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THE Summer has passed and with the coming of Autumn all other departments of life take on fresh vigor and should there be less energy in our Mission work? The faithful workers are many, but a great multitude still deprive themselves of the blessing of not being co-workers with us and of our Blessed Lord in carrying out His last great commission.

Cannot special efforts be made to increase the membership of our Circles by personal solicitation and the dissemination of missionary literature?

Our Telugu field is a goodly heritage, and the Lord says to us as to His people of old. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon that have I given unto you." Shall we not then go forward to help to possess the land remembering His promise. "I will be with thee." "Only be strong and very courageous."

## EXTRACT OF A LETTER

FROM MISS BASKERVILLE TO THE KING'S HERALD'S,  
ST. THOMAS.

After two years stay in Canada, I feel that the greatest need for the foreign work is interest at home. Some are interested, vitally interested in and working earnestly for the heathen, but if I read my Bible aright, I do not see any reason why a few should bear the burdens and enjoy the privileges that should be shared by *all*. When the Master gave the command there were no exceptions, *all* who love Him are included in the command to give the Gospel, *all* should have an interest and a *part* in this great work. In His sight there is no Home Mission, no Foreign Mission, "The field is the world." When the people give Him his rightful place in their hearts and lives, there will be no lack of interest in His work.

## JESUS FOR ALL.

The evangelization of the world means the giving to every person an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.

In this work we have one conviction without

which our work would be folly. Jesus Christ can meet the deepest wants and fulfil the sublimest possibilities of the human heart.

Never was our faith in Christ so ready to go with girded loins to the uttermost parts of the earth. Her eye is bright, her step elastic, her voice confident in the survival of the fittest and best among the faiths of the world. The more deeply we believe in Christ for ourselves, the more certain we shall be that He is the Saviour of the world. This deeper personal faith is the great want in all our hearts and churches. Lord, increase our faith.—  
Dr. George Cooper, Richmond, Va., in the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

## CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario (West), will be held in James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, November 12th and 13th. The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on the 12th.

### DELEGATES.

Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less; for each additional twenty one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is either life-members or contributors of at least one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

### CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a first-class, full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines, it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway.

These certificates are only good for use three days after the meetings close, if the delegates go and return on the same line.

## BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in James Street Baptist Church, Tuesday, November 11th, at 3 p.m.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

### THE HOMELESS CHRIST.

He left the Father's bosom and His throne  
And took out life of mortal woe instead;  
Home, love, dominion were in heaven,  
On earth He had not where to lay His head.

He saw the sun whose torch of light and heat  
His breath had kindled, in the west grow dim.  
A thousand lamps flashed out for homeward feet,  
Not one was trimmed, or candle set for Him.

And while unseen, the keys of death and hell,  
And life and glory at His girdle hung,  
No lowly latch as master knew Him well,  
No door for His tired footsteps inward swung.

That never soul redeemed whose vagrant go  
Unhoused through the hereafter, rest denied,  
That all who would the Father's house might know  
A stranger, pilgrim, Jesus lived and died.

Without the walls that spurned His love as gross  
'Mid faithless scorn and alien pity hurl'd,  
He suffered, outcast, that his sheltering cross  
Might be the tree of life of a homeless world.

— *The Presbyterian.*

### HOW BELINDA JONES HELPED THE MISSION CIRCLE.

**I**t was three weeks before Thanksgiving and Mrs. Bennett was busy. She was going to have a dinner party for her own and her husband's relations, and they were so many that she would need all her time to prepare.

"There comes Mrs. Thompson. She is a nice woman, but I do wish she wouldn't come every day, she is such a talker that she hinders me in my work. Her husband is rich and she keeps two girls and so has nothing to do. I think she would be a great deal better if she worked a little herself. I could keep help too, but I would die if I had nothing to do. I have a great mind to ask her to peel the apples for this mincemeat; a little work would do her good."

As these thoughts had run through Mrs. Bennett's mind Mrs. Thompson reached the door.

"How do you do Mrs. Thompson? I am so glad to see you. It is a lovely morning for the time of year."

"Yes, it is a fine morning and so warm, I see you are busy, getting ready for Thanksgiving I suppose? I was hoping you would be able to go with me to the Mission Circle. Belinda Jones was over last night and wanted me to go, and I pro-

mised her I would if I could get you to go with me. She said it was their Thanksgiving meeting and there would be a very interesting program. I thought I would like to go, but I am almost a stranger here and do not like to go alone. And then I never was at such a meeting, but I had nothing else to do, and I would like to get acquainted with the ladies."

"Belinda was here asking me to go too," said Mrs. Bennett, and I about promised her I would, but I don't see how I can spare the time unless you could help me a little. If you will kindly peel those apples for me I think I can be ready by meeting time. I don't know what to do about the collection. It makes me feel mean not to give anything, but this dinner is costing me twenty or twenty-five dollars, and I really have very little left to give. I only have twenty-five cents change at hand."

By united effort the two women were at the meeting early, and, as Belinda had promised, the program was good.

As Mrs. Thompson listened for the first time to the story of her sisters' condition in India, her heart was stirred within her and her eyes filled with tears. She resolved that, if the only way for these women to hear the Gospel was for Christian women to take it to them, she would do what she could to assist them in doing so.

Just here, came, perhaps, the most interesting part of the program, the opening of the envelopes containing the offerings with the reading of the Scripture passages accompanying them. Of the many opened and read, the one of greatest interest was the last, the only one with the donor's name attached to it. It was from Aunt Kelly Blaine, a poor woman who worked out by the day to support herself and her three children. Her husband had been dead three years, but in her poverty she had put her trust in God and He had never failed her. The envelope contained a five dollar bill, a larger sum than that of any other. Instead of a text of Scripture it contained some of her own experience which we will simply give to you.

"Dear Sisters, I feel so thankful to my Heavenly Father for His watchful care over me and mine during the past year, that I want to tell you of it for His glory. The offering that I have made to-day is only one of the many tokens of His goodness to me. You all know that I have had a good deal of sickness so that I could not go out to work, but when I could not go out, friends brought the

work to me, and often more than I could do, and often with the work some nice dainty that I could eat. Then, when I was beginning to worry about my doctor's bill a receipt came from him in full, asking me to accept it as from the Lord, whose servant he was. There, as I was wondering where I could get anything for a Thank-offering, a letter came to me from my old mistress, saying that having heard of my sickness, and knowing that I would need a new winter cloak, she was sending me \$5 to get one, though she too had had sickness in her home, and it was all the money she had by her. So I made up my mind to mend my old cloak for another winter, and give the money as my Thank-offering to the Lord for His great goodness to me, and I don't believe there can be a happier woman than I am here to-day. Truly 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

"Well," said Mrs. Bennett to Mrs. Thompson, as they walked home, "I never felt as small in my life. Surely I have more to be thankful for than Aunt Kelly; a kind husband and two dear children, without a day's sickness through the whole year, with good crops and every comfort, and while she gave \$5, I gave twenty-five cents. But, I have made up my mind that such a thing shall never occur again if I can help it. I gave in my name as a member of the Circle, and resolved to do at least, as much for missions as for dinner parties."

"I too," said Mrs. Thompson, "gave in my name as a member of the Circle, and I intend wearing my old cloak to keep Aunt Kelly company, and give the \$50 I intended spending for a new one to missions. I have plenty of spare time and I am going to do all I can to help the Circle. If I can't do anything else, I can do what Belinda Jones did, invite others to come to the meetings."

#### WOMAN'S INTEREST IN MISSIONS.

There are no people on earth who ought to be more interested in giving the Gospel to all the world than Christian women. Christ is woman's best friend. In every Christian land woman is exalted; in every heathen land she is debased. We rejoice that more and more our Christian women are realizing their high and holy privilege to take part in giving the Gospel to all the world. Some of our most earnest missionaries are consecrated women, and many of the best workers in the home land are women also. They are gathering and giving out information, developing new interests and raising funds to send

out the Gospel of Christ to the utmost bounds of the earth.—*Selected.*

#### AFRICAN ZEAL AND DEVOTION.

**T**HE Christian converts in a village near the Congo had formed a school and built a house of worship. They were happy in the Gospel, but they could not help thinking of the heathen village across the great river, where the busy missionary had not yet been.

"Those people don't know anything about Jesus," they said, "and we are saved. What shall we do?"

They felt that they must answer that question. So they held a meeting and discussed the situation thoroughly.

The village across the river was too far away for them to go and return easily; besides, the river was dangerous to cross and full of crocodiles. Whoever went must be willing to stay some days among the heathen, and would probably meet with insult and even violence. Yet these African Church members did not hesitate in doing what they felt was their duty. Fifty of them volunteered to leave their homes, cross the Congo, and preach the Gospel for three days in the heathen village. They took food with them, fearing that they would be refused even that by those to whom they were going with the message of salvation.

The fifty Christians crossed the river and reached the village. They preached the Gospel so earnestly and so thoroughly in those three days that when they went back they left a few converts behind them. Now the missionary reports that there is a Church of twenty members in that heathen village, and the heaven is spreading fast.

Thus does the precious Gospel grow through the earnest, personal effort of those who have themselves felt its need.—*The Little Worker.*

**CHINESE DEVOTION.**—We shall never have noble men in China till we have enlightened women.

Only Christian missionaries have thus far been able to give Chinese women a wider outlook.

Wherever the influence of the lady missionaries has penetrated it has lifted a cloud of darkness from the life of the home. They have been assisted in their labors by a noble band of native women whose hearts the Lord has touched. These go out in all directions, to teach in schools or read the Scriptures and tell their sisters of the love of Jesus.

—*Women's Work for Women.*

## Our Work Abroad.

### DIFFICULTIES OF OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

**T**HE following, in substance, is given from letters of a number of our missionaries in India written to the *King's Herald*, in answer to questions relative to this subject. The difficulties of a foreign missionary are great and many. A chief difficulty is the mental, moral and spiritual condition of the people.

Of the denseness of their darkness, their ignorance and superstition, those who have been nurtured and live amid the enlightening influences of Christianity can scarcely form any idea.

The world to them teems with gods, no better in character than devils, and of which they are in constant terror. When smallpox breaks out in their villages they all conclude that a goddess called Ammavara is angry with them, and so strive by various rites and offerings to appease her. And so, when cholera sweeps away multitudes, they believe that the cholera god is angry with them, and cower in fear behind the closed doors of their houses, lest he should enter and destroy them.

Death too, to them is terrible, watching with vengeful eyes to snatch them away from a world of light and joy (such as it is) to a world of darkness and misery unspeakable. And then the attributed wickedness and vileness of these gods, their craftiness and deceitfulness, their maliciousness and untruthfulness, and their indescribable vileness, when we consider that "they that make them are like unto them, and so is every one that worshippeth them," we see how vile and wicked these idolaters must be.

And so one great difficulty is to get out of their minds these terrifying, corrupting and polluting thoughts of their horrible gods, and fill them with thoughts of a pure and gracious, tender and loving God, their merciful Father, and of Jesus their Saviour and Friend.

To turn such dwarfed, warped and polluted intellects and hearts from the worship of such horrible gods all their lives, to the love and service of the true God, is a more than human task, and can only be done by God's converting Word and Spirit. For persevering faithfulness and faith in the use of that Word, and for God's Spirit in and on our work we constantly need your prayers.

### EXTRACTS FROM RECENT LETTERS.

SINGING THE GOSPEL IN NARSAPATNAM.

**M**R. McLEOD'S men are all out on a fifteen days' tour through a thickly populated region between here and the hills. They are six, and ought to be able to see a lot of villages. Mr. McLeod mapped out their work for them and planned for them all to be together evenings, in some one village. They are all good singers, and their evening or night work is to be the singing of the Life of Christ. These Telugus are very fond of singing. The tales of their gods and goddesses are nearly all in verse, and often, both men and women will sit far into the night listening to a good voice or voices sing some one of their tales. Under the title of "the Real Incarnation" a Bimli Christian put the life of Christ and whole Gospel story into verse. The music it is set to is very popular with all classes of the people. Our six men sing it well, they accompany themselves with cymbals and a tambourine and it sounds splendid in the evening air. I wish you could hear them!"

COCANADA.

"I felt so glad and thankful to know that a lady had been appointed to come out with Miss Folsom that I wanted to 'jump for joy.' . . . 'Praise the Lord' has been in my heart and on my lips many times lately. It was welcome news to hear of Miss Pratt's appointment. We all felt so sorry she couldn't be sent last year. . . . They will have a warm welcome I assure you, and 'our hearts are enlarged' to take them in."

### INCREASE OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.

The recent census which was taken of India was a surprise to some, as it was a pleasure to many.

During the ten years 1881-1891, the Christian population increased 638,969, making a total of 2,923,349. Of these 220,863 were Baptists, 76,869 Methodists, and 53,829 Presbyterians.

A leading article in the *Pioneer*, the foremost English newspaper in India, and having no bias toward Christian missions, says: "The most remarkable feature of the census returns is undoubtedly that of the figures relating to Chris-

tianity. It is impossible not to be struck with the energy with which Christian work is being carried on, and with the success which is attending it. An increase of nearly 25 per cent, where the total population has increased less than 2½ per cent., is a hard fact which cannot be explained away."—A. J. Grieve, Madras, India, in *The Chronicle of the London Missionary Society*.

### AMONG THE TELUGUS.

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

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

community.—Rev. J. McLaurin, D.D. in *The Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

### MEDITATION ON MISSIONS.

#### A LIVE QUESTION.

Every intelligent person owes it to give the question of Foreign Missions a thorough and unprejudiced consideration as one of the great and live questions of the day. There are few questions upon which so many are agreed, and they are among the best, broadest and brightest of earth. Millions of people are pouring millions of money, with their prayers and energies, into this work. The magnitude of the work is so great that the thoughtful cannot afford to treat the question lightly.

It affects trade and commerce, government and legislation, morality and education, and the life and power of the nations of earth. It is truly the greatest question of earth, and, for ought we know, the greatest question of heaven. Its magnitude commands investigation, and its spirit demands a fair and just consideration.

#### GREATNESS OF MISSIONS.

The following figures, taken from Dr. James S. Dennis' great book, "A Centennial Survey of Foreign Missions," are interesting. They are for the year 1900:

There are in all fields 18,682 missionaries and 79,396 native workers, making a total force of 98,078. It is safe to estimate that the total force has grown to the neighborhood of 100,000 missionaries and workers by this time. The churches and stations occupied number 44,900. The members of churches are 1,550,729, and the "Christian community"—i. e., those who have renounced idolatry but are not yet members of the churches—number four and a half millions. There are 94 colleges and universities, with 35,539 pupils, besides a large number of small schools for children. It is interesting to learn that there are 170 industrial schools, with nearly 10,000 pupils. Pupils in the small schools number 904,442. Besides there are hospitals and dispensaries, publishing houses and other agencies in large number. Other figures might be given, but these are enough to shew the strength of the amazing enterprise of missions.

Miss Folsom and Miss Corning left for India the last of August, and Miss Priest and Miss Pratt sail from New York the 1st of November. Let us remember them all in our prayers.

## Other Mission Fields.

### CHINA.

STRIKING AT THE HEART OF HEATHENDOM—THE OPENING OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHAPEL IN CHANGSHA.

**T**HE opening of the first chapel in Changsha, the famous capital of Hunan, is an event worth recording. Mr. Sparham and myself left Hankow for Changsha on the 27th ult., by steam launch, and arrived at Changsha early on Sunday morning, the 1st inst. A very hearty welcome was awaiting us on our arrival.

In the afternoon the missionaries and converts of the Wesleyan Mission, the China Inland Mission and the Mission of the United Evangelical Church (America), joined us, and we had quite a large congregation. It was delightful to see so many Christians assembled together in Changsha, a city that has been looked upon till now as the

MOST ANTI-CHRISTIAN CITY IN CHINA.

In the opening of a chapel in Changsha the hopes of many years have been realized. It has been my privilege to open not a few chapels in China during these forty-seven years. In Hupeh I have opened many, and within the past six months I have opened four in Hunan, but the greatest joy of all was reserved for the opening of this chapel in Changsha.

Ten or twelve years ago, the viper press of Changsha was very active. The valley of the Yangtse was flooded with its anti-foreign and anti-Christian literature—the filthiest and most malignant literature the world has ever seen. At that time no foreigner dare show his head in Hunan. That press was suppressed some time ago; Chou Han, our arch enemy, is still a prisoner; and now several missions are established in the very city from which that unspeakable filth was poured forth. These thoughts, and many such thoughts as these, kept crowding in upon me as I stood in our beautiful little chapel on Sunday week, and my heart was filled with deep gratitude and great gladness.—Dr. Griffith John, in *The Chronicle of the London Missionary Society*.

THE SPIRIT OF CHINESE CHRISTIANS.—Speaking at the Students' Conference at Matlock, Mr. John R. Mott referred to his recent visit to China, and spoke of the way in which he had been impressed by the heroism of Chinese Christians. He was

invited while at Peking to a great gathering in the Court of the Royal Palace, where he met many of the leading native Christians. All, without exception, had suffered fearful loss during the recent troubles. Houses, lands, relatives, had been taken from them, and yet as they talked with him there, and as they went about the city day by day—compelled to look into the faces of those who had murdered their children, their parents, or friends—reminded on every hand of the suffering they had endured, no word of complaint, no desire for vengeance passed their lips. On every face was peace; in each life was seen the forgiving spirit of Christ. Surely no better illustration of the power of Christ's Gospel in China could be desired!—*The Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

PRESENT opportunities are such as the Church in China has never enjoyed before. Whether for evangelical, educational, or medical work, the land is open.—Bishop Ingle in *The Spirit of Missions*.

The spirit of reform seems to be stirring even the empress dowager of China. Last autumn radical changes were made in the system of examinations for government positions, and now she has issued a decree against foot-binding, one of the deep-rooted practices among the wealthier classes. "As the custom of footbinding among Chinese women is injurious to the health," the edict reads, "the gentry and nobles of Chinese decent are commended earnestly to exhort their families, and all who come under their influence to abstain henceforth from that evil practice and by these means gradually abolish the custom forever." The decree is a tribute to the faithful work of the missionaries and the native reformers, who have endeavored for many years to abolish the cruel custom. The battle has not been entirely won, but a decided advantage has been gained. The missionaries can now point to the empress dowager as a champion of the reform they advocate.—*The Spirit of Missions*.

### FIIJI.

One of the most interesting of all mission fields is that in the Fiji Islands, where the English Wesleyans have done a memorable work. A recent report of their annual Synod states that "there can be no increase from heathenism, for the Fijians are all nominally Christians. Those gathered into the Church now represent the spiritual work of conver-



sion." The total Church membership is over 40,000. For the past three years in succession these island Christians, though generally very poor, have given more than \$5,000 a year for foreign missionary work, besides supporting all their home work. Fiji is truly one of the jewels of missions.—*The Missionary*.

As recently as 1859 it was possible in the Fiji Islands to buy a man in the open market for \$7, butcher him and eat him. Now the Bible is in nearly every home, and on Sunday nine-tenths of the people can be found worshipping in the churches and chapels.—*The Spirit of Missions*.

### INDIA.

#### AN INDIAN STATESMAN ON MISSIONS

Sir W. Mackworth Young, the late Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, speaking at the recent C. M. S. Anniversary, said: "Permit me to say that I am proud of the service to which I belong. I believe that no country, no Government, is better served than is India in every department of its large machinery. Noble have been many of the spirits who have served India under the Government; but I take off my hat to the humblest missionary who walks a bazaar in India, and that not because he belongs to a race in which are found the most conspicuous instances of heroism and self-sacrifice, not merely because he is called of God and has a spiritual work to do, but because he is leading a higher life and is doing a grander work than any other class of persons who are working in India.

"If the natives of India have any practical knowledge of what is meant by Christian charity, if they know anything of high, disinterested motives and self-sacrifice, it is mainly from the missionaries that they learn it. The strength of our position in India depends more largely on the goodwill of the people than upon the strength and number of our garrisons, and for that goodwill we are largely indebted to the kindly, self-sacrificing efforts of the Christian missionary in his dealings with the people."—*The Chronicle of the London Missionary Society*.

#### CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE.

The missionary is the great moral force at work in India. Take away the missionary and Christian influence, and there would be moral chaos—there

would scarcely be a single man left to condemn wickedness and preach righteousness. The one great force at work for the moral uplifting of the people is Christianity. The Christian thought of the West, as well as the Atheistic, is percolating through the Hindu mind, and the Bible is becoming the court of appeal even to the Hindu. At present it is considered *one* of the great books of the world produced by holy men of God; but there are signs, for those who can read the times, that it will come to be regarded as *the* Book of God to lead men into the truth. Now it is being compared with other books, just as Christ is being compared with Krishna and others. This only precedes the time when Christ and the Bible will stand alone, because above all others.—W. J. Hatch, Coimbatore, South India, in *the Chronicle of the London Missionary Society*.

#### VILLAGE WORK IN INDIA.

When one considers the motives for religious observances in Hinduism, the agonizing fear lest one duty should imperil salvation, he must rejoice in the evidence of what the conquering power of faith in Christ has done.

The Christian is learning a new motive for giving and a new purpose in service, and that loyalty to Christ will and does increase the converts measure of giving, no one acquainted with the facts can doubt. A census taken lately showed that 13 per cent. of our native Christians gave their tenth.—Late Norman Russell.

#### KOREA.

Seventeen years ago the first Protestant missionary arrived in Korea. The following year the first convert was baptized, and the year following the first Protestant Church (Presbyterian) was organized, with 20 members. To-day Korea has over 20,000 men and women who have cast away their idols, and worship God, so mightily has the word of God grown and prevailed. But, more encouraging even, than the speedy establishment and rapid increase of Christianity in Korea, is the spirit of earnestness and liberality of the converts. Their zeal and generosity, in building churches, and supporting and spreading the Gospel, is a lesson to older Christians, encouraging the hope that they will not only soon become self-supporting, but an aggressive missionary people.

## Our Work at Home.

### AN APPEAL TO THE CHRISTAN WOMEN OF CANADA.

BROIDERY WORK.

"Beneath the desert's rim went down the sun,  
And from their tent doors, all their service done,  
Came forth the Hebrew women one by one.  
For Bazaleel, the master, who had rare and curious  
skill,

And gifts beyond compare ;  
Greater than old Miraim's greatest ware—  
Had bidden that they approach at his command,  
As on a goat-skin spread upon the sand,  
He sat and saw them grouped on every hand.  
And soon, as came to pass a silence fell,  
He spoke and said ' Daughters of Israel,  
I bring a word ; I pray ye hearken well.  
God's Tabernacle, by His pattern made,  
Shall fail of finish though in order laid,  
Unless ye women lift *your* hands to aid.  
A murmur ran the crouched assembly through,  
As each her veil about her closer drew ;  
' We are but women ! What can women do ?'  
And Bazaleel made answer :—' not a man  
Of all the tribes from Judah unto Dan,  
Can do the work that just ye women can.  
The gold and 'broidered work about the hem  
Of the priest's robes—pomegranate, knop and stem,  
Man's clumsy fingers cannot compass them.  
The Sanctuary curtains that must wreathen be  
And bossed with Cherebim—the colors three,  
Blue, purple, scarlet—who can twine but ye !  
*Yours* is the very skill for which I call,  
So bring your cunning *needlework*, though small  
Your gifts may seem : the Lord hath need of all !'  
O Christian women ! For the Temple set  
Throughout earth's desert lands—do you forget,  
The Sanctuary curtains need your 'broidery yet ?'  
Rise up ye women that are at ease ; hear My  
voice ye careless daughters. Is. 32 : 9.

Is it not high time for the Christian women of  
Canada to awake to a sense of the exceedingly  
great need there is of heeding the startling, pitiful  
cry which comes

" Ringing o'er the restless wave  
Send the Light."

remembering that there are *millions* of "Souls to  
rescue," and while we sit at our ease they are pass-  
ing away into deeper darkness—endless night—  
without ever hearing the only "Name under  
heaven given among men whereby we must be  
saved." Acts 4 : 12.

Oh ! sister, if so be ye have "tasted that the  
Lord is gracious," remember that there yet remains  
much to be done e'er the "Temple" is finished.  
Though the "Corner-stone," "elect, precious,"  
has long been laid, the foundations of apostles and  
prophets been put in and many "lively stones"  
buildd thereupon, yet—

"Not a man of all the tribes from Judah unto Dan,  
Can do the work that just ye women can,"

O, woman ! last at the Cross and first at the  
Sepulchre, Christ still needs your ministering hands.  
There is much 'broidery work still to be done.  
Shall the Tabernacle fail of finish, or must God look  
elsewhere for workers ?

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith  
the Lord of hosts."

Who, then, is hiding away *His* silver and gold,  
that which *He lends* in order that our love to Him  
may be proved by the love we shew to others.

"Will a man rob God ?" "Is it time for you,  
O ye, to dwell in cieled houses, and this house lie  
waste ?" Are we not guilty in God's sight when  
we keep hidden the Light so much needed in  
heathen lands ? How small, in God's sight must  
look the few thousands *coaxed* and *begged* in many  
instances, I am ashamed to say, from the Chris-  
tians (?) of Canada for sending the Gospel into the  
benighted corners of the earth, when compared  
with what is spent upon SELF.

God's work suffering, His Kingdom waiting,  
Christ's coming delayed—for "The Gospel must  
first be published among all nations." Mark 13 :  
10.

We are surely living beneath our privileges of  
being "workers together with Him."

It seems hardly credible, yet it is none the less  
true that many women, members of the Christian  
churches—yes—*Baptist* churches, in this fair land  
of ours, refuse to give *one* dollar per year—*two cents*  
*per week*, to the cause of Missions ; or give grudg-  
ingly when asked, making some such excuse as  
"There are so many ways for the dollars to go,  
etc., etc. O ye women who are called by Christ's  
name, remember the sacrifice *He* made ; and may  
we so live and work that at last it may be said of  
each of us, "She hath done what she could."

## CONVENTION NOTICE.

**T**HE Annual Convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, will be held in Brockville, Ontario, October 7th and 8th, 1902. The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7th.

## BILLETING.

Delegates requiring billets will kindly notify Mrs. J. Stuart Copeland, Box 689, Brockville, Ont., at an early date. A committee will meet delegates at the station, to direct them to the church, where another committee will be in attendance to direct them to their respective billets.

The work of the committee will be greatly lessened if delegates will state explicitly their route and time of arrival in Brockville.

## CERTIFICATES.

Each delegate is urged to obtain a railway certificate from the agent at starting point, on purchasing a first-class, full rate, one way ticket, no matter how short the distance; for if fifty delegates hold certificates, the return tickets will be issued at one-third fare. These certificates are only good for three days after the meetings close. Delegates are requested to come prepared to vote on the following, recorded in last year's Convention Minutes:—"I give notice of motion, that I or some one in my place, will at the next annual meeting move that the expenses of the general officers of the Foreign Missionary Society should be paid by the Society."

E. C. A., Cor. Sec.

## PROGRAM.

Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the W.B.F.M.S. (East), to be held in Brockville, October 7th, 1902.

## MORNING SESSION.

9.30 to 10.00.—Prayer Service led by Mrs. Sheldon.  
10.00—Hymn.

Scripture Reading and Prayer.  
Introduction of Pages.  
Election of Convention Reporter.  
Address of Welcome. Mrs. Y. C. Sycamore.  
Reply and President's Remarks. Mrs. Claxton.  
Minutes of last Annual Meeting. Recording Secretary.  
Unfinished Business.  
Hymn.  
Appointment of Committees on Nominations, Appropriations and Resolutions.  
Reception of Reports.  
Recording Secretary. Miss Crosby.  
Eastern Association. Miss P. M. Chandler.  
Canada Central Association. Mrs. Moulton.  
Ottawa Association. Mrs. K. McDonald.  
Hymn.  
Report of Bureau. Mrs. Dancy.  
Roll Call.

Report of Committee on Nominations.  
Election of Officers and Executive Board.  
Hymn and Adjournment.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.00 to 2.30.—Prayer Service. Mrs. Campbell, Rockland.  
Minutes of Morning Session.  
Report of Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. H. H. Ayer.  
Report of Treasurer. Mrs. L. H. Packard.  
Report of Committee on Appropriations.  
Report of Superintendent of the Post Office Crusade. Mrs. Cole.  
Report of Superintendent of Mission Bands. Miss Muir.  
Address, "Some Women I have Known, or Faces Illumined." Miss A. C. Murray, India.  
Collection.  
Solo.  
Conference. "How to make the Circle grow":  
In Numbers. Mrs. Kellock, Perth.  
In Knowledge. Mrs. W. W. McMaster, Ottawa.  
In Offerings. Mrs. Cole, Westmount.  
In Spiritual Life. Mrs. E. G. Field, Winchester.  
Hindrances to Growth and How to Remove them. Mrs. Kendall, Vernon.  
Discussion.  
Doxology and Adjournment.

Union Platform Meeting of the Home and Foreign Societies, Tuesday Evening, October 7th.

Hymn.  
Scripture, Prayer.  
Chairman's Remarks. Rev. Y. C. Sycamore.  
Anthem, "Hark, hark my Soul." Choir.  
Foreign Mission Address. Miss K. S. McLaurin, India.  
Solo.  
Home Mission Address.  
Offering.  
Prayer and Benediction.

## MISSION CIRCLES.

**TYNESIDE.**—The Circle here was about to disband when their former President, Mrs. J. W. Gregory, removed from their midst; but two of the members were persuaded to attend the Associational meetings and came home determined to carry on the work in their midst. It gave me much pleasure to meet with them for re-organization, with the following result: President, Miss Berry; Vice-President, Mrs. Wilkes; Sec.-Treas., Miss Burrows.

B. M. MULLOCK.

**MIDLAND.**—I am pleased to inform you that we

have started a Mission Band in our church, with over 20 members. We are making quilts for Grande Ligne. Miss A. as President; Miss N. Manyer, Vice.; Miss A. Hamlin, Secretary.

MRS. WIN. HACKEY.

SPRINGFORD. — Last March the ladies of the Springford Baptist Church met to re-organize our Mission Circle which had been asleep for about twenty years. Mrs. C. F. Gray, of Norwich, gave us an interesting and instructive talk on "Home and Foreign Missions," after which the following officers were appointed: Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Fradenbury; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. W. Vardon; Sec., Mrs. Walter Wilcox; Treas., Mrs. M. W. Rice; Pres. Mission Band, Miss Mattie Goodwin. We have twelve members and have had a very interesting meeting each month, and are hoping to get more of the sisters interested in the work.

GERTRUDE RICE.

### MISSION BANDS.

ALLAN'S MILLS. — Another member of our Band has this summer been called home, being the third within two years whom God has taken to Himself. A former member, whose sincere and beautiful life was ever far-reaching in its influences and work for the Master, sleeps in the West. Another, who left us to go and tell the Glad Tidings to our Telugu brothers and sisters, in India, when seemingly just ready for the work, was also called "to be with Christ." And now our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take one of our younger members, our little sister, Annie Scott, who was just growing into young womanhood. She suffered from a severe attack of measles in March from which she never recovered and other complications setting in, on June 7th "She was not, for God took her." We deeply feel her absence at our meetings. Of a quiet and reserved disposition she took a deep interest in the Band work which we did not altogether realize until she was taken away. After her death her mother brought us the contents of her mite box, which was so made, that when filled with ten cent pieces, up to the amount of \$5 would open itself. This box Annie had, during nearly the past two years, being trying to fill, apart from the regular contributions to the Band, and was anxiously looking for the time when it would open. Her wish was unfulfilled; though the amount was almost realized, there being \$4.30 in the box. This in addition to other money belonging to her, amounting in all to \$5.60, her mother placed in our hands for the work of the Band. Surely her giving will be blest, and we who remain incited to more earnest endeavor, for "She being dead, yet speaketh."

"How sweet, as year by year we lose friends out of sight.  
In faith to muse, How grows in Paradise our store."

J. H. H.

COLLINGWOOD. — Our Mission Band is named "Willing Workers," and we have an attendance of from 35 to 45, and the number is steadily increasing. Miss McDonald is our President. We have had a Post Office Crusade, and sent papers and picture rolls to Lockhart, Montreal, New Liskeard, and India, and also made 11 scrap books for Grande Ligne, beside piecing a quilt. We have not been holding meetings through the hot months but expect to start soon. We have a very efficient collector in Miss Watt, who has been of great help in our work. We have great reason to rejoice as a Band, as eight of our number united with the Church last March. With faith in God we hope to work with greater zeal for the Master. Knowing this will be of interest to you. Yours,

GRACE WHIPPS, Cor. Sec.

### The Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West.)

Receipts from August 16th, to September 15th, 1902, inclusive.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES. — Cheltenham, \$4; Gilmour Memorial Ch., \$3; Shedden, \$5; Stayner, \$2.50; Tara, \$2.20; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., \$5.88; Wyoming, \$2; Atwood, \$1.40; Brownsville, \$4; New Liskeard, \$2.50; Binbrook, \$2; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss Macleod, \$75; Keady, \$5; Elderslie, \$5; East Toronto, \$4; Springfield, \$3. Total, \$126.48.

FROM BANDS. — Burk's Falls's for Elpe Mary, \$5; Bardsville (\$3.50 for T. Ramaswami and \$1.50 for K. Daniel), \$5; Cheapside, 65c.; London, Maitland St., Senior, \$5.39. Total, \$16.04.

FROM SUNDRIES. — "Redemption Home," Toronto, for lepers, \$2.70; Hamilton, James St., Primary Dept., for lepers, \$5; Mrs. E. B. Selman, Hickey, Michigan, \$1. Total, \$8.70.

Total receipts during the month, \$151.22.

DISBURSEMENTS. — By general Treasurer, regular work in India, \$408.00. *Extras*, to be sent to India, salary for November, Miss Folsom, \$41.67; Miss Corning and Munshi, for Nov., \$22.02; Miss Priest for half Nov., \$20.85; Miss Pratt and Munshi, for half Nov., \$23.06. Total, 109.40.

Furlough's. — Misses Priest and Hatch, for Sept., \$50. Total, \$57.40.

HOME EXPENSES. — Expenses of speakers to Associations not paid otherwise, \$8.

Total disbursements during the month . . . \$575.40  
Total receipts since October 21, 1901 . . . \$6,460.09  
Total disbursements since October 21, 1901 . \$7,163.76

#### "MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Disbursements — By General Treasurer, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet, \$45.83.

Total receipts since October 21, 1901 . . . \$305.06  
Total disbursements since October 21, 1901 . \$496.04

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO CIRCLES AND BANDS.

The Treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that their books should close for the Convention year on October 15th. The amount then on hand for Foreign Missions should be forwarded to me without delay, as my books only remain open until the 20th. All contributors are therefore urged to pay in their money now.

VIOLET ELLIOT,  
Treasurer.

109 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

## Youths' Department.

### TWO OFFERINGS.

I didn't think I could do it  
When first he told me to,  
For I love my precious dolly,  
And she is almost new,  
But, dear me! Uncle Joe knows how  
To talk until you feel  
As if you'd give your money, and  
A part of every meal.

He knows about the Jews, you see,  
And how they brought the Lord  
The first and best of all their fruits  
According to His word.  
That must have been so beautiful—  
Those harvest offerings!  
Well, Uncle Joe, he talked until  
I brought him all my things,  
To see which I would send away  
To China in the box.  
And he said *my best doll*:—blue-eyed,  
Red-cheeked, with curling locks.

I said: "Do you give what you like,  
The very bestest best?  
And do you 'make a sacrifice'  
As you tell all the rest?"  
And he said, "Yes," he always gave  
To help along the cause,  
But as he had no fields or fruits  
He couldn't keep *Jewish* laws.

Now Uncle Joe is very good,  
But he does love cigars!  
He smokes on the piazza till  
He almost hides the stars.  
So then I said: "If you'll give up  
Cigars and pipes and all,  
And give the money to the Lord,  
Why, then I'll send my doll!"

Then Uncle Joe looked sober, for  
You see he loved them so.  
I said, "Oh, now you see what 't is  
To let my dolly go!"  
I thought he would not do it,  
But by and by he said:  
"I think you're right. I'll drop cigars  
And give their cost instead!"

So now my dolly 's going,  
And Uncle Joe—just hear!—  
*Will give 'most seventy dollars*  
*To missions every year!*  
And mamma says she 's very glad  
About the way I spoke,  
Since Uncle Joe has offered up  
His sacrifice of smoke!

—L. A. S.

### LIFE'S SEED TIME.

After 22 years of mission life I am convinced  
that *no work pays so well as that for little children.*—  
*A Missionary.*

Among the things that pleased me most at Polepully, was the school children's grasp of Gospel truth.—*Miss Newcombe, Bimlipatam.*

An interesting feature of our prayer meeting is the fact that two little girls, who have attended more or less regularly, have of late, of their own accord, pleaded in their child-like way, for a blessing on themselves, their loved ones, and their missionaries. As one of these little ones, who, less than five years ago, was a famine waif (a little walking skeleton), is now, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and those to whom they committed them, a healthy, happy child, it is very delightful to hear her calling down our Father's blessing upon them, and to know that she is learning to praise Him from whom all blessing flow.—*L. McLeod, Poddapuram.*

### CHILDREN'S FUNERALS IN PEKING.

A writer in *Woman's Work for Woman*, quotes this from Mr. Holcomb: "If you lived in Peking you would be surprised never to see a child's funeral pass; but if you go into the street very early in the morning, you will find the explanation. You will meet a large, covered vehicle, drawn by two oxen, having a sign across the front stating its horrible office, and piled to the brim with the bodies of children. Sometimes there are a hundred in the cart at once; thrown in as garbage, nearly all of them naked, a few of them tied up in old reed baskets, and fewer, never more than one or two, in cheap board coffins.

These carts go about the streets each night, pick up these pitiable remains, some of them mutilated by dogs; they are thrown in like so much wood and taken to a pit outside the city wall, into which they are dumped, then covered with quicklime. Does it make you sick to hear of such a thing? I have lived seven years in the city where that is a daily occurrence."—*The Missionary Monthly.*

In South China there are in some places baby markets, where infant girls can be bought for fifty cents or less.

# W. B. M. U.

## Of the Maritime Provinces.

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

### CONVENTION NOTES.

**T**HE Annual Convention of the W. B. M. U. was held at Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N.S., August 19th, 20th and 21st. It has been called the best of a number of good conventions. The business sessions were marked by the usual harmony and earnest effort to further the work. The devotional meetings were "times of refreshing."

The place of meeting was exceptionally fitted for the purpose. "Hebron" will be a pleasant memory to the delegates who were privileged to attend. The beautiful scenery, the good roads, fine homes and the unbounded hospitality of the people will live in memory for years. Lunches were served in the vestry at the close of the morning and afternoon sessions. This bountiful provision for their wants was highly appreciated by all.

Tuesday, 19th, was taken up with meetings of Executive. A public service as an introductory session was held at 7.30 p.m., opened by a prayer service led by Mrs. N. C. Scott, St. John. At the close the President, Mrs. J. W. Manning, took the chair, a hymn was sung, Scripture read by Mrs. Scott; prayer was offered by Mrs. Nalder, Windsor. All were deeply interested while the President gave her annual message, describing with much power "What we have done, both in foreign lands and at home, and what we should be doing in both fields." All who listened must have felt the weight of responsibility greater than ever before. The speaker compelled her hearers to feel something of the earnestness which filled her own heart.

Miss Jennie Kitchens sang a beautiful solo, "Abiding Rest."

Mrs. M. S. Cox, Prov. Sec., N. B., then spoke for a short time on the "Home Work."

Miss Edna Corning, Missionary elect, under the Ontario Board, was invited to speak, which she did briefly, giving a short account of her work in Boston slums, and expressing very clearly her high appreciation of the privilege of carrying the Gospel to foreign lands.

Wednesday morning, 20th August.—Devotional Service, led by Mrs. Trefry. At 10 a.m. the President took the chair and the first business session was opened by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Prayer was offered by Miss E. Hume, Prov. Sec., for N. S. After reading minutes, and the roll call of delegates, the usual committees were appointed. The reports of Provincial Secretaries were taken up. Mrs. Cox, N. B., reported 71 Aid Societies, membership about 1600; three Societies re-organized this year; 14 Life-members added; 140 copies of LINK taken.

Miss Hume, N. S. reported Aids 174, membership 2651; LINKS taken 524; Life-members 61.

The report from P. E. I., in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. J. Spurr, was read by Mrs. A. F. Browne. The number of Aid Societies on the Island is 23. All these reports spoke of increased interest in the work in each province, and while the highest is not attained, yet there is much reason for gratitude to God for what has been done. All these reports were accepted by the Union.

After some discussion concerning meetings to be held in connection with Quarterly or District meetings, so called, a County Secretaries' meeting was held, led by Mrs. Nalder, Cor. Sec., for Kings, N. S. All the County Secretaries present had some part in the meeting. Mrs. J. M. Gunn, Co. Sec. for Colchester, emphasized the need of Home Mission work on these lines. Mrs. Nalder outlined the work of a County Secretary.

Special prayer for this branch of the work was offered by Mrs. D. H. Simpson, and Mrs. P. R. Foster. Adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

At 2.30 a devotional meeting was led by Mrs. Wheelock, of Aylesford.

The regular business was taken up at 3 p.m. After reading minutes, a short time was given the Directors. These new officers had been busy with this work through the year, and their reports were full of interest.

Then came the Treasurers' Reports, the most interesting feature of the Convention in many ways.

Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, W.M.A.S. Treasurer, reported:

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK

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July 31, 1901—By Balance on hand.....	\$2,946 86
Amount received from N. S. W. M. A. S. ....	5,770 18
“ “ “ N. B. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	2,333 78
“ “ “ P. E. I. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	720 53
“ “ “ Miss. Band, Treas. ....	1,828 18
“ “ “ Donations, Collec's, etc. ....	283 61
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$13,883 14</b>

DR.

Paid Treas. F. M. B. (special).....	\$1,200 00
“ “ “ (estimate).....	7,675 00
“ “ “ N. W. M. ....	600 00
“ “ “ Indian Work.....	200 00
“ “ “ G. L. Mission.....	500 00
“ “ “ Maritime Province, H. M. ....	800 00
“ “ “ Japanese Mission (B.C.).....	100 00
“ “ “ out in small sums.....	320 27
	<u>\$11,395 27</u>
Cash on hand.....	2,487 87
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$13,883 14</b>

Mrs. Ida Crandall, Mission Band Treasurer reported:—

Received from Mission Bands, N.S. ....	\$ 915 02
“ “ “ N.B. ....	590 41
“ “ “ P.E.I. ....	168 44
“ “ “ B.Y.P.U. and S.S. ....	154 31
	<u>\$1,828 18</u>

DR.

Paid Mrs. Mary Smith, F.M. ....	\$1,491 11
“ “ “ H.M. ....	337 07
	<u>\$1,828 18</u>

Mrs. H. R. Hatch, Wolfville, sang with great power and sweetness the solo "He was not willing that any should perish."

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Martell, than read her report of the year's work. This document showed the careful painstaking labor which had been expended upon it. Its pages were full of interesting facts.

The Home Mission Report written by Mrs. King, was read by Mrs. J. M. Gunn.

Miss Martha Clarke, missionary on furlough, entered at this point, and was accorded a most cordial welcome.

The Foreign Mission estimates were presented by Mrs. Mary Smith for 1902-3, and included:—

Young Lady Missionaries Salaries.....	\$2,500 00
Helpers, Traveling Expenses, School, etc. ....	645 00
Miss Martha Clark's furlough salary ....	300 00
Books and Tracts.....	100 00
Schools.....	250 00
Home Literature.....	75 00
Contingent Fund.....	250 00
School at Bobbili.....	100 00
Hospital at Chicacole.....	500 00
Native Helpers.....	500 00
Two little girls with Mrs. Churchill.....	50 00
Tent for Tekkali.....	130 00
Travel to India.....	350 00
Outfit.....	150 00
Mr. Freeman's Salary and Expenses.....	565 00
Male Missionaries Salaries.....	2,015 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,500 00</b>

Home Mission estimates for 1902-3.

North-West Missions.....	\$ 700 00
Indian Work.....	300 00
Grande Ligne Mission.....	500 00
H. M. Maritime Provinces.....	1,000 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,500 00</b>

The estimates were passed by the Union.

Report of Literature read by Miss Cogswell.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse.

Public Meeting, 7:30 p.m., opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," Ps. 68 read by Mrs. Havelock Cory, Frederickton; prayer offered by Mrs. J. Miles, Chegogin. A beautiful address on the "Aims of the W.M.A.S.," was given by Mrs. M. C. Higgins, Summerville, followed by a solo, finely rendered by Miss Kitchen.

Miss Ella McLaurin, Secretary of B.Y.P.U., Boston, addressed the meeting. The limits of this report forbid much detail, and it is impossible to do justice to our sister's address in the compass of the few words which we must use. But we must give the three heads on which the address was founded.

1st. "We can give self denyingly."

2nd. "We can serve lovingly."

3rd. "We can pray conqueringly."

All who listened felt that the Lord's message was given to us by our young sister.

A Quintette "Still, Still with Thee," was sweetly sung by Hebron ladies.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse then advocated the claims of the great North-West in his own enthusiastic manner.

August 21st, 9:30 a.m.—Prayer Service led by Mrs. B. N. Nobles, Carleton. The first hour after opening was taken up by Mrs. Martell, leading in

a Round Table Talk. Many helpful thoughts and useful information were brought out in this hour.

A Memorial Service was then led by Mrs. Mary Smith, Treasurer of the Union, opened by singing "Abide with Me," Scripture reading and prayer.

The list of deceased sisters for Nova Scotia was read by leader; the list for New Brunswick was read by Mrs. C. Scott; for P. E. I. by Mrs. Browne. Miss Hume read a good paper on "Why we hold Memorial Services."

Mrs. Hatch touched all hearts with her singing "The Homeland."

Many references were made to our loved missionaries who had suffered bereavement.

It was a most beautifully solemn service. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Election of officers resulted as follows:—Mrs. J. W. Manning, Pres.; Mrs. C. H. Martell, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. H. L. Everett, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Mary Smith, Treas. and M. A. S.; Mrs. Ida Crandall, Treas. for Mission Bands.

The report of Nominating Committee was accepted for the usual officers.

The afternoon prayer service was led by Miss Alice Logan. On the resumption of business the Mission Band reports were read, Nova Scotia by Superintendent Mrs. P. R. Foster, who gave the number of Bands in Nova Scotia as 85. Mission Band report for New Brunswick, prepared by Mrs. T. S. Simms and read by Mrs. Cox, gave the number of Bands for that Province as 45. Mrs. A. F. Browne reported 16 Bands for P. E. I. All the reports were adopted.

The members of the Union were delighted to have the privilege of another address by Miss McLaurin. Her strong practical suggestions will be found very helpful. Some discussion was then held on "Cradle Rolls" in connection with Mission Bands.

Mrs. Whitman read a paper on "Mission Studies," which was followed by many warm expressions of interest.

Miss Emma Stuart was appointed Editor for the W.B.M.U. department of THE LINK. This little paper seems to keep its hold on the hearts of the W.B.M.U.

Mrs. Quick then delivered an earnest address.

The usual resolutions of thanks were passed, and the few "last things" attended to and the Conven-

tion closed to meet next year (D.V.), in Woodstock, N.B.

At 7:30 a public meeting was held, addresses being given by Mrs. Nalder, Rev. L. D. Morse, Miss Martha Clarke, Mr. Freeman (missionary elect) and Rev. H. F. Adams, Field Secretary for Century Fund.

The Convention of 1902, is now a memory. What will the Convention of 1903 be? With the blessing of the Lord, just what the sisters of the Union *will* it to be.

### HANNAH MARSHMAN.

**T**HE first missionary to the women of India and, indeed, the first of all modern times, was Hannah Marshman. Born in England, 1767, she spent forty-seven years of a happy married life and a short widowhood in the Baptist Brotherhood, at Serampore, Bengal. There she died, at the age of eighty years, March 1st, 1847.

Though the mother of twelve children she succeeded in training her six surviving ones to usefulness and honor; in making the home conditions of the Serampore Missionary Brotherhood rich in comfort and usefulness; and in training the girls and women of Bengal to love and serve Christ.

Her "ladies' school" was an evangelizing agency and also great financial help to the native mission. Its pupils were chiefly Eurasians or East Indians, of the then fast-increasing and utterly neglected community. She was the first to care for their daughters, except the orphans of military officers or soldiers. The mixed class numbered eighty thousand nominal Christians in the Indian census of 1891, or half the number of pure Europeans, including the British troops. For the soldiers' orphans the government, erected asylums and schools, but only Hannah Marshman cared for the rest. From her school in a generation there passed out Christian young ladies, ready to become useful missionaries to their native sisters. Until such agents were educated and converted, and till the instruction of the native youths had made headway in the boys' schools and in the Serampore College, female education among the Hindus and Mohammedans was impossible. But the Brotherhood watched for it, prayed for it, planned for it, provided the means for it, and lived to see its foundations well laid by Hannah Marshman.—Condensed from Dr. George Smith, C.I.S., F.R.G.S., in *The Baptist Missionary Magazine*.