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## EASTERN WOMEN'S CONVENTION.

Notes by the "LINK'S" Scribe.

Beautiful weather, a record attendance, "comfy" church, welcoming faces and hand-clasps, cheering reports and the "Fortieth" Anniversary with retrospect and "mile stones of blessings," all conspired to make this convention enjoyable, memorable and inspiring. Long may prosperity attend the Eastern Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

We were glad to see the face of Mr. Benson of India. Our missionary heroines, Mrs. A. E. Massé, Mrs. McFaul, Miss Clarke, Madame Scott, Mrs. White, all of Grand Ligne Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Plant of Barnston Home Missionary field. Also from the Western Convention Mrs. J. L. Gilmour, Mrs. C. J. Cameron and Mrs. Holman were all accorded a special welcome, while Mrs. Albert Matthews, recently of the Western, but formerly of the Eastern Convention, had evidently been promptly grasped again by the East, if we are to judge by the dependence placed on her by both the Foreign and Home Societies. Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace was elected Vice-President. Sister Belle and Mrs. S. J. Fanner also were familiar faces to the Western visitors.

Mrs. David Bentley, Honorary President of the Foreign Society, sat on the platform during the morning session—the only member of the original Board formed forty years ago, who has been continuously on that Board till to-day.

Several touching references were made to Mrs. T. J. Claxton, so many

years President of the Society, whose mantle is so becomingly worn by her daughter, Mrs. Hibbard Ayer, the present President of the Society.

We were gratified for Moulton, and saw her influence on the true life of our denomination, as we listened to Mrs. Hibbert Ayer and Mrs. McKechnie, noted Mrs. W. S. Elliot's name on Foreign Board, watched Miss Muir with her Band girls, and saw the "mothers of present Moulton girls, some of them former Moulton girls themselves. Expressions in the minutes betokened also the inspiration given last year to the Eastern women by the visits and addresses of Miss Ellis.

The keyword was "Sacrifice," and ran through all the addresses of the day. Mrs. Ayer, spoke of the meaning of sacrifice—as "making sacred by putting to death"—and that all our sacrifice found its source in the Cross of Christ. Mrs. Colpitts, who led the morning "Quiet Hour," said: "Sacrifice is an offering that costs." "What can change sacrifice into privilege? It is love. Let us pray for it."

The President reviewed the forty years' history of the Society, reminding us that the Maritime women were organized first, by Miss Norris, now Mrs. Armstrong, of Barbah, who having been refused appointment by the American Missionary Union for lack of funds, found an outlet for her temporary disappointment in stirring up the sisters at home to missionary work. The Eastern Society was then organized on Sept. 24, 1876, by Mr. Timpany, and the Western Society one month later.

\$76,000 collected by Eastern Women's Society since organization. The first large gift of \$150 was given by Mrs. Daniel McPhail. 186 life members, 3 life Directors have been on the roll.

In reply to the address of welcome, Mrs. Reynolds, of Brockville, said our hearts should go out in loving sympathy to the mothers and wives in India who have sent their men to the war. They cannot hear from them, for they can neither read nor write, and before them is the horror of widowhood, and all this without the sustaining consolation of Christ, for they know Him not.

Mrs. Pollock, of Eastern Association, reported 10 out of 18 Circles taking up study courses; 8 hold Thank-offerings, 5 observe a special Day of Prayer—but 13 do not. Why? "Is prayer a forgotten secret among many of our Circles?"

Mr. Plant, pastor of one of the churches in this Association, visits Circles regularly.

Mrs. McLaren, Director of Canada Central Association, said that in sending out forms for Circles to fill in for report, she requested each Circle to pray for the Convention. Nearly all replied they would.

Mrs. Metcalfe, Director of Ottawa Association, in sending her forms to fill in, wrote a personal letter to each Circle. All but two replied to it. One Circle reported that every member had pledged herself to proportionate giving.

"Miss Link" called on her Montreal "Acquaintance Party," and was warmly received.

Mrs. Motley's Corresponding Secretary's report was a masterly presentation of our Foreign work. She specially shewed Miss Murray's plea for prayer

for revival in the native church. "A cleansed and purified church would mean an access of power."

Needed: "A change in the scale of missionary service."—Mrs. Motley.

Estimates for coming year are \$132 in advance of last year. The mover of the advance said: "We would be lonesome without an extra after trying so hard for the Claxton Memorial and the Vuyyuru Girls' Dormitories."

By assuming \$182 for Avani-gadda, the Society gladly comes in touch again with Miss McLaurin. Bolivia was remembered by \$75.

The climax of the afternoon was reached in the "Quiet Hour," led by Mrs. Albert Matthews, aided by Mrs. Weeks, Miss Clarke and Mrs. Findlay.

The necessity of our being in touch with God to attain Christ's ideal for us, and the reflex influence of missions on character and service were brought out with unusual power.

Words from Mrs. Matthews: "Grow capacity for heaven." "Train the mind toward God." "Responsibility makes giants out of feeble ones, when we are the stuff giants are made of."

"Not what we have, but what we surrender, is what God uses."—Mrs. L. M. Weeks.

"God cannot use anywhere the soul that will not go anywhere that He asks."—Miss Clarke.

Mrs. Findlay's talk on "Activity" took us to the feet of Christ, and led us out to soul-winning. "A new sustaining power in the Christian life comes when we want to be soul-winners."

## THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

### A REMINDER FROM VUYURU.

Kistna, India, Aug. 8, 1916.

"Two weeks ago school should have started, but many children come a great distance, and live 30 miles away, and when the rainy season comes, it is hard to get the children together. However, they are all here now, and our boarding is full. I don't think it has been so full before—forty-one boys and thirty-nine girls—and still there are more who wish to come, but we must refuse to take them. They have such a disappointed look in their faces when we tell them—no room. How badly we need dormitories. Yesterday a fairly high wind was blowing and one side of the wall of the girls' compound fell down. It is impossible for girls to sleep in a dormitory where anybody, or anything, can get in, so we are obliged to have the girls sleep on our verandah, and you can imagine the noise thirty-nine girls would make.

The wall cannot be repaired until the rainy season is over. The girls' compound and ours are both flooded. We do hope the money will come, so that we can build this year; the need is very great, but we can only trust and have faith. God knows all about it, doesn't he?

Rose Gordon.

Women of Ontario and Quebec, are we going to allow such things to be any longer? The work is ours and our duty demands proper care of our children in Vuyuru.

One dollar from every woman in our churches will do all that is required.

The appeal is not only to Circle members, but to every woman member of our churches. One Sunday School in Toronto is lifting the burden of the boys' dormitories—the women will not want to let the girls suffer.

P. R.

### OUR NEWS COLUMN

From our Lady of the Lepers:—

Did I tell you that a young Tamil woman of education has come to our Leper Home? She knows English well, and since she came has been learning Telugu and her progress is remarkable. I have had lessons with her four times a week as far as possible during these first lone-some months. With her are four other girls, only slightly tainted, and she is teaching them. I really love her dearly and my heart goes out to her in deep sympathy. Just think of the blight to her life. She hoped to have gone on with her studies and taken a course in medicine, when she would have been sought by all and honored by all. Being a very attractive young woman, she would probably have been suitably married. Instead of all this brilliant future, this fearful blight! And, oh! how wonderfully she bears it all. It is simply a marvel. Her bright, beautiful smile greets me every time I go to the Home, unless she is ill or in special suffering from the disease. She has such a deep insight into spiritual truths that it is a real pleasure to be with her. Dr. Joshee is bringing a celebrated cure from the Philippines, and it may be God will be pleased to avert the calamity. Pray that it may be so.

A Salanagundi from Avanigadda.

What has happened since my last? I've been out at work every day. We have 25 regular zenana pupils here in town whom the women teach every week, besides the many hearers who are not regular learners. Quite a number more high-caste women are asking to be taken on as pupils, and taught regularly. That's the real thing, but if we go regularly to them it hardly leaves any time for the many others who are casual hearers. And then there's the touring! Well,

one can only do what one can do, and keep on keeping on as best we may.

You know I am in charge of the S. S. work on the field and we have 28 Sunday Schools, with over 600 scholars. I am trying to get the teachers to see the tremendous possibilities in these 600 youngsters. I think some are waking up. Some are doing well, but it would make a vast difference if all would do their best. We went to call on the Talpidar's wife the other day. They are Mohamedans, and I expected to see something gorgeous in the way of clothes and jewels, but she could not have been more plainly dressed. She was all in fine white muslin and not a single jewel. She looked like a Christian. She was not at all shy or awkward and shook hands and received us nicely, seating us in chairs around a table, where we chatted; a brother, who is studying for his B.A. in a Mission college, taking part in the conversation. The next day our hostess sent us up chepalaties and a dish of what looked like cream of wheat and raisins. It was beautifully cooked and tasted good. Then we called on the women folk in another official's home. They are very progressive people. His sister is staying with them and teaching his wife and daughters English. She is a beauty. The nieces are just young girls—shy and graceful in their pretty oriental way. We will have them up for afternoon tea some day soon. Still another call on caste friends. Here we sat on the verandah and chatted with the ladies, some neighbors who gathered about, and a young Brahmin widow who, with her stepdaughter, sang for us hymns that they had learned from our Biblewomen. They were a little hard to persuade, but sang beautifully. They are such sweet women.

Our Soldier-Missionary.—We are all interested in our gallant missionary-soldier, Lieut. R. S. Smith. After serving in North India and in Cey-

lon, he sailed from Bombay for Mesopotamia about the 25th of last July. He went in connection with the supply and transport department of the army, in which work he had been engaged from time of enlistment over a year ago.

M. B. McL.

### "THANK YOU," FROM MISS BASKERVILLE.

Harris Bungalow,  
Cocanada, India,  
Aug. 24, 1916.

Dear LINK:—

Not long ago I saw an acknowledgment in the LINK from some missionary ladies who had received packets of picture cards from home. It had not occurred to me to express my thanks in that way, but I trust it is not too late even yet for me to do so. I am very grateful to the good friends who were so kind as to remember me among the others. It was the Preston Mission Band, I think, that sent me a particularly nice lot. The cards were clean and fresh and bright, and the children appreciate them very much.

I use them in the Caste Girls' School as a reward for regular attendance in my Bible classes, and cards illustrating Bible stories of either the Old or New Testament are very acceptable.

Will you please give space in your columns to this little note of thanks?

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Baskerville.

### THE NEW BOOK.

"Letters from My Home in India," the life story of our beloved missionary, Mrs. Churchill, covering her long period of service on the foreign field, is to be on sale by the first of October. Rev. Dr. Brown says that this work, "edited and arranged by the gifted writer and speaker, Mrs. Grace McL. Rogers, is likely to be very popular, as it is to appear simultaneously in the three countries,

Canada, England and the United States." The publishers themselves pronounce it "the most unique missionary book that has ever appeared." The "Letters" in which form Mrs. Rogers has presented her matter, give a human touch that would have been lacking in mere biography, and make of the contents a tender, intimate account of life from day to day in the Bobbili Mission House, setting forth many phases of the work not often recounted, and portraying oriental impressions by vivid incident. It should be read in every Baptist household, and placed in every Baptist Sunday School, for it not only pictures Mrs. Churchill's life, but preserves for our denomination the story of our early ventures as a Maritime Independent Mission Board, and the initial labors of that noble band of "Seven" who first went forth under its direction.

The make-up of the book is most attractive, the type large and clear, with twelve choice illustrations, and a cut of the Mission Bungalow on the outside cover—a handsome gift-book for the holiday season. Retail price is \$1.25, but special arrangements have been made to supply Missionary Societies, particulars of which can be obtained from the Canadian publishers—McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, King Street West, Toronto. Will each secretary arrange with her society as to number of copies desired and communicate with the publishers as promptly as possible.

All gains from sale of the book go

direct to missions, a united gift from Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Rogers.

#### HERE AND THERE

**Sparta.**—On Aug. 3, Sparta Circle held a joint meeting with the Methodist Women's Auxiliary, with the chief interest centreing around addresses by Mrs. Clark Timpany, now home from India, and Mrs. A. S. Rogers of Aylmer—her subject being "Hold Fast Till I come," based on Rev. ii. 25. The social hour was utilized to see Mrs. Timpany's curios. One of the results of the meeting was the adding of four new members.

Mary B. McCandless.

#### THE INSTITUTES.

A committee representing the Home and Foreign Mission Boards met and discussed the subject of Institutes in the different associations and brought in a report to the Boards, the substance of which is as follows:

That our associations would be greatly benefited by their formation, that both Home and Foreign Missions should be presented, that it would be unwise to multiply meetings, and therefore that part of the associational meetings might be converted into a conference where difficulties might be discussed, that speakers from an adjoining association might be utilized to save travelling expenses, and that the whole question be discussed at the Directors' Conference on Nov. 7th, at Jarvis Street Church, Toronto.—L. L.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES.

### TORONTO YOUNG WOMEN'S RALLY IN BLOOR STREET CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2ND.

About two hundred and seventy-five girls sat down to supper on the occasion of the Autumn Rally of the Toronto Young Women's Circles. It was a most encouraging and inspiring sight, and one could well imagine the wonderful possibilities of concerted and consecrated effort along missionary lines. Miss Marjorie Trotter gave a few words of welcome to the visiting circles from the Bloor Street Circle. We were privileged to have with us a number of offi-

cers and members or both Home and Foreign Boards.

The treasurers, Mrs. Glenn Campbell (Foreign), and Miss Wright (Home), were introduced, and said a few appropriate words. Mrs. Sloat, corresponding secretary for the Home Mission Board, spoke briefly. The absence of the Director of the Toronto Association, Mrs. Bagnley, was much regretted, and it is hoped she may be with us on some future occasion.

Two-minute reports from Circles were given, dealing specially with the methods of giving and the results obtained. In

most of the Circles the giving is systematic, various methods being employed for collecting the money. The envelope system, collectors, monthly collections were the usual means, additional collections called "brown" or "penny" collections, are sometimes taken. Out of nineteen Circles only two failed to report.

Mrs. McLaurin offered prayer for blessing on the work during the coming season. A message from Miss Farnall, the recently appointed missionary to India, who that very evening started on her way to the field, emphasized afresh the need for girls to find their mission in life, and whether it be at home or abroad, to carry out the Master's will. Miss Rogers followed by a few words from her own experience, both on the foreign field and work among girls in Toronto. Miss Ellis of Moulton College—always a welcome guest—caught and held the attention of the audience by the story of the headless statue, and from this pointed out the necessity of girls using their heads in order to make our missionary work tell. Miss Ellis then introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Noble of Buffalo, executive secretary of the "World Wide Guide" of young women's work in the United States. Miss Noble told of the far-reaching work of the organization, its aims, motto, plans, and, in an inspiring address, gave many suggestions and much food for thought. The singing of the Doxology brought a very happy rally to a close.

M. S.

#### The Song of the Walmer Road Circle Collectors at Bloor Street Rally.

I called upon poetic Muse  
To state the ways we raise our dues;  
At first I thought she would refuse,  
Such condescension did it seem  
To rhyme on such prosaic theme;  
She sighed, "Alas! is this my fate,  
To sing about a collection plate?"  
But coaxing hard and labouring long,  
At last she warbled forth a song,  
And thus the song she sings to you:

"Collectors call when fees are due,—  
Collectors shy, with looks demure,  
But motives all sincere and pure,  
Apologetic, state the need,  
And for their worthy cause they plead.  
Others more bold, with open hand,  
For fees now due just make demand,  
And grasp your "sair—won penny fee",  
The needy cause sufficient plea.

Then once a month the members meet  
To bow before the Mercy-seat,  
And pray for all things small and great;  
And then sometimes we pass the plate;  
And once a month we meet to sew,  
And back and forth blithe fingers go  
'Gainst winter's cold to form protection  
And here, we always take collection.

Then once, just once, we had a show  
To which the saintliest one could go  
Without the fear of smirch or stain  
Upon his pure white Christian name.  
Some things were there from orient  
lands,  
From Africa's burning desert sands,  
From India, China and Japan,—  
'Twas thus the strange collection ran—  
And charming ladies to relate—  
And then—the same collection plate.

Some speakers came from distant lands  
And talked to us about the hands  
That helpless by the side might drop  
If once our giving we should stop.  
Some showed us vivid pictures fair  
On canvas white by 'lectric glare:  
The glaring beauty of the land,  
The glaring need on every hand,  
And thrilled our hearts with their de-  
bate;  
And then—we handed round the plate.

And some there are—yes, just a few—  
Not members, but our helpers true,  
Who seem to know just what to do,  
For invitations they don't wait,  
But send subscriptions to our plate.

And once a year we thankful prove,  
By bringing little gifts with love  
And Scripture-texts that clearly state  
Our thanks for the collection plate.

And thus by various means and ways  
A tidy little sum we raise,  
And to the Giver we give praise.

The year had run its course, and then,  
We totalled up **One-Fifty-Ten.**

(Composed by two members of Walmer Road Y. M. M. C.—Misses P. Scott and R. Doollittle.)

Toronto, Sept. 28, 1916.

Last year's collection in that circle was \$150.10.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.****PROGRAMME—WESTERN CONVENTION.**

Strengthened with might by His spirit. Eph. 3: 16.

**Foreign Mission Day—Wednesday, Nov. 8th.**

Mrs. John Firthbrook, President.

Mrs. A. A. Kelly, Convention Secretary.

Miss Janet McLaurin, Reporter for The Canadian Baptist."

**Morning Session.**

9.00—Hymn. Scripture, Miss Olive Copp, Hamilton. Prayer, Mrs. James Chapman, Brantford.

9.10—Welcome, Mrs. John Lillie, Toronto.

9.15—Annual Reports, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wilson Fenton.

9.25—Home Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.

9.35—Foreign Secretary, Miss Rogers. LINK Statement, Miss Norton.

9.45—Y. W. A. Report, Mrs. C. T. Stark.

9.50—Helpful Suggestions, Directors.

10.20—Our Allies, introduced by Mrs. Thos. Moor.

10.50—Looking Backward, led by Mrs. F. C. Elliott.

11.10—Looking Forward, Mrs. L. S. Hartsock.

11.30—Waiting on God, Mrs. J. T. Priest.

12.00—Closing Prayer, Mrs. Kingdon. Adjournment.

**Afternoon.**

2.00—Hymn. Prayer, Mrs. David Alexander, Brantford. Minutes, Mrs. A. A. Kelly.

2.15—President's Address, Mrs. John Firthbrook.

2.25—Treasury and Budget, Mrs. Glenn Campbell.

2.55—"The King's Highway," Miss Ross, Hamilton.

3.15—"The Land of the Golden Man," Mrs. Harry Taylor, Hamilton.

3.35—Music. Offering.

3.40—Address (probably Mrs. Craig).

4.00—Memorial Service, Mrs. John McLaurin.

4.10—Our Understudies, Mrs. N. Mills.

4.40—Prayer, Mrs. J. G. Brown. Election. Prayer, Mrs. D. K. Clarke. Adjournment.

**Evening Session.**

7.30—Girls' Hour, Mrs. C. T. Stark, Dr. H. S. Ellis.

8.15—Minutes of Afternoon Session.

8.20—Prayer; Mrs. C. J. Cameron.

8.25—Music by choir. Offering.

8.35—Scene: "The Worship of Buddha."

8.50—An Hour with the King's Ambassadors.

9.45—Closing Prayer and Benediction.

**WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST, 1916.**

The Annual Convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West will be held in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday, November the 8th and 9th.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on Wednesday, the 8th. A conference for Directors will be held on Tuesday afternoon, the 7th, at 4 o'clock, and on the evening of the same day, at 8 o'clock, the two Boards will unite in a meeting for prayer for the Convention.

**Delegates.**

The Constitution of each Society allows the following:—

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

Each Band has the right to send one delegate, over 15 years of age. All are invited to attend the meetings, and may take part in the discussions, but only delegates, officers and members of the Board are entitled to vote.

The following members of the Board retire this year, but are eligible for reelection: Mrs. Hugh Ellis, Mrs. John Hooper, Mrs. C. T. Stark; Mrs. E. J. Zavitz, Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Miss Ethel Aldridge, all of Toronto, and Mrs. J. T. Marshall, of Chatham.

"Nominations in writing may be presented through the Recording Secretary of the Board, and the opportunity shall also be given to the meeting to make open nominations."

A. E. FENTON,  
Rec. Secretary.

#### NOTICE TO DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention to be held at Jarvis Street Church, November 8th and 9th, who wish entertainment, please send names to Mrs. Geo. W. Holmes, 24 Dunbar Road, Toronto. Please do not send names of those who do not intend coming.

#### CONFERENCE FOR "LINK" AGENTS.

Foreign Mission Day at our Western Ontario Convention is Wednesday, Nov. 8. Some time during that day, probably immediately after the morning session, there will be a conference of **LINK** agents and any others who wish to represent agents not present or Circles not having an agent. There we can discuss many business details about which it is difficult to write, and can bring to each other suggestions for maintaining and increasing our subscription lists. Come prepared to present your difficulties, and to help in solving other people's.

J. M. N.

#### RAILWAY CERTIFICATES—WESTERN CONVENTION.

Persons attending the Convention in Toronto should purchase first-class, full-fare one-way tickets (fares for which must not be less than fifty cents.

If there are 99 or less in attendance holding certificates they will be returned to their original starting points at two-thirds fare, plus 25 cents.

If there are from 100 to 299 in attendance, they will be returned for one-third fare, plus 25 cents.

If there are 300 or more present hold-

ing certificates, they will be returned on payment of 25 cents.

If an insufficient number of certificates to make up the required number are presented, they will be validated by the special agent, if sufficient additional round-trip tickets are presented by persons in attendance at the meeting, provided the round-trip fare is fifty cents or more.

E. M. INRIG.

#### ARREARAGE NOTICE.

Please examine your label. If in arrears, send in your subscription at once. Arrearage notices will be sent out during the next two weeks. Must we send one to you?

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

August, 1916.

#### RECEIPTS.

##### From Circles—

Grimsby, \$5.00; Toronto, Pape Ave., \$8.72; Campbellford, \$3.25; Boston (lepers), \$5.00; London, Maitland St. Y. W. (for D. Maud), \$17.00; Tiverton, \$6.50; Colchester, \$5.20; Parry Sound, \$6.75; Preston, \$3.00; Woodslee, \$5.00; Burch, \$15.00; Atwood, \$1.22; Stayner, \$2.40; Eberts, \$5.00; Listowel, \$6.15; Tupperville, \$6.00; Hamilton, Victoria Ave. Y. W., \$2.50; Wilkesport (Biblewoman), \$25.00; Toronto, Olivet, \$6.55; Cramahe Y. W. (student), \$4.25; Ridgetown, \$5.15; Toronto, Beverley, \$10.25; Toronto, Waverley Rd. Y. W., \$4.80. Total from Circles, \$159.69.

##### From Bands—

Waterford, "Th Try" Band (for student), \$4.25; Delhi (student), \$10.00; St. Mary's (student), \$17.00; Galt Mission, \$2.25; Toronto, Beverley, \$1.00. Total from Bands, \$34.50.

##### From Sundries—

Mrs. R. W. Elliot, for lepers, \$50.00; A. Friend, for New Missionary Fund, \$200.00; Wilkesport S. S. (Biblewoman), \$25.00; Brantford, Park, Phil. Class

(student) \$17.00, Biblewoman \$25.00), \$42.00; interest on account, \$17.50. Total from sundries, \$334.50.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

To General Treasurer on regular estimates, \$1,133.33; Lepers, \$88.75; to the Treasurer, \$20.83.

### Report for September, 1916.

#### RECEIPTS.

##### From Circles—

Malahide-Bayham, \$8.00; Marchmount, \$5.00; Tiverton (Building Fund), \$2.50; Grimsby (Life membership, Mrs. Wellington Walker), \$25.00; Sudbury, \$5.00; Norwich (Timpany Memorial School \$3.50), \$8.50; Owen Sound Y. W., \$3.30; Tiverton (Mary), \$26.00; Toronto Dovercourt Road Y. W., \$6.00; Eberts, \$2.00; Toronto Indian Road (Biblewoman \$1.55, Venkiah \$12.00), \$16.30; Simece, \$15.00; Aylmer (L. M. Account \$14.50), \$24.50; Blenheim, \$5.00; Toronto Century, \$5.55; Otterville, \$11.66; Durham, \$5.00; Gravenhurst (Mark Rubiamma), \$17.00; Toronto, St. John's Road, \$4.00; Lindsay (Biblewoman \$20.50)\*, \$30.00; Toronto, Bloor Street Y. W., \$5.00; Toronto, Walmer Road Y. W., \$22.63; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$45.07; Scotland (P. Slizabethamma), \$25.00; Sparta, \$12.67; St. Catharines, Queen Street Y. W. (Student), \$17.00; Toronto, Ossington Avenue Y. W., \$1.70; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial (to complete life memberships for Mrs. E. Fyle and Mrs. E. Smith), \$31.00; Grimsby, \$5.00; London, Talbot, \$21.65; Wingham, \$5.00; Forestville, \$2.00; Toronto, Jarvis Street (Biblewomen \$100.00), \$145.75; Langton, \$5.00; East Nissouri (Thank Offering \$20.00), \$24.00; Markham, \$12.10; Toronto, Dufferin, \$4.10; Listowel (Building Fund), \$1.60; Brooke and Enniskillen, \$3.90; Kingsville (Building Fund) \$1.56), \$6.06; Thamesville, \$5.00; Kitchener (L. M., Mrs. E. D. Lang), \$7.00; Hamilton, Wentworth (Student for Mr. R. C. Bensen), \$18.00; Hamilton Park,

\$6.00; Wychwood Y. W., \$10.00; Font-hill, \$4.00; Atwood, \$1.75; Toronto, Jarvis (additional), \$1.50; Wallaceburg, \$20.00; Toronto, Calvary, \$9.00; Jones Avenue, \$6.00; Memorial (Bushi Achamma \$8.50), \$12.50; Danforth Avenue Y. W. (Thank Offering), \$15.35; Brantford Park (L. M. Account \$14.85), \$25.20; Brantford First, for Miss McLeod, \$25; Wiarton, \$1.85; Meaford, \$10.00; Sault Ste. Marie (for new Missionary \$10.00), \$15.00. Total from Circles—\$914.69.

#### RECEIPTS.

##### From Bands—

Vittoria (K. Manikyamma), \$2.00; Malahide-Bayham, \$2.00; Woodstock, Oxford (Student), \$18.00; Wingham, "King's Willing Workers" (for K. Ruth), \$17.00; Burgessville, \$12.00; Hamilton, Wentworth (Student), \$17.00; Sparta, \$6.00; Kenora, \$6.92; Durham, \$2.00; Meaford (Student), \$18.00; Sault Ste. Marie, \$1.00. Total from Bands—\$101.92.

##### From Sundries—

Toronto, Jarvis Street, Elliot Bible Class (for A. Deenamma), \$17.00; East Zorra, 13th Line Ladies' Aid, \$16.12; Guelph Y. W. Auxiliary, \$2.60; Burch Baracca Class (for T. Samuel), \$17.00; Mrs. J. B. Kennedy (Building Fund), \$1.00; Miss Rogers (New Missionary), \$50.00; Wingham B. Y. P. U. (M. Sujanna), \$17. Total from Sundries—\$20.72.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

To the General Treasurer, on regular estimates, \$1,133.33; Lepers, \$50.00; Personal, Miss McLeod, \$10.00; special, furniture for Elliot Bungalow, \$75.00; Miss Farnell's passage, \$400.00; Vuyuru Biblewoman houses, \$350.00; Mr. Bensen's special student, \$18.00; Lepers, \$3.50; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; supplies for Corresponding Secretary, \$6.00.

Total receipts for August and September, ..... \$ 1,566 02  
Total disbursements for August and September, ..... 3,309 57  
Total receipts for Convention Year, ..... 14,058 78  
Total disbursements for Convention Year, ..... 15,968 76

Marie C. Campbell,  
Treasurer.

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## Fortieth Annual Report of W. B. F. M. Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Reported by Mrs. N. Ohman, Westmount.

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Québec was held in the Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, October 24th. The little pages for the day were Phyllis Pequegnat and Isabel Ross.

On motion, Mrs. N. Ohman was elected convention reporter for Foreign Day. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Holman, President of the Women's Home Society, West.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Chapman, Montreal, who, on behalf of the Circles of Montreal and Westmount, welcomed the visiting delegates to the city.

Mrs. Reynolds, of Brockville, replied. She considered it an honor to do so. She spoke of the keyword sacrifice, saying we had experience of some personal sacrifice in these days. Think of all the women in India have sacrificed for loyalty.

The President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, also gave an admirable address.

She reviewed the work of the Society for the past forty years since the organization of the Women's Foreign Society. There was a time when women were in the background, but it is not so to-day.

The first year the Society collected \$434.37. This year we have received \$4,511.70.

Mrs. T. J. Claxton was the first president of the Society, and to her memory a chapel-schoolhouse has been recently erected in India. Only four members of the original board are living, only one present at the meeting, namely, Mrs. D. Bentley. In the early days great financial stress and strenuous work were experienced. She spoke of the untiring

energy of our missionaries in India. We need self sacrifice in the work and more prayer.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and an motion adopted, the business arising therefrom, being a revision of the constitution, of which notice of motion had been given the previous year.

Mrs. Bentley, Recording Secretary, then gave her report, which appears in full.

Reports of the Eastern Canada, Central, Ottawa and Grand Ligne Associations were given by Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. P. C. McLaren, Mrs. H. J. Metcalf and Miss Swift respectively.

In Eastern Association there are 18 Circles. Tea had taken up mission study, eight had thank offering services, five observed the special days of prayer, seven boxes had been sent. Canada Central, 9 Circles had increased in membership, six Circles had increased in subscriptions to the LINK and "Visitor." Deeper prayer life manifested in Circles.

Ottawa Association, Mrs. Metcalf had written personal letters when sending each form. Had received letters from 22 Circles. Thurso Circle had been the banner Circle this year.

Grand Ligne Association, Miss Schayetz said L'Oratoire does a great deal of work. In the six Circles of the Association interest was steadily growing. Progress is the key-word for 1916-1917.

The devotional hour was conducted by Mrs. Colpitts.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. President, Mrs. D. Bentley;  
President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; 1st Vice

President, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Therrien; Recording Secretary, Miss Bentley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley; Treasurer, Miss F. M. Russell; Executive Board, Mesdames Brown, Baldwin, (Coticook), Chapman, Dyke, Elliott, Fernyhough, Halkett (Kingston), Louden, La Flair, Martin, McTavish, Griffith, Ohman, Reynolds (Brockville), Rickert, Timmis, Massé (Grande Ligne), Watt, Walker, Wood, Ward, Weeks, White, Colpitts, Findley, Wilson, Misses Clarke and Foster.

Fifty-three delegates of Circles responded to the roll call and six bands.

After prayer the meeting adjourned.

The afternoon session opened with a prayer service conducted by Mrs. C. E. Parson.

A feature of the afternoon was a dialogue called "The Acquaintance Party," given by some Westmount ladies. It took the place of a report from the LINK and certainly presented the claims of that magazine in a very attractive manner.

Reports of Cor. Sec., Mrs. Motley, and Treasurer, Miss Russell, appear in full in this paper.

The following are the appropriations for 1916-1917.

Miss Murray and Yellamanchilli	902.00
Miss Hinman	865.00
Akidu	420.00
Vuyyuru Work and Boarding	
School	876.00
Narsapatnam	210.00
Avanigadda	182.00
Bolliva	75

Total ..... \$3,330.75

The papers and addresses given at the Quiet Hour were exceptionally good: They were "Increasing in the Knowledge as Followers of God," by Mrs. Matthews. "Vision," Mrs. L. M. Weeks. "Reflex Influence of Missions on Character," by Miss Clarke. "Activity," by

Mrs. Findlay. Little Miss Frost and little Stephen Walford of Westmount Mission Band each performed his part remarkably well, one speaking of Livingston, the other of Baptist Missions in India.

The visitors received by the convention were Mrs. Cameron, editor of the "Visitor," and Mrs. Holman, president of the Home Society, West.

In the evening the devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Wallace and the Rev. R. C. Benson of Vuyyuru gave a most inspiring address. Mr. Benson closed his address by saying that mission work to-day was to give the true conception of God, as only Christ can satisfy the political, social and religious needs.

After singing the National Anthem and the McMaster hymn the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. St. James and brought the well-attended uplifting and prosperous sessions of the Women's Foreign Day to a close.

#### REC. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W.B.F.M. SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

October 24, 1916

During the past year there have been one special and four regular meetings, the average attendance at the regular meetings being 24.

Three prayer meetings were held at the homes of different members of the Board, and the days of prayer observed as usual.

The special meeting was held in the First Baptist Church, Sept. 27th, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the organization of the society. This meeting was largely attended. Addresses were given by Mrs. Alloway, the first corresponding secretary of the society, and Mrs. Kampher, a returned missionary from India, under the An-

erican B. F. M. Board. Both addresses were of exceptional interest. Mrs. Alloway gave a reminiscence of the events connected with the organization of the society and the persons who were actively connected with our Foreign Mission work at that time.

Reports from our missionaries in India have been received from time to time, also from the superintendent of Bureau of Literatures, showing a steady sale of books and leaflets.

At a meeting held Dec. 10th, Mrs. A. E. Paterson read the final report of the Claxton Memorial Committee, showing total amount raised \$2,935.00 and a balance on hand of \$92.43.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this amount be used towards the building of the girls' dormitories at Vuyuru.

The autograph quilts, which were made to aid the "Claxton Memorial Fund," have been completed, and, by a vote of the Board, are to be sent to our missionaries in India.

In March a letter was received from Dr. Brown, asking the Board to raise \$750.00 by January, 1917, to build girls' dormitories at Vuyuru. A committee was appointed to raise this amount.

It was suggested by our treasurer, Miss Russell, that each Baptist woman in our Convention be asked to contribute \$1.00 or more to this fund during the months from June to September. This plan was carried out, and will be reported on later.

Last February a very interesting and inspiring lecture was given under the auspices of the Board by Miss Ellis, principal of Moulton Ladies' College, Toronto. Subject: "The King's Highway." An offering of \$80.00 was taken. Our Board is under great obligation to Miss Ellis for her very instructive address, and we feel that the inspiration gained from her will be long remember-

ed, and will prove of practical benefit to the institution which she represents.

We are pleased to note the increased interest in missions of the members of the Board, and trust, with God's help, to accomplish greater things for Him during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith C. Bentley,  
Rer. Secretary.

#### FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Madam President and Ladies:

We commemorate to-day the fortieth anniversary of our women's work among the Telugus—forty years since the call first came to Canadian Baptist women to organize themselves for the liberation of oppressed womanhood in India—work for women which could be accomplished only by women.

And to-day all that we report and all that we plan for the coming year is the outcome of the faith and devotion of those few women, truly "mothers in Israel," who in this city meeting together in unity of spirit and in the bonds of love, were burdened in their hearts for the imprisoned souls in Telugu, and after much prayer and with much apprehension they organized this Society, which has become the expression of the love and obedience of Baptist women, the inspiration of many timid souls, the Bethel where many have had their vision, the Gethsemane where some have given their all.

When we consider the changed condition of women in India to-day, when we hear of the trained Christian teachers in our schools, the qualified and honored Biblewomen, the wives of pastors and helpers all through the Mission, whose lives are emancipated and transformed,

whose homes are the centres of wide-spreading Christian influence, whose children are growing up in the fear and nurture of the Lord—when all this has grown from such small beginnings, who can measure the results forty years from now, when we too have passed on, to leave our work to others, if only we women to-day rise to a sense of the stupendous need and our individual responsibility?

Your Board has spent a busy and, we trust, a very useful year. There has been a spirit of unity and co-operation among all the members that has been very gratifying. The monthly prayer meetings and the semi-annual Days of Prayer are evidences that the need of continual waiting upon God for guidance and for growth is being felt more and more, and these quiet seasons of prayer have been very happy occasions.

Our Claxton Memorial, which was brought to such a successful finish last year, left us with a balance of nearly \$100.00, and with this as a nucleus, it was decided that we undertake the rebuilding of the Girls' Dormitories at Vuyyuru, the great need of which has been made known to our members. And again we have been more than encouraged with the loyal and generous support of our women, especially in the country smaller Circles, who have responded wonderfully to this appeal. Those who have realized the crying need of this new building will realize also the joy of our missionaries and little girls at the Boarding School when they enter their new home.

**Associations**—The meetings at the Associations were unusually good this year, both in attendance and in interest, and our work in India was very well represented. A special letter from Miss Murray to the Canada Central was most opportune in its strong appeal to the women at home to unite in a revival

of prayer for the Indian church. This message was presented to the other Associations also.

The resignation of Mrs. M. Alpine, of Canada Central, is a matter of deep regret. She had, indeed, proved an ideal Directress, and has set an example to all of us in unselfish and complete devotion to her work. Mrs. McLaren, of Perth, who succeeds her, enters upon a field well organized and ready for progressive work. Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, of Thurso, is the new Directress of the Ottawa Association. Mrs. Pollock is still with us in the Eastern. Mrs. W. S. Bullock directs the Grande Ligne Circles.

#### India.

This has not been a year for rolling up statistics on some of our fields, but rather for the upbuilding and strengthening of the Christian workers, and for the uprooting and casting out of the tares that are hindering the growth of the good seed. Though the weeding out process is a painful one, a truly cleansed and united Indian church of small numbers is a more powerful witness to the truth than a large membership.

Our two missionaries, Miss Murray and Miss Hinman, have both been preserved in health throughout the year and able to carry on their work without any interruption. At Vuyyuru, however, we have to report a very great gap, through the loss of Miss Zimmerman, whose marriage in December to the Rev. H. B. Cross necessitated her removal to Cocanada. While our heartiest good wishes follow her to her new home, we cannot but regret deeply the loss of one who for five years labored so faithfully among the women and children at Vuyyuru. Dr. Hulet hastened back from a very short furlough to find herself the only lady missionary on that vast field. Let us, therefore, be very much in prayer for the Biblewomen and Christians here, left as sheep without a shepherd. May

they be kept firm and steadfast, not forgetting what has been taught, until such time when someone can be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Cross reports from July to December, 1915.

**Valluru School.**—The new building has been the cause of progress here. Martha and Helen, the earnest and enthusiastic teachers did everything in their power to advance the interests of the school, and it was a pleasure to see the happy faces of both teachers and pupils, and to talk with the mothers in their homes. The results at the prize-giving showed that the school had been a decided success.

Martha, who was a trained nurse, became in great demand among the village people, and everywhere she was treated with respect.

Vuyyuru School was not so encouraging. For a time the headmaster in charge was physically unfit for the work, and reluctantly resigned. We secured, however, a good substitute, who did his best to build up the school, and the examinations proved that he had done a great deal. He had won the love and respect of the children, and the attendance had increased by half.

**Touring.**—“This work, which had been my chief joy for five years, had to be left to the Biblewomen Santoshamma, Karuamma and Ratnamma, who bravely toured alone, and brought most encouraging reports. Amelia was at Vallur, chaperoning the two teachers. Katakshamma was faithful to her hospital duties. Shantamma was ill most of the time, and had to go home. Although I was kept at the station, the opportunities were great. So many women from far and near visited the bungalow. It was a daily occurrence to see a group of women on the verandah listening to the old, old story.

**Medical Work.**—“This work we thought would end when Dr. Hulet left, but not so. The hospital staff was too well known for that. Many would not believe that the little doctor had gone away overseas and would not return for awhile. Many insisted that I was the doctor, and must prescribe for the suffering. During the nine months I was in the charge, the wards were never empty. Day and night the nurses were busy, and the confidence the people placed in the compounder and nurses made our hearts glad. The Bible teaching was conducted every morning by Katakshamma, and, when possible, in the evening a song service.

“In closing, I would like to pay a tribute of thanks to all who have helped me during my first term in India. There are many at home who have never forgotten to pray for me and my work, whose sympathy, love and friendship have been bright spots by the way; and as I enter my second term of service I am assured that this bond is unbroken. In India the missionary family have been brothers and sisters in the truest sense, and my Telugu friends have been more to me each succeeding year. I cannot begin to tell of the friendships formed among them. To you all I say, Thank you.”

Dr. Hulet, Feb. July, 1916.

**Hospital Work.**—“It seems almost incredible that this little hospital, manned by one doctor, one compounder and two or three nurses, could minister to 2,000 patients in three months, and yet those are the figures Dr. Hulet quotes. The new patients in the year numbered 5,528; in-patients, 335. What a wonderful source for spreading the glad tidings this must be, for we know that every patient who enters the walls is brought into touch with the message from the Great Physician.

"It seems that every day is full of effort. We do all we can, yet the results seem far too small. We have prayed by the bedside, taught and persuaded friends of the sick, distributed tracts and sold some New Testaments, and yet no one has openly become affiliated with God's children. Many have become true believers, and have given evidence of their faith, but they cannot break away entirely from their caste.

"One of our first students at Valluru School was an in-patient recently. It was encouraging to see her read and explain the Bible to the other patients. She feels it her duty to openly confess her faith, but, like others, is waiting for the liberty to break away from her caste.

"We are in touch with nearly every girl who has gone out from the school, and believe they are trying to live Christian lives.

"I have not been able to tour with the Biblewomen, but they bring very hopeful reports. Each year they are able to add to what has already been taught.

"The demand for Bible portions continues."

#### Cocanada Zenanas.

Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs.

Our zenana workers have found the same problems and the same encouragements which have followed their work for many years. As they go from house to house teaching and visiting these shut-in women, many are totally indifferent, satisfied with things as they are, and while simulating a desire for instruction, make no attempt to retain in their memory what is taught to them. On the other hand, there are eager, lovable women who are growing steadily in intelligence, and are more able to assimilate the truths and teachings of Christianity. Some seem to accept it as little children, profess a profound faith

in prayer, and have entered into all the joys of those who truly know and love the Lord. But few indeed have attained to that height of Christian development to be able to withstand the persecution that would follow them were they to make known their faith and trust in the Lamb of God. How many women in our own land, for the sake of the belief that is in them, would willingly submit to banishment from home and kindred, to be cast adrift on the world with no means whatever of support? Such souls are rare. So let us not be discouraged that these women, bound for centuries by this remorseless caste system, are slow to openly declare themselves on the Lord's side and invite the consequences so hard and unrelenting.

The day will come when their barriers will be swept away and whole villages will accept Christianity. Then these secret followers will know the joy of fellowship and communion with believers. "Pray for us, dear friends, with a stronger faith that cannot and will not be denied the blessing." "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

#### Akida.

Miss Hinman.

Our missionary on this field has experienced a certain measure of disappointment in reviewing the year's work, but, knowing that any seeming failure of achievement is not the result of relaxation in effort or in ideals, she tries to ever bear in mind the many gleams of sunshine that are evident, trusting the shadows and tangles to be cleared away according to the promise given for faithful sowing.

Boarding School: "A new standard was opened last July, increasing largely the enrolment of scholars, with the result that already the new chapel school-house has become inadequate for the

numbers, and some classes were forced to use the old chapel. The school has suffered more or less during the year through unavoidable changes in staff—the headmaster and a valuable assistant left in mid-term for a very trifling reason. However, through the faithfulness and devotion of those who remained throughout the year the results of the final examinations were very satisfactory. The inspector was much pleased with the new standard, and suggested our opening a seventh.

"During the year I have seemed to come into closer touch with the girls than ever before. They come to me on Sunday evening for a quiet talk and sing, and are becoming interested in the general work of the Mission, following Mr. Walker's course, from station to station, and praying for him.

"I managed to secure the matron I had long wanted, and for quite a time she was my right hand, and I felt that the girls were making great progress in good manners and general culture, but one of my disappointments was to find her unfaithful, and she had to be dismissed, so now we are looking for another mother for our girls."

The general health of the scholars has been very good; there are always minor ills, which Miss Hinman tries to treat herself, as far as possible, to save work at the hospital.

"I love to give them a kind of mothering which, poor children, they have never known. Rare the day when I do not render some kind of 'first aid.'

"The special meetings held by Mr. Stanes, Sunday School evangelist, made a great impression on the school, and many of the children professed a change of heart; but, after the sowing, came the fowls of the air to devour the seed. When the Holy Spirit works, Satan ever bestirs himself.

"Within a week's time we were saddened by a school runaway, when seventy of the boys, disapproving of the discipline of one of their number, disappeared in one night. This was a heavy cloud, and for a long while there appeared no silver lining. In due time they all returned in true prodigal fashion, but severe punishment and, in some cases, expulsion, was necessary, and there is evidence now that such a catastrophe will not occur again. By Christmas time things had settled down once more, and we had a pleasant closing, when the children gave a good programme, with quite a few English numbers. The Christmas tree was more fruitful than ever, thanks to Canadian friends.

"During the year four boys and four girls were baptized; others have asked for baptism, but are being held back for a time. Many of the children went home promising to shine for Jesus in their homes. God keep them in the hot season, when work is not available and temptation is ripe. How my heart yearns over them and how I long to live Jesus Christ before them!"

Evangelistic Work: "Increased effort in this department has resulted in eight Sunday Schools being conducted every Sunday, which means that over 200 children receive regular Christian teaching, learning hymns and Scriptural portions which they recite at the annual rally. About fifteen were able to recite Psalm 23rd perfectly, and were rewarded with tiny hymn books, while many were all but perfect. It is interesting to hear children of all castes unite in singing the praises of Jesus. We gave each an orange, plantain and a pretty card, and sent them home happy. We are confident that this widespread teaching must have a leavening influence, as it reacts on the youthful teachers, who are so ambitious for the progress of their scholars, and we notice, too, when we visit the homes of the children we are wel-

oomed heartily, and the parents glow with pride to hear their little ones recite and sing.

"Miss Selman's departure on her much-accrued furlough has made a sad gap in the work. There is no one to take her place and her Biblawomen seem deserted, with no one to instruct and counsel them. My own little Sasanamma, with one of Miss Selman's women, has worked faithfully and visited the villages when I was prevented by heavier school duties from going with them. The hospital work has opened up many new homes, and in the villages some of the old women, particularly, have grown to depend very much upon my visits."

"A more recent letter from Miss Hinman tells us that already the higher class or the Standard has been opened, so that now the school may be considered a Central Boarding School. It is most encouraging to see that our missionary has been able to lead the school up to this grade. It speaks well for her capabilities as a teacher and general supervisor of the school. This brings a larger number of young people under the influence of the Mission, and our prayers should naturally follow Miss Hinman in this larger and added responsibility—that she be given wisdom and knowledge from above to deal with all the problems that confront her day by day."

#### Yellamanchili.

Miss Murray.

"Being Senior Missionary on the field involves many duties, which do not appear on the statistics, and is naturally full of responsibility, which requires constant waiting upon God. At the same time the compensations have been great, and we are promised grace according to the measure of the gift.

"Whether or not 'sin in the camp' has been the cause of the Gospel's slow progress, certain it is that much valuable time has been occupied with 'troublers

in Israel,' some of whom it has been necessary to remove. May all such be granted repentance unto salvation.

"On the other hand, some have made much spiritual progress.

Bad weather and other difficulties have prevented me from doing much touring, but has afforded me the opportunity for the upbuilding of the helpers in the station. There has been quite a thinning out of workers during the past year, but, despite the fact that we need helpers badly, we have concluded that those who are not really called and fitted for the work, are a hindrance rather than a help.

The great, needy, inadequately worked field of Yellamanchili oppresses me. I have reviewed and reviewed the whole field since coming here, and my prayer is that in some way the need may be met and that the wilderness may soon blossom. How I wish I could present the need to the home people, so that they would pray into the Kingdom of Christ those numbers and numbers of villages where there is not a single Christian!"

The return of Rev. Dr. Walker last October to Yellamanchili was an event of great importance in the town. Much preparation had been made for the special services and public reception held to welcome him by the people among whom he had endeared himself. His stay in Yellamanchili, however, was short, for at the January Conference he was set apart as a special missionary evangelist and commenced his work at once. "Yellamanchili is proud to have contributed her missionary to the work of systematic and aggressive evangelism throughout the Mission. His services have been blessed."

In November the visit of Mr. Stanes, S. S. evangelist, with his wonderful charts and magic lantern pictures, presented a most telling message to the chil-

dren, and, indeed, to the adults as well for he was invited to show his pictures to the Indian Club by the officials.

His meetings, which were attended also by workers from Narsapatnam, brought about a delightful season of Christian fellowship with this gifted and highly honored servant of the Lord.

**Caste School:** The school has kept up continuously with an attendance of 30, or more. Nearly all our Brahmin girls have left. Lily and Sarah, the devoted teachers, have worked faithfully, and we owe even our diminished numbers to their persistent efforts. Our prize-giving was a very happy occasion. Through the kindness of a friend, I was able to give some very pretty dolls as presents for Scripture proficiency, and for attendance pieces of pretty fruit. Books and a treat of fruit and sweets were also given. Our new harmonium, which we have had for some time, was used in the drill. It cost 35 rupees. The balance, \$3.35, I have taken the liberty of applying to the expenses of the prize-giving. Even small pieces of cloth amount to quite an item of expense.

How hard it seemed as we faced those dear, bright girls, to think of ever having to discontinue this work! I find the experience through which we are passing is common to many in this part of India. The people are desiring to get the education of their children into their own hands. Do pray that we may know and do God's will concerning it.

**Biblewomen:** Elizabeth, the busy pastor's wife, is one of my standbys. She visits with Miss McLeish, and is finding open doors everywhere. Akkamma has become my right-hand Biblewoman—she carries the burden of the surrounding villages on her heart and has visited them faithfully during the year, in spite of poor health.

Urokamma is the missionary Biblewoman supported by native funds. She is truly a called and chosen one.

Ruth, though young and inexperienced, goes out with Akkamma, and does very well with the children, although her low birth limits her to her own caste peo-

ple. The recent loss of her baby boy, although a sad blow, has done much to develop her into a sweet, womanly character.

Veeramma has had some schooling, and is now the companion of Urokamma.

Of Leah there is rather unhappy news. She is one of the "troublers" already referred to—is possessed of a very quarrelsome disposition and has been the cause of so much serious friction in the church that she had to be removed.

Pray that she may see her need of cleansing and filling by the Holy Spirit and may be reinstated as a worthy member of the Church.

Miss Murray asks prayer for old Suttamma, the sweeper woman, known to Yellamachili missionaries for twenty-five years, who, on Christmas Day, professed her faith in baptism, only to become at once the victim of persecution—without from her children and townspeople; within by assaults upon her faith, causing distrust, fear and depression. Her state is truly pitiable.

Appama is another recent convert who enlists our sympathy. He had lived a very dissipated life and is now battling with his old habits; but, through bitter experience, we hope he will remain sincere and firm.

"One very happy incident recently was the apparently very bright conversion of a boy of 16 years, who had walked from his home—a five days' journey—in search of an education, and had been directed to our Mission. Mr. Walker, who happened to be in Yellamachili when he arrived, immediately had prayer and conversation with him, and we really think he was converted on that day. His progress in learning to read, and in gaining a knowledge of the truths of Christianity was phenomenal. In less than two months he had read and studied so much in our Catechism and the New Testament that he understood the atonement and work of the Holy Spirit wonderfully, and his progress were remarkable. If his faith remains clear and steadfast, he will be admitted for baptism. And after more education he wishes to carry the Gospel back to his own people. This boy's coming has been the event of the quarter, and our prayer is that he may become an apostle to the Hill Country. Already very tempting offers have been made to

him if he would abandon his new religion. His Hindu friends are not blind to his talents and possibilities. Pray for him."

Space forbids to dwell upon many other bright spots that are reported to us of the work of grace achieved in the life of one young man—husband of Lily, the school teacher, who has developed from a passionate youth, a "troubler of the peace"—into a faithful S. S. superintendent, a worthy church clerk, a much-beloved and successful school teacher, ambitious now to devote all his life to spreading the Gospel of love—of gentle Venkayamma, with her bright intellect, happy face and poor shrivelled, twisted, limbs, a crumpled-up piece of humanity. She is the fruit of Pastor Karre's efforts, and is now in Cocanada Boarding School, in the hope that she may one day be a missionary to her own people and of other ransomed ones, the story of whose development is a witness to the years of patient watch-care, counsel and love of our devoted missionary.

Miss Murray's latest reports are full of the wonderful mass movement that is sweeping over India in which many denominations have joined, under the leadership of Mr. Geo. Sherwood Eady. Through special preparation by the workers, the movement seems to have taken a deeply spiritual tone, and thousands have been gathered into the fold. Miss Murray urges the women at home to be very much in prayer, that this movement may reach our mission. "A revival of prayer at home will sweep away all remaining barriers among the heathen and in the hearts of your missionaries, and then days of great ingathering shall come."

The special meetings conducted by Rev. Mr. Walker throughout the Mission may prove a preparation for this drawing in the net, for many seem to be waiting the impetus of some such united action to declare themselves on the Lord's side.

The new watchword adopted by the Mission fields in India is "Evangelize."

These are brief extracts from the letters of our missionaries during the year. No exciting deeds of heroism are mentioned, no hair-breadth escapes, nor a succession of triumphant marches over the hosts of evil, but the simple record of patient, true service from day to day. Only those who can read between the lines can appreciate, in any sense, the

complete surrender of self that underlies these quiet, thoughtful reports. We are dwelling much to-day on the thought of sacrifice, and some of us think that we have known the meaning of that word. Our missionaries have made the complete sacrifice of time, money and entire personality, and is it not time, my sisters, that we faced this question of giving more than time, more than money, to this work?

"Just as a great national danger demands a new standard of patriotism and service from every citizen—so the present condition of the missionary task demands from every Christian a change in the existing scale of missionary service and an elevation of our spiritual ideal." Shall we not let St. Paul's ideal be our own. He says:

"I beseech you, therefore, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Motley.

Westmount, October, 1916.

### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT— EASTERN CONVENTION.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1915	\$526.04
Total receipts from Circles, as per detailed statement below	2,180.54
Total receipts from Bands as per detailed statement below	478.68
Collections taken—	
Convention	\$16.79
Annual Meeting of Circles	6.27
Eastern Association	8.40
Canada Central Association	4.50
Ottawa Association	4.12
Anniversary Meeting	22.05
	57.13
Individual and other Contributions—	
Estate Miss Jenny McArthur	\$12.98
A Friend (for Valpara School)	195.00
Mrs. McDiarmid, Sandringham	90.00
First Church Sunday School	
Primary Dept., Montreal	15.00
Miss Annie McPherson, Vankleek Hill	15.00
Estate late Mrs. A. C. Whitfield	15.00
Thurso Sunday School, Home Department	25.00
Proceeds of Lecture, Miss H. S. Ellis	80.00
Mrs. Hopton, Montreal	10.00
Philisthea Class, Temple Church, Montreal	17.00
Almonds, B.F.P.U.	5.00
Balance Claxton Mem. Fund	99.28
Valpara Fund for Girls' Dormitories	696.15
Brockville, First Church Sunday School Class	18.00
Interest, Bank of Nova Scotia	5.78
Balance in India	84.18
	1,269.86
	\$4,511.70

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriations.		
Miss Murray and Yellamanchilli	\$221.00	
Miss Hinman's Salary	600.00	
Vuyuru Work and Boarding		
School	900.00	
Alkida School	300.00	
Cocanada, Zemanas	200.00	
Bolivia	50.00	
Naraspattam	237.00	
		3,198.00
Special.		
Miss Hatch's Mission	8.00	
Speaker's Ex. to Convention	16.62	
		22.62
Printing	50.00	
Postage	1.30	
		51.30
	\$3,271.92	
Balance in Bank, Oct. 4, 1916	1,339.78	
		\$4,511.70

## RECEIPTS—EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Abbott's Corner			
Barnston	\$20.00		\$20.00
Beebe	26.50		26.50
Bulwer	6.00		6.00
Coaticook	36.00	42.00	78.00
Coaticook Junior			7.50
Dixville	7.50		7.50
Moe's River	30.75	15.00	45.75
Montreal—			
Olivet	98.00	39.00	138.00
First Church	245.00		245.00
Westmount	107.75	94.00	201.75
Point St. Charles	7.50	5.00	12.50
Tabernacle	36.00		36.00
Temple	15.00	5.00	20.00
Verdan	6.88		6.88
North Hatley	12.50		12.50
Quebec	61.00	15.00	76.00
Sawyerville	8.40		8.40
Sherbrooke Junior	30.00		30.00
Waterville		2.00	2.00
	\$855.73	\$240.00	\$1,095.73

## RECEIPTS—OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Breadalbane	\$10.50		\$10.50
Buckingham			
Clarence	32.25	4.75	37.00
Conswall	47.25	5.25	52.50
Daleville	17.50	2.50	20.00
Dempsey	4.00		4.00
Dominionville	44.00		44.00
Grenville	15.00		15.00
Hawkesbury	2.00		2.00
Kemptville			
Kenmore	8.00	2.00	7.00
Lachute	8.00		8.00
Maxville	14.95		14.95
Ormond	15.30	5.00	20.30
Osnabrock	13.00	17.00	30.00
Osgoode	61.95	30.00	91.95
Ottawa—			
First Church	231.28	10.00	241.28
McPhall Memorial	40.80	8.00	48.80
Fourth Ave.	34.50	20.00	54.50
Calvary	15.00		15.00
Highland Park	19.00	8.00	27.00
Hintonburg	8.65		8.65

Rockland	57.00	18.00	75.00
South Gower	15.00		15.00
Thurso	47.18		47.18
Yankleek Hill	11.55		11.55
Winchester			
St. Andrews East			
	\$770.71	\$125.68	\$896.34

## RECEIPTS—CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Algonquin		20.00	20.00
Allan's Mills	5.00		5.00
Almonte	16.50	6.00	22.50
Athens	5.00		5.00
Arnprior	128.60		128.60
Brockville, First Ch.		25.00	25.00
Carleton Place		15.00	15.00
Delta	25.00		25.00
Drummond	12.00		12.00
Kingston, First Church	67.00	17.00	84.00
Union St.	31.00		31.00
Lanark	5.00		5.00
Perth	41.00	80.00	121.00
Pembroke			
Phillipville	65.00		65.00
Plum Hollow	32.00		32.00
Renfrew	8.00	15.00	23.00
Smith's Falls	70.00		70.00
	\$512.10	\$103.00	\$615.10

## 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 Ch.	10.00		10.00
Roxton Pond	2.00		2.00
Montreal, St. Paul's	5.00		5.00
Marieville	5.00		5.00
	\$42.00	\$10.00	\$52.00

## SUMMARY.

Name.	Circles.	Bands.	Total.
Eastern Association	\$855.73	\$240.00	\$1,095.73
Grande Ligne Assn.	42.00	10.00	52.00
Ottawa Association	770.71	125.68	896.34
Canada Cen. Assn.	512.10	103.00	615.10
	\$2,180.54	\$478.68	\$2,659.17

Number of Circles contributing	60
Number of Bands contributing	27

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Total receipts for 1912-1913	\$3,789.01
Total receipts for 1913-1914	4,046.64
Total receipts for 1914-1915	3,190.46
Total receipts for 1915-1916	3,985.66

## LIFE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR.

## Circles.

Mrs. Arthur Thompson, La Paz, Bolivia.
Mrs. McAlpine, Phillipville.
Mrs. McMartin, Montreal Olivet.
Mrs. Verity, Montreal First.
Mrs. Bryant, Lindsay.
Mrs. Williamson, Cornwall.

## Bands.

Mrs. A. M. Stuart, Osgoode.
Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS RUSSELL, Treasurer.
Audited and found correct.
ALFRED WALFORD, L.I.A., Auditor.
Montreal, October 14th, 1916.

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