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MISSIONARY NEWS.

The Y. M. C. A. has won great favor in Japan, as is shown by a gift of \$10,000 recently given to it; \$5,000 of this was a public contribution, and \$5,000 a personal gift from the Emperor and Empress.

How would it serve in these days to adopt the war customs in Congo Land? It is said that if neither side proves victorious after a few days' fighting, the leaders try to arrange matters by a conference, and if that fails, they decide the issue by single combat.

Education of women on the same subjects and under the same conditions as men, is finding favor in India. In one of the theological colleges of South India it is quite the usual thing for the wives of the married students to attend classes also—in fact, during the last year 30 out of 99 students were women!

Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, one of the South's greatest Christian statesmen, the editor of the "Manufacturers' Record," advises the purchase of Liberty Bonds, and then that these bonds be turned over to endow missionary organizations, the Red Cross, hospitals, schools and colleges. He calls attention to the unparalleled opportunity afforded generous-hearted business men for re-investing the funds loaned to the government in causes that stand for the conserving of the world's physical, moral and spiritual welfare, receiving in return an equal or even greater income during life than that paid by the government, and at death establishing an everlasting memorial. "No greater curse could come upon this country than the use of these enormous war profits for selfish ends," Mr. Edmonds warns. "Upon the highest utilization of this money rests the moral and material welfare not only of those who have produced it, but of the nation."—"Home and Foreign Fields." Does not this apply to us with as much force for our Victory Loan?

In addition to the distribution of New Testaments to the soldiers, the Sunday School Board of the American Baptist Convention is co-operating with the Home Board in furnishing evangelistic and doctrinal tracts; in printing special tracts for the use of the camp pastors; in preparing a special book of daily Bible readings to be presented to the soldiers; in furnishing copies of the "Adult Bible Class Quarterly" to all Sunday school organizations in connection with the cantonments. This work is being done on a scale commensurate with the great responsibility Southern Baptists are facing, and a vigorous appeal is made on behalf of the Sunday School Board's Bible fund for contributions that shall come directly to it when money is subscribed or paid by Baptists for the circulation of Bibles and religious literature among the soldiers.—Sel.

"WHEN I NUMBER UP MY JEWELS,"

At about ten o'clock one cool season morning I, with two or three native workers, was walking through the Brahmin section of the partially deserted town of Nilapalli. The narrow earth street was almost deserted, and so few strangers ever passed that way that the householders had practically annexed the shady street as part of their houses, and regularly watered and swept the hard beaten earth, and sometimes ate there.

As we passed along, exclaiming at the old-world isolation and quietude of the place, a Brahmin arose from one of the dark doorways and, salaaming, approached us. At his invitation, we turned aside to sit on the mats of his cool verandah, and engage in conversation. The latter entering on religious subjects, he rose and asked me to follow him into the house. I did so, mentally noting that here must be an unusually broad-minded Hindu. We passed the door and crossed the sunlit court within, surrounded by the small tiled living-rooms on ~~all~~ sides. Into one of these I was led, and then into a small corner room. I stopped in surprise, for it was fitted up in a way that one seldom sees in India. It was a small, white-washed chamber, with large windows. On the wall was a picture of Christ, and on a table in the corner, laid reverently on a snowy cloth embroidered with Christian emblems was a Telugu Bible. Still more wonders were to ensue, however, for the man's principal wife came forward, shy yet unafraid, and introduced herself as a Christian.

It transpired that she had attended a caste girls' mission school in her girlhood, and had given her heart to Christ. When taken from school and married at a very early age, she had never given up her new-found Saviour, and had been very fortunate in being given to an exceptionally tolerant husband. At her solicitation, she had had this little room set aside for her, and here she had bestowed her treasures, and would steal away each day for a few moments with her Bible and her Saviour.

Her name was recorded in no church or mission list, and if I had not happened to walk down that street at that time, she would probably have never been heard of. There must be thousands just such sweet, quiet souls throughout India to-day, known only to Him to whom they have committed all, and "Who calleth His own sheep by name."

JOHN B. McLAURIN.

THIS IS GOOD NEWS.

Dear LINK: In connection with an Interdenominational Conference of Missionaries in our part of India lately, the following report was submitted, discussed and the following findings decided upon. Readers of the LINK will be interested:

**Recommendations of the Committee on Development of Christian Women
in Village Congregations.**

1. We recommend that work among Christian women in the villages should be organized into societies in connection with local churches as part of their life and activities; and, whereas we believe that the time has come to put into practice principles of self-support and self-government, we recommend that these societies, with their responsibilities, be committed as far as possible to the women themselves, under Missionary supervision.

2. We recommend that in every field where there is a considerable number of Christians, provision be made for the supervision of this work by Women Missions, or qualified Indian women.

3. We recommend that Summer Schools or Workers' Conferences be held at least once a year, either at headquarters or in local centres, for the wives of all Mission Agents, in order to arouse their sense of responsibility towards the Christian women in their own villages; and by Bible study, devotional meetings, practical classes in teaching Bible lessons, etc., to prepare them for the work of leadership.

4. We recommend that, in the interests of self-support and the highest development of Christian service, Missionaries in charge of this work expect and solicit voluntary services on the part of local leaders.

5. For the work of the Women's Societies in the villages, we recommend regular courses of Bible teaching. Wherever a syllabus of teaching is provided for the village congregations by the Mission, we recommend that this syllabus should be followed in the women's meetings.

6. We recommend training classes for the senior girls in all our Mission Boarding Schools to prepare them for this work.

Recommendations on Care of Unprotected Christian Women.

Class I. (a) Young widows.

(b) Marriageable girls without parents or suitable guardians.

(c) Deserted wives.

Of this class, those who have received an elementary or secondary education can be trained as nurses, Biblewomen, teachers, etc., therefore no special institutions are required for them. In the case of uneducated women and girls of this class, we recommend that, for the present, the Rajahmundry Mission be requested to arrange for the reception of special applicants from other Missions into their proposed Boarding School at Samalkot.

Class II. (d) Young women "overtaken in a fault."

(e) Women who are unmarried through physical deformity or mental deficiency

(f) Moral delinquents.

(g) Aged widows.

We recommend that, wherever possible, those under (d) should be given an opportunity for training in Missionary institutions or at the Redemption Home at Chicacole; that women under (e) and (f) be sent to institutions such as Marybai's Home at Dodabalapuram, the C. E. Z. M. Industrial Home at Chennapatna, or the Salvation Army Home in Madras; and that aged widows should be cared for by the local churches.

Respectfully submitted,

K. S. McLAURIN, Convener.

A committee was formed to think about a home for Class II. in the Telugu country. It was felt that it was much needed, something after Ramabai's style.

A private letter accompanying this report, speaks of Bishop Azariah's deep interest in the discussion it entailed, and adds concerning this, "the first Indian Bishop: 'He is a fine man, fine-looking and persona grata with everyone. He is in authority over all the Anglican missionaries in the Telugu District, and they like to have it so. One of them, whose work hitherto has not been under Mr. Azariah, said to me that he hoped it soon would be, for he would consider it a privilege to work under such a man. Isn't that good testimony from an Englishman regarding an Indian?'" —Extract.

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.**THE CHRISTMAS FEAST.**

Miss Janet F. Robinson.

I wonder if you ever went to a picnic on the 20th of December, where you sat outside on the ground under the trees, on green grass, with about two hundred and fifty other people, each one as interesting and hungry and happy as yourself, and where you ate greedily and eagerly, and then more leisurely, and afterwards rather lazily, and finally had to stop completely for lack of interior accommodation, and had to carry away the last several things that came to you in your pockets or tied up in a cloth. If you never have had such an experience and would really like to have it, we invite you to our "Ryrie feast," to be held in Samalkot again in December, 1920. It comes to us once in three years, and we shall not have it again till the above date, because we have just had it this week, on Thursday, and we are still feeling rather full, and altogether satisfied and happy in the memory of it.

Now I am going to tell you more about it. A number of years ago Mr. Harry Ryrie, of Toronto, started an annual gift of twenty-five dollars for a Christmas feast at the Samalkot Seminary. Later, when the upper school was moved to Cocanada, it was decided to favor three schools with this pleasure, letting each school have a feast once in three years. The three schools are the McLaurin High School (in Cocanada), the Central Girls' Boarding School (also in Cocanada), and our Central Boys' Boarding School here in Samalkot. This year it was our turn, and that is why this letter is going to you now.

The teachers were all busy with examination work, so the preparations for the feast were undertaken by Mr. Guruvayya, the pastor of the Telugu Baptist Church here. Coolies began early in the morning constructing fireplaces over near the boys' dormitories, right outside. This is a wonderful country; people like to live outside, you know, it is so warm and airy. And there is always more room outside for work, especially if your rooms are very small and your work is with very large articles. And you should have seen the size of the pots they had rented for the day, huge brass pots, the size of a wash-tub, three of them, just for cooking the rice! Then there were smaller pots for curry, and six or seven other pots (earthen) for coffee! So it is no wonder they did their cooking out of doors.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon all these various pots were brought over to our compound, and set under the trees on the grass in front of our bungalow. And there were baskets, big mysterious-looking baskets, but there was a man keeping guard over them all, so nobody could go to investigate. When everything was ready, the school bell was rung, and then the people "rolled together like a summer cloud." The teachers and preachers of the Samalkot field were in for the regular monthly meeting with the missionary, and they all came. Our five teachers all came with their families. The school boys were just finishing up a sports programme out on the parade ground in front of our compound, and they came with high spirits and keen appetites. Then the Christians of Samalkot village had been asked, and though many could not come, as the harvest is now at its height, yet quite a few made it convenient to be present. And a number of poor, hungry-looking, stray people from somewhere or other, happened along, and sat with the

others. In the excitement, we forgot to count the company, but two hundred and fifty or more must have been served. They sat in concentric circles around the bunch of big pots and baskets, all within easy distance of the base of supplies. The pastor was chief steward, and several preachers and teachers served under his directions. First a song was sung. Then Mr. Timpany made a short speech, with special reference to the sad circumstances under which the money was provided this year, Mrs. Ryrie having lost both son and husband, yet in the depth of her own grief providing for pleasure for others. The people were touched, and expressed sympathy and gratitude.

Leaf plates were passed to all; then followed pillau, curry with meat, curry with grain, buns, oranges, plantains, native sweets, and coffee. Everybody took everything that was passed, carrying the surplus away afterwards as a matter of course. Over at one side among the teachers sat Mr. Gunn, and as the pillau on his plate grew less, an expression of satisfaction grew on his face. At the close, "God Save the King" was sung in English, after which the whole company adjourned to the school hall for the closing concert of the term.

Now the boys have dispersed for the Xmas vacation, going to various villages all over the Godaveri District, and some into Vizag. District. The Lord watch over and prosper them all, and you too, dear LINK!

FROM SAMALKOTA.

Eighteen days during the last three months were spent on tour, and nineteen villages seen. The usual programme of visiting the Christians in the morning and the caste women in the afternoon was followed as far as practicable, but some days were wholly spent in going from village to village to see the Christians. Our people on this field are so needy spiritually, and often so oblivious to their need in this regard, that to work for them is hard, especially after I have undergone a species of physical torture in the form of an ox-cart ride over the fields, with absolutely no beaten path to travel, over stony ways, up hill and down dale, to reach them. Nevertheless, all this counts as nothing if at my journey's end I am privileged to see all, or even a majority, of the Christians in the place, and to have a short time with them in the study of the Word.

I was greatly encouraged by my visit to Kartavalupilly, where my Biblewoman, Gnanarathamma, works. She introduced me to the Peddapuram work over twenty years ago. In the meantime she has had other work to do, but after all of these years she has again entered this work with an enthusiasm that is refreshing. Persuaded by her, the Rani granted a piece of land to the Mission, and now we have a very comfortable home for the preacher and his wife, my Biblewoman there. She took me to several caste houses that I had not entered before, and in all we were received very courteously, and had splendid hearings. In the new year I hope to pitch my tent there for a few days and visit the "many more houses" to which she has found an entrance. Towards the end of 1916, the land was obtained, and when I went there in 1917, the house was built, the ground walled, and a garden was flourishing, in which great golden marigolds lifted their

bright heads high above the surrounding vines. May the golden glory of the "Light of the World" so lift itself in the homes of many of the people of that place, through their work there.

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

The work at the station has partaken more of the nature of "the trivial round, the common task," but it too "has furnished all we need to ask."

"Room to deny ourselves, a road

To lead us daily nearer God."

Pray for us, that we may not only walk in that road, but may lead many to enter it in the fear upon which we have entered.

C. M. McLEOD.

We have very often heard that Buddhism has been aroused to new life by the success of Christianity in the East. In Japan they are doing all in their power to win the young people by establishing Sunday Schools at the rate of \$10 in two months. They have a Superintendent for all Japan; they have Mothers' Meetings, Children's Day, Rally Day; they have text-cards and picture-cards of the "Life of Buddha" series; they have taken over words, tunes and all, of many of our hymns, such as "Jesus Loves Me," "Bringing in the Sheaves," "God is Love," the only change being the substitution of "Buddha" for "Jesus" and "God."

Work for soldiers is moving on apace. The Jews of America are raising \$1,000,000 for helping their own people in American and French armies. The Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus are also making large provision for their people, and the Young Men's Christian Association has raised \$15,000,000 more than the \$35,000,000 asked for. In the latter connection, Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, well known to us, has been released from his work at Rochester Seminary, on request of Dr. John R. Mott, to direct religious work in the Y.M.C.A. soldier camps. The Salvation Army has also spent over \$900,000 in rest rooms, hutments and ambulances.

China wants everything modern, and among other things they want and have is a flourishing organization of Boy Scouts. Some of our Baptist schools have troops, and these boys have received Red Cross medals in recognition of services rendered to refugees and slain in recent rebellions.

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

St. George.—The annual meeting of the St. George Baptist Young Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the home of the Honorary President, Mrs. S. G. Kitchen, with twenty present. The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Last year we raised over \$32.00. This year we aim to raise \$50.00. We also arranged our programmes. Tea was served.

BERTHA HOWELL, Secretary.

Victoria, B.C.—The Emmanuel Baptist Mission Band has been organized less than a year. We are not large in numbers—some 21, boys and girls, but most faithful in attendance, and much interested in the work. The boys and girls hold all the offices, with myself as Director. Last fall, we prepared a box for India, and gave it into Rev. John Craig's hands, as his boat called in here on her way to India last October. The Band had collected over 500 picture cards, and half as many Sunday school papers; a few other picture books were also added. Four small dressed dolls and one baby doll, and a number of colored bags, each containing some plain chocolate, as a surprise packet, and a few other things were included in the box. We then turned our attention to children at home; and as we met each week, we made fifteen large scrapbooks. A prize was given for the neatest and prettiest, which ensured careful work. These books nine of us took on Christmas Eve, in the visiting hours, to the children's ward of the Provincial Hospital, and spent some time in talking to the little sick ones. The books were placed on the huge Christmas tree, for Santa to distribute. By a remarkable coincidence, the number of books we made was fifteen, and there were just fifteen children in the ward. We now hope to take up the study of Africa. We have already been reading "Life on the Congo."

M. E. THORPE.

Adelaide Street, London.—The Mission Circle held its Annual Thank-offering Meeting on Wednesday evening, February 20th, in the church, with our President, Mrs. Baldwin, presiding. We were very fortunate in securing Mrs. C. J. Holman, who gave us a very helpful and instructive message on Home Missions, and connecting it so closely with Foreign Missions, that the two are really one Mission, the leading thought being, "We must make Canada the most potent power possible for the evangelization of the world." I am sure we will all have a deeper interest in Home Missions for her coming to us. Miss Kennedy, of London South, favored us with a couple of solos, and the choir, under the direction of Mr. Roberts, also assisted with the music. The meeting was brought to a close by a few remarks and prayer by the pastor. Collection amounted to \$47.18.

EDNA E. NOEL, Secretary.

Gilmour Memorial.—The Mission Circle of Gilmour Memorial Church has closed an interesting and successful year. We have gathered regularly for the study of "The King's Highway," with a special Leper Meeting in July. Our meetings have been well attended, and productive of great interest, and our offerings compare favorably with those of other years. We were able to increase our offer-

ing to Home Missions by the extra twenty per cent. asked for. During the year our routine has been varied by having a visit from Miss Smith, which was greatly enjoyed, and also the pleasure of spending an afternoon, the guests of Murray Street Mission Circle, Peterborough. A very enjoyable time was spent with our sister Circle, we furnishing the programme for the meeting, and our hostess serving tea at the close. Our Annual Thank-offering Meeting was held at the home of Mrs T. R. Mann, where we heard a splendid report of the Women's Convention at St Catharines by Miss Blanche Mann. Several musical numbers were presented during the evening, and the thank-offering taken at the close. We all partook of refreshments before leaving for our various homes. The Mission Band has kept up its interest and work, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Galt. An entertainment was given, and gifts brought for the children of India. As a result, a large parcel of dolls, toys, books, pictures, etc., was put up to be sent to India. We regret that our Treasurer was a little late in sending our offering, so that they could not be credited to us for last year.

ELEANOR YOUNG, Sec. of M. C.

Leamington.—Our Circle held its Annual Thank-offering Service in the church on February 22nd. An excellent programme was given, and a lecture on "The Life of Adoniram Judson," by our pastor, Rev. Frederick A. Bunell. The lecture was greatly appreciated by all, and was said to be the best lecture of its kind ever delivered in Leamington. After the programme everybody was invited to the school room, where a buffet lunch was served. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all. The proceeds amounted to \$53.90. Our Circle is in splendid working order, great interest being manifested by the members. We have 45 members on the roll, 10 of whom we have made welcome members since September. We have lost one member by death (Mrs. Alex McKenzie), our Secretary, and it was necessary to appoint a new one. We miss our sister very much; she was a sweet Christian, and a very enthusiastic member of our church and Circle.

(MRS.) HATTIE G. BRANTON, Secretary.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

PROSPECTS FOR THE SUMMER.

The Y. W. C. A. Camps.

In the first place, there is a holiday camp, to be open all summer long, for employed girls—from June 25 to September 10. Here girls may go from any point in Ontario for an ideal two weeks' vacation, be sure of the most pleasant surroundings, be sure of meeting the best of girl company, be sure of helpful associations. The camp is at the White House, Longford, Ontario, situated on Lake Couchiching, not far north of Toronto. It is hoped that even in this strenuous year

special railway rates may be secured, and the board per week is only \$5.00. Send for fuller information to the Dominion Council of the Y. W. C. A., 332 Bloor St. W., Toronto, addressing inquiries to "Secretary of Industrial Camp."

Also the Student Conference of the Y. W. C. A. will be held again this year, but not at the Elgin House. It will be held at the Y. M. C. A. summer quarters on Lake Couchiching, from June 12 to June 20. The helpful uplift of former years seems sure from the proposed programme, and the recreation will surely be as delightful as ever. Information regarding this may be obtained from the Student Secretary, 332 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

The Sunday School Camps.

It is gratifying to note how, in these war times, the activities of the churches are being carried on. Among other plans, the co-operative Summer Schools for the training of Sunday School workers, are being maintained as usual.

The Couchiching School will meet July 19-25, at Geneva Park, near Orillia.

The Knowlton School will meet in August, at the Conference grounds in Knowlton, Que.

The school for Manitoulin Island and district will be held in Little Current, though the date is not yet announced.

For information concerning these, write to Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, 142 Collier St., Toronto.

Y. W. C. A., 1917-18, McMaster University.

The Y. W. C. A. of McMaster University has grown this year to a marvellous extent under the able leadership of Miss Aletha Hooker. The meetings have been bright and interesting, and have been exceptionally well attended by the girls. A good percentage of the meetings have been missionary, and the girls have enjoyed the opportunity of hearing several of our own missionaries.

Nor has the Social Service department been neglected. Various addresses have been delivered by authorities on different branches of social service work, and have been found intensely interesting, one delivered by Dr. Hincks, of the Toronto Hospital staff, on the "Feeble-Minded of Our City," attracting particular attention. It is to be hoped that this work will continue next year.

The other branches of the Y. W. C. A. have also enjoyed a very successful year. During the first term, Mission Study classes were held in the different years, a very useful book being taught. Miss Ellis kindly consented to lead the Normal Class, and a great deal of helpful knowledge and inspiration was drawn from her lectures. During the second term, the course was changed to a critical study of the Gospel of St. John. In this, Dr. Keirstead conducted a series of lectures, and all who had the benefit of his teaching came away enriched by a deeper knowledge of God's Word.

Every department of the Y. W. C. A. has flourished during the past year, and it is with hope for just as successful a season in the future that every member looks forward to next year, under the guidance of Miss Etta Brooks.

MARION STILLWELL.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

A CORNER FOR GROWN FOLKS, TOO!

A hen trod on a duck's foot. She did not mean to do it, and it did not hurt the duck much; but the duck said: "I'll pay you for that!" So the duck flew at the old hen, but as she did so her wings struck an old goose who stood close by.

"I'll pay for that!" cried the goose, and she flew at the duck; but as she did so, her foot tore the fur of a cat who was just then in the yard.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried the cat, and she started for the goose; but as she did so, her claw caught in the wool of a sheep.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried the sheep, and she ran at the cat; but as she did so, her foot hit the foot of a dog who lay in the sun.

"I'll pay for that!" cried he, and he jumped at the sheep; but as he did so, his leg struck an old cow that stood by the gate.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried she, and she ran at the dog; but as she did so, her horn grazed the skin of a horse who was standing by a tree.

"I'll pay for that!" cried he, and he rushed at the cow.

What a noise there was! The horse flew at the cow, and the cow at the dog, and the dog at the sheep, and the sheep at the cat, and the cat at the goose, and the goose at the duck, and the duck at the hen. What a fuss there was! And all because the hen accidentally stepped on the duck's toes.

"Hi! hi! What's all this?" cried the man who had the care of them. "You may stay here," he said to the hen; but he drove the duck to the pond, the goose to the field, the cat to the barn, the sheep to her fold, the dog to the house, the cow to the yard, and the horse to his stall. And so all their good times were over because the duck would not overlook a little hurt which was not intended.

A little explained,

A little endured,

A little forgiven,

The quarrel is cured.

—Miss, Friend.

GAMES THEY PLAY IN CHINA.

The Thunder God Chasing the Duck.

The Chinese think when a person is struck by lightning that the thunder god has killed him. In the game, "The Thunder God Chasing the Duck," the children sit in a row, one behind the other, with their feet crossed under them, tailor-fashion. Two children are left standing, one of which is the thunder god and the other the duck. They run around and around the row of seated children. If the thunder god catches the duck, the duck must become the thunder god and chase the next duck—the last child in the row. But if the duck gets a chance, he sits down in front of the first child in the row and is "free." The thunder god then becomes the

duck, and the last child in the row becomes the thunder god. There is no end to the game until the children get tired of playing.

The Dragon Game.

In the "Dragon Game," the children all stand in a row, each one holding the other one's dress or jacket, forming the dragon; but one is left out, who is to be the person to kill the dragon. The dragon asks these questions, and the person answers them, as follows: "The dog is barking; who has come?" "Lau Kong Si has come." "What has he come for?" "He has come to chop wood." "What has he come to chop wood for?" "To burn charcoal." "What is he going to burn charcoal for?" "To make a knife." "What is he going to make a knife for?" "To kill the dragon." "Where are you going to begin?" "From the head." "The head has horns, and he will stick them into you." "From the center." "But the center has claws." "Well, from the tail." So he begins killing the dragon, running at it with a sword, turning a hand-spring as he approaches it. The dragon swings out of reach, so that the killer cannot reach the last one in the row. But if the one who is trying to kill the dragon accidentally gets to the center of the dragon, it curls around him and "eats him up."

Eleven Hands.

Most American children know the game of "Eleven Hands." Hands are piled one upon another, the bottom hand is pulled out and put on top of the pile until the eleventh hand is reached. Then the owner of this hand has to answer certain questions. A game similar to this is played in China. How many of you would like to learn the Chinese words? The children sit in a ring, singing:

"Tabor, tabor s'sawi,
Tabor s-krat pinggan.
Datang anak Bta'awi,
Ta'tabu kupas pinang,
Stau sen nasi lmak.

("Sow, sow the mustard seed,
Sow half-a-plate-full.
Come a native of Batavia,
Who knows not how to peel the betel nut.
One cent's worth of rice cooked in coconut milk.")

As they sing, one girl puts out her hand. The next girl takes hold of the skin of the back of the first girl's hand in thumb and finger, and so on all the girls until there is a tier of hands. Then they sing:

"Chubit, chubit smut
Siapa sakit naik atas.

("Pinch, pinch ant,
Whoever is hurt, go up on top.")

The hand at the bottom is drawn out and takes hold of the back of the top hand. Then they go over the whole again.

(A missionary picnic at which these games are played and missionary stories told will prove a delightful occasion to bring in mite boxes or to stimulate interest in the work of the Band.)—Adapted.

SHOWERS.

In these days we hear of many kinds of showers; not all of them come from the skies in the form of rain. Would it not be a good idea to have a Missionary Shower? A Hospital Shower would be something new, and please the young folks. Send the following invitation:

“Now the people of the village,
In these days of Christian teaching,
Built for their Indian sisters
Such a building as was called for
When on beds of sickness lying,
Suffering they needed treatment
In this land of sore diseases.
In this dwelling, cloth is needed,
Linen, old and clean, in pieces,
To be used in sterilizing.
Washcloths, too, for better cleansing,
These the Mission Band may bring,
To the church on Monday evening
When the day of school is ended.”

Tell the story of our six hospitals in India, and show pictures of these and their doctors and nurses. Tell of the false and ridiculous ideas the heathen have of diseases and their treatment. This ought to make a very interesting and profitable meeting.

A doll shower is a fine thing. Each one bring a small, inexpensive doll, dress same in foreign costume. Try one of these showers. Scrapbooks of pictures and postcards with flowers in them are also useful.—Ex.

AN EXERCISE FOR BANDS.

Leader:

“Mistress Mary, sweet as a daisy,
How does your Mission Band grow?”

Mary:

“O, with money and with meetings,
And with pictures, maps and greetings,
And little maids all in a row.”

Leader:

"Teddy, Teddy, ready and steady,
How does your Mission Band grow?"

Teddy:

"O, with earnestness and fun,
And some work for every one,
And merry boys all in a row."

Leader:

"Lizzie, Lizzie, always busy,
How do your meetings grow?"

Lizzie:

"O, with topics and a leader,
And the love with which we heed her,
And foreigners all in a row."

Leader:

"Benny, Benny, as bright as any,
How do your meetings grow?"

Benny:

"O, with tales of lands and nations,
And accounts of mission stations,
And missionaries all in a row."

Leader:

"Peter, Peter, who is neater?
How does your money grow?"

Peter:

"O, with many a dime and quarter,
Saved from cake and soda water,
And pennies earned, all in a row."

Leader:

"Harry, Harry, do not tarry,
Say, how should all Mission Bands grow?"

Harry:

"With unselfish, patient living,
And a glad and generous giving,
And loving hearts all in a row."

Great forward movements are being planned for Africa after the war is over. Representatives of twenty-four Mission Boards of the United States met recently to discuss problems and form plans. One of the greatest obstacles to be met is the rapid advance of the Moslem faith; another, the finding of so many unreached pagan tribes; and still another, the materialistic and commercial spirit engendered by Western traders. Just now that so many Circles are studying Africa, such news of forward plans is especially welcome.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.**ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.**

Western.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands will be held with the church in Blenheim, on Tuesday afternoon, June 4th, commencing at 1.45. The esteemed President of the Home Missionary Society, Mrs. C. J. Holman, will address the meeting afternoon and evening.

Will all Circles and Bands send as many delegates as possible, and bring report of year's work?

Please note change of day from Wednesday to Tuesday.

JANE BITCHIE, Director.

TREASURER'S CORNER.

With the coming of these beautiful spring days, the Mission Circle collectors have once more been able to "carry on," and as a consequence our treasury is in a much more satisfactory state. Last month we were running behind; now we are holding our own. You know that on the first of each month we send to India a month's salary for each missionary and Biblewoman, a twelfth of the year's estimates for school maintenance and other expenses, together with such furlough passage money as may be required. If on the first of the month we had not sufficient money to meet these needs, a vast amount of suffering would come to our faithful workers in India. But so far as I know, there has never been in our whole history a delay of a day nor a shortage of one cent in our monthly remittances to India and Bolivia. This is a record for which we should thank God, and which we should jealously guard.

Money is coming in well for Miss Morton and Mrs. Wilkinson. We have not received quite all asked for (\$200.00), and would be glad to be able to close this fund within a month or two. These ladies, as you know, are our Bolivia teachers.

Middlesex and Lambton are sending in generous contributions for the sending out and support of Miss Laura Allyn, whom they have adopted as their own missionary. A full list of these extra gifts will be published in the LINK when the fund is complete.

Miss Baskerville from time to time reports collections received at meetings she has addressed in the interests of the Coeanada Girls' School. You know that a friend of Miss Simpson's has promised to erect a school building as a memorial on the land we purchased last year. We want to gladden Miss Baskerville's heart and show her our interest in her work by sending her back to India in the fall with enough money to prepare the land for this new school building. There will be need of fences, trees, well, furnishings, etc.

A word concerning native workers in India is timely. The General Board supports all the male native preachers, and no Biblewomen at all; the Women's Boards support all the Biblewomen, and no native preachers at all. Therefore, all money for the support of male native preachers should be sent directly to Mr. Stillwell, and all money from any source in Ontario West whatever, for Biblewomen should be sent to Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell. Money sent to the Women's Board of Ontario West for work not directly under the support of our Board cannot be credited to the Circle.

New life members in March are Mrs. Jennie Metcalf, of Burford, and Mrs. James Grant, Wychwood, Toronto.

M. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

THE SECRETARY'S WORD.

April 13, 1918.

Dear Directors,—Each one of you has received Hints and Helps regarding the coming Associational Meetings. These come from a joint committee of the Women's Home and Foreign Boards, and we trust they will be carefully read and found useful. Press your objectives with great force. Let much time be given for prayer on your programme.

Pray for a revival on all our fields. A friend of Miss Simpson's has promised to erect as a memorial a new caste girls' school on the ground purchased last year at Coeanada. We are asked to raise sufficient money this year to prepare the ground for this new building. Surely we can do this.

Yours sincerely,

L. LLOYD.

UNION MEETING—MONTREAL.

The Annual Union Meeting of the Circles of Montreal was held in the lecture hall of the Olivet Baptist Church on April 4th, was well attended, and proved a most interesting and profitable one. The prayer service was delightfully led by Mrs. F. L. Orchard, wife of the pastor of Olivet Church. She began her address by giving an illustration of a Japanese young man who was desirous of living "the beautiful life," which he had seen exhibited in the life of one with whom he had come in contact, and asked his pastor the best methods to follow, that he might attain it. No explanation seemed to satisfy him. One day, however, he returned with radiant face, saying he had discovered the solution of the problem, for Christ had come into his heart and transformed him. "Let us do all we can," she said, "to carry the gospel to heathen lands, lest they ask us, 'why did not you tell us the glad tidings sooner?' Over nineteen hundred years have passed since Christ came. 'Why did you not tell us the good news before?'"

Miss Russell, the Treasurer of the Board, reminded the members of the Circles that more money would be required to carry on the work this year than last. The wealth of the world is in the hands of Christian nations, and were this wealth consecrated to the Lord, what wonders might be wrought in a short time. Our Board is asking for an advance of \$700.00 this year. We have made ourselves responsible for approximately \$4,000.00. We are asking the 600 women in our Circles to respond to the appeal for 10 cents a month extra. Surely they will do it. Let us have more growth, more progress, no standing still. The money must come through prayer. The Home Mission Society also requires \$2,600.00 this year.

After a period of silent prayer, many engaged in prayer earnestly and fervently for

- 1st. Our Circles, Mission Bands, officers, young people, etc.
- 2nd. For our Home Missions, our home churches, Grande Ligne and our city missions.
- 3rd. For world-wide evangelization, our own missionaries, Miss Murray, Miss Hinman, Miss McLaurin, Miss Mason, Dr. Hulet and others.

At the close of the prayer service, Mrs. G. W. Rickert, President, took the chair, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. F. L. Orchard; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Ramsay (re-elected).

A beautiful solo was then rendered by Mrs. H. S. Ross, after which Dr. McDonald, medical missionary to South China, gave an inspiring address.

Medical missionaries are doing excellent work in China, where, in some places there are no doctors, nurses or hospitals, and thousands die yearly from mal-treatment or want of good treatment. Instruction is given in hygiene by means of popular lectures, lantern-slides and newspapers. Tuberculosis and the morphine habit have to be fought. Medical aid is also the means of bringing many directly to Christ.

Encouraging reports from the Circles were then received.

The First Baptist Church Circle reported a membership of 87. Total amount collected for year, \$656.00. They possess a good Mission Study Class. Study book, "The African Trail."

Olivet Church Circle reported an average attendance of 28; very interesting meetings held during year; amount collected, \$115.11 for Foreign, \$16.25 for Home Missions; good address by Dr. Adam had been given.

Westmount Circle shows an increase in attendance. Mrs. H. H. Ayer addressed the Annual Thank-offering Meeting. A special meeting was addressed by Mrs. J. B. McLaurin. Soldiers were remembered at Christmas. Total offering for Home and Foreign Missions, \$349.13.

Temple Baptist Church Circle reported 37 names on the membership roll; largest attendance, 33. Circle had been visited and addressed by Mrs. J. B. McLaurin and Mrs. H. H. Ayer. Amounted collected for year, \$89.00.

Point St. Charles Circle reported a membership of 17. Study book, "The Life of John Davis." Total amount of collections, \$28.00. Annual fee has been raised to \$1.25.

Verdun Circle reported only six meetings held during th year, owing to alterations being made to the church. Amount of collections, \$21.05. There are 10 members, 16 subscribers to the LINK, and 13 to the "Visitor."

Mrs. McTavish, President of Westmount Mission Circle, hoped that a great many young women's Mission Circles would be formed during the year.

The meeting closed with prayer and the National Anthem.

JESSIE OHMAN, Press Reporter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST—EASTERN CONVENTION.

How glad we shall be to again see the face and hear the voice of dear Miss Murray, who is now on her way from India to enjoy a well-earned furlough. May she be conveyed hither by our prayers.

Montreal has indeed been highly favored and honored by the visit and addresses of Miss Ellis, of Moulton College; the Rev. J. B. McLaurin and Mrs. McLaurin and Dr. Jessie Allyn. New inspiration to greater enthusiasm and effort must be the result to the Circles and Bands of the city.

We are sorry to have to convey the information that Madame Scott, the faithful Biblewoman and colporteur, who has done such wonderful work for so many years in connection with the Montreal Ladies' Grande Ligne Association, is at present lying very ill of pneumonia in the General Hospital, Montreal. We are glad to be able to state that her doctor hopes she will recover in time.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE.—Rev. R. E. Smith, Mesopotamia.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario W.

OUR OBJECTIVE 1917-18.

I. Our Regular Work.

(a) Regular work, consisting of the support of 15 Missionaries and the work on seven of their fields; also a \$500 grant to general work in Bolivia.

(b) *New this year*:—An extra class in Samalkot School \$500; School work in Bolivia (under Miss Morton and Mrs. Wilkinson) \$200.

II. An advance we should make.

Two new Missionaries are waiting to go to India in October, 1919. If these are to be appointed this year, at least part of their passage money must be in hand before the Convention year closes.

III. Miss Baskerville's School.

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