5 35	2 25	7 60
Round Plains	21 00	3 00	24 00
Simcoe	32 00	4 50	55 00
Simcoe, Y. L.	18 50		55 00
Townsend Centre		22 00	22 00
Villa Nova	47 40	14 00	61 40
Vittoria	15 00	7 50	22 50
Waterford	58 00	71 72	129 72
Collection			4 50

\$330 75 \$193 77 \$529 02

16 Circles, 13 Bands, 2 Other organizations.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Barrie	\$24 00	4 00	\$28 00
Bracebridge	15 18	*1 30	16 48
Burke's Falls	11 50	17 00	28 50
Collingwood	24 50	3 00	27 50
Doe Lake		*17 00	17 00
Fort William	44 25	10 00	54 25
Gravenhurst	35 25		35 25
Halleybury	19 63	2 00	21 63
Huntsville	9 00	5 50	14 50
Maple Grove	5 00		5 00
McCool	1 30		1 30
Midland	8 50		8 50
Milberta	1 25		1 25
North Bay	13 90		13 90
New Liskeard	5 70		5 70
Orillia	27 00	*20 00	47 00
Parry Sound	15 35		15 35
Port Arthur	46 00	25 25	71 25
Sault Ste Marie	34 50		34 50
Stayner	10 87	3 00	13 87
Steeleton	5 00	8 50	13 50
Collection			8 13

\$357 68 \$116 55 \$482 36

20 Circles, 9 Bands, 3 Other organizations.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Geo. Burt, 180 W. 10th St. Owen Sound.			
Bentineck	\$7 85		\$7 85
Chesley	4 00		4 00
Daywood	23 00		23 00
Durham	14 00	2 50	16 50
Meaford	21 00	22 00	43 00
Owen Sound	43 00	17 00	60 00
Paisley		17 00	17 00
Port Elgin	17 00		17 00
Southampton	17 00	1 50	18 50
Thornbury	3 00		3 00
Wiarion	14 51	4 00	18 51
Collection			3 00

\$168 36 \$64 00 \$230 36

10 Circles, 6 Bands.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, 111 Erie Ave., Brantford.

Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Beachville	\$22 25		\$22 25
Brantford—			
Calvary	45 50	18 89	59 39
First Church	400 00	20 00	420 00
		*17 00	437 00
Immanuel	31 55	12 00	43 55
Park	124 38	29 50	153 88
		*20 00	173 88
		*25 00	198 88
		*17 00	215 88
Shenstone Memorial.	35 00	4 00	39 00
Burford	4 00		4 00
Burgessville	49 50	6 00	55 50
Burth	8 00	3 50	11 50
Governor's Rd.		*2 50	2 50
Hatchley	4 00		4 00
Ingersoll	55 58	39 00	94 58
Jerseyville		7 00	7 00
		*2 00	12 00
Norwich	32 00	5 00	37 00
Onondaga First	6 00		6 00
Oxford East	15 30	17 00	32 30
Oxford West	5 00		5 00
Paris	34 32	2 85	37 17
Salford		*2 83	2 83
Scotland	39 70	25 18	64 88
Springford	27 50	20 00	47 50
St. George	44 40	7 00	51 40
St. George, Y. L.	10 85		10 85
Tillsonburg	19 42		19 42
Thirteenth Line		*5 00	5 00
Tuscarora	2 50	3 00	5 50
Woodstock—			
First	73 38	6 00	79 38
Oxford St.	22 50	18 00	40 50
Zorra East, 16th Line.		*9 34	9 34
Collection			6 77

\$1112 58 \$342 59 \$1460 94

24 Circles, 18 Bands, 9 Other organizations.

PETERBORO ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss M. A. Nicholls, 216 McDonald St., Peterboro.

Belleville	\$25 00	2 00	
		17 00	44 00
Bewdley		15 25	15 25
Campbellford	8 80	1 63	
		*2 15	
		*10 00	22 58
Cobourg	16 20	12 25	28 45
Colborne	15 00	8 50	23 50
Ormskirk	19 50		19 50
Gilmour Memorial	70 36	19 80	90 16
Haldimand	5 00	2 00	7 00
Indian River	6 00		6 00
Lakefield	8 10	10 74	18 84
Norwood	15 25		15 25
Peterboro, Murray St.	145 50	44 93	190 43
		*1 30	191 73
Peterboro, Park St.	7 65	26 00	33 65
Piston	5 50		5 50
Port Hope	67 55	10 70	78 25
Collection			3 45

\$415 41 \$184 25 \$603 11

14 Circles, 12 Bands, 3 Other organizations.

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TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Wm. Scott, 22 Delaware Ave., Toronto.

Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Aurora	\$15 00		\$15 00
Bethel	14 00		14 00
Eglinton	15 70		15 70
Markham, Second	24 75	3 55	28 30
Weston	18 27	1 70	19 97
York Mills	37 27		37 27
Toronto—			
Annette St.	32 32	5 32	37 64
Beverley St.	58 59	14 50	73 09
Bloor St.	332 43	8 30	
Bloor St., Y. L.	58 88		399 61
Century	66 15	*17 00	
		*8 00	91 15
Christie St.	10 00		10 00
College St.	145 09	16 00	161 09
Danforth Ave.	64 60	*5 00	
Danforth Ave. (Sorosis)	27 33		96 93
Dovercourt Rd.	281 38	*80 00	
		7 50	368 88
Dufferin St.	16 40		16 40
Parlascourt	4 90		4 90
Elim	35 00		35 00
First Ave.	54 17	21 00	
First Ave.	21 00		96 17
Immanuel	211 47	3 00	214 47
Indian Rd.	40 09	*23 25	63 34
Jarvis St.	1 127 95	*34 00	1 181 16
Jones Ave.	1 50		1 50
Memorial	10 00		10 00
Moulton College	73 35		73 35
Myrtle Ave.	19 95	17 00	36 95
Olivet	14 63	*10 00	24 63
Ossington Ave.	97 62	*6 00	103 62
Pape Ave.	7 90		7 90
Parkdale	69 00	17 00	
		*17 00	106 47
Parliament St.	27 43		27 43
Rhodes Ave.	8 00		8 00
Roncesvalles Ave.	35 31		35 31
Walmer Rd.	340 88	30 00	370 88
Waverley Rd.	73 07	8 00	81 07
Wychwood	9 00		9 00
East Toronto	74 77	17 00	91 77
Collection			17 45
	\$8575 15	\$392 80	\$3985 40

39 Circles, 15 Bands, 10 Other organizations.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Ruby Stovel, Mount Forest.

Atwood	\$18 80		\$18 80
Glamis	11 00	3 75	14 75
Kincardine	19 50	8 00	27 50
Listowell	8 65	17 00	25 65
Mount Forest	20 98	2 10	23 08
Dyerton	57 90		57 90
Walkerton	26 50	11 83	38 33
Wilmington	11 75	22 00	33 75
		*8 50	42 25
Collection			7 75
	\$175 08	\$73 18	\$256 01

8 Circles, 6 Bands, 1 Other organization.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Jane Ritchie, Arner.

Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Blenheim	\$10 00		\$10 00
Bothwell	6 25		6 25
Chatham			
Central	39 52	5 00	44 52
William St.	88 44	12 14	100 58
Colchester	24 85		24 85
Eberts	25 00		25 00
Essex	10 50	3 77	14 27
Harrow	15 00		15 00
Kingsville	15 30	*21 00	36 30
Leamington	21 50	6 80	28 30
Ridgetown	21 90	5 00	26 90
Thamesville	2 00		2 00
Tapperville	31 25		31 25
Wallaceburg	25 50	2 25	
Wallaceburg, Y. L.	17 50		45 25
Wheatley	12 55	6 00	18 55
Wilkesport	10 60	*25 00	35 60
Windsor	70 00	17 00	87 00
Collection			3 80
	\$447 66	\$103 96	\$552 42

18 Circles, 8 Bands, 2 Other organizations.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATIONS.

Director—Mrs. Madill, Stouffville.

Baddow		\$29 00	\$ 29 00
Claremont	25 00	17 00	42 00
Fenelon Falls	9 20	15 00	24 20
Haliburton	5 25	*	5 25
Lindsay	101 25		101 25
Markham, First	8 50		8 50
Oshawa	7 35		7 35
Port Perry	5 00		5 00
Reahoro	5 00	*17 00	22 00
Stouffville	14 78	27 25	42 03
Uxbridge	12 00	17 00	29 00
Whitby	5 75		5 75
Whitvale	7 00	2 50	9 50
Collection			5 00
	\$206 08	\$124 75	\$335 83

12 Circles, 6 Bands, 1 Other organization.
 241 Circles sent \$3326 34
 136 Bands sent 1,730 69
 39 Other organizations sent 606 39
 13 Associational Collections 76 07

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections (other than Associational)	\$90 64
Interest	82 41
Mary Shenstone Scholarship Fund	50 00
Investment, Miss Nellie Davis' gift	40 00
Investment, M. R. B. S. and bonus on stock	45 71
Mission to Lepers (toward Miss Hatch's expenses)	188 70
Proceeds of Hamilton Convention Luncheon	11 00
Proceeds of sale of Miss Hatch's booklet	203 25
Members of the Board	107 00
From Balance in India	31 45
	\$845 16

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GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Oct. 20th, 1911:		
Bungalow Fund	\$5 15	
New Missionary	4 00	
Regular Work	3,580 79	
	<u>\$3,589 94</u>	
Circles	9,326 34	
Bands	1,730 69	
Associational Collections	76 07	
Other Organizations	606 39	
Individuals	2,046 05	
Miscellaneous	845 16	
	<u>\$14,630 70</u>	
		<u>\$18,220 64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By General Treasurer:		
On estimates after adjustment	\$12,234 67	
Extra designated by donors:		
Lepers	\$175 27	
Bolivia	49 75	
Akidu School Chapel	84 11	
Vizag School	215 25	
Xmas. gifts	10 00	
Holiday expenses	107 00	
Dr. Allyn's passage	400 00	
Native preachers	62 00	
Extra Bible-woman	17 00	
Extra student	16 25	
Famine in Tuni	25 00	
Cripple "John"	11 57	
Vuyyuru School	15 00	
School in Persia	5 70	
For Miss Phillipps	6 00	
		<u>1,199 90</u>
Specials:		
Oocanada Dormitory	91 62	
Oocanada Class Room	481 60	
		<u>573 22</u>
		<u>\$14,007 79</u>
By Home expenses	505 69	
By Literature (provided)	10 20	
Balance Oct. 20th, 1912:		
Bungalow Fund	\$25 15	
New Missionary	262 35	
Regular Work	3,409 47	
		<u>3,696 97</u>
		<u>\$18,220 64</u>

SUMMARY.

Receipts for extras	\$1,199 90	som. \$350.00 for Miss McLeod.	
For Oocanada Class Rooms	481 60	\$263.70 for Miss Hatch, \$300.00 for	
For New Medical Missionary	258 25	Miss McLeish)	<u>\$12,619 80</u>
For other specials	71 00		
Regular Income (including \$37.00 for		Total Receipts during the year	<u>\$14,630 70</u>
Miss Zimmerman, \$245.85 for Dr.		Total Disbursements during the year	<u>14,523 67</u>
Hulet, \$10.00 for Miss Priest, \$200.00			
for Miss Corning, \$5.15 for Miss Fol-		SPECIAL BALANCE.	
		Investment Account on deposit	25 00

Audited and found correct, 21-10-11.
E. C. FOX.
J. B. McARTHUR.

MARIE H. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.
(MRS. GLENN F. CAMPBELL,
118 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.)