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MRS. H. M. N. ARMSTRONG.

Among Canadian Baptist pioneer missionaries there has been no more honored name than that of Mrs. Armstrong. When the news was published a few weeks ago that her work on earth was done, and she had gone Home, it brought poignant sorrow and a sense of personal loss to many hearts. We are glad to have for readers of the LINK the following sketch of her life, which has been kindly prepared by her daughter Miss Kate Armstrong, who also is a missionary greatly beloved by many Canadian and American Baptists:

Hannah Maria Norris was born in the little town of Canso, Nova Scotia, Nov. 30th, 1842. Even at the early age of ten she interested herself in the Lord's work, for although she was thought too young to be given a class, she collected together the children in the neighborhood and held one on her own account.

She finished her education at the Normal School in Truro, Nova Scotia, in 1860, and for some time worked among the Micmac Indians under Silas Rand. It was at this time she changed her religious views, owing to a peculiar incident which then occurred. One night some Indians rowed over to the mainland in great distress, begging Miss Norris to come across and christen their baby, who was dying. She went, but on the way wondered what would happen to the child if perchance she arrived too late. Would it be lost? She had been brought up a Presbyterian, but, studying up the whole subject of salvation, following up this incident, she was convinced of Baptist views, and was baptized by Dr. D. A. Steele, then a young pastor in Canso, she being his first candidate for baptism.

After this, although Miss Norris found sufficient scope for her religious fervor, she realized that "the field is the world," and her heart went out to those in distant lands with fewer privileges, who sit in darkness and have no one to lead them to the Light of Life. But the question arose: how could she go? She applied to the existing Mission Board, but they did not care to send a woman; so she asked a relative to pay her passage. He agreed, and, full of delight, she made her preparations. When all was in readiness, the relative, persuaded by friends that he was only sending her to her grave, refused aid. However, nothing daunted, Miss Norris went up and down among the churches of Nova Scotia, interesting the women in women's work, and organizing them into Circles, till at last the way opened for her to be sent out, when she sailed from New York, Oct. 29th, 1870. There was some doubt at first as to whether she would have to go around by the Cape, but the Suez Canal was just opened up in time, and she was one of the first to go through it.

Landing in Burma early in January, 1871, she devoted her time, night and day, to the study of Karen, and such was the rapidity with which she acquired the language that she led her first prayer meeting in Karen on May 4th of the same year, four months after landing. To this day the Karens of Burma will tell the new missionary of how wonderfully Mamma Norris learned and spoke the Karen language.

In later years she spent much time at the British Museum, library, and elsewhere, gathering together the Karen folk-lore, which in a wonderful way coincides with the Bible stories, so that the people might know that the Bible proclaimed the same truths that were taught them by their elders from ancient days. Two of these will serve to illustrate:—

Book of silver, book of gold,
Book that God the Father told.
Lost—it will again appear
When a white man brings it near.

A melon floating by the shore,
The dragon crushed and broke it sore.
The seed shall scatter more and more.
A fruit afloat upon the sea,
Its seed the dragon scattered free.
All countries—every land—shall see.

In 1874, Rev. W. F. Armstrong, to whom Miss Norris was previously engaged, having finished his theological course at Newton Centre, Mass., came under appointment by the Maritime Province Baptists, with other brethren, to establish a mission in Burma, if possible. Miss Norris, then stationed in Tavoy, hastened to Rangoon to meet the party. The river on the first part of the journey was swift and the current strong, so that the Karens dared not risk it. Miss Norris, however, guided the boat herself till within sight of the landing, when she asked the Karens to bring her up to the wharf, which they did successfully. Thus she was enabled to catch the steamer and hurry on to Rangoon, arriving just in time to meet the incoming party. Here she was married to Rev. W. F. Armstrong in the Baptist Chapel, on the 31st of January, 1874, the marriage being solemnized by Rev. J. Binney.

After about a year's sojourn in Burma the party decided there were not enough Karens in Siam to justify the establishment of a mission among them; and since the Ontario Baptists had invited them across the Bay, to take over part of their field, which they found too much for them to handle, they accepted the invitation, and thus helped in establishing the then newly-formed Canadian Mission among the Telugus.

Here Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong labored among the Telugus at Chicacole and other mission stations till 1880, when, tired out, they went home on furlough, Mrs. Armstrong having spent already ten years on the field.

Going out for the second time in 1884, under the American Baptist Mission, they undertook work for the natives of India scattered throughout Burma to the number of one million, among whom most of the remainder of their lives was spent. Here Mrs. Armstrong busied herself establishing schools in various districts for the Indian community, the largest being Union Hall School, with between five and six hundred pupils.

She was a great linguist and compiled hymn books, whereby Telugus, Tamils, Hindustanis, Bengalis and what not could each find the hymn in their respective hymn book, and all sing together to the same tune at the opening of school. Many of these hymns were of her own production.

Mrs. Armstrong also interested herself in organizing a Bible School for edu-

cated Indians, which was the means of much good. In an article written by her at its inauguration, she writes:

"After 40 years of education that ignores all religion, Hindus and Mahomedans fill Government offices, conduct the commercial and professional life of the country, and control its industries, but know little of the way of Life, and have never come in touch directly with the Bible. Among this class a desire has spread to know more about the Christian religion. They come in the spirit of the Greeks who came to Philip, saying, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' Our education, said a Bengali M.A., deprives us of our old beliefs and leaves us without a religion. The rival claims of the Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists they do not care to discuss; they ask to be able to study the Bible for themselves and make what deductions they think best.

They do not want a Bible smothered in swaddling clothes of commentaries and explanations, all varying from one another, so that it is impossible to reconcile them. The Bible was written to meet the need of every human soul. Let us give them 'the pure milk of the Word' and ask the Holy Spirit to explain and interpret it. He is quite as able to vivify His Word to a Hottentot as He is to inspire it for us. Our insight into the Scriptures may not be what the other man needs. 'God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.'

Always frail, one stood in wonderment at the marvellous amount of work she was able to accomplish. Her quiet hour and her correspondence were usually finished before dawn, when the work of the day began. She seemed to forget she was tired when she found anything that needed to be done. She believed, with Tennyson, "that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," but she also believed in doing her part toward their fulfilment.

After the death of her husband, her health began to fail, and having given 49 years of faithful, fruitful service, she returned to Canada, the homeland she loved so dearly, where she spent a year of semi-invalidism, and then quietly slipped away. Her text for the day read: "And Jacob said, I have enough." She had finished her course.

May her life be an inspiration to many, to so live that, like her, we may find at eventide it shall be light.

"When fell, to-day, the word that she had gone,
Not this my thought: Here a bright journey ends,
Here rests a soul unresting; here, at last,
Here ends that earnest strength, that generous life—
For all her life was giving. Rather this
I said (after the first swift, sorrowing pang):
Hence, on a new quest, starts an eager spirit—
No dread, no doubt, unhesitating forth
With asking eyes; pure as the bodiless souls
Whom poets vision near the central throne,
Angelically ministrant to man;
So fares she forth with smiling, Godward face;
Nor should we grieve, but give eternal thanks—
Save that we mortal are, and needs must mourn."

These lines were written by Richard Watson Gilder when word came that Alice Freeman Palmer had died abroad. They are singularly appropriate to Mrs. Armstrong.

THE LORD'S REMEMBRANCES.

In the "Outlook of the Church," in a recent issue of the Toronto "Globe," there is a paragraph referring to the Forward Movement in the Canadian churches, which is so applicable to present conditions in our Foreign Mission work that I quote most of it here:

"Dr. Pringle, the Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, struck the right keynote the other day when he said, 'Unless the people of the Church have a real vision of Jesus Christ, and move constantly with Him in as real a way as the Apostles did, there can be no real forward movement. The spiritual objective must be arrived at rather than the financial, or the purposes of the whole Church and of the movement will fail.'"

"A vision of Christ will lead to all else, for there is a true sense in which it may be said that if Christians take care of the spiritual side, God will take care of the financial need."

Our Foreign Mission Board is exercised over the financial side of the work. The cost of exchange is exorbitant—nearly 50 per cent; passages for our missionaries are nearly double what they were in 1914; new men and more equipment are needed—so there is a rising scale of expenses before them.

Let us take to heart the words of Dr. Pringle, and pray that all God's people may have the vision of Christ, and surrender themselves wholly to Him. If we do there will be no lack of money for His work.

"He is counting on you,"
On a love that will share
In His burden of prayer,
For the soul he has bought
With His life-blood; and sought
Through His sorrow and pain
To win "Home" once again.
He is counting on you;
If you fail Him—what then?

"He is counting on you,"
On life, money and prayer;
And "the day shall declare"
If you let Him have all
In response to His call;
Or if He, in that day,
To your sorrow must say,
"I have counted on you,
But you failed me,"—what then?

—E. F.

GOD-SPEED TO EIGHT MISSIONARIES.

What can one write of that great Farewell on October 10th? Those who were there need no description of it. It will live in their hearts while memory lasts. And to those who were not there it is impossible to pass on in words its power and inspiration.

Massey Hall was filled to the doors, of course. A volunteer choir of two hundred voices, under the leadership of Mr. Pettit of First Avenue Church, did superb work, and there was hearty congregational singing under Mr. Senior's

happy guidance. Mr. Jos. Shenstone, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, and Mrs. Albert Matthews, President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario West, presided. With them on the platform were Mr. Stillwell, our new Foreign Mission Secretary, to whose genius the success of the meeting was in large measure due, and the members of the Boards. But the eight missionaries! They were the centre of loving interest, and as each spoke in turn, he or she received a royal ovation. Our thoughts turned, too, to the ten Maritime Province missionaries, for whom a similar meeting was held in Moncton, N.B., at the same hour. Greetings went from our meeting to theirs.

Dr. Smith spoke first, vividly portraying some of "Those patients of mine." Dr. and Mrs. Smith are the pioneers in Canadian Baptist medical work in India. After twenty-six years of service, they go back to the needy field of Pithapuram, where sometimes eighty-five in-patients are cared for at one time by Dr. Smith and Dr. Allyn, though they have adequate room for only fifty.

Miss Murray and Miss Priest also go back after twenty-six years of service, the former to Yellamanchili, the latter to the Tuni field. Miss Murray spoke reverently of the inexhaustible riches of Christ found in the Scriptures by those who search with child-like hearts. Miss Priest talked of the wonderful work of the Biblewomen, asking our prayers on their behalf. A very delightful number not on the programme was a duet in Telugu by Miss Priest and Miss Murray. One wondered whether the venerable walls of Massey Hall had ever enjoyed just such a duet before. Certainly they never resounded to a more enthusiastic encore.

A most poignant moment was when Mrs. Matthews introduced the two recruits, Miss Day and Miss Brothers.

"Young and strong and lightsome as a locust leaf,
Sir Launfal fared forth in his unscarred mail."

So these two go out, these charming, cultured girls, with eager hearts, and with the steadfast courage that Christ alone can give. Both are splendidly equipped, Miss Day being a qualified teacher and graduate nurse; Miss Brothers, a graduate of our own McMaster, where she was an outstanding leader in the religious life.

It was peculiarly good to see Mr. and Mrs. Bensen looking so well, and to hear them talk so eagerly about "Those preachers of mine," and "That Boarding-school of mine" on the Vuyyuru field, for they have been kept home four years by Mrs. Bensen's health, and sometimes have feared the way might not open for a return.

As I write, it is not yet known just how large the offering will be, but \$3,000 have been received, while but \$2,600 were needed to wipe out the year's deficit. This is surely cause for deep gratitude. A novel feature of the meetings was the presentation to Dr. Smith of a beautiful engrossed address from the boys and girls of the Toronto Missionary Educational Union to the boys and girls of the Telugu field, and a scroll containing the names of five thousand Toronto girls and boys pledged to pray for the girls and boys of India.

But shut your eyes a moment and think! What was the most wonderful thing about that meeting? Just this, it seems to me. It was a farewell meeting, and yet there was "no sadness of farewell." The faces of those eight shone with a great light, a "light that never was on land or sea." Their voices rang with joy. They said not a word of the wrench at leaving dear ones, not a word of the struggles and loneliness before them in a heathen land. They talked only of the glorious work, the glorious privileges, waiting for them "over there." Could we be sad in the face of their rejoicing? No; we must needs be proud and glad. Proud because they are OUR missionaries; glad, infinitely glad, that we, too, by loving and praying and giving, may share their sacrifice and their abundant joy.

MARJORIE TROTTER.

THE MISSION CIRCLES

PRESENTATION.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent on Wednesday, September 24th, 1919, when about fifty women representing the Mission Circles of the Western Baptist Association gathered in the Kingsville Baptist Church to honor their retiring Director, Miss Ritchie. The meeting opened with singing, Mrs. Everitt Wigle, Kingsville, presiding. The Scripture lesson was taken by Mrs. (Dr.) King, of Leamington, prayer being offered by Mrs. E. Hanson, Wheatley. A very pleasing duet was rendered by Mrs. Everitt Olmstead and Miss Edith Hyatt, of Wheatley. The important feature of the programme was the presentation of a beautiful wrist watch suitably engraved, to Miss Ritchie, by Mrs. J. D. McGregor, Wheatley, the Director, as a token of the love and esteem in which she is held by the Mission Circles and Bands of the Western Association.

Mrs. E. C. Gosnell, Association President, read the address of appreciation, in which Miss Ritchie's term of over twenty years' efficient service was spoken of; the remarkable growth of the work under her splendid leadership was especially mentioned. Miss Ritchie made a suitable reply. Words of appreciation were spoken by representatives of different Circles, and letters from Chatham and Wallaceburg were received.

After a solo by Mrs. (Rev.) Gosnell, which was well received, the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. A. Schofield of Windsor. A social hour was spent and a dainty lunch was served by the members of the Kingsville Mission Circle. A vote of thanks, moved by Mrs. (Rev.) F. G. Burrell, Leamington, seconded by Mrs. (Rev.) A. H. Jones, of Wheatley, was tendered the local Circle for their gracious hospitality.

Perth.—At a recent meeting of the Home and Foreign Mission Circle, the following resolution was adopted, and a copy of it to be sent to the members of the family of the late Mrs. D. M. Robertson:

Whereas, in the wisdom of our Heavenly Father, we have been called upon to mourn the death of our beloved President, Mrs. Donald M. Robertson, we desire to place on record our appreciation of her faithful services and the deep loss we have sustained by her removal from our midst.

Mrs. Robertson was a devoted member of our Societies since their foundation, and President of the Foreign Circle for nearly seven years. Her good words in the Mission Circle and other branches of church life were much appreciated, and the influence of her life will be long felt by us all.

AGNES A. ROBERTSON, Secy. F.M.C.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE BURK'S FALLS BAPTIST MISSION BAND.

This summer we had a visit at our school from Miss Priest, our missionary, from Tuni, India. She asked us to help them give the Hindu children a Christmas, and told us what to make. As a result, we sent her 488 cards, 357 silk candy bags, 130 needle cases, 13 packages needles, 20 large Bible pictures, and some pasted wall cards.

We are only a few in number, but we love the cause and the work the Master has given us to do.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

The Toronto Young Women's Mission Circles held their Fall Rally in Century Baptist Church on September 25th. The meeting was preceded by a half-hour song service, led by Mrs. Towers of Danforth Ave.

After the opening prayer by the President, who so ably presided, and the reading of the Minutes, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Bates were called upon to welcome four new Circles into the Union, Mrs. Matthews extending the welcome to Boon Avenue and Indian Road, and Mrs. Bates to Jones Avenue and Memorial.

This was followed by a very helpful devotional half-hour, conducted by Miss McEwen. In response to the roll-call, the members of each Circle rose and responded in unison with a verse of Scripture, the keynote of which was "soul winning." There were twenty Circles represented.

The thought that seemed to pervade the whole meeting, that of consecration to the cause of Christ, was brought home to our hearts still more by a solo, "I gave My life for thee."

It would be impossible to try to tell what an appeal Miss Brothers made to the hearts of the girls as she told, in such a simple, yet beautiful way, of her call to a foreign land; or with what keen interest we followed Miss Craig and Miss Hinman, as they showed us glimpses of the pathos and humor of service in a foreign land.

Let us hope that Miss Hinman's challenge will ring long in the hearts of the girls, and that the results of that meeting may be a power for years to come.

The girls feel justly proud of the success of their first Rally, as a Union; and yet we must not forget to give the praise where it belongs. The high spiritual atmosphere of that meeting was the result of months of earnest prayer, not only on the part of the girls themselves, but of the women of the Senior Boards, who are standing back of them.

Let us hope that this Rally will give such impetus to the new year's work that truly great things may be accomplished this year.

H. E. MACDONALD, Secretary.

"BE STRONG !

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,
Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift."

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

Women's Convention of Ontario West, at Guelph, Ont., November 12 and 13th,
1919. Foreign Mission Day, Thursday, November 13th.

Delegates.

Only the names of those delegates who intend to go to the Convention are to be sent to Mrs. L. Iveson, 19 London Road, Guelph.

Any delegate having a choice as to her rooming companion will please state it to the one in her Circle who is forwarding the names of delegates to the Convener of the Billeting Committee, mentioned above.

CONFERENCES.

Directors.

The Conference for Directors will be held on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th, at 4 p.m.

Band Leaders.

A Conference for Band Leaders will be conducted by the Secretary of Bands, Mrs. R. J. Marshall, on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th, from 2.30 to 4.

Mrs. Marshall will be glad to receive questions from any Band Leaders between now and Convention.

"Link" Agents.

Each Circle is requested to send as one of its delegates to the Convention its LINK agent. There will be a Conference for LINK agents on Friday morning, November 14th, in the Convention church, at 9.30.

PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

At the Convention Board meeting, held in London last year, one hundred dollars was voted to the Publications Committee in order to meet a debt and to enable the Committee to undertake new work. At that time there was an indebtedness of forty dollars and seventy-five cents. The Treasurer paid this, but our friends came to our aid during the year, and enough money was contributed so that at the present time we have a small balance ready to partly pay the next publication without touching that one hundred dollars from the Board at all. The balance is only one dollar and twenty-five cents, so we will have to call on that one hundred right away, because we must have some new leaflets ready for Convention. Money is needed very urgently this year to pay the tremendous rate of exchange on our money for India, so we have felt especially grateful to our friends who have helped us with their gifts, and have made it possible to carry on the work without calling on our regular funds. It was thought well to publish the names of those who had helped in this way, in order that they might have a public acknowledgment. Those from whom money has been received are: Mrs. Ditmars, Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. Robert Elliott, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Inrig, and three ladies at the Convention, who gave each fifty cents saved on their London tickets. If any others feel that this work appeals to them, any contribution will be gratefully received by any member of the committee, or could be sent directly to Mrs. E. J. Zavitz, 15 Glenholme Avenue, Toronto.
J. D. Z.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.**Please Read Carefully.**

At a meeting of representatives of the Missionary Boards of all evangelical denominations, held in Toronto on the 22nd of September, it was decided to call an interdenominational, Dominion-wide day of prayer for women. In order to facilitate the making of preliminary arrangements, it was agreed that, inasmuch as there must be one head in each place to start the movement, and as the Presbyterian women's organization is the oldest in Canada, therefore the wife of the Presbyterian minister in each town be asked to send out invitations to all the other evangelical denominations, inviting them to elect representatives, who shall meet and make arrangements for the holding of such a united prayer service.

The date decided upon is the Friday after the first Sunday in January, 1920. This falls within the world-wide Week of Prayer, and the general prayer atmosphere of those days should be most helpful to the suggested movement.

Will not our Baptist women throw themselves very heartily into this service of prayer?

A suggested programme will appear in the next issue of the LINK.

MARY E. KINGDON,
Representative to Committee.

Will contributors to the LINK please note that contributions should be in the hands of the Editor by the 13th of the month. The copy has to be given to the printer on the 15th, and some time is necessary for the compilation and arrangement of materials.

ABOUT THE LINK.

Dear LINK Subscribers:—

You all read in July-August Number a letter from our best friend. We almost thought of her as Miss Link, because she was so much the embodiment of the LINK. But she really is Miss Norton, our faithful Editor, who carried the responsibility for ten years, and all with such efficiency that we had little to do but read and enjoy the paper. When we learned that she was resigning, we were cast down and wondered whatever we would do.

Our little paper must go forth with its news and messages, with its inspiration and information. We felt God would direct us to someone. So it was that we approached Mrs. Thomas Trotter, and in her own happy way she said she would undertake it, and did everything to put our minds at ease. We were very happy when we received our next copies of the LINK, for we saw our paper had fallen into loving and capable hands again.

Many of the readers know Mrs. Trotter and her past helpfulness in good works; also through her husband, Dr. Trotter, so much beloved, and who, during his life, was such a blessing to Acadia and McMaster Universities.

Now we want to encourage Mrs. Trotter in her new work. Let us try to appreciate the LINK in a very real way by helping others to become interested in it, and trying to gain some new subscribers. Our paper is feeling the high cost of materials and wages very much these days, and needs this practical help.

We welcome Mrs. Trotter, and want her to feel that we—Subscribers, Agents, Directors, Board and Missionaries—all are supporting her, and praying that the LINK may grow in usefulness and have an ever-increasing part in the work of sending the gospel to India and Bolivia.

MAUD W. MATTHEWS.

WOMEN'S CONVENTION—EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Reported by Mrs. H. P. Lockhart.

After weeks of dull and changeable weather, a morning of clear sunshine and crisp air greeted the delegates, as they gathered in the First Baptist Church, Montreal, for the forty-third annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

This first gathering after the cessation of the terrible world war was characterized by a very large delegation of representative women from our Circles, and a most encouraging number of young ladies—an evidence of the growth of the work among young women.

The keynote for the Convention was "Victory," and while recognizing the achievement of our allied-armies in bringing about victory, the spirit of the Convention stressed the need of a greater struggle over the evil forces that threaten our peace. The addresses and reports evidenced a recognition of the challenge of the present-day unrest at home and abroad, to the Christian women for more earnest co-operation, a continuance of sacrificial giving, a simplified daily life, withal an utter dependence on the King of Kings, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our morning devotions were led by Miss A. C. Murray, India, who, with great joy and gratitude for renewed spiritual and physical blessings, is leaving on her fourth term of service in India. The love and sympathy, which is universally felt for our missionary, made her a most welcome guest at our Convention.

Our President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, in a very thoughtful and impressive address, gave thanks to God for the victories during the past year, and commended the Circles for their loyalty and support in the work of the Society.

She brought before us the great opportunities of the present day, which challenge, not only our Society, but every woman, in every church, throughout Christendom. "We are standing on the threshold of great expansion. These are critical days in the history of Canadian Baptist Missions. We have been leading up to higher standards in service and in giving, and now the testing time will come. We have seen the greatest giving and the greatest sacrifice the world has ever known. Shall we ever relapse into old standards of two cents per week for missions? If we have any vital relationship to the heart of the great missionary problem, our prayer-life must be strengthened," and closed with an appeal for united and powerful effort to face the crisis which is before the Canadian Church. The measure of our blessing is according to our faith. Taking our vessels to the spring only the size of the measure limits the outpouring.

David Livingstone measured out the redemption of Africa. What shall our measure be?

Miss Bentley, the Recording Secretary, read her report, which was adopted, and will be found in this issue.

Miss Hinman of Akidu was then introduced to the Convention. As our acquaintance with Miss Hinman is principally through her letters, we were more than pleased to meet her personally to-day.

Mrs. Ramsey, Superintendent of Bands, then gave her most interesting report, which will be found in the LINK.

Mrs. R. H. Findlay then spoke on "THE LINK" and "Study Books," giving a very bright talk on our magazine, and introducing to us our study books for the year, "The Crusade of Compassion," for adults, and "Mook: the Story of a Chinese Boy," for juniors, describing the contents, and giving different methods of teaching.

The report of the Bureau of Literature was then read and received.

The Quiet Hour was led by Mrs. V. Collins, of Lachute, who very kindly supplied, at short notice, for Mrs. A. N. Frith, who was detained by illness at home. Mrs. Collins likened our Christian life to the grain of corn that must first die of itself before the new life will flourish. Then only shall we be ready to carry on the work to His honor and glory.

The Nominating Committee then brought in its report, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. F. L. Orchard; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. G. Rickert; Recording Secretary, Miss Bentley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley; Asst. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Barker; Treasurer, Miss Russell; members of the Board, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Masse, Miss Teeter, Mrs. Jas. Walker; Mrs. G. Watt, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, Mrs. A. E. Paterson, Mrs. Walford, Mrs. C. G. Smith and Mrs. Harwood.

The afternoon session was opened by a prayer service by Mrs. Ellis Fray, Coaticook, teaching us our duty in prayer, doing and giving, in this great battle till victory be won.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary is printed in full in this issue. After the adoption of this report the Convention expressed hearty appreciation of Mrs. Motley's work as Corresponding Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Russell, was the most happy feature of the day, inasmuch as the books were closed with a small balance on the right side. The singing of the Doxology voiced the feelings of the Convention on receiving this report, and a vote of thanks was tendered our Treasurer for her arduous labor of love.

Two new life-directresses were received this year—Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe and Mrs. Sidney Simpson. The former, being present, received her certificate from the Treasurer.

The Committee on Appropriations was then called upon for its report, which is of utmost importance and requires careful and prayerful consideration.

The recommendation from the Committee was that we take up all the estimates for the year, amounting to \$4,646, and that we undertake the exchange as our part in the Forward Movement about to be entered upon by our Convention, in co-operation with all other Christian denominations.

It was made clear to the meeting that, owing to the high rate of exchange, already referred to several times, the cost of transferring our funds into Indian money amounts to 50 per cent.; therefore we must add 50 per cent. to our India estimates if our missionaries are to be paid in full.

Our Treasurer urged that no money for specials be raised or sent to her this year.

The appropriations for the coming year are as follows:—

Akidu	\$652 00
Avanigadda	180 00
Narsapatnam	312 00
Vuyyuru	944 00
Yellamanchili	528 00
Miss Murray	600 00
Miss Hinman	500 00
Bonus	100 00
Passage	600 00
Bolivia	100 00
Administration	130 00
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Exchange	1,500 00
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After several members spoke briefly and impressively on the importance of realizing this large increase, and what it involves from each member, the Convention adopted the report by a standing vote. Some discussion followed as to ways of raising the exchange. One suggested that each Circle raise its own; another, that each contributor raise her own. Life-members and life-directresses may be created; but in general it is hoped that every Baptist woman be enlisted to carry on this great Forward Movement.

The unusual event of having four lady missionaries present was referred to, and Mrs. E. G. Smith, Misses Murray, Marsh and Hinman were introduced and received greetings from Convention.

We then had a most unique and entertaining address from Miss S. Hinman, who for seven years has "mothered" over two hundred children at Akidu Boarding School. In her very animated and happy manner, she brought her work before us, and by examples, stories, drawings and photographs she made us realize the very vital work our missionaries are doing.

The Open Forum was then conducted by Mrs. O. E. Paterson, who explained that this was to replace the Question Drawer, and at the close of each address, open discussion would be called for on the topics presented.

Mrs. McKechnie spoke on "Equipment," telling us how Circle members must be fitted for their work. Mrs. Metcalfe, on "Expansion," pointed out the number of churches without a Circle, Young Women's Circle, or Band. Although we meet our appropriations, we do not measure up to our responsibilities unless we grow. Mrs. W. W. Wilson, on "Excellence," impressed us deeply with the highest ideals and motives for service.

The Memorial Roll was read as a slight testimony to the loving memory of those members who, having so faithfully served Him below, are "now before the Throne of God, to serve Him day and night in His temple."

The evening meeting took the form of a farewell service, being one of many which are being held to bid God-speed to the eighteen missionaries en route to India. Four of these were present, and we were very glad to hear their parting words.

Miss Murray told us when she last went out she took with her a missionary (her niece). This time she takes a chapel in the form of over \$800.00 given by her home church (Arkona) to build a chapel in one of the "dark places." The open Book with the message from God is the "increasing purpose" that takes her back to India.

Dr. E. G. Smith spoke from the text, "Whosoever believeth on Him," and described some of the "whosoever's" he meets in medical work in India. The terrible suffering brought about through lack of proper treatment constitutes our opportunity to give to India not only physical but spiritual healing, as we present in our hospitals and dispensaries the Great Physician Himself, who healeth all infirmities and diseases.

Rev. R. C. Bensen was a very welcome speaker to our Convention, many remembering his most impressive address four years ago. He pictures to us India's "multitudes and multitudes in the valley of decision" with great moral and spiritual black in their lives, lured and deceived through their innate religious fervor, to accept forms, superstitious and subterfuges to satisfy the craving of

the soul. Mr. Benson's many instances of men and women leading regenerated and purified lives through the power of God reveal the intensity of the call that takes him back to that land for another term as ambassador for the King of Kings.

Forty-Third Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Madame President and Ladies:—

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."

It is indeed with a song of praise on our lips that we gather together to-day, in calmness and security, after five years of unspeakable anguish, and without the haunting fear of the morrow's news, give our whole attention to the matters pertaining to the Kingdom.

And as this terrible war has so surely touched us individually, and as a society, so do these days of rebuilding bear a special significance for us. We have learned much in these five cruel years; much that should be of real value to us. We have tapped the hidden reservoir of women's ability. We have seen that when the appeal touched the heart, women of all classes, hide-bound by social and domestic customs, were able to co-operate in closest harmony for war relief. There is greater need to-day for co-operation in missionary work than ever was known before. We are facing very serious conditions, brought about by the war, and the challenge of India will stir us to our very depths.

There are evidences of a great upheaval in the social conditions in the East. Women have come out of their seclusion to work for their men overseas. Indian women have broken purdah to do Red Cross work with Parsees, Mohammedans and Christians, and this breaking down of barriers has enlarged their horizon, and with larger vision has come larger ambition.

Witness the petition from the women of all parts of India to Mr. Montague, Secretary of State, for freedom, education—for all the reforms that are necessary for the progress of their nation. Larger life they will secure and also larger dangers. The doors of ignorance, which we have prayed God to open, are open now, all open, and pouring forth from their darkened homes are myriads of women and girls, demanding knowledge, recreation, entertainment. One who is well qualified to speak on Indian womanhood sees in this new-world order the supreme need of wise and strong leadership, and the call to Christian women in this country is that we rise in our might and double—nay, triple—our efforts in the past that this entrance into larger life shall be none other than the Life of the Light of the World."

We must be prepared to meet every opportunity for enlargement and every demand for sacrificial giving.

For several years past we have been trying to educate ourselves to a new standard of giving, and surely the war has taught us to think in larger terms than one or two dollars per year for any philanthropic object. We will find in this coming year an outlet for all our enlarged habits in generosity, in the serious situation confronting the Society regarding the matter of exchange.

You will remember that a year or so ago we opened a fund to cover the cost of exchange, which had become so high, trusting that shortly the rupee would resume its pre-war value; but the reverse has taken place.

The demand for silver throughout the war has been so great that the rupee has risen in value to almost 48 cents, and now the rate of exchange amounts to about 50 per cent.

The general Society finds itself faced with the huge sum of nearly \$50,000 as the cost of transferring funds to India!

Our share of that will be, therefore, 50 per cent. of our own appropriations—a truly formidable sum.

This is indeed a critical time in the history of Canadian Baptist Missions, and this year will prove a testing period for the women of our Society.

Now is the time to divert those energies, released from war activities, into service for the King of Kings. Now is the time to enlist the nominal member, the casual worker, and the indifferent.

As the disciples of old, at the foot of the mountain, struggled with the demon, so do we find this demon of Indifference in every Circle, and we must cast it out. But this kind goeth forth by **nothing** but by prayer and fasting.

Dr. Jowett says, "The church's favorite word for some time has been 'Organize.' She will do well to change it now to 'Agonize.'"

Our Workers—A Personal Word.

Last year Miss Murray attained her twenty-fifth year as ambassador for us, and this year we are to bid her God-speed as she sets out on her fourth term of service. Her furlough has been spent just as truly about her Master's business as in India, even though hindered by bodily weakness. In June, the Associations were visited, as far as strength permitted; gladly would she have called at every Circle and given herself freely for the deepening of interest, but we had to refuse many requests for her presence. Now, after some months of thorough rest, she declares herself quite fit for active service.

Miss Hinman left Akidu last May, arriving home in June—about two months later than the usual time for our missionaries to reach home, owing to the congestion in travelling. We hope to become better acquainted with Miss Hinman during her furlough, and are confident that her coming among us will be of lasting benefit. The school at Akidu will be under the care of Miss Knowles in Miss Hinman's absence.

Miss McLaurin's letters would stir us to attempt great things. Her unbounded optimism and her determination are most contagious.

Her reports reveal so many side-issues of activities which could be shared by Circles and Bands at home that we must give wider publicity to the need of such things as picture-cards, scrapbooks, gifts for the Xmas activities, etc. Even

small cotton garments to contribute to the famine orphans are within our scope. Let us try to fill those needs which frequently are a drain upon the scanty income of the missionary herself. We must not forget that the High Cost of Living has affected the life in India as well as at home, and our missionaries are not receiving any higher salary; yet clothing has trebled in price, while rice and other necessities of life have become positive luxuries.

Miss Mason has had a lonely year in Narsapatnam, her companion being obliged to leave on account of illness; but bravely she has carried on in her isolated outpost, and very welcome indeed will be her furlough next spring.

Miss McLeish, who has had charge of all the women's work at Yellamanchili, will also take her first furlough next spring.

The women's work on Vuyyuru field is, at last, to have a missionary all its own in the person of Miss Lockhart. This is good news for us, as we give quite largely to that work, and since Mrs. Cross left many years ago, the work has not progressed very much and we have had no regular report.

India.

The cheerful news that comes from our foreign fields ought to give us the necessary inspiration to greater endeavor. It is God's message to us not to falter in the face of seeming obstacles.

There is a note of triumph in every report, and this in spite of the fact that famine conditions have prevailed pretty generally throughout the Mission. The Secretary of Conference reports that for the year ending June, 1919, the number of baptisms (almost 1,200) is the best in the history of the Mission.

It is noticeable, too, that on many of the fields where the influenza carried off a great number of non-Christians, the believers were most wonderfully spared.

Akidu—Miss Hinman.

The time for writing the annual report finds me with my face turned to the dear homeland. The necessity of severing ties has revealed somewhat of their significance. India, as a whole, and Akidu, in particular, have come to take a larger place than I had realized.

The school has had a year of quiet prosperity. When our teacher, Ratnam, who has so faithfully served the school for fourteen years, was called to the work of a pastor, we scarcely knew how to let him go. Others volunteered to be responsible for some of his special duties, but his quiet influence and wise advice are much missed.

I had long felt that our school children needed more efficient teaching in the vernacular, and secured a Brahmin pundit, well recommended, who is most interested in his classes, and results are already apparent. We have a staff now for which no apology is necessary.

The school continues to be popular with Mohammedans and Hindus. In 8th Standard, of thirty-five there are three Brahmins and two Mohammedans. Five Christian girls are in this class, the largest number yet.

Enquirers' class has averaged thirty. We rejoice over conversion of several who long resisted. One boy, the subject of many prayers, came to us one Sunday evening after a busy day. I was suffering with headache, when Solomon's quiet visit, telling me he could no longer hold out, banished all physical weariness.

Another boy, cause of much worry, came also privately, saying, "Oh, Amma, I am a dreadful sinner. God has shown it to me. Please pray for me."

As a result of severe illness during the influenza epidemic, several were led to give their hearts to Christ.

In all, fourteen were baptized during the year. Some of the boys were so small, though no younger, that an old deacon almost accused me of encouraging infant baptism. Mr. Chute finally convinced him that a change of heart was more to be desired than attaining a certain number of years.

The Toronto S. S. Union, which supported all the Akidu field work last year, had a balance of \$1,000. As this was to be applied to some urgent need, we have had two new classrooms added to our school, having been so crowded that classes have been held on the verandah and under the trees.

Every Wednesday afternoon for several weeks we had a women's prayer meeting at the bungalow, when the Book of Hebrews was studied, and the women urged to voluntary service.

Two school-girls, half-day pupils, have been going out with my Biblewoman, Mary, and I note with joy their progress in teaching. They are now training as nurses with Dr. Allyn.

The people of the Mala hamlet were well prepared for the evangelistic campaign. The epidemic upset our plans, but the aid we rendered the afflicted ones has begun a work of grace. Their two teachers are feeling a new responsibility, and God is rewarding their efforts. It has been a joy to meet with the Christians in this hamlet and to see their progress in singing. Their little farewell dinner to me is one of the happy memories of Akidu.

For most of the year fourteen Evangelistic Schools have been carried on. About 280 children, all castes and conditions, in all degrees of dress and undress, came to the December rally. The various teachers vied with each other for the behavior and enjoyment of their scholars. Open competition reigned in recitation and singing. In all defiance of Indian custom, it was amusing to see a big school-boy going here and there with a little caste girl on his hip—the usual mode of carrying babies.

A report of the year without reference to the influenza would not be complete. When we realized we were to have a siege, we sent all children who lived within 15 miles to their homes. With the exception of one little girl, who had been weakened by a previous attack of pneumonia, not one life was lost. We magnify the grace that sustained and protected us during the weary days and nights of nursing.

We, of Akidu, congratulate ourselves on having Miss Knowles to take over the school. Our thanks are due to her for so graciously giving up her own line of work and her former station.

I leave India, hoping and praying to be used in the homeland to His glory."

Avanigadda—Miss McLaurin.

Station work. "Through love be servants one to another." Seven hundred and odd Christians most of them illiterate and mere babes in Christ, can keep one fairly busy serving, with a rather bewildering variety of requests and demands, especially when one is the only resident missionary. Running for the

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Among many interesting women we must refer specially to Rajhavanna, who last year was teaching the little she knew to her own people across the river. Recently she has lost husband, father, mother, brother and nephew, all in four months, and instead of turning from us, as many would, imputing her trouble to the anger of the goddess at the alien religion, she remained firm in her faith, entreating us to visit the bereaved home. So we went and had a wonderful time. No mourning or rebelling at a cruel fate. It was more like talking to an experienced Christian family at home. We could not have taken higher spiritual ground, nor could our teachings have been received with greater sincerity.

The Christian women have had regular weekly teaching of Bible lessons and verses by our pastor's wife and teacher's wife. Several have been baptized, and there are still some bright women on enquirers' list learning regularly.

Touring.—Influenza cut a wide swath in our villages, softening many a hitherto careless one to a new and better understanding of the message. In the fifty villages visited we had good hearings everywhere. As we cannot visit all, we try to concentrate on those villages where the interest has been shown, so as to deepen the impression already made. They follow us from house to house, begging for a copy of the verse or hymn. While roughly treated in one house, we were more than welcome in another, where an old man cherished the Bible given him years ago by Mrs. Cross, saying he had given up reading anything else.

The important part of our touring work is with the Christian women in village congregations, where our serious difficulty is in having them regularly taught, and instructed in the Bible. Our workers' wives who should teach them are unqualified, but even here we are gaining—for instance, one illiterate wife, to our astonishment, began to tackle the problem herself. While learning to read she is teaching the women their Bible lessons. She has the assistance of a young woman, formerly a Vuyyuru school girl, but being married to an ignorant man, amid the daily grind, let her book-learning slip. The Missionary, being interested,

sent her a Bible, bade her read and teach it—now behold! brushed and tidy as a teacheress. She is a new creature with a new interest in life.

Sunday schools show continued improvement; we have had enthusiastic rallies in centres. Some schools are noted for good singing, some for the number of Bible stories they recite and more prizes were distributed this year than ever before. The children always send a chorus of salaams to the children and friends in Canada for the pretty bags and books and toys.

Vuyyuru.

Boarding School. A few facts about this school which is under the care of Mrs. Gordon may be new to some of us.

Mrs. Gordon writes: "We usually charge \$1.00 per term, as a nominal fee, in order to develop an independent spirit among the children, but in hard times even this is difficult to find.

The attendance last year was 120—70 of whom were boarders, ranging from six to eighteen years of age. Scholars mostly come from the 3rd Standard village schools, but where there are no schools we try to select the brightest children of Christians, which accounts for young children.

We have six standards, beginning with the infant class. English is taught at the third standard and the fifth class comes to the bungalow for conversation. Girls in various classes learn sewing, knitting and crochet, while boys do industrial work. One year the boys made the weighing scales for all our village schools, besides doing coolie work and gardening.

Bible study is a very pronounced feature in this school, the children committing to memory large portions of Scripture. The results of the examinations were most encouraging, scarcely a child who could not answer questions on Nehemiah, Ezra, parts of Isaiah and the Epistle to James, and these were the lessons set for older scholars.

Dr. Hulet's hospital must absorb most of her time, when we realize that quite often the dispensary treats one hundred patients daily—total number in the year 16,177, while new patients numbered 6,762—in-patients 584.

Oversight of the day schools and Biblewomen's work are other duties assigned to Dr. Hulet. The problem of securing suitable teachers is always difficult; one of the best teachers died in February, and it was impossible to replace her at that time.

The Biblewomen are doing their best touring the field, but they need some one to direct them. How glad we are to know that a Missionary is at last being placed in charge of this work!

Narsapatnam.

Miss Mason's report is written in Dargeling, where, in company with other Missionaries, she is having her much-needed holiday in the hills. The social intercourse with kindred souls, the glory of the snow-capped Himalayas, and the cool, refreshing air, are the delightful features of these brief weeks which are spent mostly in writing reports and catching up with belated correspondence.

Miss Mason writes: "In obedience to the command 'In everything give thanks,' I praise God for the salvation of souls; for the wonderful evidence of the spirit's working; as well as in the heart-breaking sorrow over the downfall of Karanamma. Much had been given her in the way of education, Bible knowledge, and spiritual gifts. I loved her and trusted her implicitly, but Satan got the advantage. She was dismissed the last of April.

Alice, my trusted Biblewoman, who had removed to Vizianagram, has returned again to the work here.

Ruth and her sister, who have been to a training school, have also returned, full of enthusiasm, and will be ready for work before long.

Kanamma and Anandamana, half-day workers, carry on evangelistic schools, and work among the women. They report that in one village nearly all the people have died from influenza and lack of food.

Mary continues her splendid work in Uratta in the homes and teaching new

Christians. Nine have been baptized among the Madigas and one of the Malas, long hindered and after sore affliction, has at last confessed Christ in baptism.

Seven tours have been made, accompanied sometimes by the preacher, three assistants and two Biblewomen. Night meetings continued, sometimes till 11 o'clock. The Holy Spirit was present in great power—people formerly indifferent saying: This is good religion—God Himself has visited this village. They echoed the words of the ages, saying, "How wonderful that He should do this for me.

In all, seventeen were baptized from villages where work is established where they can be nourished in the faith.

During the influenza epidemic, our Indian assistant surgeon was very kind to me, and to the Christians. When remuneration was mentioned, he said: "You have come thousands of miles to serve your brothers and sisters in India, will you not allow me to serve you in a small way?"

Through his skillful treatment, and God's blessing, all the Christians recovered. He and his educated Hindu wife are my very good friends. Often, when weary after my day's work, I run in to them for recreation and sympathy.

I worked constantly among the stricken people, sending in daily for supplies. As my camp was near the burning ground, I knew how many bodies were burned in a day. The recovered ones were very grateful, but in some cases the relatives of those who died held me and my medicines responsible—the goddess was angry because they had taken the foreign medicine and had killed them. One day I found a father beating his delirious son to drive out the demon. Death relieved the boy and then, oh! the wailing of the parents.

The goldsmith referred to in a former report died with the words "Jesus Christ my Lord" on his lips. He said to me: "I am dying and cannot sing, but am trusting in Jesus." Many died trusting in the Lord and I believe the Loving Shepherd folded them in His arms. My tears often flowed with those of the mothers, for I found many of my friends had been taken.

Many instances are quoted of interested ones and recent converts who passed away during this epidemic, comforted and happy in the hope of the resurrection.

The children in the evangelistic schools have made splendid progress. The outcaste children attend Sunday School regularly, successful rallies being held in Uratta and Narsapatnam.

Pastor Gabriel renders valuable assistance. He received a blessing at the Convention conducted by Sherwood Eddy at Ellore.

"Miss Farnell, who was sent to reside with me while learning the language, made a very good impression on the educated Indians at the Club by her address at the Allied Victories Celebration. They requested her to speak again on a religious subject in the church, but she became quite ill. As we are so far from help it was very hard. I took her to Pithapuram and stayed myself two weeks, as I was pretty well used up. She is recovering nicely now, but I am still alone. God is good and the work precious.

"All the Christians were delighted to see Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith, who spent Christmas with us. We had a happy time. Pray that the Lord of the harvest may send us a resident Missionary, also that our church may be a God-glorifying witnessing church and that many souls be born into the Kingdom."

Among other statistics, Miss Mason mentions 869 visits to non-Christian houses, 312 visits to villages, 84 days' touring, 20 Sunday Schools, six Biblewomen and many other figures which bespeak a very busy and strenuous year.

Yellamanchilli—Miss McLeish.

Miss McLeish's first quarterly report, while dreading the effect on the work of Miss Murray's absence, becomes a psalm of thanksgiving for the many clouds which did not break but passed over, to reveal blessings and encouragement quite unexpected.

Among causes for gratitude she notes:—Good attendance at Sunday School and church, a full quota of boys from our school sent to Samalkot High School, four new converts in the church and a young woman reclaimed from the evil one. For the schools a new and capable teacher for the Primary in Caste School, a teacher for the Mala hamlet where Christian women are eager to learn, also for the return

of another teacher who was tempted by worldly gain to desert the Lord's work. A young man has also returned, being shown clearly the Lord's leading, and has with his own efforts built a school and resumed the work in which he was beloved by scholars and parents.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is evident in the spirit of prayer among the Christians, the confession of sin, the interest shown in a recent tour in Anakapalle, and in willingness of the women in Help-meet Society to undertake the support of a Biblewoman of their own.

The annual Evangelistic Campaign was much hindered by the influenza, six weeks being spent in visiting and caring for the sick. Although the heathen were sore afflicted, the Christian community were wonderfully preserved, only about four in our whole field being removed. One specially worthy of note was an old man of seventy, the oldest Christian in Yellamanchili Church and a real father in Israel. In early manhood he was in the employ of English Civil Service men and in that capacity was taken to England more than once, where he was converted and baptized. Coming to Yellamanchili with Mr. Lafamme to build the bungalow, he has remained a great power in the Church. Kind and hospitable to a fault, he found his pleasure in doing good to others, cheering the sad, relieving want and ministering in season and out of season, to both Christian and heathen. He has left behind him a precious memory and abundant will be his entrance into the Kingdom.

Another great loss to our Church was that of Vurammia, the capable Biblewoman, who was the product of Miss Murray's care, patience and money. Although never a good scholar, she had grasped much spiritual truth and a real knowledge of the saving power of the Lamb of God, and in company with another Biblewoman she had become very useful in her own and surrounding villages. She was recovering nicely from the 'flu when a relapse caused her death.

Our great need on this field is consecrated Biblewomen; we have only two now and two others in training.

I ask your prayers for two young widows, formerly in Caste School, now in High School for Widows, training to be teachers—both Christians at heart, and waiting, we believe, until they are free and independent before openly confessing their Lord. Pray also for Christian women recently baptized, that they attend services regularly, be kept from petty quarrels, and be zealous for their non-Christian friends.

Bolivia.

Recent letters from Bolivia disclose the need of a Forward Movement in that country. To keep pace with the work other denominations are doing we should make very great strides in building and equipment, as well as increasing our forces, but at present we are not much in advance of where we stood fifteen years ago.

The cause at La Paz, however, is to be strengthened by having a church and dwelling house of its own, which will be a great assistance to the work; the same thing is needed at Cochabamba. There is an opening for a touring Missionary who could carry on an evangelistic and teaching campaign in country places where there are few outside interests.

Miss Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Buck are hard at work at the language.

It is gratifying to hear of baptisms taking place recently, and to know that greater liberty is being given our Missionaries in presenting the message. We are thankful, too, for the liberal attitude of the people who favor Protestantism, feeling that the Roman Church has failed to cure many evil conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

HELMA MOTLEY.

Corresponding Secretary.

Westmount, October, 1919.

**REPORT OF MISSION BANDS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND
QUEBEC, 1918-19.**

There is much cause to "Thank God and take courage" in the report of the children's work for the past year. God has been very gracious to us in raising up leaders. The women of our Circles are realizing the necessity for Mission Bands in connection with our Circles. The children have accomplished much in the acquirement of missionary knowledge, planning of work, Scriptural methods of giving, and, above all, a growing desire to serve their Lord and Saviour better.

Much still remains to be desired, none must slacken or feel content that all is well; to stand still is to fall back; we must continually strive to rise to higher better service.

At the beginning of the year typed circulars were sent to each Band, suggesting plans of work, and advising as to best studies to be taken up.

Children sent large numbers of picture cards and rolls, work bags, dolls, etc., to our schools in India.

Some ingenious methods of earning money to fill mite-boxes were employed. One little maiden sold "missionary puppies." A Band was loaned a field in which beans were planted, and the proceeds disposed of. A tea party was given by another little member, and self-denial books helped the mission cause.

A Band enlists old and young in its ranks, one, over 60 years of age, does not think himself too old to learn and to help.

Grande-Ligne has the honor of being the only summer Band, meeting only when Feller Institute is not in session—accomplishing as much as other Bands in the time. Two Bands have branches in near-by villages. One branch overcame the loss caused by the influenza epidemic by extra meetings, and another invited the Sunday School to a Thanksgiving in order to make up.

One memorial life membership is reported.

In one village some children walk four miles to attend meetings.

The influenza epidemic and coal shortage interfered much with Band work, but, by God's goodness, great things have been done. Contributions are more than double those of 1916-17, and all come from the loving service of the children themselves.

Eleven new Bands have been enrolled and five have been reorganized on a better basis. The difficulty has always been to secure good and willing leaders; but, no doubt, these sixteen new Bands are the outcome of a quickened desire for greater usefulness amongst the women of our Circles, as well as a fuller appreciation of their duty and privilege.

The Band is a branch of the Circle, their work and interests are in common.
R. RAMSAY, Secretary.

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W.B.F.M. SOCIETY
OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, OCT. 9TH, 1919.**

Your Secretary begs leave to report the following:—

There have been four regular meetings of the Board and two special meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 22 at the regular meetings. The Executive meeting on Jan. 17th was held at the home of our President, to consider Miss Murray's salary, while home on furlough. It was decided that her furlough allowance be \$500.00 per annum, and (on account of the high cost of living) a bonus of \$100.00.

The other special meeting, on Oct. 3rd, was held in Olivet Church, to consider the estimate for the coming year. The following recommendation was moved and seconded: That the Board sustain the appropriations as presented and that \$1500.00 be raised, as a forward movement.

Three meetings for prayer and the appointed, "Days of Prayer" have been observed.

The semi-annual day of prayer held in the First Baptist Church on April 13th was an occasion of great interest. About 150 persons sat down to a banquet after which a special exercise was introduced called "A Feast of Candles." A seven-branched candlestick stood in the centre of the principal table. Mrs. F. L. Orchard presided. In a few words, she told how Moses was directed by God to make a seven-branched candlestick to give light in the Tabernacle. This candlestick was to be made of pure gold and exactly according to the pattern given on the Mount. She said, we might, with much profit, light seven candles, that would shed light on our missionary work and problems. As the leader lighted each candle, one by one, seven Circle members spoke on various points of Spiritual enlightenment. These were: **Information, Training, Steadfastness, Giving, Enthusiasm, Transformation, and The Great Pattern.**

After the addresses, the remaining half hour was spent in prayer, while the various branches of our Home and Foreign work were presented at the Throne of Grace, and our hearts were deeply stirred, for the success of our Mission work.

An afternoon meeting of the ladies of the Baptist Churches of Montreal was held in Olivet Lecture Room on June 4th, to welcome our beloved missionary, Miss Annie E. Murray, this being her first meeting, with us, since her return from India. Miss Murray was full of enthusiasm for her work and very hopeful for the future.

Two lectures were given during last winter, in aid of the Expense Fund of the Board, one by Sub-Lieut. Harold Griffith, the subject being "Fifty Thousand Miles on a British Destroyer," in the Temple Baptist Church.; the other by Major, the Rev. Cannon Shatford, in the Olivet Lecture Room, subject: "Some Impressions of the War." Both lectures were very largely attended and most interesting, and the net sum of \$100.50 realized. Quarterly reports from our missionaries in India, have kept us in touch with their work; also the reports from the Superintendent of Bureau of Literature, showing an increased demand for literature and helps, on our women's work.

The reports from the Superintendent of Bands have been encouraging, several new Bands have been organized, and the interest in missions of the young people of our church has been stimulated.

Reports have been received from time to time of the progress of our Young Women's Circles and we are encouraged to believe, that this work will grow to be a great part in our Society.

On invitation, our Board was represented at the Annual Meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial, and at the Diocesan Auxiliary, by Mrs. F. S. Orchard.

We extend our sympathy to those friends, who have been called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones, and as a Board we have lost a valued member and friend in the passing away of our sister, Miss Margaret Clarke, who, for many years, was an active member and deeply interested in our Society and its work.

At the Quarterly Meeting last June, all realized the need for greater earnestness in prayer for our missionaries and for the increase of funds in our treasury to meet our many demands. The members were asked to form a prayer Circle and to observe the noon hour for this purpose.

As we review the events of the past year, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to God, for His great mercies to our missionaries, for the success of all our work, and that He has heard and answered our prayers and our treasury has been richly supplied, so that we have been able to meet all our appropriations, in full.

Respectfully submitted,
EDITH C. BENTLY, Recording Secretary.

910 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal.

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WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Treasurer's Statement

RECEIPTS.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance on hand, September 25th, 1918. \$1,294 07
 Total receipts from Circles, as per detailed statement below 3,407 14

Total receipts from Bands, as per detailed statement below 452 50

Collections Taken:—
 Convention \$19 27
 Annual Meeting of Circles.. 37 45
 Eastern Association 6 55
 Canada Central Association.. 1 30
 Ottawa Association 11 25
 Grand-Ligne Association..... 2 00
 Sherbrooke Ch., Miss Murray 11 00
 Montreal Union " " 7 60
 Ottawa First " " 10 20

Individual and Other Contributions:—
 A Friend (for Valluru Sch'l) \$156 00
 First Church Sunday School, Primary Dept., Montreal. 15 00
 Miss Annie McPherson, Van-kleeck Hill 15 00
 Estate late Mrs. A. C. Whitfield 15 00
 A Friend 40 00
 Proceeds of Lectures 100 50
 Philathea Class Temple Ch., Montreal 13 00
 Almonte, B. Y. P. U. 6 00

Brockville First C. S. School
 Class 13 00
 Interest 15 22
 Sherbrooke Philathea Class 18 00
 St. Andrew's Federated Missionary Society 6 00
 Mrs. E. H. Cox 20 00
 Mrs. A. Oakes (Support Bible Women) 35 00
 Mrs. Hopton 10 00
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 A Friend 2 50
 A Friend 25 00
 Montreal Tabernacle (Mrs. White's S.S. Class) 10 00
 Mrs. H. D. Dwyer 10 00
 Mrs. P. S. McLaren 10 00
 Mrs. E. B. Parker (Coat-cook) 4 50
 A Friend 4 00
 Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe (Life Directorship) 100 00
 Mrs. E. C. Simpson (Life Directorship) 100 00
 Brockville, B. Y. P. U. 5 00
 Premium on American Cheques 3 65
 Barnston S. S. Class 18 00

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\$6,125 17

Appropriations.

Miss Murray and Yellamanchilli. \$928 00
 Miss Hinman's Salary 525 00
 Vuyuru Work and Boarding School 877 00
 Akidu School 490 00
 Bolivia 100 00
 Narsapatnam 254 00
 Avanigadda 175 00
 Miss Murray's Passage 600 00
 Miss Hinman's Passage 600 00

\$4,549 00

Special.

Speaker's Exp. to Convention 27 25
 Miss Murray (Bonus) 100 00
 Rev. J. B. McLaurin's Work 20 00
 India Famine Relief Fund 16 00
 Printing 107 13
 Exchange 409 31

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Balance in Bank, Sept. 30th, 1919. \$896 48

NOTE.—The Balance of \$896.48 comprises:—
 "Cramp" Legacy \$500 00
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 Special—Akidu Wall 20 00

Surplus for year 1918-19.. \$895 95
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FROM CIRCLES AND BANDS.

RECEIPTS—EASTERN ASSOCIATION.			
Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Barnston	\$30 00	.....	30 00
Beebe	33 47	.....	33 47
Bulver	7 00	.....	7 00
Costicook	68 00	29 00	97 00
Dixville	16 00	3 15	19 15
Moss River	10 75	18 00	28 75
Montreal—			
Olivet	216 06	13 00	229 06
First Church	505 50	28 00	523 50
Westmount	198 25	17 00	215 25
Point St. Charles	10 00	.....	10 00
Tabernacle	10 00	.....	10 00
Temple	29 00	18 00	47 00
Young Wom's	19 00	.....	19 00
Verdun	22 00	.....	22 00
	3 50	.....	3 50
North Hatley	75 00	15 00	90 00
Quebec	13 30	14 00	27 30
Sawyerhill	.....	5 00	5 00
Shirbrooke	5 00	.....	5 00
Waterville	.....	.....	.....
	\$1,271 88	\$150 65	\$1,422 48

RECEIPTS—GRANDE-LIGNE ASSOCIATION

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Grande-Ligne	10 00	10 00	20 00
Montreal French Ch.	10 00	.....	10 00
Ottawa French Church	15 00	.....	15 00
Roxton Pond	4 00	.....	4 00
Montreal, St. Paul's	3 00	.....	3 00
Marieville	16 00	.....	16 00
	\$58 00	\$10 00	\$68 00

SUMMARY.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Eastern Ass'n.	\$1,271 88	\$150 65	\$1,422 48
Grande-Ligne Ass'n.	58 00	10 00	68 00
Ottawa Association	1,288 56	174 91	1,563 47
Canada Central Ass'n	688 75	117 00	805 75
	\$3,407 14	\$452 56	\$3,859 70
Number of Circles contributing	.....	.....	.....
Number of Bands contributing	.....	.....	.....

RECEIPTS—OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Breadalbane	12 00	.....	12 00
Buckingham	4 80	.....	4 80
Clarence	100 00	8 00	108 00
Cornwall	99 55	3 06	102 61
Dalesville	18 50	12 00	30 50
Dempsey	5 00	.....	5 00
Dominionville	40 00	.....	40 00
Greenville	20 00	.....	20 00
Kenmore	22 50	4 00	26 50
Lachute	20 00	7 50	27 50
Ormond	21 00	18 00	39 00
Osnabrock	17 50	17 00	34 50
Osgoode	146 70	38 00	184 70
Ottawa—			
First Church	384 88	.....	384 88
First Young Wom's	58 50	.....	58 50
McPhail Memorial	104 08	18 50	122 58
Fourth Avenue	82 50	13 00	95 50
Young Wom's	11 00	.....	11 00
Calvary	38 00	8 40	46 40
Highland Park	59 50	4 00	63 50
Hintonburg	13 00	.....	13 00
Rockland	80 95	21 65	102 60
South Gower	15 00	.....	15 00
Thurso	50 65	.....	50 65
Yankleek Hill	18 00	1 80	19 80
	\$1,288 56	\$174 91	\$1,563 47

RECEIPTS—CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Allan's Mills	35 00	20 00	55 00
Almonie	13 00	.....	13 00
Athens	5 00	.....	5 00
Arnprior	165 75	7 00	172 75
Brockville, First Ch.	20 00	.....	20 00
Delta	28 00	.....	28 00
Drummond	59 60	17 00	76 60
Kingston, First Church	34 50	.....	34 50
Kingston, Union Street	5 00	.....	5 00
Lanark	34 70	38 00	72 70
Perth	38 70	.....	38 70
Phillippsville	25 00	6 00	31 00
Plum Hollow	10 00	5 00	15 00
Renfrew	305 50	24 00	329 50
Smith's Falls	.....	.....	.....
	\$688 75	\$117 00	\$805 75

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Total receipts for 1915-1916	\$3,985 60
Total receipts for 1916-1917	\$4,226 47
Total receipts for 1917-1918	\$4,715 50
Total receipts for 1918-1919	\$4,831 11

LIFE DIRECTORS FOR YEAR.

Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Thurso.
Mrs. S. C. Simpson, Westmount.

LIFE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR—CIRCLES.

Mrs. A. H. Guioi, Ottawa, McPhail Memorial.
Miss C. McPhee, Ottawa, 4th Ave.
Mrs. C. Sinclair, Ottawa, 4th Ave.
Mrs. H. W. Wright, Smith's Falls.
Mrs. John Washburn, Smith's Falls.
Mrs. J. Dalgleish, Smith's Falls.
Mrs. T. Devlin, Smith's Falls.
Mrs. Harry Hollister, Cornwall.
Mrs. Lydia Douglass, Cornwall.
Mrs. L. M. Tilton, Cornwall.
Miss Mina Mastock, Almonie.
Mrs. D. Derbyshire, Brockville.
Mrs. A. Fisher, Brockville.
Mrs. A. H. Gordon, Montreal, First.
Mrs. C. E. Frost, Westmount.
Mrs. E. G. Lanwill, Highland Park.
Mrs. Angus McDermid, Osgoode.
Mrs. W. D. Stroud, Ottawa, First.
Miss S. E. Ferguson, Ottawa, First.
Miss M. McLaurin, Clarence.
Mrs. W. K. Graftley, Montreal, Olivet.
Mrs. P. L. Orchard, Montreal, Olivet.
Mrs. P. T. Lemaistre, Montreal, Olivet.
Respectfully submitted.

FRANCES RUSSELL,

Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

ALFRED WALFORD, L.L.A.,

Auditor.

Montreal, October 1st, 1919.