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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

A happy Christmas to you !
For the Light of Life is born,
And His coming is the sunshine
Of the dark and wintry morn.
The grandest orient glow must pale,
The loveliest western gleams must fail ;
But His great Light,
So full, so bright,
Ariseth for thy heart to-day ;
His shadow-conquering beams shall never pass
away.

A happy Christmas to you !
For the Prince of Peace is come,
And His reign is full of blessings,
Their very crown and sum.
No earthly calm can ever last,
'Tis but the lull before the blast :
But His great peace
Shall still increase
In mighty, all-rejoicing sway ;
His Kingdom in thy heart shall never pass away.
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

THE CONVENTION.

THE Convention is now a thing of the past, but as the delegates have returned to their homes we hope the inspiration from the meetings has gone with them, and that the result will be seen in a systematic effort to increase the membership of our Circles and thus add to the spiritual and financial strength of our Society. Our work has grown in India and God has greatly blessed it, but our revenue has not kept pace with the requirements. If we could only get those sisters who have not been interested to realize what a privilege it is to have a share in this work and the blessing it would bring to their own souls, we would not have to meet the painful necessity for making "cuts and paining the hearts of our missionaries." Our readers will be very sorry to learn of the severe illness of our beloved Foreign Mission Secretary, Miss Buchan. After many years of faithful and efficient service she has been laid aside from active work. She has been a "tower of strength" since the organization of the Society and it will be realized how greatly she was

missed at our Convention. Many earnest prayers were offered for her, and sincere sympathy will be extended by many who had not the privilege of her personal acquaintance.

Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, has kindly consented to take her work for the present.

We were all delighted to have Miss McLeod at our Convention and hear her speak. But in consequence of the cold weather and the need of Miss McLeod taking care of her health, it was resolved, at the Board Meeting, that it would be unadvisable for her to visit and address any meetings for the present. Any communications regarding her are to be sent to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.

The Foreign Mission Board meet the last Thursday of every month at 3 p. m., for prayer and the transaction of any special business. At the meeting of the new Board after the Convention, it was suggested that the non-resident members be requested to unite with us and also any members of our Circles who have the importance of the work on their hearts.

"Though sundered far by faith we meet,
Around one common mercy seat,"

NOTICE.

Will all the delegates who attended the W. B. H. and F. M. Convention in Walmer Road Church, Toronto, on Nov. 9th and 10th, and on presentation of their certificates to the G. T. R. ticket agents in Toronto were compelled to pay two-thirds for return fare, please send their full name and address to their local ticket agent as well as to Miss A. Moyle, 84 Bedford Road, Toronto, and the excess fare will be refunded. The mistake arose from one of the G. T. R. officials failing to notify the ticket agents that the necessary arrangements had been made by the Recording Secretary.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

Just as we go to press word comes that Miss Buchan passed peacefully away this morning, November 21st. Rev. 14 : 13.

Minutes of the Annual Convention

OF THE

Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West, held in Walmer Road Church, Toronto, November 9th and 10th, 1904.

FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

(Reported by Mrs. Glenn Campbell, B. A.)

THE Morning Session of the Foreign Mission Day of the Convention, opened with Mrs. Booker, the President, in the chair. After the opening exercises, the various committees were appointed, and the report of the Recording Secretary, Miss Moyle, was presented. There were held during the year, four Board Meetings; five Executive Meetings, and a Prayer-meeting the last Thursday of every month. Appropriations of \$7,984 were passed with a special appropriation of \$2,000 for Bungalow work. The report of the Treasurer, (*pro tem*), Miss Nasmifh, showed:

Receipts—For Regular work	-	\$7,280	26
Special needs	-	1,984	30
Bungalow Fund	-	1,417	19
Total	-	\$10,681	75
Total Disbursements	-	\$9,593	74

Mrs. Porter, Editor of the LINK, reported 4,774 copies taken, a slight increase on the previous year.

Mrs. Dancy, Secretary of the Bureau of Literature, reported 1,563 leaflets and books distributed during the year.

After the President's address, which consisted of a beautiful poem, the Directors of the various associations gave three minute reports of the work done, showing general progress.

Mrs. G. R. Welch, of Lindsay, followed with a most helpful address on Psalm 27, verse 4, in which she urged a close union of the spiritual and secular in our lives. A short prayer service was then conducted by Mrs. C. H. Emerson, after which Miss Trotter led an interesting conference concerning work among our young women and girls. Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Wreyford and others, gave most helpful thoughts on the problem, "How to Interest in Missions," girls who are too young for Circle work and too old for Band work. The singing of a hymn brought the morning session to a close.

After the opening exercises of the afternoon session, the following officers were elected:

Hon. Presidents, Mrs. W. J. Booker, Aylmer, and Mrs. M. Freeland, Toronto; President, Mrs. J. Firstbrook, Toronto; First Vice-President, Mrs. S. S. Bates; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Toronto; Recording Secretary, Miss Anna Moyle, Toronto. To the Board there were elected: Mrs. E. L. Hill, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Mrs. S. White, Mrs. G. Hill, Miss V. Elliot, Mrs. James Wood, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, Mrs. S. J. Moore and Mrs. J. J. Ross.

Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, as Home Corresponding Secretary, reported that out of 13,328 women Church members, 4,199 were members of Mission Circles. The 208 Circles, with the Bands, have given \$9,140.02. Mrs. Lloyd then presented Miss Buchan's report which appears elsewhere in full. The following Resolution was then moved by Mrs. T. S. Johnston:

Resolved, "That this Convention place on record its appreciation of the work and worth of Miss Jane Buchan, who for many years has most faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties pertaining to the office."

Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., led in a discussion as to the future policy of the Board, and asked that each woman pray earnestly for the solution of the problem of how to meet the special demands as well as to maintain the regular work.

Miss McLeod, a returned missionary, in an eloquent and touching address, then told us of the difficulties which beset a woman convert in India. Many have previously earned their livelihood by sin, and when converted, find themselves cast out to starve, without means of earning their living. The voice of the women of India comes to us "What are we to do?"—and again, "Have you done all you can to give us the Gospel?"

The evening session took the form of a public meeting, and was ably presided over by Mrs. Firstbrook, the newly-elected President. Mrs. H. Francis Perry and Mrs. Eva Rose York took part in the opening exercises, after which Rev. J. G. Brown spoke of the work of our lady missionaries in India. They are alone in a far land, they occupy a position far lower than they

do at home, they have sacrificed much, they are upheld by the prayers of Christian men and women in the homeland. We can, in communion with God, form a vital connection with our missionaries in India. The past year had been one of unusual success, 855 members having been added to the churches, and many more were waiting for baptism.

Rev. H. E. Stillwell, of Vuyuru, a missionary home on furlough, then gave the address of the evening. He spoke first of the caste women, and explained how, among the half million of these, the door was open to lady missionaries only. To describe the outcaste women he drew three vivid pictures, "Veeramma," "White Lily," and "Radiance." The character and deeds of these women were depicted so clearly that all were filled with admiration and wonder that women brought up in such heathen darkness could develop characters so beautiful.

The Benediction by the Rev. Mr. Porter, closed the session of Foreign Mission Day.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

During the year four regular meetings of the Board have been held, with an average attendance of 17; one special meeting of members residing in the city, and five meetings of the Executive Committee.

The meeting for prayer for our missionaries and the success of their work has been held regularly on the last Thursday of the month. Many earnest prayers have also been offered that the Board may be Divinely guided in all their plans for this branch of the Master's work. It has been a great pleasure to have Mrs. Dr. Chute, Mrs. Priest, and Mrs. Walker at a number of these meetings.

At the first meeting of the new Board, held in the Aylmer Baptist Church, Nov. 13th, 1903, appropriations amounting to \$7,984.00 were passed, with a special estimate of \$2,000 for the Bungalow Fund.

At this meeting an invitation from the Circle of the Walmer Road Church, Toronto, for the Convention to meet there in November, 1904, was gratefully accepted.

A special meeting of members of the Board residing in the city was held in December, and Miss Eva Nasmith appointed Treasurer *pro. tem.*, as Miss Elliot had been compelled, owing to ill-health, to give up her work for a year.

A resolution of sympathy with Miss Elliot and of very earnest appreciation of her faithful work in the past was presented and adopted, also one expressing the sincere thanks of the Board to Miss Nasmith for her kindness in consenting to take up this work, relieving Miss Elliot and giving such valuable assistance to the Board in their time of need.

At the February meeting, after earnest discussion regarding the Bungalow Fund, Mrs. Lloyd was instructed to write a circular letter to the Directors, explaining the pressing need for bungalows.

At the March meeting word was received that Miss McLeod had been ordered home on account of ill-health. The Treasurer was authorized to make the necessary provision for Miss McLeod's journey, and to-day we welcome our representative from India, expressing the earnest wish that the much-needed and hardly-earned rest may so restore health and strength that she may be spared many years to labor in India.

Eighty-one Circles reported thank-offering meetings, contributing \$796.22. This, with a private gift of \$2.50, makes a total of \$798.72, an increase of \$169.63 over last year.

We are glad to report a steady increase in the list of life-members, 16 having been added during the year:—Mrs. Wm. Brown, Waterford; Miss Sarah French, Brantford; Mrs. Wm. Pratt, Petrolia; Miss Mary Craig, Toronto; Mrs. Thos. Woodburne, London; Miss Mary Alway, Ferguson; Mrs. Challen, St. Thomas; Mrs. Hanson, Wheatley; Mrs. A. J. Vining, Aylmer; Mrs. J. Barstow, Peterboro; Mrs. A. J. Anderson, Aylmer; Miss J. Reader, Ingersoll; Mrs. Dugald Brown, Gladstone; Mrs. Louis McKenney, Aylmer; Miss Lizzie Carter, Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Joyce, Toronto.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA MOYLE,

Rec. Sec.

Fourth Annual Report of the Home Department of the W.F.M.S.

The Home Department of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society presents to you its Fourth Annual Report.

We have thirteen associations, varying in size according to the locality and population. These Associations are presided over by Directors, and to them the Circles report through their Secretaries. You have seen most of these ladies this

morning, and if they, in their modesty, did not speak boastfully of the work they have done, we can assure them it is very much appreciated by the Society. Some of them know not only their Circles by name, but also the President, Secretary, and many of the members. They keep in constant touch with them by writing, visiting, etc. One Director tells how she has written out addresses, gathered material from every source, and sent to her Circles for their monthly program. These helps have been thankfully received, and the Circles know they have an interested friend in their Director. Then, again, these women meet with many discouragements in their work. Some of the pastors are a dead weight in missionary efforts. They do not want so many organizations in their churches. They keep in mind some little grievance against some prominent worker in the societies, so do not want any money to go from their people to support the fads of these women. Then another will tell of how the interest is increasing, the membership more general, and the sums collected larger than ever before.

We have, according to Directors' Reports, 13,128 women in our churches where Circles exist, and only 4,199 who give to Foreign Missions *through the Circles* (less than one-third).

Our Foreign Mission paper, the LINK is taken by 2,064 of our women. We would like to place this paper in the hands of every woman, and ask her to read it carefully. Should she do so she will not long remain uninterested in Foreign Missions. 25c. a year is all that is asked for it.

Our 208 Circles have given to Foreign Missions \$7,307.35; Bands and other organizations \$1,832.67, making a total of \$9,140.02.

At the beginning of the year an appeal was sent out to the Circles through the Directors to try and give our single lady missionaries in India more accommodation. Three more bungalows were needed. Some of the Circles have responded to that appeal nobly, others have decided to do something early in this year. You will see that \$1,417.19 were raised for this purpose. Vuyuru is the site for the Ontario (West) bungalow, and we hope to soon hear that one has been built there and paid for by our Ontario (West) women. Let each sister have some share in this work, however small it may be.

Elgin Association reports seven life memberships completed during the year 1903.

Niagara and Hamilton Association reports a new Circle at Dunnville, seven or eight months

old. Mrs. Hendry will take good care of it, we are sure.

Norfolk has a new Circle, organized by and composed mostly of young women. Mrs. Davis is justly proud of Courtland.

Northern Association reports one church—Gravenhurst—with 15 women in it and 14 contributors to Foreign Missions. If these 14 would get after the other one it would be well.

Owen Sound Association does even better than that. Daywood has 13 resident women, and 14 give to Foreign Missions. I think it should carry off a banner. The pastor of that church evidently believes in pastors (Rev. David Catchpole).

Our new Director, Miss Alice Evans, whom we gladly welcome to our ranks, reports a newly formed Circle at Preston, and every woman in the church a member of it.

Peterboro went ahead of all previous years financially, but deplors the lack of leaders—women who will plod along in spite of everything.

Let us, dear sisters, go home from this Convention in Walmer Road Church more determined than ever to do all in our power to give the Gospel to every creature. The past is behind us, but we have a future to make. Let each sister in each Circle do her share, and, standing shoulder to shoulder, we will have better things to tell next year than ever before.

Mrs. H. H. LLOYD,
Cor. Secretary.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT

With deep thankfulness to God, who has permitted us to be co-laborers with Him for another year, we present to you this 28th Annual Report. At one time we thought the work of your secretary was over, and that we must pass this well-beloved child over to another; but God has again, in His loving kindness, restored to comparative health. To Him be all the praise!

We welcome to the homeland and to this Convention to-day Mrs. Stillwell, daughter of our beloved President; Miss McLeod, whom we are to have the pleasure of listening to to-day; and Mrs. Priest, wife of H. C. Priest, returned missionary. Mrs. J. E. Davis is at her home in Woodstock, and we trust will soon be joined by her husband, who was too ill to come on with the family. He is in England. Mrs. McLeod

will remain in Canada another year. She has our sympathy in her late bereavement.

PRAYER.

The last Thursday of every month some of the members of the Board meet for conference and prayer about our work in India. Will you not join us in your home at this time, and have our united prayers ascend to Him who has said: "While they are yet speaking I will hear"?

THE SEMINARY.

When it is remembered that the boys come from a community that has been without education for centuries, it will be understood that the Lower Secondary Examination is relatively pretty far up in the scale of education.

This year three of those who passed the last examination are now attending the High School in Peddapuram, and it is hoped that they will keep on till they matriculate. As a rule, the boys selected for a High School education are chosen for their good character as well as for their aptitude in learning.

Mr. Craig reports 73 boys in the three forms or classes of the Lower Secondary School during the first term this year, and 11 students in the two theological classes. They are nearly all of the Primary grade. He also reports three young men and two young women, wives of the theological students in the Normal or Training Schools. "All the fields are represented in one or more of the various departments of the Seminary. The boys, as a rule, behave pretty well, though there are, of course, some azy ones, and many careless ones among them. Some, too, seem very stupid. On the other hand, there are some bright boys, and a good many who seem anxious to learn, and others again who always seem ready to take advice. There may be many who will not seem to repay the labor and money spent on them; but if the Master uses the school to help in preparing even a few whom He has chosen for His own service in calling the Telegus to His fold, we may well rejoice to have a share in such a work."

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

The importance of village schools is becoming more evident every year. Dr. Woodburne says of them: "In this pioneer educational work consists one of our best means of lifting or helping to lift degraded India from its mental as well as spiritual darkness. We are praying that you at home will do all in your power to help in

this, which is one of the most important branches of our whole mission campaign in India."

Mr. H. E. Stillwell says: "Every year's experience has only increasingly served to show us that these day schools are the indispensable basis of all our Sunday school work, and that in the villages in which they do not exist little can be done in the Sunday school line of work."

So much for their importance; but the provision for their sustenance during the past year has been inadequate. In Akidu, where there are 175 villages in which Christians live, there are schools in only 21 of these villages, and in Vuyuru, with 90 villages in which Christians live, only 20 have schools and one has a Government school. "This means," Mrs. Stilwell says, "that sixty-nine where Christians are living have no educational facilities whatsoever, and that the Christian children there are growing up in ignorance." And yet Dr. Woodburne says that on the Akidu field "we are being constantly petitioned by other villages to give them teachers and schools, and it is a constant burden and regret that we cannot comply with at least some of these requests. We cannot do more because we have not the funds to do it with. We are praying that you at home will do all in your power to help us in this, which is one of the most important branches of our whole campaign in India.

"The schools on the Akidu field are all primary ones. The children who attend are from the outcast population. They are taught elementary arithmetic, reading, writing, and scripture lessons, and for those of heathen parentage a child's catechism is used which teaches them who God is, where He is, what sin is, and which goes on to explain the plan of salvation through Christ.

"The visit of the missionary while on tour is always a time for inspection, and many of the school children take quite a pride and interest in making the best showing they can, by well-prepared lessons, decorating their school, singing their best hymns with all the noise they can make, garlanding their visitor, and so on."

Better work is reported on the Vuyuru field than ever before, and at least twenty children have been converted and baptized.

Cocanada reports four fully equipped and capable teachers, many of whom are real soul-winners, and while from all the schools pupils go to the boarding schools and from them to those of a still higher grade, there are now no

fewer than forty-three aspirants for higher education from the little village schools on Cocanada field—eighteen men and boys at the Seminary, four seeking higher education at Pithapur Raja's College, eighteen girls at the Cocanada Boarding School, and three in primary training at Nellore.

Best of all, five children from these schools have found Christ and confessed Him in baptism. Though some of the children of the Hindus are believers, their baptism would involve such serious and legal consequences that it is next to impossible.

COCANADA.

MISS SIMPSON AND ZENANA WORK.

Four hundred and seventy-six have been visited in Cocanada during the year and 4,700 visits have been made to them by Miss Simpson and her assistants, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs. There are more women than ever before who are receiving regular teaching. A number have made good progress in their studies, having learned gospel stories, catechism and hymns. Many are learning to read the Bible for themselves, sometimes struggling through much difficulty and many interruptions.

A feeling is growing of dissatisfaction with their idols and a longing for something that will relieve them from so much ceremony, but they are not yet persuaded that it is safe to give up all the old customs and worship of their fathers. Others are true believers, three of these have during the year been called to be with Jesus in whom they trusted, one of these was a young girl of sixteen of whom Miss Simpson writes:—"The gospel of Christ fascinated her, she believed it herself and urged her father and mother to believe, and accept, and confess Jesus."

Miss Beggs sends the following message to us from some of the women she visits "please write and let them know how grateful we are for their kindness in sending you to show us the right way." She finds the work more and more interesting as she goes from day to day among these dear women, whom she has learned to love, and who always receive her gladly and listen most attentively.

The bathing feast has again been the occasion of telling the good news of salvation to many women from different places who had never heard it before, some of whom seemed very much touched.

The young Brahmin widow who was mentioned in the last report, is as firm as ever. She has read the Bible through and says, "I have found the Saviour and I love this Book better than my life." Her friends testify that she is like a shining light in her house. She gathers many women and children about her, reads to them from the Gospels and tracts which are given her, and actually preaches to them. Her mother, too, is trusting in the Lord.

There are some of the women who say that no sooner has Miss Beggs left them than the evil one immediately roots up every word she has sown in their hearts and their cry is, "Pray for us to keep firm, and to love that Lord and Saviour alone." Miss Beggs tells of others, some of whom are earnestly reading the Bible themselves and some whose faces beam with joy as she reads the wondrous story to them.

Miss Gibson too, rejoices in increased interest shown in the homes she has visited and a growing desire on the part of the women to repeat the old old story of Jesus and his love to others. In some particular houses that Miss Gibson visits once a week, she reads a chapter from the Old Testament as well as from the New Testament in regular order. All pay good attention. Three of these women are regular subscribers to the Women's Helpmeet Society. We rejoice to learn that some are beginning to discuss the necessity of coming out more openly and even talk about baptism. Miss Gibson says, we see everywhere signs that the Gospel is working in the minds of the women.

As the lower classes are being educated, they are throwing off the authority of the Brahmins and are searching for the truth themselves.

Caste Schools.—Both these schools have suffered during the year. The death of good faithful Josiah Burder left a vacancy very hard to fill. The number of pupils has been so reduced that at the present time two teachers only are required, where formerly there were three. Solomon David of the London mission has been appointed in Josiah's place.

The evil one is very much alive to his opportunities here, and is ever on the alert, but our Lord is mightier than he, and His shall be the victory.

THE COCANADA GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Baskerville writes:—"When I wrote you about a year ago my heart was full of joy and

encouragement, and I looked forward eagerly to the coming months in the hope that they might be the best I had seen in this service. This hope was not realized. No year ever brought so many hindrances to the work, so much weakness of body, yet through it all grace was given for the daily burden, and many times it was proved that God could supply all our need.

Mr. Veerasawamy continued to hold the position of head master until the end of 1903, when realizing that the responsible position in addition to the pastorate of the Telugu church was too heavy a burden he asked to be released, but very kindly arranged to give half a day in the school until another master could be found to take his place as first assistant. Mr. Vinukonda Yesudas, of the C. M. S., a matriculate and teacher of some years experience became head master at the beginning of the year.

Friction between three of the young women teachers led to the dismissal of two and finally of the other one. A spirit of unrest seems to have laid hold of several teachers, for no sooner would Miss Baskerville settle down with a new one than some more lucrative position would open to them and off they would go and the standing of the pupils at the examinations will likely suffer thereby. However, of the five who tried the first form examination three passed, and 60 out of 65 who tried passed in the class examination.

With the beginning of the year a VII Standard or III Form was opened, and after some correspondence with the government and considerable delay, our school obtained recognition as a lower secondary school. We hope to send five girls to the lower secondary examination this year.

There were 86 on the rolls when school was dismissed in May, although in December the boarders numbered only 60.

Miss Baskerville has this year had the sad experience of seeing one of the girls removed by death. The only death that had occurred previously was that of the poor little famine waif. The young girl who died this year was Devarapilli Sundramma, of Vuyuru. She was fourteen years of age, and studying in the VI Standard II Form. Her illness seemed at first to be only the ordinary fever and headache of which others were complaining at the time, but pneumonia developed, and though everything we could do was done, her life could not be saved. Though

physically delicate from infancy, she was bright in her studies, and bright in her spiritual hope. The certainty that she was ready for the life above, helped to give comfort in this trial. She died on the 31st of January, 1904.

The Bible lessons in the various classes have given considerable encouragement. The girls have given evidence of spiritual growth. Special meetings early in 1904 were the means of great uplifting, and seventeen girls at that time professed conversion and were baptised. The larger Christian girls still give help in the Sunday school work under Miss Simpson's directions.

Miss Baskerville says, "It seems to me as I look back that the year has been spent 'in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling,' yet I rejoice, that in spite of ailments of various sorts, the time I lost personally, from the work on that account did not total more than a couple of weeks during the year."

Though the regular routine work of the school was about all I had strength for, and I was not able to do all I desired, I was able to do my share of the work on one examination committee, on the committee for Telugu Bible examinations, and also hold the place of President of our local W. C. T. U., as well as that of Secretary to the Timpany Memorial School Committee.

Miss Baskerville asks an interest in our prayers that she may have daily strength for daily needs.

TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

Miss Ellen Folsom writes: "We have 30 boarders, the largest number we have ever had. There has been an earnest spirit of inquiry among them, and six boarding and two day scholars, as well as the head-mistress have been baptized and have joined the church. Others seemed ready, but their parents prevented them doing so. Our school has prospered financially as well, but we are still needing more money to expand and become more independent. My assistant, Miss Corning, is doing a grand work among the girls, but will be more useful when she is able to master the language more thoroughly. Our Sunday school numbers fifty. Miss Robinson teaches the Bible class, and the children are striving to raise money for our new chapel, which is very much needed as our old one is liable to fall over our heads, and is very crowded and sultry in the hot season." Let us

remember these two earnest workers in our prayers.

WORK AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Miss Priest writes as follows :—A deep sense of utter unfitness led to much waiting upon God, and He graciously manifested Himself and made this one of the happiest years of service in India.

The same Bible-women have been my fellow-helpers. We have enjoyed precious seasons together in the study of the Word and in service. Some of our sisters have gladdened our hearts by doing voluntary work in the town. Miss Pratt has helped much in the care of our boarding school.

Touring.—The days spent amongst the villages have brought joy, as we have found how the Spirit has kept the Word in the hearts of some of these ignorant women. In one village we were gladdened to find some had remembered verses taught four years ago.

Christian Women.—God has given us encouragement in this part of our work. Some of the happiest hours of the year have been spent in our Bible classes. They have much to learn yet and so have we. Concerning some we are perplexed but not in despair, for God has been teaching us to change two words, and as we look upon these weak sisters, and also upon the heathen women as bound by caste and custom, instead of saying "can God?" He is enabling us to say, "God can!"

Sunday School.—Work has been carried on in five sections of the town, and a large class of caste boys gather on the church verandah on Saturday afternoons. This work among the children is our hope.

A little parched grain has been given once a month and on New Year's day they were invited to the Compound to a treat. On Sunday school day, in spite of rain 215 small boys and girls gathered in our church where Dr. Woodburn gave them an interesting talk, illustrated by various fruits. As we thought of the wonderful possibilities wrapped up in those small lives, we prayed God to make us true to this trust He has committed to us.

PEDDAPURAM.

MISS MACLEOD AND HER WORK.

Having no thought of returning to Canada for some time to come, Miss MacLeod spent from April to July, 1903, on the hills, then followed until Christmas time "some of the happiest

days and some of the saddest days" she had ever spent in India. So much cause to weep over erring ones and so much joy in telling the story of redeeming love.

Thirty four days were spent on tour, ten of these before Christmas in the company of Miss Murray. Almost every night they held meetings with the Jagampetta Christians who were not living in such a way as to bring honor to their Master's name amongst those by whom they were surrounded. Miss MacLeod believes their work was not in vain in the Lord.

After the January conference Miss Selman came to Peddapuram and twenty-four happy busy days were spent on tour. An attack of inflammatory rheumatism drove Miss MacLeod home. "After that a few more houses visited in Peddapuram, a farewell service with my Bible women and I left my work in Miss Selman's hands glad that God had sent such a worker as she to take the work which it seemed plain it was His will that I should lay down for a time at least."

Miss MacLeod reports all her Bible women as laboring on in different villages with a goodly degree of faithfulness.

In obedience to the voice of her brethren and the decision of Conference, Miss MacLeod consented to leave her work in India and come home to Canada. She says "the last three months of the year found me first, on the way home and then in the homeland, glad to be at home, but sorry to be away from India . . . content in the thought that His will is best." Miss MacLeod sailed from Bombay on the 15th of April in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stillwell, and she is with us to-day.

MISS SELMAN AND HER WORK.

Vuyyuru, six months. Peddapuram, six months.

Miss Selman spent the last six months of 1903 in touring on the *Vuyyuru* field except when prevented by the usually heavy rains. She speaks of the fields as truly white unto the harvest. On every hand, in every village the people were very glad to hear the Gospel. Many Mallas were calling them, and many requests were made for teachers.

Peddapuram.—Miss Selman writes of her work here: "In January after Conference and appointment to Peddapuram field, it was my privilege to tour with Miss MacLeod for several weeks on this needy field. Here, as in other

places, the heathen seem to be ready for the Gospel. Many own to having sought in idolatry for salvation and peace, and yet frankly confess to being yet in their sins.

Our work was the greater part among the Christians, many of whom are walking far apart and not enjoying the blessed privilege of fellowship with Jesus Christ.

The hot season was spent in the station. At the women's meetings we had blessed times of refreshing. The workers memorized 1 Cor 13, and John 15, and are now beginning Romans 8. The work in Peddapuram village is very encouraging. The faithful work done here in these last few years is very evident.

Of the Bible women, Sayamia and Malamma are doing good work in many homes in the town and have many regular pupils. Leahamma works half day in Pithapuram. She needs help. Nagamma has been quietly working away in her own village. Several there are asking for baptism.

Miss Selman gratefully acknowledges God's gracious presence during the year in giving her strength and courage. She has toured over a hundred days and visited over a hundred villages. She asks us to pray that she may have *more power in service.*

AKIDU.

MISS MORROW AND HER WORK.

From March 1903, until the end of December, Miss Murray was alone, except for the school children and the native Christians, but notwithstanding her loneliness, she claims to have had the happiest Christmas she ever spent. He who has told His obedient followers, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age" was with her.

During all these months Miss Morrow was kept in Akidu caring for the boarding school, but her Bible women worked in their respective villages.

It was a happy day for Miss Morrow when she returned from the January Conference, having Dr. and Mrs. Woodburn with her. She was able then to take up her own work once more. Her first work seems to have been to introduce to all the women of the Association, Nachelamma, whom the Women's Help-meet Society of the Colair Association support. The women were glad to see their missionary and hear all about her work, and Rachel was greatly delighted with her visit.

From then until the hot season, Miss Morrow's time was chiefly given to the Christians, Ratnamma, the pastor's wife touring with her. The hot season was spent with the women in the Compound who could read, studying the Gospel of John. The women showed great interest and always studied their lesson at home.

The Caste girls' Sunday school has not yet been started again. In the short time left to Miss Morrow in which to tour, she has held 45 services for Christians and made 10 visits to Christians and held 47 services for heathen. She says the work has a good start and hopes for a successful year. She is well and was at the time of writing visiting two villages nearly every day.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

DR. GERTRUDE HULET.

Touring in Ramachandrapuram.—In August, 1903, Dr. Hulet, with Salome, the missionary Bible-woman, made a tour of the field, visiting the Christian women to revive their Helpmeet Societies and organize new ones where there were none. She visited 18 villages, spending two days in a few of them. The afternoons were spent in the caste quarters with the women of the Coruma caste, a few of whom give to the support of Salome. The mornings and evenings were spent with the Christians. Much good was done. The giving increased, and the Christian women became more faithful in their prayers for Salome and her work. In October another tour was made, and six villages were visited. On this tour Dr. Hulet was accompanied by Mary. This time rain compelled them to return much sooner than Dr. Hulet had intended, and greatly to her regret, for the people were so anxious to hear the Gospel. One woman in particular asked why they had not come sooner, saying that for a year she had remembered what Miss Hatch had taught her, but the last year, because no one came, she gradually forgot, and, having despaired of ever hearing again, she had gone back to the former things. Dr. Hulet adds: "WILL GOD FORGIVE US IF WE ARE NOT DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO GIVE THE GOSPEL TO THOSE WHO ARE THUS HUNGERING AND PERISHING?" On this tour, visited only once before by Dr. Hulet in company with Miss Hatch, and not remembering the houses visited, she and Mary committed their way to the Lord, and right marvellously did he guide, not to the women only, but also to the men, for, "as we entered one village a

crowd of men gathered around us, and after singing a hymn Mary, in her usual earnest way, poured out of a full heart the story of the fall and God's wonderful plan of redemption. Afterwards I read Psalm 139, every word of which they eagerly drank in, acknowledging how true it was. Then they wanted to know more about Jesus. They learned His name and some of His miracles. They would have listened longer but it was growing dark.

"As we passed out of the village, an old man who had listened to us said he had forgotten the name of the Saviour—would we please tell him."

Another tour in another direction was made during the last week of November and the first two weeks of December. Dr. Hulet says that one night, after speaking in a village, they were rather startled by a Shudra man coming to the boat about nine o'clock, saying he would like to talk to them about the way of salvation. He told how he had first heard the truth from a poor Madaga man, who, before becoming a Christian, had been a witch doctor and made considerable money by his art, but after learning the truth had given it all up and had become such a changed man that the Shudra was interested to know the cause, for he could not doubt anything that could transform a man like that. He longed to break away from the foolish customs which had now become very galling to him, yet he feared. After reading God's word and praying with him they sent him away. Another man, with grey hair and bent form, walked seven miles to catch the boat, that he might buy a Gospel. He had heard them say that speaking the name of Rama was no use, so he wanted to know what would satisfy.

In a new village, where they said no missionary had ever been, they got a good hearing from the women, who were much interested, when a man suddenly appeared and angrily ordered his women folk to go inside the house.

The last days on tour were spent among the churches, examining the women and giving prizes to those who had learned the greatest number of hymns and Bible stories. The money thus earned was to be spent on the support of the pastor and on the furnishing of the church. One church bought a bench, another a chair, while another will apply the money towards a new church building.

Station Work.—September, 1903, was taken up with the extra work of the Boys' Boarding School, so that Mr. Davis might be free to work

on the Peddapuram field. During that month and the remaining time when not on tour, the building of the Children's Home was completed, the leper work was attended to, the Bible taught in the Cockshutt Girls' School, eight Sunday schools were carried on, zenanas were visited, and the Bible was regularly taught in five of them, and there were several Brahmin houses to which Dr. Hulet was called professionally and to which she might go at other times, but to which none of her Bible-women would be allowed to come. In addition to all this, Dr. Hulet would occasionally, with the pastor and teachers, go out at night to preach in a near village.

After the Conference in January until the 15th of March, Dr. Hulet spent her time at the station in Ramachandrapuram, thus leaving Miss Hatch free to tour. This time she spent in teaching the Bible to the boys in the boarding school. Five of these boys seemed to receive especial help. There were confessions of sins, greater faithfulness in work, and greater joy and willingness to help in Sunday school work.

Having been appointed by the Conference to assist Miss McLaurin in the work on the Vuyuru field, Dr. Gertrude Hulet proceeded there in March, 1904.

Vuyuru.—The work among the children of the boarding schools of Vuyuru has been a great joy to Dr. Hulet. As she looks at that boy or this girl she longs and prays that God will mightily work in them and prepare them for taking up the burden of giving the Gospel in deed, as well as by word to their own people, and she asks us, too, not to forget to pray for these boys and girls. A few among them professed conversion and asked for baptism, but as they are young it was thought best to wait until the next term. Five have been baptized during the year.

Medical Work on the Vuyuru Field.—From a little mud-floored, mud-walled room which hardly deserves the name dispensary, medical aid has been given during the year to 2,216 patients. If there were proper accommodation for the proper treatment of the more serious cases the number of patients would be considerably increased.

Dr. Hulet has only performed minor operations in Vuyuru so far; but looks forward to the time when she may have a properly equipped hospital, with an efficient staff, to which the

serious cases needing continued treatment can be sent.

Many whose doors are tightly closed against the missionary's visits, are, when sickness comes glad to seek her help and are thus put under the obligation of listening to her message.

There is rarely an objection to pay for medicine. The charge made is as little as possible especially to the Christians and the very poor. When the sick come the first thing is to make them remove the charms which they have made their priests tie to or near the part affected. These charms are often nothing but a roll of paper on which something unintelligible has been written, and are not only worn by the low-caste, but also by the high-caste women. The doctor meets with many trying cases. Friends bring their sick when about to die and expect a miracle of healing to be wrought. She says a woman badly emaciated and suffering intense agony from a cancerous growth was one evening brought in a pouring rain. It was fast growing dark, so I examined her on the verandah of the church where her stretcher had been put. The woman was praying for death, but the friends were hoping I could do something. When I told them that it was beyond human skill, the mother and aunt fell upon the poor woman with these comfortless harsh words, "Your sin is the cause of all this, you must suffer what you have brought upon yourself." I asked the women if they thought they were more righteous than she, and then went on to tell them that bodily suffering was not the worst consequence of the fall, that the soul was sick with sin and Jesus alone is the only one who can cure that sickness and give salvation. Thus we preach and try to persuade and pray that many may come to know the souls' healing which alone can perfect joy."

MISS HATCH'S REPORT.

I have written at the close of my diary for the half year, "The half-year's work is done, and yet how little, after all, is reported. If we could report all the aches and pains, all the joys and sorrows, all the appointments and disappointments, how full the book would be." And so, as I attempt to tell you of it, how inadequate a few columns must be.

Zenana Work.—This includes our visits to the homes of the caste women, although all are not strictly zenana women, that is, those who live behind the purdah. I have made 198 visits to

such homes, and among them are three rajah's houses, where the women are very strictly purdah. In these I have had the same cordial reception as of yore, and all the women were manifestly glad to see me back again. In one the ranees seems to take great joy in hearing the words of Life, and reads the Bible for herself. She is very intelligent, and likes to hear all about our home country. She wrote me while I was at home and said she was believing in the true God, but I fear she yet clings to many of her old superstitions. By far the majority of the caste houses I visit are of the Komma caste, the great middle class. One poor old woman, bent nearly double with age, and so deaf that great effort is required to make her hear, has learned so many hymns that she will sing them by the hour together. She entertains us when we are there, and her own caste people when we are not there, with these same beautiful hymns. She is asking for baptism, but we hesitate about receiving her. Read Miss Wilson - Carmichael's book "On Things as They Are," and you will understand why we hesitate. She comes to church regularly and generally with one or two other widows, who move about more freely than the married women. There is another caste widow of larger means who regularly attends our services in another village, and contributes regular offerings. She baked quantities of cakes for the New Year's celebration in two of our churches. When she heard Mr. Davis was leaving she walked in six miles to say good-bye. A prayer he had made for her had greatly impressed her, and she could not forget it. Will our sisters pray especially for these two—the aged Akamma and the gracious Narsamma.

Bible-women.—M. Sarah still continues her preaching, and joined me for a part of my tour, but gave out and had to go home. She is failing much, and having no companion her work has been confined more to her own village, and there she has been doing special work among the Madigas, and several have been baptized. Her companion, Papamma, was a good, quiet worker, but left us in March to be married to a young man in another mission. P. Mary continues her work with great earnestness and zeal, but as there were so many Christians in Kalum who were ready to give witness to the truth, we thought best to send her to the regions beyond, and tried to establish her and her family in the large market town of Drabsheoram, where there is not a single Christian; but Satan hin-

dered, and she and her family are now in Malapada, where there are only one or two Christian families, and where we look for large results from her work. She has special gifts, and so her husband is, generally speaking, the woman of the house, while she goes from village to village publishing the tidings. There is also Shantamma, a voluntary worker and winner of many souls, and others we must pass by.

Touring.—The zenanas mentioned above are those I see on tour, as well as in the station. Then I have meetings besides with the Christian women, visit their homes, as well as the houses the Bible-women have been visiting during the interim. Examine all the Sunday schools and some of the day schools, and have a small stock of medicines with me for ordinary complaints. During the period under review I made one tour of 45 days, calling at the bungalow, however, twice for supplies during that time. I visited 49 villages 65 times, had 60 services, visited 90 houses, had prayer in 52 Christian houses, and examined 11 schools, besides having religious talks at the boat. Some of these villages border on the canal and are easily reached, others are one, two, and sometimes more miles away, and must be reached on foot, travelling on the narrow ridges separating the paddy fields, and through the heat of the burning sun. Sometimes large canals have to be crossed on very rickety logs set upon poles.

Educational.—The Cockskutt girls' school has had some drawbacks. The Rajah has opened another school for girls in the town and has drawn many of our girls away. We have engaged a new head teacher, a Brahmin, but he has not succeeded as yet in drawing many new girls. We have had the school renovated, and it looks much more attractive with the lighter rooms and the new whitewash. We will soon, however, need a new building as these mud walls are now crumbling away, and will not stand much longer. The girls have been studying Bible lessons from the pictures. I have taught the senior class the O. T. stories, and it is very gratifying to see their enthusiasm and joy in repeating these stories. Many new hymns have also been taught. The two girls referred to in a former report are married, one has permission to continue her Bible study at

her home, the other has not, except when she comes to her mother's home. Another girl has been married, and her mother-in-law's house is a new house opened to us. Still another has married, but poor child, is now a widow, and full of the world's sorrow at the tender age of twelve years.

Medical.—This will include the Dr. Kelloch Home for Lepers, the Dr. Phillips Home for the Untainted children of Lepers, both largely supported by the Missions to Lepers, but needing still the generous contribution of our Canadian friends and the Town Dispensary. In the Leper Home there are 78 inmates, in the Untainted Home 10, total 88. During the half year I have found Christ and been baptized, and all contribute towards the support of our Telugu pastor 2 rupees a month. The hymns they have learned reach up into the nineties now, and they also sing metrical versions of the Life of Joseph, the Life of Moses and the Life of Christ accompanied by cymbal and drum, zithera and clanging bells. I have charge of the week day prayer meetings. We are looking for more conversions soon. God has greatly blessed, and is greatly blessing the work.

The Town Dispensary is under Dr. Joshee's care. It is a work of love, love for his profession and love for the people.

His work is opening Brahmin houses to the Gospel. In four or five different villages, Brahmin houses have been opened for my entrance, through his work.

We pray that while he is dispensing physical aid, he may be a repository of spiritual power, giving the word in season, which may lead many to a knowledge of the Divine Physician, the Great Healer of souls.

The year's work lies before you. Is there one woman here to-day who would like to share in this grand work of giving the Gospel to the Telugus? The amount asked from you is small. The investment is safe. "Lo, I am with you always" is the promise. "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over."

JANE BUCHAN.

Treasurer's Twenty-Eighth Annual Report from October 21st, 1903, to October 20th, 1904.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Aylmer			
Calton	\$189 21	\$62 00	\$251 21
Dutton	17 00		17 00
Fingal	4 00		4 00
Gladstone	3 00		3 00
Jaffa	64 33	50	64 83
Lakeshore, Calvary	10 40		10 40
Lorne, West	71 85		71 85
Malahide and Bayham	1 50		1 50
New Sarum	35 50		35 50
Port Burwell	12 80	6 79	19 59
Shedden	10 25		10 25
Sparta	8 00	1 46	9 46
St. Thomas, Centre St.	26 72	2 62	29 34
" " Y.L.	90 84	*17 00	
Association Collection	6 00		113 84
			5 09
	\$551 40	\$90 37	\$646 86

15² Circles. 5 Bands. 1* Other Organization.

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Acton	\$6 35		\$6 35
Berlin		\$15 00	17 00
" Ladies' Aid		*2 00	
Brampton	14 90	37 00	51 90
Cheltenham	45 00	6 50	51 50
Erin	5 00		5 00
Fullarton	15 50	12 00	27 50
Galt	35 40	17 00	52 40
Georgetown	22 75	4 20	26 95
Guelph, First Church	31 74	10 00	41 74
" Trinity Church	47 85	14 00	61 85
Hespeler	24 70		24 70
Hillsburgh	13 85		13 85
Orangeville	14 50	13 00	27 50
St. Mary's	10 35	22 15	32 50
Stratford	21 25		21 25
Association Collections			5 22
	\$309 44	\$152 85	\$467 21

14 Circles. 10 Bands. 1* Other Organization.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Ailsa Craig	\$36 95		\$36 95
Alvinston	7 40		7 40
Arkona	25 71	4 79	30 50
Brooke	13 19		13 19
Brooke and Enniskillen	21 67		21 67
Calvary	17 50		17 50
Courtright and Moore	6 00		6 00
Denfield	13 00		13 00
Forest	9 80	2 04	11 84
Lobo	17 00		17 00

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
London :-			
Adelaide St	82 10	B's 17 00	
" " Y.L.	30 00	Jr. 5 00	134 10
Egerton St		12 50	12 50
Maitland St	15 60	4 00	19 60
" " B.Y.P.U.		*3 00	22 60
South	32 75	45 00	77 75
Talbot St	131 15	8 71	139 86
Nissouri, West	8 00		8 00
Parkhill	3 00	12 00	15 00
Petrolia	58 84	23 00	81 84
Plympton	14 75		14 75
Poplar Hill	27 07		27 07
Sarnia	56 95	14 92	71 87
" Brock St		1 56	1 56
" Township	10 25		10 25
Strathroy	13 50	8 83	22 33
Watford	2 50		2 50
Wyoming	10 00		10 00
Association Collection			6 35

\$664 68 \$162 35 \$833 38

25 Circles. 13 Bands. 1* Other Organization.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Beamsville	\$23 40		\$23 40
Binbrook	14 00	\$12 00	26 00
Caistor		3 00	3 00
Dundas	2 50	4 00	6 50
Dunnville	10 05		10 05
Fonthill	11 25		11 25
Grimsby	17 00		17 00
Hamilton, Herkimer St	15 00	35 00	50 00
" James St.	73 60	4 60	78 20
" Jr. C.E.		*12 00	
" Victoria Ave.	46 53	Jr. 3 00	49 53
" Wentworth St.	20 00	By 17 00	37 00
Port Colborne	14 25	2 35	16 60
St. Catharines, Queen St.	69 51	14 00	83 51
Tyneside	4 00		4 00
Westover	30 00	1 68	31 68
Association Collection			3 00

14 Circles. 10 Bands. 1* Other Organization.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Bloomsburg	\$8 50	\$8 00	\$16 50
Boston	40 00	18 00	58 00
Cheapside		2 70	2 70
Courtland	27 00		27 00
DeCewsville	6 50		6 50
Delhi	22 13	25 00	47 13

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK

Names.	Circ	Band and Others.	Totals.
Eden		4 50	4 50
Forestville		4 10	4 10
Goshen		7 92	7 92
Hagersville	2 20	1 00	3 20
Hartford	7 50	2 85	10 35
Houghton, First	11 50		11 50
Langton	6 50	11 00	17 50
Middleton, North		1 00	1 00
Pine Grove	9 18	5 00	14 18
Port Rowan		1 00	1 00
Selkirk	4 00		4 00
Simcoe	10 00		10 00
" Y. L.	5 50	16 10	31 60
Townsend Centre		13 50	13 50
Villa Nova	11 40		11 40
Vittoria	8 00	12 00	20 00
Walsh		5 00	5 00
Waterford	56 75	31 85	88 60
Association Collection			6 90

\$236 66 \$170 52 \$414 08

16 Circles. 18 Bands.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Bardsville		\$14 00	\$14 00
Barrie	\$31 85	4 00	35 85
Bracebridge		5 00	5 00
Burk's Falls	18 00	17 00	35 00
Collingwood	10 80		10 80
Fort William	14 60		14 60
Gravenhurst	15 00		15 00
Huntsville	6 00	3 00	9 00
Midland	14 00	2 50	16 50
New Liskeard	13 40		13 40
Orillia	18 00		18 00
Parry Sound	15 60	3 00	18 60
Port Arthur	16 50	5 00	21 50
Rat Portage	15 17		15 17
Sault St. Marie	29 50	22 00	51 50
Sprucedale	4 00		4 00
" and Whitehall S.S.		*8 15	12 15
Uthoft	5 00		5 00
Association Collection			2 60

\$227 42 \$83 65 \$313 67

15 Circles. 9 Bands. 1*Other Organization.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Bentick	\$7 80		\$7 80
Bruce, North	13 30		13 30
Chesley	2 00		2 00
Daywood	19 20	\$10 00	29 20
Durham	8 50	8 00	16 50
Elderslie	7 00		7 00
Keady	6 50		6 50
Meaford	15 05	2 50	17 55
Owen Sound	47 50	25 00	72 50
Paisley	31 70		31 70
Stathaven	4 00		4 00
Wiarthon	4 00	6 40	10 40
Association Collection			7 45

\$166 55 \$51 90 \$220 90

12 Circles. 5 Bands.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.			
Beachville	\$9 65		\$9 65
Brantford, Calvary Ch.	68 75	\$17 00	85 75
" First Ch.	557 00	52 40	609 40
" Immanuel Ch	28 00	10 00	38 00
" Park Ch	82 03	9 83	91 86
" Shenston Memorial (formerly N. Star)		3 00	3 00
Brownsville	12 00		12 00
Burford	13 76		13 76
Burgessville	16 75	5 00	21 75
Burch	10 00		10 00
" M.B., B.Y.P.U.*		20 00	30 00
Homedale Mission	6 00		6 00
Ingersoll	46 11	3 50	49 61
Norwich	25 50	8 50	34 00
Onondaga, First	6 60		6 60
Oxford, East	18 91	21 20	40 11
" West	5 00		5 00
Paris	52 34	12 51	64 85
Salford	38 65		38 65
Scotland	27 80	2 65	30 45
Sprinfeld	21 50		21 50
St. George	46 05	30 10	76 15
Tilsonburg	15 96	1 00	16 96
Woodstock, First	60 85	20 00	80 85
" Oxford St.	36 00	18 00	54 00
Association Collection			5 90

\$1205 21 \$234 69 \$1445 80

23 Circles. 16 Bands. 1*Other Organization.

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Belleville	\$23 00	\$41 00	\$65 50
" Junior		1 00	1 00
Bewdley		10 00	10 00
Campbellford	8 85		8 85
Cobourg	26 35	4 25	30 60
Colborne	15 50	2 00	17 50
Cramahe	13 55	3 00	16 55
Gilmour Memorial Ch.	37 06	17 00	54 06
Haldimand	7 50		7 50
Lakefield	14 31	12 00	26 31
Norwood	79		79
Peterboro' Murray St.	122 28	48 95	172 73
" Baby Band		1 50	1 50
" Park St.		8 42	8 42
Port Hope	68 05	26 50	94 55
Association Collection			2 50

\$337 24 \$175 62 \$515 36

11 Circles. 12 Bands.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Aurora	\$ 7 50	\$ 3 00	\$10 50
Baker Hill		80	80
Bethel	31 50		31 50
Eglinton	7 50		7 50
Markham, Second	25 00	6 00	31 00
York Mills	28 75		28 75

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THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Toronto City:—			
Beverly St.....	70 03		70 03
Bloor St.....	301 41	9 85	346 97
" Y. W. Aux. {	35 71		
Century Ch.....	50 95		50 95
Christie St.....		25 00	25 00
College St.....	175 73	116 03	297 76
" Rally Coll. {		6 00	
" Elim ".....	16 00		16 00
Dovercourt Road.....	38 05		38 05
First Ave.....	42 25	45 00	87 25
Immanuel Ch.....	70 35	*1 45	71 80
Jarvis St.....	1196 70	2 00	1198 70
Kenilworth Ave.....		43 38	43 38
Memorial Ch.....	28 20		28 20
Moulton C, Y. W. C. A.		31 75	31 75
Olivet.....	19 75	1 37	21 12
Ossington Ave.....	22 00	2 00	24 00
Parliament St.....	41 65		41 65
Walmer Road.....	331 15	18 55	349 70
Western Ch.....	62 60	17 00	109 10
" S. S. Class. {		*17 00	
" ".....		*12 50	
East Toronto.....	39 00	17 00	56 00
West Toronto Junction.....	12 90		12 90
Association Collection.....			14 06

WHITBY AND LINSDAY ASSOCIATION.

Names	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Baddow.....		7 00	7 00
Brooklin.....	6 50	6 00	12 50
Claremont.....	20 00	17 00	37 00
Fenelon Falls.....	29 10	16 25	45 35
Goodwood.....	3 00		3 00
Greenbank.....	6 75		6 75
Lindsay.....	6 95	1 60	8 55
Oshawa.....	41 10	3 75	44 85
Pickering.....	6 00	10 00	16 00
Port Perry.....	4 60		4 60
Reaboro.....	6 00		6 00
Stouffville.....	6 30	5 70	12 00
Uxbridge.....	7 95	16 08	24 03
Whitby.....	10 00	19 00	29 00
Whitevale.....	4 00		4 00
Association Collection.....	8 50		8 50
			5 50

15 Circles. 10 Bands. \$166 75 \$102 38 \$274 63

24 Circles. 13 Bands. \$269 06 \$332 30 \$3044 42
 *Other Organizations.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Atwood.....	\$11 10		\$11 10
Clinton.....	2 50		2 50
Glamis.....	6 20		6 20
Kenilworth.....	14 95		14 95
Listowel.....	16 77	7 50	24 27
Mount Forest.....	34 42		34 42
Palmerston.....	7 00		7 00
Teeswater.....	7 50		7 50
Tiverton.....	23 95		23 95
Walkerton.....	34 21	21 46	55 67
Wingham.....	15 40		15 40
Association Collection.....			3 21

11 Circles. 2 Bands. \$174 00 \$28 96 \$206 17

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Bothwell.....	7 00		7 00
Brooker.....	5 47		5 47
Chatham.....	58 30	22 16	80 46
Colchester.....	18 35	*1 21	19 56
Harrow.....	15 00	4 00	19 00
Kingsville.....	17 00		17 00
Leamington.....	7 00		7 00
Ridgetown.....	18 81	1 75	20 56
Thamesville.....	4 25		4 25
Wallaceburg.....	9 07		9 07
Wheatley.....	32 35	14 80	47 15
Wilkesport.....	11 55	25 00	36 55
Windsor.....	15 00		15 00
Association Collection.....			6 75

13 Circles. 5 Bands. \$219 15 \$68 92 \$294 82
 *Other Organization.

208 Circles sent.....	\$7307 35
128 Bands sent.....	1657 08
11 *Other Organizations sent.....	106 06
13 Association Collections, total.....	69 53

Total credited to Associations..... \$9140 02

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections (other than from Associations). \$ 49 23	
Interest—General Account..... \$ 42 06	
" "Medical Lady" Fund..... 95	
Individuals—"Medical Lady" F. 241 60	43 01
General Acct. (incl. \$512.00 for extras.....	1092 90
Investment—Miss Nellie Davies' gift.....	1324 50
Interest on investment by Mrs. Forbes.....	40 00
Union Bible Class, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, for Bungalow Fund.....	12 49
Tupperville Union Circle for "Med. Lady".....	2 50
Refund—Miss A. Grace Her, balance re outfit \$37.00 plus interest \$8.00.....	25 00
	45 00

\$1541 73

STATEMENT FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance forward Oct. 20, 1903 :	
Miss Corning's fund.....	\$ 25 69
Refunds.....	19 55
Regular work.....	1792 26
	<u> </u>
	\$1837 50
Circles (inc. \$651.32 for extras).....	7259 10
Bands (" 155.18 " ").....	1632 08
Other Organizations.....	106 06
Association Collections.....	69 53
Miscellaneous (including \$512.00 for extras).....	1284 18
	<u> </u>
	10350 95
	<u> </u>
	\$12188 45

DISBURSEMENTS.	
By General Treasurer :	
On Estimates.....	\$7359 00
Addition, during the year.....	78 64
Land for Vuyuru Bungalow..	200 00
	<u> </u>
	\$7637 64
Extras designated by donors :	
Additional land and buildings for Davies' Memorial Com- pound, Cocanada.....	
	485 00
Lepers.....	63 24
Biblewoman, Satyavedam.....	8 00
Native preachers.....	70 00
Tuni Student.....	10 00
Dr. E. G. Smith's hospital....	600 00
Rev. J. E. Chute's beat.....	11 00
General Board deficit.....	25 00
Bolivia Mission.....	46 26
	<u> </u>
	1318 50
	<u> </u>
	\$8956 14
Home expenses, the excess pro- vided for by a special gift.....	137 60
	<u> </u>
	\$9093 74
By "Medical Lady" fund, to meet estimate.....	
	17 75
Balance Oct. 20, 1904 :	
Miss Corning's fund.....	69
Bungalow fund.....	1217 19
Regular work.....	1859 08
	<u> </u>
	3076 96
	<u> </u>
	\$12188 45

STATEMENT FROM "MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance forward Oct. 20, 1903..	\$151 45
Circles.....	\$73 25
Bands.....	25 00
Individuals.....	231 60
Interest.....	95
	<u> </u>
	330 80
Balance taken from General Acct.	17 75
	<u> </u>
	\$500 00

DISBURSEMENTS.	
By General Treasurer :	
For Dr. Gertrude Hulet.....	\$500 00
	<u> </u>
	\$500 00

RECEIPTS.

For Bungalow Fund :	
Circles.....	\$1138 21
Bands.....	99 78
Other Organizations.....	3 95
Individuals.....	175 25
	<u> </u>
	\$1417 19
For other specials.....	620 80
Refund.....	45 00
For extras.....	1318 50
For Regular work.....	7280 26
	<u> </u>
Total Receipts during the year.....	\$10683 75
Total Disbursements during the year.....	9593 74

Audited and found Correct.

Oct, 28, '04.

FRED L. RATCLIFF,

G. W. HOLMES,

} Auditors

EVA NASMITH,

Treasurer.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in Walmer Road Church, Toronto, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Booker presiding. Thirty-eight members were present, also Mrs. H. E. Stillwell.

The annual reports of the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, LINK, Home and Foreign Secretaries, were read. Miss Nicholl's, Peterboro, resignation was read and accepted with regret. Miss Nicholls has been a faithful member of the Board for some years. As it has been impossible to attend the Board Meetings during the last year, Miss Nicholls felt that some one who could attend should have the privilege of doing so and nominated Mrs. Jas. C. Wood, of Peterboro, to the position.

The first meeting of the new Board was held Friday morning at 9.30. Mrs. John Firstbrook, the new President, presiding.

Thirty-eight officers and members, eleven directors and three visitors were present, making a total of fifty-two. The largest attendance at any Board Meeting for some years.

Miss Buchan, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Dancy, Mrs. G. W. Barber and Miss Nasmith, were re-appointed. Mrs. Lloyd consented to perform the duties of the Foreign Secretary until Miss Buchan is well enough to resume her work.

Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Miss Elliot and Miss Norton, with the officers, were appointed as an Executive Committee, with instructions to revise the Constitution and report at the February Board Meeting.

Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Nasmith were appointed to meet with the General Board. As the last Thursday of the month from 3 to 4 p.m., has been set apart for some years for the Toronto members of the Board to meet for United Prayer for the work, the directors were requested to bring the matter before the Circles that others might meet at the same time, thus bringing a larger blessing on the efforts of our missionaries.

The estimates were then considered, but as lunch time had arrived they were left with the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee after nearly two hours thoughtful consideration passed the following estimates:

ESTIMATES.

Village Schools.....	\$ 425 00
Samulcotta Seminary.....	400 00
Miss Hatch.....	725 00
" Morrow.....	633 00
" Simpson.....	880 00
" Basherville.....	1,298 00
" Selman.....	628 00
" Priest.....	678 00
Dr. Hulet.....	584 00
Miss Pratt.....	550 00
" Folsome.....	500 00
" Corning.....	200 00
" McLeod's Furlough.....	300 00
Home Expenses of Society.....	100 00

Total Regular Estimate..... \$7,901 00

SPECIALS.

Provisional Estimate—Miss Mc-	
Leods' return.....	\$ 350 00
Bungalow Fund.....	1,600 00

\$1,950 00

A. MOYLE,

Recording Secretary.

BUREAU OF LITERATURE.

Oct. 31st, 1903, to Oct. 31st, 1904.

The Bureau of Literature contains about 350 missionary leaflets, bearing on the manners and customs of the different nations and countries, also missionary readings, dialogues and recitations.

There is also a well-stocked library, all the books being of a missionary character. These books are loaned for a period of two months, the only expense being the postage. Forty books have been loaned this year.

Then we have the Exchange Drawer, in which we have about fifty very interesting papers. These are loaned for one month free of charge; forty-eight papers from the Exchange Drawer.

During the past year I have sent to different parts of the Dominion 1,563 leaflets and books.

Through the kindness of a friend a very large map of Canada and the North-West has been donated to the Bureau, and any mission Circle or Church contemplating a talk on our Home Mission work, should secure the use of this map as it will be found so helpful.

We are very thankful for the generous thoughtfulness that prompted this valuable gift to the Bureau.

Receipts for the Year.....	\$80 85
Disbursements.....	37 08
Cash on hand.....	\$43 77

MARGARET DANCY,

Sec'y-Treasurer.

Youths' Department.

MISSION BAND ENTERTAINMENTS.

HAVING received a number of requests lately for something in the way of recitations, etc., for Mission Band entertainments, I hope the following exercise will be helpful.

Mrs. Ida M. Blain, Supt. Mission Bands, Eastern Convention.

(For six children) Make wreaths, six in number, of wire, shaped like links of a chain, cover with evergreen, and large enough to slip hands through as two stand together. As children march on platform, each carries a link in left hand. After reciting, the first one passes her arm through the link and rests it upon the shoulder of No. 2, who will put her arm through same link, crossing that of No. 1, and laying it on her shoulder. As each recites in turn, the hands are slipped through link in this way till all are chained together. In the concert recitation, those at each end join, and all form a circle with links *across* arms, not hanging loosely like a loop. At the close, march from platform two by two, with arms crossed, and carrying remaining links in left hand.

NO. 1. THE POOR AND SICK.

The child in our midst is not evermore glad,
We ought to remember the poor and the sad.
They are with us to-day, and may quickly be found,

If we are but careful in looking around.
The sin-sick, and those who must suffer from sin,
Oh, how can we help them, and how can we win

The children outside who all ought to come in?
We feel, as we think of the poor and the sick,
That we ought to do something, for somebody quick.

We wish we could draw all 'together to-day,
In a chain made of love-links, and pray that we may.

NO. 2. THE INDIANS.

I think of the Indian's little papoose,
Don't say, we cant help him; or, what is the use?

We ought to remember that far off or near,
Each child God has made should be linked
With us here.

NO. 3. THE MEXICANS.

Remember the Mexican children, I pray;
Our neighbors they are, the Redeemer would say,
Their souls are as precious to Him as our own;
His love and His mercy by them should be known.

NO. 4. THE ALASKANS AND ESQUIMAUX.

I speak for the children of ice and snow,
The far-off Alaskan, the strange Esquimaux.
The links of love's chain should reach out to them all.
Let them come unto Me, is the Saviour's sweet call.

NO. 5. THE COLOURED CHILDREN.

The little black child in our midst we may see,
No matter what colour he happens to be,
The Lord Jesus loves him, as truly, ought we,
The chain of bright love-links, surrounds such as he.

NO. 6. THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE.

The little Chinese from far over the sea,
And the queer Japanese in this land of the free,
Are found in our midst, and we ought to love them,
For the sake of the Child born in far Bethlehem.

IN CONCERT, FORMING A CIRCLE.

O, love reaches far, like the links of a chain,
And love that is Christlike, is never in vain,
If love to our neighbor doth truly abound,
Then all in the circle of love will be found.
If hearts are but right, then the strong, willing hands,
Will do for the children what Jesus commands,
May the time soon be here when each dear little child
Will know of the Saviour, so gentle and mild.

A bright and blessed Christmas-day,
With echoes of the angel's song,
And peace that cannot pass away,
And holy gladness, calm and strong,
And sweet-heart carols, flowing free!
This is my Christmas wish to thee!

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. J.C. Redding, Yarmouth, N.S.

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

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER.—*"Thanksgiving for new fields opening, for health of missionaries and opportunities of hastening the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth. That Christmas offerings may correspond with those given to our friends."*

For thoughts are seeds that germinate
To noble or ignoble deeds;
Watch then the garden of thy soul
That none take root but purest seeds.

—Solrac.

LETTER FROM MISS CLARKE.

Dear Sisters:

Yesterday afternoon the mail brought a letter requesting me to send an article for the December LINK. In order to reach the homeland in time it will have to be mailed this morning. I have some other writing that must be done and have no time to prepare anything. I have decided to tell you of an incident that lately came to my notice.

Saturday evening Miss Newcombe told me of an interesting case she had met that day. She was at the home of K. Appalamma, one of our Christians. Seated on the door-step was a strange woman. Miss Newcombe inquired as to who she was, and found that she was a Brahmin widow who was going on a pilgrimage, seeking to obtain merit and find pardon for her sins. Her home was somewhere beyond Calcutta and she had then travelled on foot over six hundred miles. On her way she had visited some of the sacred shrines.

She had several bundles which she carried everywhere with her. One contained a few sticks which had been obtained at one of the sacred places visited and were very precious.

Another contained some smooth stones. These also were considered sacred.

There was still another bundle. It contained two little brass images. They were her gods, and were precious to her as her own life. Nothing would tempt her to part with them. Miss Newcombe wanted to buy them and offered to give a good price, but the woman shook her head. When she died she might have them, but while she lived she could not give them up. Around her neck were several strings of beads. These were counted several times each day and a prayer said over each one.

Besides these she had a bundle containing her cooking utensils. She was too weak to proceed on her journey so remained all day on the verandah of K. Appalamma's house. They were kind to her and tried to look after her. They brought her water, but she refused to take it from their hands, but took it from the hand of a heathen water-woman. They gave her some rice which she cooked for herself. Nothing would induce her to touch the food cooked by the Christians. She said she had started with the intention of going to the South of India, and visiting several sacred shrines. Over six hundred miles had been travelled and she was looking forward to completing her journey, but her strength failed and she was compelled to rest. She remained where she was all through the night.

Sunday morning after meeting the Christians spoke to us about her. They said she had had a very hard night of it and seemed very weak and ill. With great difficulty they had prevailed on her to take a little milk, but that was all she had taken.

Miss Newcombe and I went to see if there was anything we could do. We found her lying on the verandah too weak to move. I wish I could picture her to you as she lay there. The few clothes she had on were old and very dirty (the wearing of such garments is considered meritorious), by her side was the bundle containing the sacred sticks and her head rested on the bundle of stones, brass images, etc. Her hair was closely cut—(sign of the Brahmin widow). But her face—oh! sisters, I wish you could have seen her face. Hopelessness and unsatisfied longing were plainly written on it. There was such a piteous look in the large dark eyes. My heart ached for her.

She did not understand Telugu, so we could not speak to her. Her language is Hindustani. K. A—— could understand some of her words and was able to talk with her a little. He bent

over her and told her that Jesus Christ was the sinner's friend, and that He would pardon all her sins. She looked at him. A look full of pain and misery. Her lips moved but the only words she uttered were: "Rami," "Rami," K. A—said that several times in the evening he had tried to talk with her about Christ but the response was always the same, "Rami! Rami!"

He knew it was impossible for her to remain where she was so made arrangements for her to be taken to the hospital, and returned home. Yesterday afternoon we had her carried to the hospital. I have not been able to see her since. It may be that she has about reached her journey's end. She has travelled many weary miles looking for rest, and pardon, and peace but has found it not. To her piteous cries of "Rami, Rami!" no response has come. Oh! that she might be led to turn to the Saviour of the world who waits with outstretched arms to receive her, and who says to all such: "Come unto Me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

This is only one case of many. Oh, sisters, the people of India need your prayers, your sympathy, your help. They are slaves and they know it not. They are perishing and they know it not. God speed the day, when the chains of superstition that now bind them so closely will be broken and the Lord Jesus Christ reign triumphant.

Yours in His service,

FLORA CLARKE.

Bimlipatam, Oct. 4th.

What Made you Interested in Missions?

The above question was distributed among some of our ladies interested in missions, with the view of bringing out and especially emphasizing in their answers the different means and motives that have proved effectual in the past of arousing interest. We hope they may prove of interest to many, and encourage us to work on, praying God's blessing on our efforts.

In answer to above question I must go back to early childhood, when I saw a picture of a Hindu mother throwing her babe into the Ganges, where a huge crocodile, with open jaws, waited to devour it, and was so impressed with the awful sight that I was led to search out her motive for such an act of cruelty, and found she thought to appease her god in this way.

The desire to help send to those mothers in India the knowledge of the true God we worship was born, and has increased as I have learned more of the needs of those who do not know Him.

MRS. L. E. SANDERS.

I first became interested in missions when a child in the Sunday School, and from reading a book upon "Child Life in India."

M. E. C.

My interest in the heathen was first awakened by being asked to join the W.B.M.U., and after attending one of the meetings I felt the great need of all our help.

M. C. R.

The influences which interested me in missions were home training, personal acquaintance with several missionaries, and a knowledge of and participation in the work of the W. M. A. Societies.

MRS. A. A. D.

What made you interested in missions?

The love of God in my heart. I cannot remember just when I became interested in missions; but I do know when my interest was greatly increased and strengthened.

It was by an address given by Mrs. George Churchill in Zion Vestry, Yarmouth, some time during 1886. Her earnest appeal for the women of India, the contrast she drew between their lives and the lives of women in Christian lands has ever remained fresh in my memory. Her own grand faith, loyalty to Christ and His great commission has ever been an incentive to do what I could in sending the Gospel—good news—to those who have never heard of Jesus and His power to save.

F. F. S.

The question asked, "What made me interested in missions?"

I reply as follows: God commands me, as I believe He commands all who love Him, to do all we can to assist in spreading the Gospel throughout the heathen portion of the world, in order that they may know Christ, the great Saviour, as we know Him.

MRS. N. L. TREFRY.

Hearing of the deplorable condition of the heathen.

C. B. R.

Why I am interested in missions is because the Lord Jesus Christ has saved me and put His love in my heart, and has given me a desire to pray, and work, and give, that the heathen and those who know Him not may have this same love and peace that passeth all understanding.

G. GOUDGEY.

I became especially interested in missions by hearing Mrs. Armstrong (nee Miss Norris) address a meeting over thirty years ago, when she was forming her Aid Societies before going to India.

M. H.

Knowing the uplifting power of the Christian religion, and a desire to help lighten the burdens of my heathen sisters by sending the good news.

A. H. ROBBINS.

First I would say a dear mother's influence. Since I was a small girl I remember her taking the MISSIONARY LINK and being much interested in reading it, and doing what she could for missions.

Later, my interest was aroused by hearing a visiting Burman speak. More recently, by reading and study, my interest has continued to increase.

H. P. R.

The question, "What made me interested in missions?" carries my mind back to the days of childhood, when I heard my mother and father talk of their dear friend in India—Mrs. Churchill. Then followed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Churchill and Bessie. Strong impressions were made upon my mind at that time as I listened to the earnest words of those faithful workers in the dark land, and learned of the customs by being dressed, with others, to represent heathen women. After that time a missionary had for me a peculiar charm, and their words always made lasting impressions.

Eight years later, while rooming at school with the daughter of the loved missionary, my interest deepened, and the correspondence resulting from the genuine friendship then made has written upon my life in a way never to be erased, the life and claims of the needy ones of India.

KUZZIE BANKS ROSE.

My first real interest in missions was aroused by hearing a gentleman speak at a Y.M.C.A. Convention upon missions. He spoke to mothers about the good they could do among particularly their children, and as my only son had just left home to go among strangers, I made up my mind that I would always do something for missions, if ever so small, if not for my boy, perhaps for someone else's boy.

A. S.

My first interest was aroused when a mere child by Mrs. (Dr.) Boggs. She visited my home, and I heard her talk about the heathen and their terribly benighted condition. She corresponded with my mother for years, and her letters were

always full of interest. The thought of my becoming a missionary was born by her saying to my mother, "Perhaps the Lord will want your daughter for India by and by." My mother told me this, little dreaming that I would take it seriously, but I did, and as there was no good reason for my not becoming a missionary, I resolved to take a medical missionary course. Just then someone crossed my pathway and I became a missionary's wife.

NETTIE C. GULLISON.

What made me interested in missions? First, the knowledge of God through His Word, and the coming into union with Him through faith in His son, Jesus Christ, as Redeemer, Saviour, King. Fellowship with Christ, and obedience to his commands, means interest in missions. Second, a knowledge of the great white harvest-fields stretching out on every hand, and of the millions of human beings without a knowledge of the true God and way of salvation through Christ. Knowledge created interest, enthusiasm, zeal, power. Third, when the "Go ye" of the great commission came home to my own soul with peculiar force, and I realized that "Go ye" could only mean for me "Send ye," and I said "Thy will be done" to the staying rather than to the going. After all, I am only able to give a surface answer to this question, for the great, deep, hidden undercurrents of our lives—which have really played such an important part in moulding the trend of our thoughts and interests in life—cannot be written or told. What made me interested in missions? I answer once again—the great awakener and transformer, pain. It is God's way. True are the words written by the consecrated pen of Francis Havergal:

"For the song that echoes longest,
Deepest, fullest, truest, strongest,
With your life-blood you will write."

FAVIA ALLEN, Yarmouth.

FROM OUR NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

My Dear Sisters:

I have dipped my pen into the ink, and like a child of six, with the other end in my mouth, sat wondering what to say. The Editor of our W.B.M.U. columns has twice written me for something and, on each occasion, the spare moments for this particular work could hardly be found.

Our Treasurer sent me the other day a very encouraging statement for the first quarter of our Convention year. No doubt before you read this, you will have seen for yourselves how much we have improved during the past few years. Talking and urging, urging and talking has accomplished something. It is no longer the heavy strain upon those in charge to know how we are to meet the first quarter's liabilities. We are all beginning to feel the burden and trying to share the responsibility. She writes: "This is the first time that we have ever written four figures under our *first quarter's receipts*. It is a pleasure to the mother when the child gets out of short clothes. It is a joy to us that our beloved is stepping forth into larger things. We have gotten away from playing tit, tat, toe, three in a row. May we never grow weak enough to return." To this we reply amen, and amen.

Jesus said: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." Do we really believe that we are sent of God to do this work?

Let us remember as we go about our daily toil, that it is not the task, which counts in His eyes, but the joy and strength of our glad service, saying Master "This is my best.

"Make life a ministry of love and it will always be worth living."

When reading the other day of one of the Judson's and the agony of soul through which she past when parting from her little boy, in order that she might remain and tell the story of Jesus to India's children, I could not help wondering if there were any of us that knew the meaning of sacrifice. A *living* sacrifice for Christ is what our Father asks.

"Are we shining for Jesus, dear ones
Or has your lamp grown dim?
Can we truthfully say that we wait Him?"

To

"Deepen all the work, O Master,
Strengthen every downward root.
Only do thou ripen faster,
More and more, Thy pleasant fruit.
Purge me, prune me, self abase,
Only let me grow in grace."

I have not written you of figures, nor told you many facts of India's need, for sometimes I fear we listen and read as to an idle tale. They are so far away we cannot realize the awful suffering of our less fortunate sisters

But I wish I could make you see Jesus as you did when you first gave your heart to Him. When you resolved to devote your life to His service, no matter what it cost. The cares of

the world, the pleasures and pastimes, the deceitfulness of riches, how they choke the spiritual life of God's children, We often re-echo the words of King David "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, so shall I teach transgressors Thy way and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." "Lest we forget Lord, lest we forget," ought to be the cry of every contrite heart as we think of mercies past and the tendency there is in the mad rush for something, we know not what, to crowd the Lord Jesus to one side and reach after vain things.

"Do we know what it is to have those
Strange soul-depths, restless,
Vast and broad,
Unfathomed as the sea:
An infinite craving for some infinite stilling?"

If so, then perhaps we can repeat the last of that stanza.

"But now Thy perfect love is perfect filling!
Lord Jesus Christ, my Lord my God,
Thou, Thou art enough for me."

Of one thing we are sure, God bids thee labor. "Go ye into all the world," was His last command. He knows the place is thick with thorn and brier.

M. E. HUME,
Prov. Sec. for N.S.

Receipts.

Received from—	F.M.	H.M.	TOTAL.
W.M.A.S., Nova Scotia.	\$391 76	\$99 99	\$491 75
" New Brunswick	148 65	56 85	205 50
" P. E. Island.	80 01	18 39	98 40
Annual Meeting Collection			44 45
Women's Meeting, Truro			9 06
Refund, Miss Filmore			55 00
Donations			11 00
Tidings			11 75
Annual Reports			2 25
Leaflets			6 07
Mission Band Treasurer			105 40

\$1040 63

Disbursements.

Paid—		
Treas. F. M. Board		\$2262 50
" Home Missions, N. S., and P. E. Island		200 00
" Home Missions, New Brunswick		75 00
Printing and expenses on Annual Reports		60 45
Corresponding Secretaries		7 00
Provincial Secretary, New Brunswick		6 00
" Nova Scotia		9 00
Printing Tidings and Leaflets		13 00
Postage, Mission Band Leaflets		5 00
Editor LINK (expenses)		1 50
Drafts, Discounts, Postage		2 26

\$2641 71

MARY SMITH,
Treas. W.B.M.U.

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