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THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling dothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds shiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, to, the augel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore araid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold! I bring you good tid-

ings of great joy, which shall be to all people:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviou, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you? Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, tying in a manger, And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heaven's host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Luke II.: 7-14.

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MISS EDNA CORNING.

All the friends of our Mission in India, particularly those who were person-ally acquainted with her, will be much grieved to hear of the great loss we have sustained in the death of our dear sister, Miss Corning, who was called to her eternal rest on Friday, September 3rd, at Pithapuram

Never really robust, she had been in failing health for more than a year and a half. Before the hot season of 1914, she had been much worried and overwrought, so that the usual vacation in the hills was not sufficient to renew her strength. When the time came to return to the plains she was so ill that she was obliged to remain nearly a month longer, under the doctor's orders. In the cool season following smallpox broke out in the school; one of the most malignant cases she nursed herself, being, under God, the means of saving the boy's life, and, not being strong, she contracted the disease. Though hers was considered a light attack, even a light attack of smallpox is a serious thing. It would seem that before she had fully recovered from the effects of one illness she was attacked by another. After recovering from smallpox, she took up her work again on the first of March, and kept at it until she left for Ootacamund, in the Nilgiri Hills, where she spent May and June.

The weather this year, in the early days of July, was unusually hot ard trying; the heat and discomfort experienced during Conference left everyone exhausted. Very soon after Conference, Miss Corning began to have fever, but she went about her work for several weeks with a temperature. She was so brave and so unwilling to yield to physical weakness; that no one understood how very seriously her health was impaired. For only a few days before Dr. Smith was called, and insisted upon taking her to Pithapuram, did she allow Miss McLeod to help her in her work.

The disease proved to be typhoid and

the doctors soon realized that she was dangerously ill, but though eyerything that loving hearts and medical skill could devise, was done, it was impossible to keep her. With the beautiful European wards, which are near Dr. Smith's own bungalow and are furnished with every convenience, with ice available from the mail trains passing north and south daily through Pithapuram from Madras and Calcutta, with two missionary doctors and a missionary nurse-Miss Sanford, of Vizianagram, in attendance-with every convenience seemingly in her favor, we find only additional proof that there was no strength in the worn-out body to rally, or to respond to the untiring efforts put forth in the brave fight for her life. All over the mission prayers were going up for her recovery, even the little children in the schools were praying for her, and we hoped that God would spare us this blow. But it was His will to call her home. Her dearest friend in India, Miss Marsh, who loved her as a sister, was with her during the last days.

The end came about noon on Friday, and early next morning the body was brought to the Harris Bungalow in Cocanada, from which the funeral procession started, about 8.30, to the English Baptist Church in Jagganaikapuram, where a service was held. Twenty:four of her missionary fellow-workers were present; only those from the nearest stations found it possible to reach Co-canada in time. Missionaries, English and Eurasian friends, and Indian Christians filled the church. The larger boys from her own school walked twelve miles to attend the funeral.

As her coffin rested there, covered with beautiful flowers and ferns, sent by the Rani of Pithapuram and other friends, and fashioned by tender hands into crosses and wreaths and clusters, it was difficult to realize that the busy hands were still, and that the strenuous earthly life was ended, but it was good to know that she was resting and rejoicing in the glory of the Father's presence.

The words that were spoken were very appreciative of our sister's life and work among us; in the prayers that were offered the loved ones far away were remembered, and the hymns were most appropriate. "The Sands of Time are Sinking," and "For All the Saints Who From Their Labours Rest" were sung by the congregation, and "Sleep On, Beloved," was sung as a duet. At the close the whole congregation walked to the cemetery, where the burial service was read, and the body was laid beside that of Euretta Timpany Stillwell, in the little plot where rest the remains of others of our honoured dead. As the coffin was lowered we sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Miss Corning's first term was spent in Cocanada, in the Timpany Memorial School for European and Eurasian children, where she was able to take up work immediately on her arrival, in October, 1902, because the teaching is carried on in English. Her skill in needlework and her ability as a musician were valuable assets in this work. As Associate Principal and Treasurer, she took an intense interest in the finances of the institution, and was instrumental in bringing it into very satisfactory conditions during her connection with it. She helped greatly in raising money to increase a fund that had been started for the purpose of putting up new classrooms, not only by contributing herself and securing contributions from friends. but also by forming a class among the girls in embroidery and other fancy needlework, the productions of which were sold, and brought in considerable sums.

In the work of the English Baptist Church also her assistance was ungrudgingly given, and the building fund which resulted in the present beautiful little edifice was much increased by her efforts.

Though she gave full time to her English teaching in the school, she studied Telugu out of hours, and passed her examinations by the end of her second year in India, as other missionaries do. She did much work among the women and children of Jagganaikapuram and the near villages, visiting in the homes, making occasional trips to villages within driving distance, and superintending the work of the evange-

listic schools and Sunday Schools, some of which she personally conducted. Thus she busied herself along many lines of usefulness.

In March, 1909, she left for her first furlough, and on her return, in 1910, she was temporarily appointed to take Miss Robinson's place in Akidu, managing the boarding schools and working among the women and children in the village. It was the desire of Conference that she be given permanent charge of the Central Elementary School for Boys in Samalkot, and, though Miss Robinson had not returned, ofter arrangements were made for her work, and Miss Corning took her own place in Samalkot in the beginning of 1913. She gave herself as whole-heartedly to this work, as it was always her nature to do in everything she undertook.

Graceful, beautiful and talented, she attracted to herself many friends. Rarely gifted in music, she was always unselfishly ready to use her gift for the pleasure of others. In our missionary gatherings and church services her rich, soft alto will be sadly missed.

On the journey out from home, in 1910, on the steamer between Hong Kong and Calcutta, the captain played the violin and the chief engineer the banjo. These two instruments, with the spirited accompaniment furnished by Miss Corning on the piano, made quite an orchestra. A wealthy Mahomedan lady, who was a fellow-passenger, though barred by custom from joining the other passengers in the dining saloon, sat on the deck near the open hatches and greatly enjoyed the concerts. She was so delighted with Miss Corning's playing that one evening she sent down a beautiful little gold ring, set with rubies, which, as she quaintly said, was to adorn the hand that had produced such music.

An indefatigable worker, her hands were never idle; undaunted by difficulties, she seemed to succeed best where there were most hindranees. As a speaker, clear, logical, forceful, effective, she made a great impression while in Canada on furlough. She withheld nothing in the sevice of her Master, but freely gave herself and all that she possessed to spend and be spent for Him.

Written in loving appreciation, AGNES E. BASKERVILLE.

TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOW.

Dear LINK:-

Perhaps your readers would like a peep at Vuyyuru, as it was and is, through the eyes of one who knew it twenty years ago and who has recently visited the field of her first love in India.

When, in the wee sma' hours of January 2, 1893, I first reached Vuyyuru, I found a white-walled bungalow standing back from the road in the middle of the Mission Compound, around which was really as yet an unfenced portion of a farmer's field, which had been obtained with great difficulty. Down by the road in the corner of the Mission property, stood a tile-roofed building of sun-dried brick, which served as a schoolhouse on weekdays and a chapel on Sundays. Directly behind the bungalow was a row of small outbuildings. Still farther back and at one side was the row of neat rooms occupied by the families of the pastor and the headmaster of the school. In an opposite corner in the rear stood the dormitories of the boys' boarding school. This was the good beginning that had been made by Mr. Brown (now Dr. Brown, our Foreign Mission Secretary), the first missionary of the Vuyyuru field.

When Mr. and Mrs. Brown finally bade farewell to Vuyyuru in 1897; a wall around the compound had been added and trees planted. A few months later I was removed to Cocanada and did not see Vuyyuru again for about five years,

My next visit was in July of this year, when my niece, Miss McLeisl, and I spent a week in Vuyyuru with Miss Zimmerman. In the intervening twelve or thirteen years great changes have taken place.

The unwilling farmer has been persuaded to part with more land. The white walled bungalow has now a fair companion of the same complexion—built in memory of our dear Miss Jane Buchan—with all the accompanying outbuildings, the home of the lady missionaries and their helpers. The trees have grown and multiplied. Flower gardens have been added. There are now girls, as well as boys, dormitories.

The old chapel schoolhouse has been dismantled, and all that marked the site

at the time of our visit was a heap of broken bricks awaiting removal. In the centre of all stand the stately monument to the memory of one of Canada's noblewomen and one of India's most devoted friends—the late Mrs. Claxton, for so many years President of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

This monument, which might well be copied, is the new chapel schoolhouse-a commodious, airy, very neatly built and finished stone building in the shape of a T. Here, on weekdays, the future leaders of the Church of Christ on this great field, are being educated, while, on Sundays, it is devoted to the worship of the only true God. What a monument! -the only one of its kind in a vast section of country filled with mosques and temples of false gods. The donors in Canada and the missionary and his contractor in India are to be congratulated upon this fair fruit of their labors. How better could they have honored the one who for a great part of her life wore India engraven upon her heart?

For lack of room in the Mission Compound and just opposite it, on a strip of land bounded on the front by the great busy high road and on the back by the canal, exposed to the public and unprotected from floods which sometimes come, stands another monument—this time to the living—which might well bear the inscription:—

Let me live in a house by the side of the road.

Where the race of men go by; They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,

Wise, foolich—so am I. Then why should I sit in the scorner's

Or hurl the cynic's ban? Let me live in a house by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

This describes Dr. Hulit's life in Vuyyuru for the past ten years or more.

In company with Miss Zimmerman, who has charge during Dr. Hulet's absence, we visited this miniature medical plant, and found it a model of neatness and convenience, equipped with a clean, capable Christian staff.

The land of the farmer is not yet exhausted, and we hope that the borders of the mission property may yet be extended to include accommodation for a hospital worthy of its devoted doctor and the section of the country served. May this be one of the fruits of Dr.

Hulet's furlough.

Although the Vuyyuru Mission Station has been described as a collection of monuments, let no one think it a graveyard. Provision for recreation has also been made by its thoughtful missionaries for their helpers, and, if reports are true, it is as busy and happy a hive of Christian workers as is to be found in the Mission.

There are other monuments to the

field.

Twenty years ago I found two Biblewomen-the one at hand, illiterate but strong in spirit-the other, able to read but twenty-five or thirty miles away. Now, daily, there meets with Miss Zimmerman for prayer and service a band of neat, serious-minded and sweet-faced widows of more or less education, formerly eight in number, now five, since two have joined Miss McLaurin, at Avanigadda. The third, stalwart Amelia, has gone to work in Valluru and to chaperone the young teachers there. In conversation with these women we found that each had a definite experience to relate of separation from home and friends to the service of Christ. All had experienced sorrow from the loss of loved ones. In some cases serious obstacles had been overcome and two told of having renounced the use of tobacco, which they had practiced since child-hood, because of the falsehood and deceit involved in the habit. Our hearts flowed together as we of the more enlightened West and the simple, brave daughters of the East talked together of God's hand in our lives. We found here a strong point of contact.

The two veterans of twenty years ago are still bringing forth fruit in old age. The monthly meeting of the workers of the Vuyyuru field was in progress when we arrived, and upon Mr. Bensen's invitation we went with them one afternoon. Here, too, were changes, Pastor Samuel being the only one remaining of the staff of former days. Instead of the fathers were the children and the Boarding School boys of those days are the honored pastors of to-day.

On Tuesday, July 6th, of this eventful week the new Caste Girls' School building in Vallure, six miles from Vuyyuru, was opened and dedicated. This neat little building, the gift of Mrs. Harbison, daughter of Dr. Elmore Harris, was built by the same contractor and under the same supervision as the Claxton Memorial Chapel, and is admirably suited to the needs of the little school which has hitherto been accommodated in the homes of the teachers.

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The Christian teachers — Martha, daughter of Pastor Samuel, and Ellen, niece of Dr., Joshee of Ramachandrapuram, are young women of excellent character and ability. Their chaperone, Amelia, is brave and trustworthy, and Miss Zimmerman, the missionary in charge during Dr. Hulet's absence, is full of zeal; hence the prospects are hopeful.

Let us thank God for the reopening of this school under such happy circumstances as compared with the gruesome event of a year ago, of which we read in the LINK from Dr. Hulet's pen, and pray that never more may such a cloud be permitted to arise in Valluru.

ANNIE C. MURRAY.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES.

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The Home Mission lessons have had their four months—now comes the turn of Foreign Missions. We are to have printed in our columns lessons for the months of January, February, March and April. The writer of the lessons is Miss Ellis, of Moulton College, who has been our leader and our inspiration in this young women's forward movement. Miss Ellis is both a writer and a teacher, and is in loving sympathy with girls and young women, so that we may look forward to our first course with eager anticipation.

Plan for your Foreign Mission course to commence in January.

Watch the January LINK for the first lesson in the course. J. M. N.

MISS ELLIS' FOREWORD.

Dear Girls:

How well and rosy you are looking, after your trip to Kenora, Cobalt, Thessalon, and so on. The sparkle and snap of the frosty air are in your eyes; and a bit of the verve of the French-Canadian picked up in your visit to Quebec has lent a spring to your step and energy too. All this new strength will come in splendidly for the more extended trip we are going to make to hot and languid India, and up to mountain ous Bolivia.

We are planning more of a tour than just to Telugu Land, thinking you might enjoy a flight in a missionary aeroplane and get the "lay of the world," so to speak. It is always so satisfying to know what is around the corner, or over the hill, isn't it?

So we shall "go on tour" this year, and some day later, settle down, perhaps, in India and Bolivia for a more intensive study.

When your grandmother went to school, she studied geography from a

globe, and saw how closely related the different countries are to each other, and how much one part needs the other to make things complete. To-day, you and I study geography by maps. Did you ever go into a schoolroom and see a smfall map of the Western Hemisphere on one wall, and a larger map of Canada on another, and perhaps a still larger and better map of Ontario under it, and may be on the end wall a still bigger map of York County? This way of studying geography helps us to feel that we are all there is, doesn't it?

So now we are going back to the globe idea, and see how beautifully neighborly Canada and China are, and India and Australia, and that, after all, folks are folks, no matter where you find them.

There are to be four programmes: The Missionary Task, The Missionary Tools, The Missionary Test, and The Missionary Triumph. The first will be ready for the January meeting, and, we hope, will take you up for your flight over the missionary world.

A nice big picture of an aeroplane, mounted on a sheet of cardboard, with neat lettering, telling place, date and time of meeting, would look well hanging in your church vestibule. Then two or three girls, handy with pen and scissors, could make invitations in the shape of Zeppelins, to be sent to the members and "ought-to-be members" of the Society, and so make a bold raid on every girl in your church, for we do not want to leave a single one behind, when we start on our trip. Of course, you will need guide books-all tourists carry them, so look up the last report of the Foreign Missionary Society, and whatever material you can find, and begin to collect your Missionary Library, as Miss Norton tells you in her noteyou will need it.

Don't forget to take with you an open mind—a heart full of love and good wishes for the round-the-world girls, and a will, ready to be made up at a moment's notice, whenever your Guide and Master says so.

Bon voyage, and a safe return.

Votre compagnon de voyage, H. S. E.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

The Auxiliaries are to have these lessons given to them to study, but where are they going to secure material to fill out the outlines of the study?—where find their illustrations?—where secure the background of history?—where have ready their inspirational messages?

Why not start a library? Why not begin to own something? Missionary books of information and inspiration are many and most excellent. They are not expensive. The investment of even so small a sum as \$2.00 would give every Circle a good working start—say, "The King's Highway," "The King's Business," "How and Why of Missions," and "The Call of the World," A very small outlay would secure also some of the great missionary magazines for Auxiliary use—invaluable for up-to-date information and for reference—such as "The Missionary Review of the World."

And where can \$2.00 or so be found? Of course, not from the fees, but try a Brown Collection at each meeting—the pennies will soon mount into the dollars and give every Circle enough to begin on. Try it and see.—J. M. N.

HERE AND THERE IN THE MISSION CIRCLES.

Parry Sound .- Our Circle held a thank-offering meeting on Oct. 5th, in It took the form of a the church. mothers' meeting. Every mother in the church and mothers of our Sunday School children were personally invited and given an envelope for a thank-offering. We had about thirty-five present. The President of the Cradle Roll gave a short talk on her work, and, after a most touching solo, rendered by one of our members, Mrs. Bunt, our President, gave a talk on Missions, trying to get more interested in our Mission Circle, and also a special talk to mothers, which seemed greatly appreciated.

After the programme refreshments were served in the Sunday School room. Such a sweet spirit prevailed, and we believe it was a real benefit to all. Thank-offering amounted to \$13.60.

Mrs. T. White.

Gravenhurst—The time for our report of the year's work is here again, and in view of the extremely depressing events of the past year, caused through the European war, we are indeed thankful to be able to report such a year's work as we have been able to accom-

plish. We are very glad to be able to report an increase in our membership, having added six new names during the past year, making 19 members. Our meetings are very interesting and helpful to all who attend. We have also raised our regular contribution of \$5.00 a quarter, which is sent to Home and Foreign Missions alternately.

In addition to this we had our last thank-offering and, although our meeting was very well attended, we are sorry that our offering fell very much below those of previous years, the amount being \$7.00.

We still keep up our special work of raising \$17.00 annually for the support of a native student in the Cocanada

School, India.

In all, our contributions for the year have amounted to \$49.60. And so, during this year of war, with so much struggle and suffering here at home, and we all realize at this time that it is not so much the amount we give but the spirit in which it is given that counts in the Masters' work. And we pray that the Lord will richly bless the efforts of our Circles during the coming year and may our members work together in love and unity for the advancement of our Master's cause.

Snelgrove—A very successful thankoffering service was held by our Mission Circle in the church on Sunday evening, October 10th. The main feature of the programme was an interesting and instructive addres by Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto on "Home Missions"

We dispensed with our regular afternoon service in order that everyone
would be able to attend the evening
service. The meeting was well attended and the offering generous. The choir
furnished the music. Owing to the infurnished the music. Owing to the indisposition of our Presided. Mrs. Lillie
also kindly gave an interesting talk to
the boys and girls at the Mission Band
on the previous Saturday afternoon. We
all enjoyed a rare treat and hope to
have Mrs. Lillie with us again.

Jennie Thompson, Secretary.

Colchester—The Mission Circle held its annual meeting in the church on the evening of September 22. The programme consisted of music by the choir and a splendid address on Missions by Rev. Mr. Jones, of Wheatley. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies of the church. The offering amounted to \$14.

Miss O. Her, Secretary.

Beamsville-The Mission Circle of the Beamsville Baptist Church held their annual business meeting of the year. Each member was asked to bring her talent money which she had earned during the year and tell how she earned it. The different ways in which same was earned were both humorous and interesting, some baking, others patching, serving meals, etc. When all the talent money was in and counted the neat sum of \$75.00 was raised. The ladies intend giving \$50.00 to suport two Biblewomen and \$25.00 for Miss Ellen Priest's bungalow. The ladies were so pleased with the result and the little effort it took to raise same they have decided to use the same method for so worthy a cause for the ensuing year. The reports during the year showed that we had been blest both spiritually and financially, for which we all thank God, and, with His aid, we are trying to make this year a banner one, and hope to be able to give a much larger report than this next vear.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

BOARD MEETING—WESTERN SOCIETY.

The first quarterly meeting of the new Board was held in the Y.M.C.A. building, St. Thomas, on Friday, Nov. 12th, at 1 p.m.

Thirty four members were present including seven directors and two new members, Mrs. J. T. Marshall, of Chatham, and Miss Aldridge of Toronto.

Miss Lucy Jones, Dr. Hulet and Miss Mould were also present.

Mrs. Firstbrook, having been again elected President of the society, presided.

Mrs. J. H. Rinch, St. Thomas, read the Scripture lesson, a number following with earnest prayer,

After the minutes of the Annual Meeting had been read and approved, the officers elected by the Board last year were all reappointed.

The Executive Committee (in addition to the officers of the Board) are Miss Nasmith, Miss Webster, Mrs. C. T. Stark and Mrs. E. J. Zavitz.

Mrs. J. Hooper was appointed to receive subscriptions for "Among the Telugus,"

The estimates for the year were placed before the meeting. After careful consideration they were passed, and are as follows:—

Estimates, 1915-6.

Akidu-	
Miss Selman \$8	353 00
Cocanada-	
Miss Baskerville. 1.2	240 00
Miss Pratt 2,3	30 00
Miss Folsom 6	00 00
Miss Findlay 1	50 00
	00 00
Pithapuram-	
Dr. Cameron 5	75 00
Ramachandrapuram-	
Miss Hatch 8	56 00
Miss Jones 1,0	56 00
Samalcotta-	
Miss McLeod 7	68 00

Miss Robinson . .

Tuni— Miss Priest	846 00
Vuyuuru— Miss Zimmerman.	150 00
Yellamanchili— Miss McLeish	700 00
Samulcotta Grant	150 00 -
Belivia	500 00 \$12,004 00
Dr. Cameron's Instruments	50 00
Dr. Hulet and pass-	800 00
Miss Jones' passage	400 00
Miss Findlay and passage	550 00 1,800 00
Home expenses	700 00 700 00
HARL WAS TO BE	\$14.504.00

Special, Building Fund (including Tuni, \$600.00; Vuyyuru Biblewoman's House, \$350.00; School, 1,500 00 \$550,00)

Total Estimates, 1915-16. . \$16,004 00

Receipts for Regular Work and Building Fund, 1914-5 \$15,110 56

It was suggested by the directors present that the building fund be apportioned among the associations, the directors to give to each Circle in her constituency their share of such apportionment. This was considered by the Board a good suggestion, and should be carried out.

After prayer the meeting adjourned. A. E. FENTON, Rec. Sec'y.

SPECIAL MENTION-PRAYER CALENDAR.

We would like to call the attention of all your readers to the Missionary Calendar of Prayer issued by Mrs. Edna Mae Wilson, wife of Rev. J. E. Wilson, pastor of the George Street Church, Fredericton, N.B. It is difficult to refrain from extravagant language in speaking of this beautiful Calendar, which we would fain see in every Baptist home in the land. It is a work of art and a labor of love, refleeting great credit alike upon the publishers and the author. To the latter it must have involved an immense

amount of care and thought, and such labor, having for its aim the enlistment of an army of men and women to pray for the work of Canadian Baptists at home and in far-off India and Bolivia, ought not to go unappreciated. If ever the need of prayer was felt and empha-sized, it is now. If ever there was presented an opportunity to prove the power of the ministry of intercession, it is to-day. There is nothing our mission-aries so hunger for as the assurance that the people at home are praying for them. Recently a Canadian Highlander, in pleading for unceasing prayer for the armies of the Allies, said that the men at the front knew when the Christians at home "had an off-day," i.e., they knew when there was any slacking in the volume of prayer on their behalf.

Mrs. Wilson has succeeded in finding a separate theme for special prayer for every day of the year, and yet none of them is without real importance. Every one bears directly on some phase or department of our missionary work. As we have already hinted, the typographical work on the Calendar is excellent and the illustrations choice. It would make a particularly beautiful and appropriate Christmas present.

The price of this superb Calendar is 35 cents, postage included. Apply either to Mrs. Wilson, or to Mr. R. D. Warren, Manager Baptist Book Room, 223 Church St., Toronto.

J. G. BROWN.

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS SECRET.

Christmas is a time of secrets, So I'll whisper one to you; Grandpa says that all who try it Find that every word is true. "Would you have a happy day? Give some happiness away.

WHO WAS IT?

Somebody did a golden deed; Somebody proved a friend in need; Somebody sang a beautiful song; Somebody smiled the whole day long; Somebody thought, "Tis sweet to live;" Somebody said, "I'm glad to give;" Somebody fought a valiant fight; Somebody lived to shield the right; Was it yout

Boston Transcript.

Our Undertaking for 1915-16.

India-\$13,054

- 1. Salaries of 14 Missionaries.
- The upkeep of the work in 6 stations; i.e., Schools, Teachers, Biblewomen, Touring Expenses, etc.
- 3. Dr. Marjorie Cameron's Munshi.
- 4. Dr. Cameron's Medical Instruments.
- A Special Building Fund, which includes Tuni Bungalow, a Biblewoman's House at Vuyyuru and a School Building.

Bolivia \$500

Our second year's grant to our work in South America. We have no single lady Missionary in Bolivia, so the General Board uses this money in the prosecution of its work of preaching, teaching and writing.

Canada \$2,450

- One furlough allowance. Dr. Hulet is now at home.
- Three passages to or from India—Dr. Hulet, Miss Jones, Miss Findlay.
- 3. The Running Expenses.

A Grand Total of \$16,004.

BOYS AND GIRLS. GOOD NEWS FOR BAND MEMBERS AND BAND LEADERS.

 We are to have a course of lessons again this year, beginning in January and continuing for four months—January, February, March and April.
 We are to have a book to study, from, and it is to be that "perfectly

2. We are to have a book to study, from, and it is to be that "perfectly lovely" one we talked about in July-Aug. Link.—"Around the World With Jack and Janet." It is a trip through all the queer countries like Egypt and Ceylon

and India, and China, etc.

3. Who do you think is going to be our guide? We are just as fortunate as we can be, for it is "Sister Belle," who has promised to take us all through the trip. We know she will help us to see many things we would miss altogether without her. She has been doing just that for us all for years, and we could not have anyone with us whom we would love and listen to more eagerly.

Parry Sound.—Our Mission Band held a sale on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 9th, of vegetables, cakes, cookies, a few dolls and wash cloths. We realized \$10.55. In September we sent a little over eight pounds of Sunday School cards and postcards and one picture roll to India to Miss Hatch, costing us 81 cents to send it. Our Band has taken a deep interest this year, and we hope to do better next year.

Sarah Green, Sec.

STORY OF A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

"Good news from heaven the angels bring,"

It was Christmas Evs. Luther had retired to his study, where he was earnestly engaged preparing his Christmas sermon for to-merow while his wife, Katie, was busy attending to her household duties. But these, on that particular evening, proved too numerous and required so much time and attention that, feeling unable to do all that was to be done, she popped her head into her husband's study and, almost out of breath, said in a trembling voice, "Dear doctor, I can not possibly get through with my wook, of which there is still so much to do. Please oblige me by taking your seat beside the cradle in the aursery and watching little Paul, so that I can go on with my work, unhindered." and Luther, without making any excuse as to what he had yet to do in prepara

tion for his sermon for to morrow, rose up at once, took his Bible, followed his wife into the nursery, and sat down at little Paul's cradle, just as Katie had requested him. And as he sat there gazing at the frail and helpless babe sleeping so sweetly, the sight so affected him and so filled his heart with thoughts of that other heaven-born child, whose birth they were about to celebrate, that he could no longer refrain his lips from giving utterance to the joy he felt, and so, taking down his lute from the wall lie began to play and sing, and sing and play, until he had translated the story of the Saviour's birth, into a beautiful hymn, heading it with the superscription:

"A Children's Christmas Song of the Little Child Jesus." (Written in 1535.)

Good news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing; To us this day a child is given, To crown us with the joy of heaven.

This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will himself our Saviour be From all our sins to set us free.

All hail, Thou noblest Guest, this morn, Whose love did not the sinner scorn; In my distress Thou comest to me; What thanks shall I return to Thee?

Were earth a thousand times as fair, Beset with gold and jewels rare, She yet were far too poor to be A narrow cradle, Lord for Thee.

Ah. dearest Child Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

Praise God upon His heavenly throne, Who gave to us His only Son, For this His hosts, on joyful wing, A blest New Year of mercy sing.—Selected.

A PRESENT FOR JESUS.

A litle girl at Christmas time had ten cents given her—ten bright new pennies. "This," she said, laying aside one, "is for Jesus; and this is for you, mether; and this for father," and so on to the last one. "And this is for Jesus," she said. "But," said her mother, "you have already given to Jesus." "Yes," said the child, "but that belonged to Him; this is a present."—Selected.

Women's Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario (West).

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION DAY, THURSDAY, NOV. 11th, OF THE 39th ANNUAL CONVENTION.

We have often wondered what a Board meeting was like. To many of us it was a sanctum sanctorium. Well, the first thing on the programme of the 39th Annual Convention was a typical Board Meeting. The president, members of the Board, officers, directors and missionaries were all on the platform, and the president invited the audience to imagine they were members also. The meeting was opened with George Keith's beautiful hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," which was so fitting in these trying times. Our president read for the Scripture lesson the 46th Psalm, after which two members of the Board led us tenderly before the Throne for guidance, wisdom, strength and power.

The recording secretary and Foreign secretary gave excellent reports of the year's work.

The treasurer gave a brief summary of the financial report, which brought out some lively discussions. We learned from the discussions that it will take \$600 more to complete the Tuni bungalow; that Miss Baskerville's school is the next building needed; that money left over from the regular work is placed to the Building Fund account; that any balance left in India is used for the "sick fund;" that on \$3,000 from Canada \$100 is made on exchange in India, so that every \$3,000 in Canada is worth \$3,100 in India; that our General Treasurer, Rev. H. E. Stillwell secures the best possible rate of exchange for us, and that he is the best business man in Canada; that it is better for Circles, Bands and individuals that wish to support Biblewomen to designate the money to the field, not to the women, as sometimes these women have to be changed or one dies and another has to fill her place.

The LINK'S report tells us there are 6,500 subscriptions, and it has had the smallest subscription increase in five years. It is thought best to postpone uniting the LINK and "Visitor" at present owing to war conditions.

The Home Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd, told us the Convention "Watchword" for 1916 is to be, "Go Forward in His Name;" that the missionaries have enjoyed the Muskoka Rest Home (a boat or canoe is badly needed for it); that the directors are not to blame for the late reports; that it is the fault of the secretaries of the Circles and Bands—one late secretary's report clogs all the Board's machinery. The secretaries of Circles and Bands must have their reports mailed to their directors before October 15th.

Paste in the back of your treasurer's book the names and addresses of the Home and Foreign treasurers you are to send your money to in Toronto, and then see that your money is all collected and sent to them by October 15th each year, or you will not receive credit for it in the year's report. Have as your aim this year a Circle in every church, and every woman in the church a member. In her report of the Associations it seemed to us like the constellations in the heavens-some seemed to stand out so vividly with their first magnitude Circle stars, and others ranged down to the fourth and fifth magnitude, but each sending forth its little light in the constellation God had placed it in to do its work. Missionaries' visits, printed programmes for the year, lessons in LINK and "Visitor," have all helped to make successful Circles.

It was regretted by all that our enthusiastic Band Secretary was unable to be present, owing to ill-health. She sent her report, in which she tells us there is a gain in Band membership, and for the third time in the history of the Bands, they have passed the \$1,000 mark. Mrs. G. W. Barber has been appointed again the Band Secretary.

The resignation of our missionary, Miss Zimmerman, has been received, owing to her approaching marriage to the Rev. H. B. Cross. She will continue in the work under the General Board.

Miss J. F. Robinson is now on the Pacific on her way to India, for her second term, to take up the work laid

down by Miss Corning.

Loving, touching expressions were made of our great loss when the Master parted the curtains and said to our beloved missionary, Miss Corning, "Thou hast finished they work. Come now and enter into the joy of thy Lord." Her rare gifts, her beautiful life and character, will be a lasting monument to her there and here.

Also very tender words were spoken of the "home-going" of our beloved Hon. President, Mrs. Yule, who filled this important position for seven years, after five years' service as President. For 18 years she bore the heat and burden of pioneer missionary life in India.

Telegrams of sympathy in their illness were sent to Mrs. Barber and Miss Norton; also one to Mrs. J. B. McLaurin, announcing that the highest honor that the Convention can bestow had been conferred upon her, the honorary presidency—the place of "mother" to advise us and consult with. Mrs. McLaurin's face is an inspiration to anyone to work for missions.

It is a pleasure to announce the return to the presidency of Mrs. First-brook, who has so capably filled this chair for so many years, and the appointment to the vice-presidencies of Mrs. J. J. Ross, Hamilton, and Mrs. J. G. Brown, Toronto, two women of tact, ability and sound judgment. With these four splendid women at the head of the Board, we look forward to great things in the next year's work. The

members of the Board are: Mrs. Thou.
Trotter, Dr. Ellis, Mrs. Kingdon, Mrs.
F. C. Elliott, Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Mrs.
A. B. Fark, Mrs. R. R. McKay, Miss
Anna Moyle, all of Toronto, Mrs. Marshall, Chatham; Mrs. Jas. Grant,
Aurora, and Miss Ethel Aldridge, Toronto, representing the young women.

A telegram from Mrs. McMaster, acknowledging the Home Missionary Convention telegram, was read by the

president.

Mrs. Dundervale, of Wallaceburg, and Mrs. John Lillie led us in a helpful and inspiring prayer service, in which special prayer for India was made. We are powerless without prayer; prayer is the link between earth and heaven. God's promises are always conditional. We must-abide in Christ; separated, we cannot be fruit-bearers.

Miss Esther Baker, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Sherman McCrimmon sang in splendid voices solos, "Just as I Am"

and "Why Callest Thou Me?"

The exercise from "The Child in the Midst" was well given, in costume, by the St. Thomas Mission Band; also one by 30 young ladies, in costume, on "Giving the Light," representing heathendom lighted by Christianity.

Such splendid, interesting addresses we did have—every one worthy of being published verbatim, and it is to be hoped the time will soon come when the Convention addresses will be found, at least typewritten, in the Bureau of Lierature. Six missionaries from India and Bolivia we do not often get on the programme.

Mrs. Mitchell told us the Bolivian Government is looking favorably on the Protestants now; that the high-class people are sitting up and taking notice; that Dr. Speer says more money is spent on education in New York than in all of South America; that procrastination is one of their bad habits—it is always "To-morrow" with them.

Mrs. Firstbrook emphasized the need of putting forth every effort, of gathering up the fragments that nothing be lost. We must try to interest more in

this world-wide Missions.

Dr. Hulet showed us the great change that had taken place in India in receiving the missionaries. Yesterday they hid in the houses, and could not be induced to come out until they found we were not cannibals. To day they are pleading for us to come, and they give us of their best. Brahmin women are inviting our Biblewomen and showing them just as much respect as they do the missionaries.

A star has come to us from the East of greater brilliancy than the first magnitude, in the person of the Principal of Moulton College, Dr. Ellis. pared" was the keynote of her eloquent address, and preparation the strain that ran through it all. She told us that great battles are won by the officers, but great wars are won by the soldiers. In the spiritual fight against sin, there must be constant warfare. We must be conscious of the seriousness of our fight. We are the soldiers. You and I are responsible for conditions to-day. Won't you take home to the rest of the militia, "Get up and do more; we will have to do more"? When it's real stylish to be interested in Missions, society will take part. The twelve points for the slogan are: Every woman a member of the Circle; ten per cent, increase in gifts; quarterly payments to the treasury; ten per cent. in crease in per sonal gifts; definite organization; definite organization in the Sunday School; regular study of Missions; ten per cent. more to read one book a year on Missions; a day of prayer; a band of

Mrs. Gregory, of Hartford, closed the afternoon session with prayer.

The pastor, Rev. O. C. Elliott, led the devotional exercises in the evening.

We were glad to welcome to Ontario Mrs. Stillwell, from the Maritime Provinces. Mrs. Stillwell told us how difficult it is to make the Hindus understand America, and possibly it is just as hard for us to understand India; also of many of the superstititions of India, and that one can never forget the wail of the paid mourning women, "O my little white dove, come back to your nest."

Everyone enjoyed the clinic day in Dr. Hulet's life. She must give it to us true to life, or not at all. In her hospital on the platform we had the inpatients on their cots; the patients brought in on stretchers; the operating table; the operation; the dreadful disease brought on through ignorance; the teaching of the Bible stories, hymns and

verses by the Biblewomen while they are waiting for the doctor to come in. How Dr. Hulet ever keeps her nervea with such noise and confusion, it is impossible to tell. Yet she tells us the half has not been told in the picture. Because of the two and a half millions of people to every doctor in India, she feels she must cut her furlough short in Canada and hasten back in December.

The Minutes were interesting, presented by the Convention Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Sloat.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in a resolution condemning the strong drink traffic still in our land when prohibition in Russia and France has had such beneficial results. Also one of warmest gratitude to all who in any way had contributed to make the Convention a success.

The Convention was closed with singing the National Anthem, and the Benediction by the Rev. D. Baldwin.

MRS. LOUIS BEEMER, Waterford, Ontario.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The meetings of the Board during the past year have had a considerable increase in attendance, in spite of the many calls on our time and energies for patriotic work. The average attendance of the four quarterly meetings was thirty-four, that of other eight meetings was twenty-four. The Executive Committee met once during the year.

Our president, Mrs. Firstbrook, has been in the chair at all the meetings mentioned.

At different times during the year we have been privileged to have with us Mrs. McLaurin, Miss Katie McLaurin, Miss Lucy Jones, Miss B. Mould and Miss Ruth Philpot.

At the first meetin gof the new Board, held in the First Church, Brantford, on Nov. 13th, the estimates for the year were carefully considered and passed.

At that meeting the following officers were reappointed by the Board:—
Foreign Secretary—Mrs. S. E. Grigg.
Home Secretary—Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.
Rec. Secretary—Mrs. Wilson Fenton,
Band Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Barber,
Treasurer—Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell.
Editor of Link—Miss J. M. Norton.
Bureau of Literature—Mrs. T. Moor,

Agent for "Among the Telugus"-Mrs. John Hooper.

The Executive Committee, in addition to the officers of the Board are: - Miss Nasmith, Miss Webster, Mrs. C. T. Stark and Mrs. E. J. Zavitz.

At the December meeting the Treasurer suggested that an objective be given the Young Women's Circles, as an incentive to further efforts. Mrs. Camp-bell and Miss Moyle were appointed a committee. Later, on their recommendation, the following as such objective was adopted .-

A cross-section of the work of the Society as a whole, i.e.:

(a) The support of a native worker in Bolivia.

(b) The support of an entire grade in the Cocanada School, and

(c) The salary of Dr. Hulet's trained nurses.

(d) Together with the maintenance of a certain number of beds, and

(e) The support of Misses Beggs and Gibson,

which work would entail the supplying of prizes in the school, books and tracts for evangelising, and medical supplies, thus forming a vital interest in every department of our work.

At the beginning of the year it was decided that the time had come for an united effort, on the part of both Boards, to place the young women's work on a better foundation, and enlist the many instead of the few. Dr. Ellis. Principal of Moulton College, was chosen as the leader of this movement, the President, the Secretary and one other member from each Board, with the Director of the Tolonto Association, comprising the committee.

It is with great satisfaction and gratitude we record the results. The young women responded with much enthusiasm. Ten new Circles were organized, making a total of seventeen now in the city.

With such a large addition to our working forces, it was considered advisable to appoint a secretary for that part of our work. Mrs. C. T. Stark is the choice of both Boards, and has been duly apointed to such office. At the June meeting a proposal to unite our two papers, the LINK and the "Visitor," was brought to the Board for their consideration, by a deputation from the Home Board.

was reperted to look into

the matter, and bring to a later meeting all available information that would enable the Board to come to a decision.

A special meeting was held for this purpose, when, after a very full and deliberate discussion, a substantial majority carried a resolution to postpone the whole question for the present, owing to war conditions.

In January, Mrs. S. E. Grigg found it necessary on account of change of residence from Toronto to Detroit, to re-sign as Foreign Corresponding Secretery. Miss Rogers, who spent six years in India as our missionary, was asked to fill the vacancy, and on consenting to do so, was duly appointed to the

The resignation of Mrs. C. J. McLean, of Ingersoll, on account of removal to Eastern Ontario, was accepted, and Mrs. Oliver Master, of Weston, appointed in her place.

In February a very hearty invitation was received from the Centre Street Church, St. Thomas, to meet with them next Convention. This invitation was gratefully accepted.

In March, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Freeland, Honorary President, in whose home the Board had met for many years, the place of meeting was changed to the Board Room in the Baptist Church House.

It is our sad duty to record the death of our Honorary President, Mrs. R. H. Yule, on June the 24th. As the wife of our pioneer missionary, Rev. A. V. Timpany she first sailed for India in 1867, and became the "mother" of our India Mission. After eighteen years of faithful service, on the death of Mr. Tim-pany, Mrs. Timpany returned to Canada. But whether in India or in Canada, the need of India's millions was always uppermost in her thoughts and actions. For five years she was President, and for seven years Honorary President of our Society. For her the day of toil is done. May the example of her devoted life awaken in each of us a realization of the shortness of time and the great need for us to

"Toil on, and in our toil reisice, For toil comes rest, for exile home; Soon shall we hear the Bridegroom's

The midnight peal, Behold, I come. "

In September a cablegram was received, conveying the sad news of the death of Miss Edna Corning, from typhoid fever. Miss Corning sailed for India as our missionary in 1902. During her thirteen years of labor there she proved herself to be a faithful and efficient ambassador for Christ Her death is a great loss, especially to her beloved Telugu boys in the Boarding School at Samalkot.

"The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers few; beseeth ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He may put forth laborers into His harvest."

With the announcement of Miss Corning's death, came the urgent request that Miss Robinson be sent out at once. The Board heartily responded to the request of the General Board to become responsible for Miss Robinson, who immediately prepared to return to India, and is now on the journey.

Dr. Marjory Cameron, our new missionary, after months of delay, whichdelay, however, had brought to her an experience that would be of great value to her in her future work, sailed for India on August 6th.

At the October meeting the resignation (to take effect in December) of Miss Carrie Zimmerman, as our missionary, was received. Miss Zimmerman is to be married in December to the Rev. H. B. Cross. While we regret to lose Miss Zimmerman, we rejoice that she will still continue in the work.

At that meeting Miss Lucy Jones announced that the doctor had given consent to her returning to India, and that the earliest date for which she could secure passage was Dec. 21st.

The reports during the year from the different officers, and from our workers in India, showed that, despite the many distractions due to our nation being at war, the work of carrying the Glad Tidings of Peace through the precious blood of Christ, is being continued and blessed. With the first awful shock of war many looked into the future with fear, and some with dread. But with another year passed we can look back and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

With a courage born of unwavering faith in God, who maketh the wrath of man to praise Him, we look for still better reports for the year upon which we are just entering.

"God is all sufficient
For the coming year;
Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His word shall never,
Never pass away."
Bespectfully submitted,

Nov. 11, 1915. Rec. Secretary.

THE HOME CORRESPONDING SEC-RETARY'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST F. M. SOCIETY OF ONT. WEST.

Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.

From our Convention of last year we all went home "with a mind to work," and we have done it. In the midst of strain and stress, at times with heavy hearts, we have tried to do our best. With what result? The 261 Circles sent in \$10,696.88.

In the raising of this amount the Young Wemen's Circles have assisted. This has been the financial result, but although very important, it is not all by any means. Women that never entered our ranks before are waking upand coming in to the work for women and children.

The Young Women's Circles are adding a new impetus to the older ones. They have so much life and enthusiasm. The elasticity of youth is theirs. Let us encourage them whenever we can, and if we have nothing else to bestow on them, let them have our blessing and the benefits of our experience.

We have come to look for the Walkerton report to arrive the first of all. We were not disappointed. It came with the cheering news of advance all along the line, and a new Circle at Farewell.

Peterborough has been undergoing changes of pastorates, and as the ministers' wives are often presidents of Circles, the work has suffered. Two promising Young Women's Circles have been organized. It was a great privilege to have Miss Jones, our missionary, visit a number of the Circles in this Association.

Mrs. Pearce, of Norfolk, finds great assistance from the Circle and Band programmes in the LINK and "Visitor." She says: "They are so helpful for busy leaders, and for those who could not plan a meeting for themselves." Miss Mould's addresses were much appreciated by those who heard her, Great good is expected to be the result of these missionary talks.

Miss Whiting has undertaken a heavy task, but is doing it well in the face of difficulties. Some of her Circles tell her their interest is increasing, but the war has accounted for decreased giving. We shall expect Oxford-Brant to do even greater things in the future than they did under Mrs. Doelittle, the former enthusiastic Director.

From Niagara and Hamilton we hear that the work of the Association is growing so large that more officers could be used advantageously. They are well supplied with good workers there, and Mrs. Hendry has just to ask and she will have all the assistance she requires.

Mrs. Warren Johnston is assisting Mrs. Smith in the Northern Association, and between them a very complete report was sent in. This is a hard field to work, as the churches are so scattered.

Mrs. Bagaley has another heavy Association to look after. The work has prospered under her direction. One church is particularly noticeable in the amount of its gifts, 42 members giving \$311.08, an average of \$7.40 per member. Is it yours?

Guelph Association is holding its own. That is a good deal in these times of so many outside calls. Let us this year make much of our papers, the LINK and "Visitor." If we have read a good thing in them, let us talk about it to others.

Musicians are enthused about a new piece of music, book-levers on the latest publication, and why not Circle workers on the means of getting the latest information on missions. Clever women are giving their time to edit and compile these periodicals, surely the least we can do is to subscribe for them, read them and pass the information along. We have taken 3.677 LINKS this year in our own Circles; 25c a year is all you are asked for this valuable little paper.

You all want to know about the Mission Home in Muskoka that our generous friends, Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley, presented to the Board. It was occupied all summer, and proved to be a haven of rest to the occupants. It has been insured for \$500. The missionaries spent their leisure moments painting the verandah and ice-house. They enjoyed every hour of their stay there, and were greatly benefited. If anyone would like to give the house a good rowboat, or even a canoe, it would be acceptable, and save hiring.

Some of our directors must have added patience to their other virtues, for some of the reports were very slow in coming in this year. Will the distory secretaries please remember, it only takes a very little thing to clog all the machinery, and that "The King's business requireth haste." The blame does not rest on the directors.

Miss Nichells writes: "Our aim is to have in every church a Circle, and every woman a member. We are below this standard, but are praying and working for it." Let us all unite in this, and make a great forward movement this year.

One name more has been added to our Honor Roll. Who will step out to take the vacant place in our ranks? Those of us who knew Miss Edna Corning and heard her thrilling addresses, will not soon forget her. It was not an easy task to write words of comfort to the sorrowing family at home.

In closing, let us strive to do more for missions this year than ever before. We are only learning to give—we had to learn, but in the midst of many calls let us hear the voice of the Master: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." The least may be some poor Telugu or afflicted leper. It may be some little one in South America, or in the homeland. Remember, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

Our watchword for 1916 Directors will be easily remembered. It is:

"Go forward in His name."

Respectfully submitted,
LIZZIE LLOYD,
Home Sec. of W.F. M. S.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we report a year of uninterrupted work. All of the departments tell of progress, and many report an awakening interest in the gospel tidings, especially among the easte women. The people want to hear, and buy the gospel portions to read for themselves, and pass them on to their friends. There has been no famine in the land. A very virulent type of smallpox has hindered the work on all the fields, but the Christians have been preserved to such an extent that it has been recognized by the heathen as the result of the protection of the Christians' God.

The disturbed condition of Europe, which has thrown the greater part of the world into such turmoil, for a time threatened the peace of India. The missionaries came to the rescue, and by holding patriotic meetings and explaining the cause of the war have no doubt had a quieting effect, and aroused a feeling of loyalty that has been very gratifying. The women in all the fields have sagerly contributed, and worked for patriotic and relief funds led by the missionaries.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of our tried and efficient missionary, Miss Edna Corning. Equipped with rare gifts of heart and mind, she was an ideal missionary, understood and entered into the lives of those around her with such genuine friendliness that she won their confidence and love. She has left a memory that is like a sweet fragrance. No one will exactly take her place, but Miss Robinson is on her way to take charge of the Boys' School in Samulcotta, of which Miss Corning was principal. We hope that Miss Robinson's journey, although begun with a catastrophe, will end pleasantly. Miss Marjory Cam-eron, M.D., our new missionary, is already in India; we are thankful that we were able to send one that is so well fitted to minister to the needs of India's women.

The Fields.

Occanada (Miss Baskerville).—A most optimistic strain runs through this report, and many incidents are given of deep interest in the gospel story. One Mahometan gentleman, who reads the Bible himself, being anxious that the

women in his family should be instructed, earnestly requested that one of the workers should learn Hindustani in order to do more effective work among the Mahometan women. friendly reception has been given to the missionary by the Brahmo Somaj; and several Brahmin families who had heard the gospel in other places have asked to be visited regularly. A day was spent in Madras, as a guest in the home of a young Brahmin gentleman, belonging to a rich, aristocratic family of Cocanada, who had studied in England for three years, and who was anxious that his young, pretty wife should share the liberty of thought which he enjoys.

Schools.-The Caste Girls' School work has gone on as usual. Visits in the homes of the school girls are always welcome. Some of the former pupils go on with their Bible study after they leave school, and give evidence of their faith in Christ, and tell of answered prayers, which have greatly comforted them. The inspector emphatically disapproved of our school quarters, but what can we do? Evangelistic school work has been carried on with varying success. These children will be the future men and women of India, and are learning texts and hymns, which they will never forget. The influence of these schools is felt among the grownup members of the household, who thus indirectly learn much of the life of

Touring.—Touring is always gladly taken up, when possible. Nine days were spent and ten villages in the south field visited. Miss Hatch having lent her boat for the purpose. Large crowds of women and children gathered around them, while men stood listening in the background. Many scripture portions were sold and leafets distributed.

Miss Phillips's work has been taken by Miss Beggs, who now is devoting both morning and afternoon to visiting and teaching it. the homes and in the small villages that surround the city. She has 122 houses on her list, and twenty regular pupils. Miss Gibeen has 115 homes on her list, reaching over 300 women with the message of salvation. These workers are both doing a very important work, undermining the faith of the Hindu women in their idols, and

when the men become Christians there will be no opposition from these women

who have been taught.

Cocanada Boarding School for Girls (Miss Pratt).-The attendance has been 180, 45 of the number being day pupils. The headmaster has proved most satisfactory. Miss Peacock, a well-educated Indian Christian woman, has been appointed assistant. She has taken special interest in Christian Endeavor work; so outside as well as in the class-room she has given valuable help to the missionary. There is a most capable matron, infant class teacher and superintendent of needlework. Much help is given by pupil teachers, one of whom is an experienced Bible teacher. Monthly examinations are held regularly, keeping both teachers and pupils up to the standard. The inspector gave a very favorable report of the school: twice he said that he considered ours an ideal institution. He remarked on the culture and refinement of the girls, and was especially surprised when he learned that they were from the outcastes.

Added to the regular school work, there are special classes in domestic science, needlework and drill for the women from the training school.

Four Brahmin girls have attended regularly throughout the year, while others have come for shorter periods. Three high caste women came for English only, one being an editor of a woman's magazine.

There were 250 women present at the Christmas entertainment, 100 of whom

were high caste women.

A number of the boarding girls have professed conversion, but only six were baptized. It was thought better for the others to wait. The girls' tenth amounted to \$40,00. Out of this, beside the regular church collection, they have given to several missionary objects. Over and above this, they made a donation to the Belgian Relief Fund from their own limited spending money. The girls are very thankful that in this time of financial stress the money still comes for their support, and they never fail to sak God's blessing upon their kind benefactors in Canada.

Ramachandrapuram (Miss Hatch)— This work is conducted along evangelistic, educational and medical lines. Three evangelists .ave been set apart for the work. One Biblewoman, who has rendered efficient service, is taking

a course of Bible study at her own expense. The other Biblewomen have done good work in the surrounding villages. The missionary, though much hindered by the unusually heavy rains and by pestilence, has spent seventy days in touring. The year has been rich in results; a number of caste women have been brought in. A Koma woman gave clear testimony, and was baptized. Two daughters of a former convert, pupils of the Cockshut Girls' School, were baptized at midnight under very impressive conditions. Beside these, two other caste women confessed Christ in baptism.

Enthusiasm in Sunday school work has reached high water mark, under our evangelist, who gives all his time to it apart from what is needed for the lace industry, which provides for his support. Beside the seven schools started last year, five have been opened this year. This is new work. The older schools are under Miss McGill's care, while the Field missionary has charge of the Sunday schools in the various

churches.

Great eagerness has been shown for Bible portions, especially by girls from Government schools, 80 copies being

sold in two villages.

The medical work has taken a forward step. It is one of the encouraging features of the year. A free lease of a dispensary and lot was given to Dr. Joshee by a grateful patient. It is situ-ated in Kotapilli, a town that is some southern Benares. times called the Thousands of pilgrims gather there at certain times in the year to bathe in the waters, which are considered holy. Our missionaries have often spoken at these festivals, and distributed tracts, but there are no Christians in Kotapilli No peror in the surrounding villages. manent work had been done in the town, Dr. Joshee furnished the dispensary, and handed it over to the mission. No appropriation has been given for this work, but the Doctor has given two days a week, and has been assisted by Mr. Massey, who has been given a medical course by the lady missionaries of the station, assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Joshee. Next year it is hoped that the medical assistant will provide his own salary out of the fees received. The work begun by the Sunday school evangelist the past year has been carried on during the year, and in a recent tour the missionary was cheered by

hearing the children along the canal singing Christian hymns as they went back and forth to their work. Being anxious to make the work more permanent, a building for a school has been put upon the lot, and a few pupils have been gathered in, so educational work has been added. The work among the lepers has suffered a great loss in the death of the much-loved Pastor David, who had ministered to their needs for over fifteen years. At his funeral service many of the lepers witnessed to his faithfulness, patience and loving kind-ness in dealing with them. Within a few weeks of the pastor's death, two of the leper teachers on whom rested much responsibility, were called home. Many touching gifts from the natives have been received for the leper work. The lepers are taught to look to God for their supplies, and have had special cause for thanksgiving, and in turn show their gratitude by giving toward the support of their pastor, and have cheerfully given from their little to other mission work. And when they saw some warm mufflers that had been sent them, they said, "Send them to the poor soldiers," they were so glad to do their bit. So through the year the good Lord has led us through sunshine and shadow, but always we have known that behind the clouds the sun was shining. and the Master was keeping watch above His own.

Miss McGill.—The time has been taken up largely with the study of the language. The caste girls' school has been one of her charges. The attendance has been good, the examinations held regularly. The marks gained in Bible subjects have been most encouraging. In this these Hindu girls would compete favorably with Canadian girls. The baptism of one of the conductresses alls forth profound thanksgiving. The caste women coming out gave her courage to take the step. Beside this school Miss McGill has had charge of a number of Evangelistic schools, and has found time to visit among the women of the town.

Samulcotta. (Miss McLeod).—Returned to Samulcotta in November. One afternoon a week is spent in teaching and encouraging the Christian women. Four afternoons are given to the caste women of the town. Miss McLeod is welcom^{1,2} in many of their homes. Each morning childnen's classes are held in different parts of the town, but the instruction given spreads to the older people, and the missionary is

often urged to speak to them. Seventy days were spent in touring, and eigh. one villages visited. In villages where Christians lived the mornings were devoted to teaching and enthusing them, the afternoons in telling the Hindu women the way of salvation. There is no way of tabulating the results, but the seed has been sown in hope, and the Lord of the harvest will assuredly bless what has been done.

Tuni (Miss Priest) .- The touring brought much encouragement, the gospel message was received so gladly in the different villages, the evidence of the good work done by the Biblewomen was very noticeable, and the welcome given by those that had heard the gospel before was very gratifying. It is a matter for thanksgiving that some Christians who have been severely tested have stood firm in the faith. An entrance has been secured into zenanas which had been closed to the missionary before, and the thoughtful listening of these women showed that God's voice was being heard in their hearts. The circle of Christian women in Tuni is growing larger; over twenty women attend the Bible class. The missionary was much impressed by the prayers offered by some old ignorant women for the King and peace, which brought a deep conviction that the Spirit of God was teaching them Himself. All the days are not bright or the experiences cheerful; there are times when Satan makes us know that he is very much alive; but His promise stands true, "Lo, I am with you alway," and our hearts are steadied.

Akidu (Miss Selman) .- The year under review has had its lights and shadows, its joys and sorrows. There has been much sickness and suffering among the people. Cholera, smallpox and other dread diseases, and also floods and fires, have caused much loss of life and property. Many times if we could not have turned to our Father for comfort and courage, our hearts would have sunk low indeed. Work-much work-has been done, not only by the missionaries, but by the Indian Christians, better organization and more effective plans are being carried out, much advance has been and is being made, but the quickening power of the Holy Spirit is needed to convict of sin and lead into the fruitful life.

The generosity of the women who brought their yearly offering for has Home Missionary Society meeting was very gratifying; it amounted to over 300 rupees. The society now supports two Biblewomen, a pastor and a teacher. Many days were spent on tour, new villages were visited, and new friends made. Some of the villages were hard to get at, miles lay between them and the camping place, but the people gave them such a glad welcome that they sometimes cheerfully rose before the fever bird and came back after the darkness had fallen. In one part of the field the Christians are meeting persecution, and are threatened by the caste people with boycott if they send their children to school or receive Christian teaching. Our Christians in that church have had to suffer loss and abuse, but many have remained firm. God has belped them. Beside all this work, Miss Selman has kept up her study of Hindustani, and has passed her second examination in that language.

Vuyyuru (Dr. Hulet).-Figures never can give a true idea of the work involved, but when we think of the untrained assistants Dr. Hulet has had, these figures seem tremendous. Hospital in-patients 558, and dispensary treatments 12,000, and that not for a full year. Her helpers were Yaso Das, who can mix medicine and do minor surgery; Martha and Mary, head nurses, who only had six months' training before coming; part of the time the paster's son, who is planning on taking a medical course, and was glad to get all the experience he could; Mary, the ward ayah, toward the end of the year, Sunderamma, a widow with five children, the youngest only a month old when she came. She came to be taught nursing. These are the only regular helpers. Miss Zimmerman has given very valuable occasional help. The only mission help received was \$50, the salary of Yaso Das, with the exception of a few gifts, amounting to less than \$200. The salaries have been paid, also the upkeep of the hospital. A building with five small wards, office and dispensary, with large verandah, has been built. Added to her medical work has been the care of two caste girls' schools. Last, but not least, has been the opportunity of reaching the people with the gospel, and though none have professed Christ by baptism, the missionary knows that many have professed Christ as their Saviour. Those who tour the field bring in favorable reports of the hospital work.

We gladly welcome Dr. Hulet home for her much needed furlough. She is

with us to-day, and it will be our pleasure to hear her speak for herself.

Miss Zimmerman.—Has spent much time touring far from the station. She writes: "We were able to have regular classes with the non-Christian women, and they were very responsive to our teaching. The work among these women brought to our hearts much joy and many surprises. They no longer are afraid of us. They call us their friends, and welcome us to their Indian dainties, and often come to visit us. Very often we find those whose hearts are crying out after the one true God. The reading of the Word and the teaching is often followed by a season of prayer, when other hearts than ours ask for a fresh revelation of the love of God.

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Miss Zimmerman reports that the work among the children is large and promising. Crowds, gather at every house we visit; they come to the bunga-low and tent. They meet us on the road and in the fields. We hear the Christian hymns being sung in the wee still hours of the night by the shepherd lads as they watch their flocks; and in the high places of the land children sing God's praises. One day at a Brahmin girls' school two girls who had met the missionary in a zenana, sang the "Song of the Cross." This song has been learned and sung and is loved by hundreds of children on our field. To the coming men and women of India the gospel of Christ will not be a new story. Miss Zimmerman will very soon end her seven years in India. She does not return for furlough, but goes to make a home for one who thinks that he needs her more than we do. We are sorry to lose her, but we know that she will still be working for the Telugus, and we wish her every happiness in the new life.

The devotion of our missionaries and the success of their work is a challenge to us in the homeland to do our best. If we could but grasp the intense reality of the needs of those living in heathen darkness, and could catch the spirit and fire of self-sacrifice, as it is being manifested in the conflict going on for liberty and righteousness, how soon might the nations be brought to bow in joyful allegiance before the King, and the world be ready for Hiscoming.

MARTHA ROGERS, Foreign Missionary Secretary.

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Dovercourt Rd. Y.L.	9.00	*80.00 *17.00	86.28	Wallaceburg	18.00		69.00
Dufferin St	15.60	11,00	15.60	Walkerville		2.50	2.50
Earlscourt	19 07	2.00		Walkerville	23.89	8.00	26,89
First Ave. Y. L First Ave. Y. L Immanue	22.50		78.57	-Wilkesport	85.00	*25.00	60.00
Immanue 3	28.88	4.20		Windsor	80.00	5.00	85.00
Immanuel Y. L	10.00		338.08	Woodslee	5.00	1.500	4,00 5,00
Indian Rd 1	40.47	*17,00	0.00	Zone Centre		4.11.	5.60
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Jarvis St 1,2	01.38	*17.00	1,219.23		600.14	870.80	\$676.54
	11.50		11.50	21 Circles. 8 Bands	*1 Othe		tion,
	67.10		67.10	100			
Moulton College	93.88		5 11 27 5 2 6	WHITBY AND L	NDSAY	ASSOCIATI	ON.
Ollyst V T.	2.00		95.88	Director-Mrs. F.	Madill,	Stouffville,	Ont.
Ossington Ave	88.73	*8.25		Names.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
	6.75		103.78	Baddow		\$25.25	\$25.25
Pape Ave.	13.90		13.90	Claremont	27.00	18.00	45.00
Pape Ave Parkdale	72.61	17.00		Clear Creek		15.25	15.25
	11.00	*17.00	106.61 7.00	Fenelon Falls		5.00	9.75
Rhodes Ave.	7.00 61.69	18.60	1.00	Haliburton		13.50	68.50
Roncesvalles Ave	01.09	20.40	95.69	Markham, First	3.50	*17.00	20.50
Or Tabala Dd	20.05	9.00		Whitevale		1.50	1.50
Ct. John's Pd V L	4.00	Section Section	33.05	Oshawa		****	4.00
Walmer Rd	70.60	28.26	D. C	Reaboro		*17.00	17.00
Walmer Rd. Y. L	63.00	*8.00	565,66	Stouffville Sunderland	22,55	15.40	37.95
Walmer Rd 4 Walmer Rd. Y. L	132.09	17.00	149.09	Sunderland		7.00	7.00 5.00
Wychwood	18.09	5	18.09	Uxbridge	5.00	5.00	22.75
ollection	STEEN STREET, DV		19.23	Whitby	17.75	1.50	1,50
7 65 62 50 50 50 50 50	204.13	8638 96	\$4,862.32	Whitevale		1.00	-
44 Circles, 15 Bands	. *17	Other Org	anizations.		\$149.55	\$139.90	\$289.45
WALKERTON				9 Circles. 9 Bands	*9 OH	er Organiz	ations.
Director-Miss Ruby			est Ont	261 Circles sent \$1	696.88	er organia	
	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.	120 Rands sent \$1.	89.58.		
Names.	\$9.41		\$9.41	44 Other Organizati	ons sent \$	915.10.	
linton	10,00		10.00	Associational Collect	tions, \$75	.41.	
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lammis	19.00	1.00	20.00	MTSC	ELLANE	STIS.	
Glammis	10.00		10.00	Collections, other the			\$214.63
Kenilworth	11,90		16.00				
Kincardine	20.00	8.00		Investment, Miss Da Investment in trust.	rich' gift		40.00
listowel	48.49	2,00		Investment, miss Da	and Bree		35.00
Mount Forest Tiverton Wingham	10.60	2.36					
Tiverton	7.00	17.00		Estate of Miss Harris			. 200.00
winguam			41.00	3,000	-0.00		
Walkerton	80.25	8.30	88.55				\$507.31
Collection	550000	CONTRACTOR	5,50		UMMARY		
7 February 200	THE PERSON NAMED IN						.\$ 250.47
176 477 37 28 28 28	190,20	\$45,66	\$241.36	For John Knott Wa	rd. Vuyy	ru	. 200.00
12 Circles. 6 Bands	. 11 0	ther Organ	nzation.	For Tuni Bungalow			.\$1,698.78
WESTERN	ASSOC	IATION.		For Regular Work	neluding	\$250.00 fo	r
Director-Miss Ja			Ont.	Miss McLeish, 24	3.05 for	Dr. Hulet	1
		Bands	Totals.	\$200.00 for Miss	Corning;	\$125.00 10	r
Names. Blenheim	84.00	***	\$4.00	Miss Robinson;	Dn Com	ron Res M	R
Bothwell Y. L.	15.00			Receipts for Extras For John Knott Wa For Tuni Bungalow For Regular Work Miss McLeish. 24 \$200.00 for Miss Miss Robinson; \$ Leod; \$50.00 for for Bolivia	Dr. Came	1011; \$03.1	.13.411.78
Chatham ,	143.62	16.00		101 DOLLARS			
Names. Blenheim Bothwell X. L Chatham Y. L. Colchester	5.70	***					\$15,611.03
Colchester	80.40	78.	80.40				0 5
			No.				

GENERAL STATEMENT.

REGEIPTS. Balance forward, Oct. 20, 1914— Bungalow Fund				\$12,934 ,00	
	From Circl 10,698.88 From Bands. 1,599.58 From Organizations 915.10 From Individuals 1,825.75 From Ass'n'i Collections 754.41 From Miscellaneous 507.31	15,611.0):	Xms present, student 1.00 Harmonium, Miss Murray, 20.00 Miss Jones blind girl 10.00 Mr. Beinen's work 10.00 Miss Priest's student 17.00 Dr. Hulet's work 25.00 Miss Zimmerman's woman and boy 37.00 Lepers 125.40		
			Special Tuni Bungalow Account. Home Expenses Balance on hand Oct. 21, 1915—	1,698.78 \$14,883.25 527.78	
		§19,265.21	Hospital Fund 405.0 Regular Work 3,449.1 Investment Account on deposit	8,854.18 \$19,265.21	
	Audited and found correct Oct. 27, 1915 J. B. McART	HUR.	MARIE C. CAMPBEI Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell,		

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