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THE NEW YEAR.

Break, new-born year, on glad eyes break,
Melodious voices move ;
On, rolling Time ! thou canst not make
The Father cease to love.

The parted year had winged feet ;
The Saviour still doth stay :
The New Year comes ; but, Spirit sweet,
Thou goest not away.

Lord, from this year more service win,
More glory and delight ;
O make its hours less sad with sin,
Its days with Thee more bright.

O golden then the hours must be :
The year must needs be sweet ;
Yes, Lord, with happy melody,
Thine opening grace we greet.

T. H. GILL.

WE are glad to give, in our present number, a glimpse of our lady missionaries, except Miss Folsom, whose photo, we regret not having. She is well and lovingly known, however, to many of our readers, and highly honored for her many virtues, as well as for her many years of fruitful service as Principal of the Timpany Memorial School, at Cocanada.

We are thankful for such a noble band of missionary workers, and rejoice with them in the gracious displays of the Spirit's power that have visited them.

It is cause for profound gratitude and joy to be able to make our New Year number of the LINK, largely a revival number. The news is to good to be withheld, and "we do not well if we hold our peace." Especially if "the report of revivals tends to promote them." One remarkably encouraging feature of the revival is, the deep and genuine conviction of sin, especially with a people whom it was almost supposed were

devoid of the susceptibility to conviction. "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

WE were kindly favored with the following items from Dr. Woodburne by his mother: "It is like Canaan, to live and work among these glad, happy people now." It is hard to get any one to stay at the tent while we visit the villages, for all want to go to help with the services, and really wonderful are their testimonies."

"My cook, who never used to care for these things, now hurries through his work each day, that he may be able to attend the services and give his testimony."

"Yet we would not overdraw the picture. There are trials as well as joys. Persecution is going on in some of the villages, and some who seemed to have received the blessing have yielded and denied their Lord. Pray very earnestly for these and for some who are still withstanding the Spirit.

WE are glad to be able to report the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Woodburne and Miss Jessie Allyn, M.D., at Cocanada, Nov. 4th. The same evening a warm welcome was extended them from all the missionaries who could gather at the station, and later on by the members of the English and Telegu churches.

WE hope all the members of our Circles have the raising of the money for the Akidu Bungalow on their hearts, and that by a united effort the sum of \$989.00 required, will be in the Treasurer's hands by first of February, so that the work in India be not hindered. Miss Nasmith kindly attends to this special offering and will be glad to receive contributions from any friend of missions, at 14 Maitland St., Toronto.

BEACON LIGHTS.

(Canadian Baptist Mission Stations in India.)
 With fervent praise our souls are filled
 While we adore the King divine,
 Who led His faithful ones to build
 Those seats from which His glories shine,
 To break the gloom of India's nights
 He has ordained those Beacon Lights.

By earnest work of hand and brain,
 By courage proved in days of strife,
 By days of toil and nights of pain,
 By sacrifice of health and life,
 By what in love for Him unites
 There rose at length those Beacon Lights.

Amid all forms of sin and woe
 Which still oppress the fallen race,
 Those precious lights distinctly show
 How sinful ones are saved by grace:
 To lead from shame to glory's heights,
 There clearly shine those Beacon Lights.

From them that radiancy extends
 Which gleams across the stormy waves;
 And toil at length in triumph ends
 Through Him who to the utmost saves;
 Where sin enslaves and sorrow blights,
 His hand sustains those Beacon Lights.

Minds that are free from error's chain,
 Brave hearts that in the Lord confide,
 Souls that are cleansed from every stain,
 Glad homes where love and peace abide,
 Such are the ever-welcome sights
 Which cluster round those Beacon Lights.

The Saviour will His servants lead,
 And give them strength in mind and limb;
 And make this enterprise succeed
 Till India be brought to Him;
 With Him to work He us invites,
 While He upholds those Beacon Lights.

—T. Watson.

Keady, Ont., 1906.

THE REVIVAL AT ONGOLE.

Rev. J. M. Baker writes: "The Sunday evening (July 1) was like a great cyclone, and has been repeated several times since on a smaller scale, but most of the meetings have been characterized by an intense quietness. Day after day as I watched the faces of the people a new revelation of life's drama was unveiled. The old careless look was on a few faces; one looked puzzled and haggard, others showed the raging of a fearful battle with flesh and spirit; day by day others were added to the number of those whose faces shone radiant with a great peace. The fruits of the Revival are manifest. The surest sign of its genuineness is that it is still going on. Our meetings are all crowded and the whole force has been

quickenèd in service. It has spread to the villages many miles distant, and meetings are being held every evening. Reports come in of settled quarrels, and united churches; of special collections being taken and increased attendance at schools. Forty-eight students in our Ongole schools have been baptized since the meeting commenced, but this Revival differs widely from that of 1878. That took place among the heathen, this among the Christians; that resulted in a mass movement among the heathen toward Christianity, and a baptism of water, this is resulting in the breaking down of self in the individual, and a baptism of fire for the individual. That was a drawing towards God, this is an examination of self before God. The united cry for purification on the memorable Sunday evening, July 1, would have been well-nigh impossible 30 years ago, but as the requirements of God are better known and personal relation to Him understood, then comes the baptism of fire to reach the heart and burn that which is base, so that the individual may properly estimate how barren his Christian life actually is. There is much yet to do for the Spirit, and we ask our friends to join with us in prayer that the Holy Spirit may continue to abide with us and accomplish His work.

REVIVAL AT NELLORE, INDIA.

By Mrs. D. Downie.

We are in the midst of most stirring times. The Revival has come to us in great power, and our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and joy at the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. For nearly two years there has been a small band meeting at noon specially to pray for the outpouring of the Spirit on this church and people. Sometimes there would be only two; never more than six or seven. While there was not the direct answer to our prayer all those months we all felt there was an influence helping in the work, and so we went on beseeching God.

Last night we had a marvellous meeting, more like one of our own genuine revival meetings at home, as I remember them in the old Tenth Church, Philadelphia, when dear Dr. Kennard was pastor there. Several of our missionaries from other stations were here and wondered at such a meeting among the natives. They sang our own hymns which have been translated into Telugu, and when they

wanted some one that wasn't translated they sang it in English, and there didn't seem to be any diminution in the volume of sound. The testimonies were so joyful and the prayers. Then there was shown the burden for others who had not as yet received the blessing. There is one thing they do which I never heard at home. When there is some special reason for earnest prayer, they fall on their knees and the whole congregation prays aloud for quite a while and you would be surprised how free from noise or confusion it all is.

Now as to the results so far. Besides these conversions and re-consecrations, there have been many confessions of hidden sin. A feud of eighteen years has been completely healed. One young man borrowed two hundred rupees of trust money to put it into his new house. He had a hard struggle before he came to it, for he says Satan came to him twice and fought with him not to confess, but the Spirit prevailed and he has eased his mind and is happy. But his haggard face shows the turmoil through which he has passed. Oh, I cannot describe to you the joy we feel that there has come this wonderful answer to all our prayers. Do pray, dear friends, that God's blessing may continue and many, many souls be won for our Lord.—The Bulletin.

DAYS OF BLESSING.

The writer has spent seventeen days recently at Mukti—days of blessing that, please God, will leave their mark on all future life. How can one describe the tides of feeling this first contact with the Revival begat in the soul? There was hunger, pain of hunger, for a share of this visitation of God; shame, bitter shame, at the ignorance, after long years of Christian life, of what this travelling in prayer, prevailing in prayer, being lost in prayer meant, as it was seen here in many mere children; then there was wonder, praiseful wonder, at the marvels of grace. Little girls were lost for hours in the transport of loving Jesus and praising Him; young Christians were counting it a rare privilege to spend many successive hours in intercessory prayer for strangers never seen or known. One face ever lives before me, a strong, rough looking girl, once the rowdy character of the institution, always in trouble, now transformed, her strong face aglow with holy joy, her loud, masculine voice ringing out her crying to God for others, or breaking with

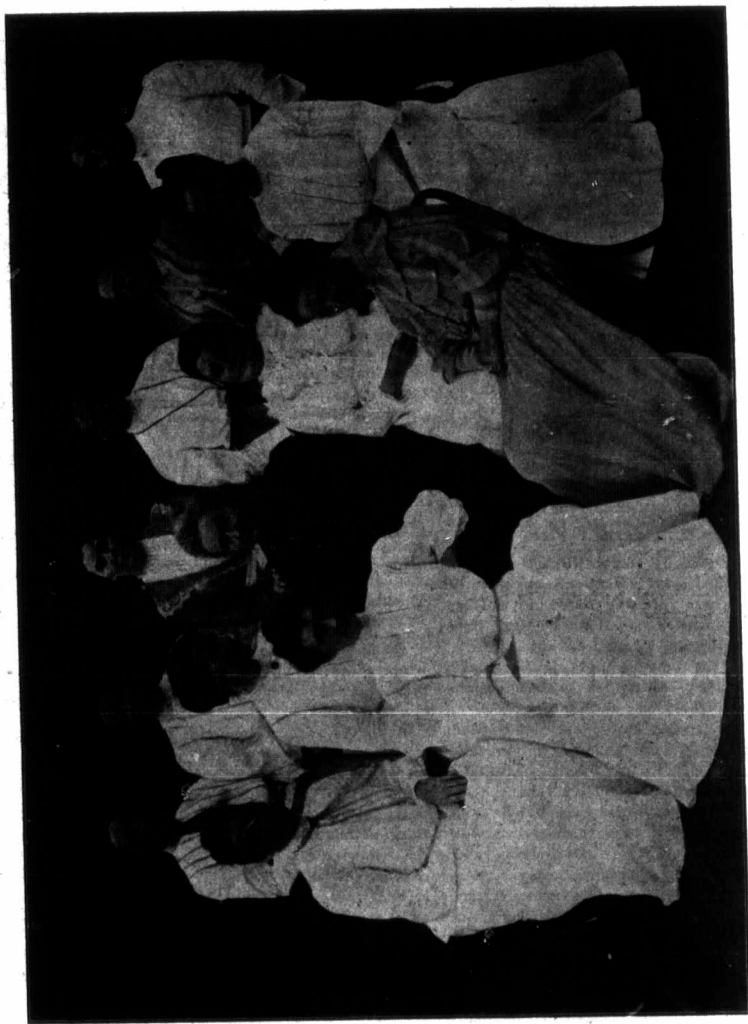
tearful entreaty. God bless Billy Bray, as Ramabai has nicknamed this dear girl.

Day after day it was meat and drink to gather to pray and praise. In one meeting we were seventeen hours together; the next day more than fifteen hours passed before the meeting broke up with great joy, and such songs of praise as hoarse and broken voices could utter. The work goes on. It is now eleven months since the blessing began, and yet while we were at Mukti, we daily saw souls seeking and finding, coming out into blessing so full and definite as often to be almost more than could be borne, filling the mouth with laughter, and the life with gladness.

We are full of praise that we have been allowed to live to hear such sounds in India. Souls in agony, with bitter wailing and moving entreaty seeking God the Lord; hearts overflowing with joy in Jesus, abandoned to the luxury of praising Him, sitting on the ground or kneeling, lost in all that goes on around, with clasped hands and upturned faces aglow with love, in the midst of a crowd but apart with Him, exchanging the holiest confidences of affection. This is worship, the worship the Father seeks for, and it is one of the loveliest sights one can conceive of out of heaven. When some hundreds are carried away and can only sing Hallelujah, Hallelujah to the Lamb until unable to sing any more, God is surely getting His own, and His heart is refreshed.

The Indian has no sense of sin, has been the oft-repeated complaint of past years, and few missionaries have seen marked signs of deep contrition during these past years. But God in this revival has given such pain at sin, and agony for past failure, and such sensitiveness of conscience as to what would grieve the Holy Ghost, as many in the Christian Church would be unable to comprehend if seen. It is a new thing in India, and cannot be accounted for by the temperament of the people, or by natural reasons. We may not go into it in detail here; it is holy ground. But in this awful and wonderously near presence of God, the faintest shadow between the Spirit-filled soul and the Lord, and confession, humiliation and repentance, are seen and heard after a new sort. And this is the beginning! What shall the end be?

—Handley Bird, Mukti Prayer Bell.



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Our Missionaries in India

Our Work Abroad.

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Akidu, India, Oct. 23, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Porter.—

For readers of the "Link," I am sure your thoughts turn towards India very often these days, as you hear that God is answering your many prayers.

The Lord is still with us in mighty power. In seven of the ten churches in Akidu field the Holy Spirit is convicting of sin, and souls are confessing in great fear and trembling. One man in the Gunanapudi church who had been living at a "half-dying rate" for years, was in the field near the chapel one evening while the service was going on. He was impelled to leave his work, he went to his house, could not stay, went out, sat on the bank of the tank, was impelled by some power to go to the chapel. As soon as he sat down he began to tremble, through fright he left, went back to his field, couldn't stay, went home again, and finally the Spirit brought him again to the chapel. The workers, who were praying with seeking souls at the front, had not seen his entrance, nor did they know he was there until they heard an awful cry. He was on his face trembling, weeping and crying out for God to have mercy upon his soul. For three days he was under conviction, and had no peace until he has confessed everything, and had restored all that he had in any way gained dishonestly. The Lord is using him now to lead others to repentance. There have been wonderful victories in many places; and in many places there are those who, having prayed (?) for a Revival for a long time, are still resisting the searching spirit. There are others who pray (?) for a Pentecost, but who have not yet seen the "Garden" or the "Cross."

You will be receiving letters from many of our stations at this time, and I will not take up more space, but just write these few lines that you may pray more earnestly than ever, for the battle is on, and it is a fierce one; Satan is doing his utmost to blind eyes and darken hearts that "seeing they may not see, and understanding they may not understand."

We are rejoicing in hope, and we praise God continually for the blessing He is pouring out upon the Telugus.

Yours sincerely,

MARY R. B. SELMAN.

EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM MISS PRIEST TO MISS ELLIOTT.

It is Thursday evening, 8 o'clock. Things are quieter than usual for some reason. The school-boys are having "study hour," and will soon be singing their evening hymn. Somehow, I am rather tired this evening. There is so

much sickness these days, and I think it has an influence on me. Yet it is all the more reason for me to be strong. Before dark I went over to the pettah near by to visit some of our people who are sick, and also two in the compound here. As I came home, my heart was burdened at the thought of the suffering, for these people have so little comforts of any kind, and when they are sick everybody gathers round them and talks in the most discouraging way, enough to make them much worse.

One cause for thanksgiving is that our school-boys are all well at present. As they are in my care, I can appreciate this.

Mr. Scott is on tour at Narsapatnam, and will be out some time yet, and I am doing what I can here. There's plenty to keep heart and hands busy. I have not been on tour yet. One thing, there's more than I have strength for to be done here in the station; another, my tent is not sun-proof, and Dr. Smith said very decidedly that I must not tour in it. I am hoping to manage somehow to do a little, at least where the Christians are. —

The last three months, August and September, have been wonderful ones in our Mission. God has been doing His "new thing," and our hearts praise Him for sending the Revival. Nearly all our stations have been visited in power. It's wonderful to stand still and see God working by His Spirit. "It is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes," is one of the many verses that has a new meaning to me now. To see men and women bowed down, crying in agony to God as they confess their sins to Him, many things hidden to us have come to light and many crooked things have been made straight. One verse keeps coming to my mind these days, "This beginning of miracles did Jesus—and manifested forth His glory." You will pray for us that we may not hinder Him from going on with His miracles. One of the Bible women, Atchama, who was baptized in Mr. Currie's time, in speaking with some women last week, spoke in such an earnest way of the new experience that had come to her, telling of confession and forgiveness of sin. One thing I cannot help but speak of, as I have listened to these confessions, forced out as it were by the Holy Spirit, instead of being repelled, my heart has been drawn into a closer touch with these than ever before. How we praise Him for coming in cleansing power, and we are looking for more. There's such a temptation to slack up, instead of going on to victory.

A young Tamil man, sub-inspector on the railway, is quite a friend of mine. He is very different to the young Hindus about here, and the other evening it was quite a pleasure when he came with an article on Mrs. Browning in a magazine. He had not read of her before,

but the article was well written, and attracted his attention, so he brought it over, and we enjoyed it together, also part of one of her poems. My heart longs so that the vision of the Christ may come to him.

EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM NISS KATE McLAURIN, VUYURU.

You have doubtless heard of the Revivals in the different stations. My greatest feeling about it all is, how good it is of God to visit us in this way. How good, how very good He is. "His mercy endureth forever." Another thought is, how wonderful His ways are, past finding out. The glorious thing about these Revivals is, there is none of the work of man in it. We just sit back and watch God work by His Spirit, and it is wonderful. I never saw anything like it. The Revival started here in Vuyuru on the Wednesday before I reached home, which was on Saturday. It began at worker's meeting on Wednesday evening. Without any sign of what was coming, after Scripture reading and perhaps a talk by Mr. Cross, Vanga Radhamma, who was here for medical treatment, broke down and confessed her sins. That was the beginning. Every day after that men, women and children were seized with conviction—cried, sobbed, groaned, trembled, gasped, begged for our prayers and confessed their sins. Not one word was said to them about confessing. At first the meetings were very quiet; the Spirit just seemed to give them no peace till they confessed. Some resisted for days, some surrendered at once. It was wonderful and awful to sit and watch their faces. It was hard to hear their cries, and yet one rejoiced that a soul was being dealt with. It was dreadful to have to hear the confessions. It has been a great experience—such an exhibition of man's sinfulness and of God's goodness and power. He has seemed very near and real these days, and in my own soul, too, bringing me nearer to Himself. As each penitent came out of the struggle, and received assurance of pardon and peace, the face fairly shone; and they would pray so earnestly then for others. There have been tears and cries in our chapel here for Gunanapudi Church, and the workers revived are possessed with a new zeal for their congregations. God has been teaching them the exceeding sinfulness of sin, by showing them 'himselves in the light of His holiness and His love. One thing impressed me. In all the cries and confessions there wasn't one word about having broken God's law; it was "I 'ave crucified Christ afresh," "It was my sin that nailed Him to the cross," "I have been a Judas." Strange to say, this is something we couldn't have taught them to realize, not in a lifetime. But the Spirit just made them see it; and oh, how it broke them down.

Some Christians attended the meetings and some were revived, especially women. But we are longing and praying that the work may reach every Christian on the field. Not all our workers have been blessed. Some seem too shallow to be deeply moved, but all our best ones were, Pantigani Samuel especially. The workers were here over two weeks and then went

home. They come again with their wives (some came before and were blessed), to-morrow, for the October monthly meeting, and will stay till Monday. We are planning for extra Bible study and 'eve meetings, and are praying for special blessing again. I know you will be thankful beyond measure for the great, rich blessing that has come to the Mission.

A LETTER TO MISS SIMPSON.

You will rejoice in the new and complete consecration of dear Kandonamah. Two weeks ago, on Sunday evening, she arose in the meeting and in a most unpretentious way, told of the struggle she had had over her jewels; how she had discovered that they were a hindrance to her full consecration, and so had taken them off. She put them away in her box, but was not happy or satisfied. The question, What has that box ever done for you that you should make such an offering to it? Hasn't Christ saved you and given you this new life and given you so much blessing? Then she concluded to give the Lord an earring. The word of Mr. Bogges came to her mind, "We are always giving the copper and brass to the Lord, and keeping the silver and gold." So ashamed of herself she determined half and keep half. But the words, "Kondanamah, the Lord has given it all for you, the Lord has given you all; will you give him so little?" So she said, "Here are all my jewels. I want 'the adornment of a meek and quiet spirit,' and I offer not only my jewels, but my life, my time; the Lord shall be all in all, and I want to be wholly His." She had a most wonderful vision. Will perhaps be able to tell you about it another time. You will praise the Lord for what He has done. We can truly say, "He that is mighty hath done for us great things."

CATHERINE DARMSTADT,
Nellore, India.

It will especially interest our readers to know that Kondanamah is the widow of Josiah Burder, son of Amelia Keller.

TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL, COCANADA.

Miss Corning writes under date of Oct. 31st as follows: There are 29 boarders now, and 20 of them are third class, that is, paying only \$2 a month for all expenses, with the result that the paying of the school bills is nearly driving me distracted. If every copper owing us were to come in every month, and not an extra one need be spent, our income would still be \$13 short of our expenditure. So you see I can well shiver when I face the baker and the pancake woman and the others at the first of each month. Our credit balance is fast disappearing, but the Lord is on our side, so what fear! Miss Anstey has at last sent me three of her orphans, and the new society for home missions (of which Miss Eva D'Prager is one of the moving spirits) is to pay \$5 a month for them. That society is really doing something, and promises to do more. The women at the head are in earnest,

and they are capable too. I just rejoice in it. For months past the whole interest has centered in the Revival. We have seen wonderful things and the most sceptical had to believe that it was God working. The trances and such like seemed to me to be the natural expression of a mighty spiritual experience by natives. It was altogether wonderful. There was no working up to it, and no efforts put forth on man's part. God laid His hand upon the people and the work was done. In the case of our girls, they ate their dinner just as usual, and went laughing and talking to the end of the verandah, where they usually spend Sunday evening. I was walking in the compound with the teachers when we suddenly heard loud crying, and there they were on the floor and across the benches crying and praying at the tops of their voices. The noise brought people from all around, but we did not dare stop it. The girls say that all they knew about it was that an awful burden came upon them all of a sudden like a great darkness, and they could not help crying out. On Monday I never saw sadder faces than we had in school, and at noon they had another spell of loud crying out. But as they went on with their school work, we decided not to break it up if they did not. We simply held ourselves in readiness to be led in anyway. After that Monday there was no loud crying, but they gathered every night after dinner, and after a few minutes of ordinary praying, they would all pray together, sometimes keeping it up till near morning. The special wave has passed over now, but we have a number of thoroughly changed girls. They have certainly learned what sin is though, and it makes a great difference. On the other hand a few resisted all the way through, and they seemed to be possessed with an evil spirit and are giving a great deal of trouble. We pray for a yet greater blessing. I shall always be glad that I was in India to see this. The spiritual can never seem unreal again.

—Kindness of Mr. H. F. Laflamme.

GLEANNING FROM THE BULLETIN, COCANADA.

Under date of August 15th, Rev. R. E. Smith writes: "Yesterday the Revival, of which you must have heard so much in Wales and India lately, broke out in the Girls' Boarding School here in Cocanada, and most wonderful things have happened. I was over to the Collector's office yesterday, looking up some old records relating to our cemetery in Cocanada, and when I came out of the office, one of Dr. Smith's Compounders and Venkatareddi, the pastor of Telugu church in Jaganaikapur, were waiting for me. I immediately saw by their faces that something very exciting was on their minds, and when I asked them what it was, they said that the Revival had broken out in the Girls' School and wanted me to come over. I went and saw a sight that I had read descriptions of before, but which was very awesome and fearful when looked upon. Girls everywhere were in an agonizing struggle for their sins, some rolling

on the floor with sobs and crying, some sitting with their heads upon their knees, shaken with the intensity of their struggle with sin. Although the manifestations were not so marked, it was not at all like the camp meetings in some places in the home land. There had been no meetings to bring this on. Only prayer—oh, there has been so much prayer for this school and this city! And to stand there and to realize that the very thing that we had been asking for had come, and that from Heaven God had sent forth this that we now saw and heard, made one's soul tremble. That it was from God, no one, not even the most sceptical, who saw the work could doubt or has doubted. Some of the girls were covering their faces and crying out: 'I cannot read it, I cannot bear to read it.' They said afterwards that it seemed as though all the sin that they had ever committed was printed down before them, and they were compelled to read it. Some saw visions of Hell and Satan, and others of God and the angels, and all were oblivious to anything that was going on around them, being engaged entirely with their own struggle, and with God.

THE REVIVAL AT AKIDU.

The Revival at Akidu would seem to have broken out about the same time at Yellamanchilli, for Rev. J. E. Chute, under date of Sept. 3rd, writes: "We have been in Revival services for twenty-four days. There are no signs of the end yet. Sunday was our greatest day. Some of the most remarkable things took place that I ever saw in my life. I could understand the day of Pentecost in a little different way to what I ever did before. The chapel was pretty well filled all day. We began at 9 a.m., and did not close till about 8 p.m. The climax of the day came about seven in the evening, when one grand wave of emotion swept over all, and most of the audience were crying. The chapel was one grand din all day.

"A glorious work has been done. Nearly all the workers have been through the fiery process of cleansing, and oh, oh, what a cleansing was needed! The condition of things was something indescribable.

"The confessions have been with most awful demonstrations of sorrow in many cases. But our hope is in the very real and deep contrition now manifested for sin for the first time in my experience in India. Oh what a changed life is now manifest in them! What a spirit of love and solicitude for salvation of others! Our hearts just cry for joy at the change in these lives and the hope for the whole aspect of the work now. Nearly one hundred now must have been blessed."

THE REVIVAL AT SAMILCOTTA.

On September 4th, Principal Stillwell writes of the Revival at the Seminary as follows: "I wish to send you a brief word about the 'seasons of refreshing,' from the presence of the Lord, we have recently had here in the Seminary. And I use those words in quotation

marks in their fullest sense and with an assurance I have never known heretofore. These last days have been truly days of His right hand.

We have had a searching out of God here so intense, so rapid, so all-conquering, so complete, that within a week about 110 out of the 120 or so living here in the compound have either been quickened or led to set things right with God. Old quarrels have been made up, old sins confessed, old injustices repaired, and now we have a chastened, sober but joyous school.

The intensity of these meetings was tremendous. God was shaking us all up, and even now I am tense and nervous.

"What it means for His work words cannot tell. All fields have been blessed in the blessing that has come to their students."

REVIVAL AT YELLAMANCHILLI.

"While at prayers," writes Dr. Woodburne, "the Spirit of God fell suddenly upon the worshippers and the little company were smitten to the ground and began to weep and wail under the most awful agony for sin. This lasted for about an hour, and then conviction led on into confession. And truly terrible were the confessions as the Spirit probed down into these hearts. It is not for us to repeat the sins that were confessed, but suffice it to say that we have had abundant proofs that the convictions and confessions were genuine.

"The meetings last from five to ten hours, and some even longer. Yet no one gets tired

and the people are loath to leave even at the end of such sessions. There is no order of service, no leader, no sermon in any meeting, except the Divine order of the Spirit as He leads. Sometimes waves of prayer sweep over the people and all will be praying at once; with apparently no consciousness of any one but themselves being present. Then suddenly some heart will be broken with conviction, and the whole place will be shaken with sobs as the strong crying and tears of the penitent mingle with those of others in intercession for pardon. Again a mighty impulse will lead one after another to read or quote passage after passage of Scripture, each one a comment on the others, and yet without any word of comment from any one present. As this goes on, sometimes they will begin to sing, and such singing I never heard in India before. Song after song will be sung with the most hearty accord. And so it goes on in each service, from prayer to confession or song or Scripture, as the Unseen Hand leads unhindered. It is truly marvellous and beyond my power to describe. Be it noted that there has been absolutely no human instrument in this wonderful visitation. We missionaries have taken no part in it except to pray, and not even that in public, for the first day or two. We have been restrained and impressed that we must keep hands off.

"I bless God that He has yet me live to see this day. It is worth all the rest of my life to have lived to see what we are witnessing now."

Our Work at Home.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

PRAYER.

A SHORT time ago, one of our most earnest workers proposed to the Women's Foreign Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, that special topics for prayer concerning the work of our Society be printed monthly in the "Link." Hence, the following little prayer cycle, which we would urge those interested in our work to use, that all the members of our Circles may be united day by day in definite petitions for the special needs of our work. It is intended that as letters from our missionaries stating special needs come to hand, that the Cycle will be changed accordingly.

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven."

"And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

PRAYER CIRCLE.

JANUARY, 1907.

FIRST DAY.

1. Pray for our work at home. That the officers and members of our Board may be

guided by the Holy Spirit in directing the work.

2. For the members of our Mission Circles and Bands. That those who have the right spirit towards missions may use their influence in leading others to take an active interest in the work. That the mothers may train their boys and girls to work for missions.

SECOND DAY.

1. For our Treasury. That the hearts of the women in our churches may be touched so that our resources may be such that we may extend our work.

2. Pray especially that the balance required for the McArthur Bungalow, and the \$170.00 for the re-building of the girls' dormitories at Akidu may be provided soon, so that the construction of these buildings may not be delayed for want of money.

THIRD DAY.

1. For our beloved missionary, Miss A. C. Murray, and her work on the Yellamanchilli and Narsapatnam fields. That our missionary may speedily be restored to her full strength, and that she may have the full consciousness of the presence and power of Christ in her work among the women and children.

2. For the Bible women and teachers, that they may be faithful, and that more trained workers may be led to offer themselves for work on this field.

FOURTH DAY.

1. For Miss McLaurin and her Bible women at Vuyuru. That their evangelistic work and touring among the villages on this vast field may be greatly blessed.

2. For the two Caste Girls' Schools. That the truth may be presented in such a way that the little girls will receive it into their hearts. For the work among the caste women, and especially that the two caste women, Lukshamma and Ratnumma, who appear to be believing in Jesus, may have courage to confess Him openly.

FIFTH DAY.

1. For Mrs. Cross and Miss Robinson, who have charge of the Boarding Schools at Vuyuru and Akidu respectively, that they may be strengthened and guided so that through their influence the children may be led to the Saviour.

2. For Rev. H. E. Stillwell, Principal of the Samalkota Seminary, that he may have wisdom given him in the conduct of this important branch of our work.

SIXTH DAY.

For the Zama work in Cocanada. For Miss Pratt and her assistants, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs, that they may have abundant fruit for their labors. For the widows and down-trodden women, that they may be led to become avowed and faithful followers of Christ.

SEVENTH DAY.

That the wonderful Revival which is now working in our mission may spread throughout the villages, and that a great ingathering of the heathen may result.

For eighth day repeat petitions for first day, and so on throughout the month.

On behalf of the W. B. F. M. B. of E. O. and Q.

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,
Cor.-Sec.

REPORTS FROM CIRCLES.

LONDON.—The Union meeting of the London Mission Circles was held with the Adelaide Street Church on November 9, 1906. Meeting commenced at 4.30 p.m., to which we had the great joy of welcoming our dear missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Craig. Opening exercises and an interesting and inspiring Bible reading by Mrs. (Rev.) J. J. Ross were followed by a season of prayer, in which we were led into the very presence chamber of the King. The topic of Mrs. Craig's address was, "Twenty years ago, and now," in which she gave us very realistic glimpses of the changed conditions in India since her first experiences of life and work in that dark land, awakening in our hearts great thankfulness, because our dear missionaries can now have many comforts and conveniences, which were impossible then. She spoke also of the greatly augmented force of workers, both native and foreign, the number of fields now occupied, the building of schools and chapels and comfortable bungalows, and above all the ever increasing number of those who are com-

ing out of the darkness of heathenism into the glad light of the glorious gospel of the one true God. Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. N. Mills contributed two sweetly-rendered duets, which added much to the enjoyment of the meeting. Tea and a social hour followed. At 8 p.m. our own thank-offering service was combined with the usual evening session of our Union Circle gatherings. Pastor Shields occupied the chair, the other Baptist pastors of the city being present; also Revs. Mr. Steven, of China Inland Mission; C. J. Cameron, and Mr. Marshal. Singing of a missionary hymn and prayer were followed with a very beautiful Bible reading by Pastor Bowen, of Egerton Street Church, who was for a number of years a devoted missionary in Central Africa. Mr. Craig was then introduced, and how glad we were to greet him after his long years of happy service among our Tulus. As he told us of very many causes for thanksgiving in the work in India, our hearts were stirred and made to rejoice, but when in heartfelt, glowing language he told of the wondrous Revival which has for months been going on, until nearly every field of our mission has been under its sway, as well as many others, every heart must have responded in thanksgiving. After a prayer of thanksgiving, in which we were led by Pastor Caren, the singing of an anthem by the choir and the offering, "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung with a ringing note of victorious praise. The benediction brought this very helpful, instructive and inspiring meeting to a close. Amount of offering \$51.29, of which \$41.74 was thank-offering, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

A. E. WOODBURNE.

ST. CATHARINES.—The Women's Mission Circle of the Queen Street Baptist Church held their annual thank-offering service on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th, in the school-room. After devotional exercises, led by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Bates, the President, Mrs. D. M. Walker, took charge of the meeting. The delegates to the Convention recently held at St. Thomas, reported. Mrs. D. D. McTavish for Home Missions, and Mrs. Dr. Mulock for Foreign Missions. Both of these reports were very interesting and full of information regarding our work as women for missions. Mrs. Trusch sang very feelingly a solo entitled, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." The Secretary's report showed a steady increase during the year, \$152.23 being raised for mission purposes. Mrs. Dr. Bates spoke on Circle work. She gave three reasons why we should become members of the Circle. First, for our own sake; second, for the sake of others; and third, for Christ's sake. It is the will of God that all should be saved. We should all be glad to hasten the day when all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest. The pastor, Dr. Bates, closed the meeting with prayer.

F. E. WISMER,
Secretary.

EAST TORONTO.—Our Circle held their annual thank-offering meeting on the evening of October 25th in the Church. Mrs. H. H. Lloyd gave us a very helpful Bible reading on the love of God, which was very appropriate, for it filled our hearts with thankfulness as we thought of God's great love to us in giving us the unspeakable gift of His Son our Saviour and made our hearts go out in love and pity to those who do not know of this love. Mrs. Ed. Kennedy sang the Gospel very sweetly, and added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. After Mrs. Lloyd's reading, we followed the thanksgiving programme, prepared by Mrs. Holman, and given in the "Visitor," of October, 1906. We all enjoyed it very much, and found it was most helpful in that almost every member of our Circle took some part, thus creating more interest and giving confidence to the timid ones. Our "blessing bags" brought in \$27.86, which, with a collection of \$3.37, made our Thank-offering \$31.23, to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. We are deeply thankful to God for putting it into the hearts of our women to give so liberally, and for the interest that is taken in our Circle meetings. At the request of several of our members the "blessing bags" were again distributed. Twelve months instead of one month before another thanksgiving.

A. E. F.

TORONTO.—A union meeting of Toronto Mission Circles was held on Thanksgiving Day afternoon in Immanuel Church, Mrs. R. H. Davis presiding. Mrs. Ralph Hooper was elected to fill the vacancy on the programme committee. Instead of reading the financial statements the treasurers were asked to state causes for thankfulness with regard to our treasurers. Mrs. Holman addressed the meeting, speaking of the thankfulness for the great work of grace at Grande Ligne last year, and the encouraging reports from the churches in Ontario and the Northwest. In expressing her gratitude for the revival in India and a desire that it may soon reach our own land Mrs. Holman based her remarks on the text, "I the Lord will hasten it in his time." After a vocal solo by Miss Richardson, Miss Tapscott read some of the letters from our missionaries in India, telling of the great revival among the Christians there. A collection of \$10.35 was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

EMMA FOX,

Secretary.

WALKERTON.—On the evening of Oct. 15th our Mission Circle held their annual thank-offering meeting, the pastor, Rev. E. A. Brownlee, in the chair. A carefully prepared programme, consisting of music, readings and recitations, was given, almost all the selections being along the line of thanksgiving. Our pastor also gave a short address on the subject. A short account of the work done by the Circle since its organization was also given. While it was not all we could wish it to be, yet it helps us to remember that small amounts count up,

something over \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) having been raised for Missions. We also noticed that progress is being made, the amount raised during the last five years being considerably larger than that of the first five years. The offering for the evening amounted to \$21.60.

BELLE MCKINNON,

Secretary.

WESTMOUNT.—The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Circle held their annual thank-offering social on Friday evening, September 23rd, when a good programme was provided, consisting of papers on Home and Foreign work, music by friends of the Circle, and a report of the successful work done by the Sunshine Mission Band, under the direction of the Circle. The Band has raised during the year the sum of \$50 for Mission work, as well as \$30 raised by one member to support a native preacher in India. The thank-offering amounted to \$150, which, with that received from other sources, made the offering \$182 for the year. Refreshments were served and a social half hour spent before the meeting was brought to a close.

BRAMPTON.—A missionary tea was given by our president, Mrs. Prately, on September 6th. The attendance was good and an interesting programme was given, consisting of readings and musical selections. A pleasant and profitable time was spent. The offering amounted to \$3.75, which will go to complete a life membership of the Home Mission Society. The annual meeting of our Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Brundell, October 4th, with Mrs. McAlpine, our vice-president, presiding. After the devotional exercises and business we took as the subject for our programme, "Foreign Missions," which was very interesting. We are sorry to report the loss of some of our members by removal, but we are cheered by receiving two new ones. After the programme a chart for Home Missions was presented to Mrs. Campbell. The following officers were elected: President, (Rev.) Mrs. McAlpine; vice-president, Mrs. D. Prately; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Burton; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Adams. After the meeting closed light refreshments were served. We all feel that God has wonderfully blessed us as a Circle, and we hope to do better work for our Master in the coming year than ever we have done in the past.

M. ADAMS,

Secretary.

WINDSOR.—We are glad to be able to report that the Windsor Mission Circle after the vacation season, with its apparent apathy, has taken a new life. The past two monthly meetings have been well attended and new members added at each. On November 1st we held our thanksgiving meeting at the home of our president, Mrs. J. W. Drake. After the usual opening exercises a very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Taylor, also a reading on the same subject, "Thanksgiving," was given by Miss Andrews. A special offering of ten dollars was

then given and many helpful texts of Scripture were read. We have sent ten dollars to Home and ten to Foreign Missions this month. A box of clothing was recently sent to Rev. C. C. McLaurin, of Portage la Prairie, for distribution among the needy in his district. Since the Board think it advisable that no more clothing be sent to the Indians, we have decided to work for the Grande Ligne School, and hope to be able to send them a box of bedding. Refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting and a pleasant social time spent.

VIOLA MINTO,

Secretary.

AVONDALE.—The B.M.A. Society of Avondale, Newport, held their annual thank-offering meeting at the home of our president, Mrs. Chute, Oct. 25th. After the opening exercises a short programme was rendered, consisting of readings and recitations, interspersed with prayer and singing. The offering amounted to \$24.00; \$17.00 for Home Missions; \$3.00 for Foreign, and \$4.00 for Grande Ligne. Meeting closed by singing "Praise God." Our membership is small, but we find it helpful to meet together, and we can claim Matthew 18:20. May God help us to do better work for Him this year than we have done in the past. Let us pray, believe, work, and give as never before, with the desire to hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom, both in the Home and Foreign Field.

"Not to the strong is the battle,
But to the swift is the race,
Not to the true and the faithful,
Victory is reckoned by Grace."

ADELIA PARKER,

Secretary.

CHESLEY.—The Women's Mission Circle of Chesley Baptist Church held their annual thank-offering in the form of a church birthday party, on Oct. 16th. The greater portion of the church family was there, and had a very enjoyable time. A programme of music, recitations and addresses was given, after which lunch, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served, and the rest of the evening spent in social intercourse. The proceeds amounted to over \$13. We have great reason to be thankful for the work of our little Circle, and hope to have still more reason for thankfulness in the future. May we live up to our opportunities and glorify God for them.

CORA R. L. FISHER,

Secretary.

MOUNT FOREST.—Our Circle held their annual thank-offering meeting on Wednesday evening, Nov. 15th. The thank-offering is one of our special meetings of the year, and this was no less a joy to us than previous ones. Our Mission Band children aided us in giving a very nice programme, and as we heard the little ones sing and speak so sweetly of Jesus and His love our hearts were raised in thankfulness that we have been entrusted with the work of teaching them about Him who has died for them. One of the interesting numbers on our programme was the report of our delegate, Miss

Stovel, to the Convention in St. Thomas. This was interesting and encouraging, and we trust may inspire us to attempt greater things through this coming year. The offering amounted to \$13.65, which as usual is equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Corresponding Secretary.

BUCKINGHAM, QUE.—The annual thank-offering of the Women's Mission Circle took place on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th. Mrs. J. D. Thomson presided. The meeting opened with a hymn, the Scriptures were read, and prayer offered. A dialogue was rendered by five little girls and then we listened to a chorus from the choir. A recitation by Miss Edna Thomson followed, afterwards a chorus was sung by five little girls. After this a reading was given by Mrs. Robert Garside, M.E., followed in turn by the pastor's address upon "Our Indian Mission Stations and Their Workers." Another chorus by the choir was listened to and a collection was taken which amounted to about nine dollars.

Corresponding Secretary.

WATFORD.—On Thursday evening, Nov. 8th, our Circle held a thank-offering meeting in the church, which was very well attended, our president, Mrs. J. Jack, presiding. A good programme was provided, consisting of readings, by members of the Circle, and singing, in which a number of Sunday School scholars took part. Our pastor, Rev. H. Watson, gave a short address on Missionary Work. The offering amounted to \$4.15.

MRS. EDWIN NOEL,

Secretary.

RIDGETOWN.—On Friday, Nov. 2nd, a thank-offering meeting was held in the Ridgetown church. Rev. Mr. Hoyt gave an inspiring address on "Essential Qualifications for Christian Service," to a good audience. He mentioned the Christian worker's need of courage born of confidence in God, of sincerity, of gentleness, and of consistency of life. The collection was \$8.67.

GRACE ILLER,

Secretary.

BAND REPORT.

FORT WILLIAM (Donald St. Baptist).—Our Mission Band has just completed a successful year's work. The Band was organized two years ago with five girls, and now we have a membership of thirty-six and an average attendance of thirty. In our last meeting we elected the officers for the ensuing six months. We opened our Mission boxes, which were only out a short time ago, and found the sum of nine dollars and fifty-one cents. On November 22nd we held an open meeting which proved most successful. Our programme consisted of recitations, solos and duets, among the most interesting things on the programme being an address on the work of the Band by Miss May Reid and an address on "Missions" by Mr. J. R. Turnbull. At the close of the programme refreshments were served. Previous to this meeting

the members of the Band made Missionary socks, which were given to our friends to be handed in at the open meeting. We found on opening the socks the sum of thirty-three dollars and twenty-nine cents, which, together with the money from the boxes and Band collections, give us a total of over fifty dollars. Though our year's work has been in every way a success, we hope and trust with the help of God, that the coming year will be one crowning work for the Master.

ETHEL COOMBES,
Secretary.

TO THE MISSION BANDS.

The revised list of students in Cocanada Girls' School has been forwarded to us by Miss Lida Pratt. There are 76 girls on the roll. These are classed in seven standards, with sixteen in the Infant Standard. On comparing with the list for 1905, we find that there are 26 new students, and 27 promotions; 37 are supported by workers at home. Each student's support is \$17.00 a year. Are there not other Bands that will assume the support of one of these girls? Twenty-three Bands will keep the same names as before, while 14 are changed. Word is being sent to all the Bands. Through any change of address, should the information fail to reach you, will you kindly communicate with the Band Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Barber, 35 Charlotte St., Brantford.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Beginning Convention Year, 1906-7.

Receipts from Oct. 21st, 1906, to Nov. 15th, 1906, (inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES—Bruce, North, \$2.65; Glenelg Centre, \$3.70; Onondaga, First, \$4.60; Windsor, Bruce Ave., \$10; London, Talbot St.; for Bible-woman, \$20; Uxbridge, \$5; Hillsburg, Thank-offering, \$5; Haldimand, for bungalow, 50c.; Court-right and Moore Centre, \$5; Toronto, College St., \$19.90; Bothwell, Thank-off., \$2.55; St. George, Thank-off., for Dr. Hulet, \$15.60; Tupperville Union, for Dr. Hulet, \$6.25; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$3.20; Brownsville, \$6; York Mills, (\$11.07 Thank-off., \$3.50 for bungalow), \$14.57; Midland, special, for Bolivia Building fund, \$7. Total, \$131.52.

FROM BANDS.—Daywood, \$4.35; London, Egerton St., \$15; Beamsville, \$2.50; Grimsby, for N. Isaac, \$12; Port Arthur, for Yaldi David, \$8.50. Total, \$42.35.

FROM SUNDRIES—St. Thomas, Convention Coll. \$70.18; Individual contributions for Ladies' bungalow site at Ramachandrapuram, \$73.75; W. Haight, 10c. Total, \$144.03.

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1906 to Nov.

15th, 1906 - - - - - \$317 90

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on account of estimates, for India, \$639.48; Furlough, Miss Simpson, \$25; Dr. Allyn, and munshi's salary, for Dec., \$47.92. Total, \$714.40.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Directors' Expenses—Guelph Association, 40c.; Western Assoc., \$3.80; Owen Sound Assoc., \$2.25; Middlesex and Lambton, \$1.50; Walkerton, \$1.70; Express Charges on Annual Reports, 50c.; Postage, printing, etc., for Mission Band Secretary, \$3.11; Convention speakers, Rev. J. and Mrs. Craig, \$10; do., Rev. J. G. Brown, \$5.15. Total, \$28.41.

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1906, to Nov. 15th, 1906 - - - - - \$740 82

Receipts from Nov. 16th, 1906, to Dec. 15th, 1906, (Inclusive.)

FROM CIRCLES—Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$10 for bungalow), \$56.39; Toronto, Century Ch., \$8.45; Mount Forest, (\$6.97 Thank-off., \$1 for bungalow), \$7.97; St. Mary's (\$2.08 Thank-offer), \$2.58; Burford, \$4; Ingersoll, (\$8.25 Thank-offering), \$10.50; Peterboro' Park St., \$8.60; Burtch, \$5; Colborne, Thank-off., \$9.75; East Toronto, (\$15.62 Thank-off.), \$10.62; Lobo, First, \$4; Port Arthur, Thank-off., \$6; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., Thank-off., \$11.50; Toronto, Western (\$16.50 Thank-off.), \$28.32; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$25; Acton, Thank-off., \$3; Gilmour Memorial Ch., to make Mrs. James Mann, Sr., a Life-member, \$25; Atwood, \$3; Toronto, Parliament St., (\$12.40 Thank-off.), \$21.70; Toronto, Walmer Road, (\$160 per two members of F. M. Board, "to avoid a cut" \$51.35 Thank-off.) \$243.77; Tillsonburg, Thank-off., \$9.25; Peterboro', Murray St., Thank-off., \$9.28; Aurora, \$3; Kingsville, \$3; Cobourg, (\$5 Thank-off), \$7.80; Norwich, \$3.35; Chesley, \$6.57; Toronto, College St., \$4.55; Plympton, Thank-off., \$7.25; Toronto, Bloor St., \$34.24. Total, \$592.44.

FROM BANDS—Oxford, East, \$12; Kingsville, M. B. and B. Y. P. U., \$5; Fort William, for "Pedda Sattiyama," \$20; Walkerton for G. Sundramma, \$7.80; Parry Sound, from mite boxes, \$4.25. Total, \$49.05.

FROM SUNDRIES—Miss G. B. Alexander (\$10 for Bungalow, \$10 "to avoid a cut") \$20; Mrs. Wm. Davies' legacy, \$500; A friend, for bungalow, 20c. Interest on deposit, \$21.45; Hamilton, Herkimer, Primary S. S. Class, for children of lepers, \$3.50; "An Aged Widow," \$2. Total, \$547.15.

Total receipts from Nov. 16th, 1906, to Dec. 15th, 1906 - - - - - \$1,188 64

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on regular estimates, for India, \$652.86; Furlough for Miss Simpson, \$25; For bungalow, \$675; Extra: For Bolivia Building Fund, \$7. Total, \$1,339.86.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Postage for Home Secretary, \$3; Account books for Treasurer, \$4.25; 800 Receipt Postals for Treasurer, \$9.75; Stationery and postage, for Foreign Secretary, \$1; 300 copies Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for Convention, \$4.50; 325 programmes for Convention, \$3.25; Eight pages of December LINK for Annual Reports, \$35. Total, \$62.75.

Total disbursements from Nov. 16th, 1906, to Dec. 15th, 1906 - - - - - \$1,422 61

SARAH J. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

Youths' Department.

TWO BABY BOYS.

A mission band out in Calgary wants me to write some more stories about the children in heathen lands in the Link.

Just after that letter came I read of two baby boys who were as dearly loved as the merry laddie in your own home. Let me show you the pictures in my own way.

It is early morning in India, as a missionary rides slowly into a village. While looking for a good place to talk about Jesus, he sees a crowd of men around the door of a native hut. Salaams were given, and the question put, "Are you all quite well?" One man of the Koli caste answered, "My only son is dying; come in and see him." In a dark corner of the hut, in a swinging cradle, was the poor, sick baby boy. His mother and three sisters were near him, but the man cared more for his boy than for any of them. Who would bear his name after his death if this boy died? Who would carry out the necessary plans for his own funeral if he had no son?

Carefully examining the dear wee boy, the missionary prayed for wisdom from above, then decided to try treatment and medicine. The father ran in haste to the mission house for articles required, and by God's blessing on the means used, in a few days the baby boy was well.

Shortly afterwards the parents brought the boy to the mission house. The missionary was very busy on his sermon for the next Sunday, but waited patiently to see and hear the man's story. He said: "My only son has been cured, brought back from death by the mercy and skill of the sahib, and we have come to thank you." Then he waited a few minutes before saying, "Now we know that our household gods are no good, have no power over sickness, and we have thrown them out. Would the sahib please give us his photograph to put up in their place that we may worship it?"

The missionary tried to tell them about the one true God, the "Great Physician" who had healed the baby boy, and that He only deserved to be worshipped by them. The old, old story of Jesus and His love was new tidings to these parents, and they went home wondering why the missionary did not want their worship for his photo.

Oh, the ignorance of the many millions of fathers and mothers on our own Telugu field! Thank God the long looked-for Revival has reached that dark land, and many precious souls are being brought nearer the Light of the World.

Our other picture is of a city in Egypt. A lady missionary, who is also a doctor, had been hard at work all the hot day. The glaring streets, the sights, and sounds, and smells of the heathen city had made her heart heavy. Now she was at rest in the mission house outside the city walls. A bath to refresh her weary body, and clean clothes inside and out made her feel better. But here comes a woman with a long veil carrying a baby boy on her

shoulder. She was rich, and felt that she was lowering her position in coming to a foreign doctor, but the mother loved her boy, and feared he was becoming blind. This made her eager to beg help for his sake. One of the missionaries advised the doctor to tell her to come in the morning, as she was really too tired for another patient that day. The doctor shook her head and answered, "It was just to such needy ones as these that my Lord loved to give relief. Perhaps she will let me speak to her of my Saviour." The baby boy was taken on her knee, and tenderly, carefully the poor eyes were examined; then she said to the anxious mother, "I think he may be cured if you bring him every morning to my hospital for treatment." This the mother promised to do, but still waited on her mat. Presently she said in surprise, "You have asked me for no pay. Shall I bring you a present instead?" But when the doctor said she wanted neither present nor pay the woman looked puzzled. "Why, then, should you cure my child? What is it to you if my poor little boy does no longer see the happy sunshine?"

The missionary took her Bible and read the beautiful story of the blind men sitting by the wayside whose eyes Jesus opened because he had pity for them. The woman had heard about Jesus and said, "The Prophet Jesus loved men even as our Lord Mahomet loved them?" "Yes," said the missionary; "and far, far more; so much more that He died for all men, even for Mahomet, and for you and me. I love Him for this great love, and for His death on the cross for me. I also love you and your little one because He loves you."

Day after day the mother carried her baby boy to the missionary. At last the light came back to the little eyes, and joy to the mother's heart. She listened day by day to the story of Jesus, and the good seed went down deep in her heart. Now, it is evening once more, and in a dimly-lighted room forty women are sitting on their mats in front of the missionary. Yes, it is a prayer-meeting for the Christian women who have learned to love our Jesus. One after another speaks or prays full of thankfulness for all that this dear Saviour has done for them. A stranger raises her hand to show that she wants to speak. By her side is the little child, still wearing a bandage over her eyes. She tells how she used to hate the missionaries and their new religion, but was forced to seek help from them for her baby boy. Now she says, "The stranger's medicines healed my child, but her teaching has wounded my heart. I want to find rest and peace. Tell me more about Jesus."

Gladly the missionary and native Christians told her the message she wanted to hear, and one more soul enters Christ's kingdom. Thank God for these baby boys whose need brought their parents nearer to Jesus!

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CASTE IN INDIA.

"The inconveniences that the people of India suffer through caste were brought home to me very forcibly during my administration of affairs at the time of the plague. Thousands of people had evacuated their houses in the city of Ahmednagar and were living in temporary shelters of the flimsiest character in the open fields, often on plowed ground. When plague appeared in the neighborhood the people realized that their turn would come next, and for a time the city was almost uninhabited. One morning, as I was making my daily rounds, a woman in one of these huts held up to me a baby who had been born in the night. She was a beautiful, intelligent woman, and the baby was as healthy as any child could be. As she was lying practically on the bare ground and had no clothes, even for the baby, I provided her at once with clothing and a cot on which to lie, and gave orders to my assistants to have her carried to a suitable shelter. There had been a heavy rain, the field was six inches deep in mud, and it was the coldest season of the year. A little later on her husband came to me in great distress and protested against the removal of his wife and child from the hut. He said that according to the rules of his caste his wife could not be moved for three days; that he had to worship this spot and perform certain other ceremonies that would require much time. I did everything I could short of resorting to physical force to induce the man to overlook the requirement of his caste, but he would not consent. I left the camp long after dark, fearing the worst, as it was very cold. The next morning early, on my arrival, I found a double funeral in progress. Both lives had been sacrificed to caste.

"In another part of the same field there was a little girl about twelve or thirteen years of age with her husband and father-in-law. These people belonged to the weaver caste, and had no relations whatever at Ahmednagar. The husband was taken first with plague, and died; his father was ill at the same time. On the death of the husband, this little girl was compelled by their caste fellows to pawn the loom and all the household effects in order to make a funeral feast in honor of her husband. A day or two afterwards the father died and another feast was demanded, and when I visited the camp I found the little girl sobbing as if her heart was broken because she could not comply with the demands of caste. She had not a cent of money; she had no property of any

kind except the garment she wore. They put her out of her caste—they excommunicated her and when I came the next day she caught me by the hand and begged me in the most piteous tones to take care of her, as she had nobody left in the world. I removed her to a suitable place, but in two or three days she also developed plague and died. So cruel is caste.

"Another day I found a man and his wife lying in a shed and both unconscious. The husband died shortly after; and as the wife showed considerable strength I had her removed to our Plague Hospital, in order that she might receive suitable nursing and proper care. On her arrival at the hospital I ordered milk to be given her, but on visiting her in her ward I found the milk in a cup by her side untouched. She made signs to me on my inquiry that the people who brought the milk were not of her caste, and therefore she could not take the cup out of their hands, nor had she strength to lift the cup from the ground to her lips. I raised her head myself and put pillows behind it, and held the cup in my own hands, but she closed her eyes and gave me such a look that I saw I had to do something else. After some search I found in the hospital a woman of her caste taking care of a member of her family who was also down with the plague. I sent this woman to give her the milk, but the moment she looked in at the open door of the ward she exclaimed, 'I can't touch her; she is in mourning for the dead!' and she went away. I then found this woman's little girl, and by offering to bring her a doll when I returned the next morning I induced her to hold the cup to the woman's lips so that she might drink. But I had to stand outside the door while she was drinking, as I was an outcast myself. When I returned the next morning with the doll in my pocket to fulfil my promise, the little girl was dead and buried."—The Missionary Herald.

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER MAKES A DONATION.

The Dowager Empress of China has given 10,000 taels, or \$14,000, to the establishment of a medical college in Peking. It is a large institution, founded and sustained by the combined effort of the London Mission, the American Board, and the Presbyterian Board, and is to cost \$50,000. It is hoped that the example of the Empress will be followed by Chinamen of rank and wealth. It may show a great change of mind in the Empire that she endorses and supports a missionary enterprise. Medical missions are proving the means of conciliating and opening the way to many minds and hearts.