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## THE SOCIETY'S CONSTITUTION.

(Continued.)

In this series of articles have been discussed already the conditions of membership, the object and the standing in relation to other denominational organizations of the Foreign Mission Society. This month we are to discuss how and by whom the business of the Society is carried on.

Since the Society as a whole meets only once a year in Convention, it is manifestly impossible that the Society as a whole do all the business in connection with the enterprise. Some smaller body, which can meet whenever necessary and devote whatever time is necessary, must do routine business, must deal with emergencies and must formulate plans and schemes which shall be submitted to the Society, at its annual Convention, for endorsement and approval.

This "smaller body" is known as the Board of Managers, and its members are elected by the Society at its annual meeting. The only exception to this is that when a vacancy occurs between the annual meetings the Board itself may elect someone to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting, when the place is filled in the regular way. The number of Board members to be elected is placed at not fewer than 24, and not more than 40. At present there are on the Board the full number of elected members. In addition to these, all the officers of the Society and all the Associational Directors, which are appointed by their own Associations, are ex-officio members of the Board. But

all of these forty are not elected each year. They are divided in five classes of eight each, one class retiring each year, the members, of course, being eligible for re-election, if the Society so desires.

Nominations are made in writing and also in open Convention. This plan, in contrast with that of appointing a Nominating Committee, is thought to have the advantages of allowing each member of the Society an adequate opportunity to present any name she wishes, and is generally credited with electing a Board whose members shall represent all the districts of our constituency, and so be thoroughly representative. It has some disadvantages, however, and one—one which can be overcome with a little care—is a possibility of unconsidered and unsuitable nominations being made on the spur of the moment. This Board, when elected, has serious business before it. Among the most necessary qualifications for membership, aside, of course, from the indispensable one of consecrated interest in the cause, are perhaps wisdom in counsel, ability to formulate plans, and first, last and always, a willingness to work. There have been reasons given for nomination such as: "She is such a lovely woman," or "We have no one from our district," or "She is so generous," or "The Board is a good place to train her." There are places many and needy waiting for each one of these classes of women, but we think the Board of Managers needs other qualifi-

\$37.30; Springford, \$4.00; Hagersville, \$2.50; Rodney, \$5.00; London Adelaide (Add. Thank-offering, 50c), \$20.50; Villa Nova, \$13.75; Peterboro', Murray Y. L., \$11.26; Courtland, \$3.15; Earlescourt, \$1.30; Alvington, \$4.10; Bloomsburg, \$2.70; Waterford, \$1.00; New Dundee, \$8.00; Hatchley, \$2.00; Toronto, Dufferin St., \$5.25. Total from Circles, \$1,657.89.

#### From Bands—

Chatham, William St., for "B. Nilavati," \$3.35; Frogmore, \$4.00; Brantford, Calvary, \$1.93; Ingersoll, for Student, \$17.00; Markham Second, \$5.75; Leamington, \$7.75; Stouffville, \$10.00; Arkona, \$1.19; Toronto, Walmer Road Life Membership for Miss Muriel Brown, \$10.00; Campbellford (mite-boxes, \$2.10), \$3.52; Vittoria, for "M. Manikamma," \$3.50; Guelph (for Bolivia, \$7.62), \$15.25; Belleville, Girl's T. M. Band, for "M. Veeramma," \$17.00; Port Hope (mite-boxes, \$5.41), \$6.30; Jaffa, \$1.00; Walkerton, for student, \$4.26; Hamilton, Park, \$3.00; Georgetown, \$11.12; Uxbridge, for "P. Santhama," \$17.00; Berlin, King St., \$7.50; Orangeville, \$2.50; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$3.93; Toronto, First Ave., \$9.00; Peterboro', Park, \$5.00; Brampton, for student, \$17.00; Southampton, \$3.00; Toronto, Parkdale, \$4.15; Dunnville Boys' "Cadet," \$2.00; Lakesfield, \$5.50; Stratford, Boy's "Headlight," for Akidu Student, \$17.00; Wallaceburg, Girls, \$1.75; Stayner, \$2.00; Dunnville, Girls, \$1.12; Dundas, \$3.00; Whitevale, \$2.00; Chatham Central, \$4.00; Weston, \$2.00; St. George, \$1.85; Townsend Centre, for "V. Obed," \$8.50; Waterford (for student, \$4.25), \$6.25; Clarmont, for "P. Paramma," \$17.00; Lindsay, \$6.50; Tavistock, \$4.00; Barrie, \$3.00; Burtch, \$1.50; Simeco, \$1.50; North Middleton, \$2.00. Total from Bands, \$325.47.

#### From Sundries—

Kingsville, B.Y.P.U., for student, \$8.50; Brantford First Church, Phil

Class for student, \$17.00; Toronto, Indian Road, for "Edla Alice," \$4.25; Hamilton, Wentworth Girls' Club, \$5.00; Courtland, Miss Berry's S. S. Class, \$2.50; Investment, Miss Davies' gift, \$10.00; Investment in trust, \$8.75; Toronto Union Circle Meeting, \$7.35; Proceeds of sale of Miss Hatch's Booklet, \$8.50; Mrs. S. J. Moore, for Bungalow Fund, \$5.00; Miss Ethel Burke, \$2.00. Total from Sundries, \$78.85.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

By cheque to General Treasurer, on regular Estimates for India, \$950.58; Furlough Allowance, \$33.34; Bolivia, \$5.50; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; Postage, \$1.00; P. R. Wilson, for printing 2,000 forms for Home Secretary, \$3.25; Exchange, 30c.

Total receipts for April, 1913, \$2,062.21; Disbursements for April, 1913, \$1,014.80; Total Receipts since October 21st, 1912, \$8,378.54; Total Disbursements since October 21st, 1912, \$7,683.43.

During the month, the Treasurer has heard for the first time from the following organizations: Boys' Band, Dunnville; Girls' Band, Dunnville; Rodney Circle, Tavistock Band, and Preston Circle (reorganized), and North Middleton Band (reorganized).

#### MARIE CAMPBELL,

Treasurer.

Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell,

113 Balmoral Ave.,  
Toronto.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The balance owing on the piano which Miss Corning took out for the Timpany Memorial School, and which was so much needed, has been paid by gifts received through Miss Alexander from Mesdames J. Ryrie, H. Ryrie, D. E. Thomson, C. H. Holman, J. Stark, E. Freeland and a friend.

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cations than these. As a matter of fact, the guiding hand of the Spirit has surely been over the elections, for the Board has always been strong and efficient. But while that is true, there is this possibility in open nomination of proposals made without due thought—a possibility which can be easily guarded against.

There is a regulation which provides that any member of the Board absenting herself from four successive meetings without explanation of her absence may be retired and a successor appointed. This regulation, which seeks to provide against the diminution of our working force through either carelessness or unavoidable hindrances, has been put in force, but only most rarely has it been necessary to call it to mind.

The Society has said that the duty of the Board is, in brief, to do the business of the Society, and then to report it at the annual meeting, to be discussed and passed on. This is done each year in the reports of the various officers, which, of course, are a record of the work of the Board as a whole. It is not necessary to go more into detail of the work than the brief statement in the Constitution, which reads thus: "To obtain and diffuse missionary information among the women and children of the churches, encourage the organization of Circles and Bands, seek out and recommend to the Board suitable lady missionaries, make appropriations, and designate the particular uses to be made of the funds of the Society, subject to the approval of the General Board."

The meetings of the Board are held each month. The Constitution reads, "shall meet quarterly, and more frequently, if necessary." It has been found advisable of late years to hold a meeting every month—the second Thursday—but it is the custom to do only the really necessary business, and

hold over as much as possible for the quarterly meeting, which comes on the Friday nearest the 15th, in November, February, May and September, and for which notices are sent to all members of the Board throughout the constituency.

The officers of the Society are a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two Corresponding Secretaries (one for the home end of the work, the other for the foreign), a Treasurer, an Editor of the "Link," and, in conjunction with the Women's Home Mission Board, a Secretary of Bands, and a curator for the Bureau of Literature. Only the three first of these officers are elected by the Society in Convention—the President and the two Vice-Presidents—and these are nominated and elected in exactly the same way as are members of the Board. All the other officers are appointed by the Board at its first quarterly meeting, held immediately after the Convention, and naturally the largest meeting of the year. In addition, there is the Executive Committee appointed at this meeting, which consists of the officers and four Board members. Their duties are especially light since the monthly Board meetings have been held, and it is not necessary to do more than occasionally prepare some resolutions or recommendations to be brought before the Board meetings.

Such is the machinery by which our women's foreign mission work is done. True to our Baptist sense of democracy, the members of the Society have full control of who shall do their work, either themselves electing the ones in charge or making responsible to themselves those who do.

There only remains to be discussed in connection with this Constitution the regulations regarding annual meetings and the delegates to these, their numbers and qualifications.

## HOW WE WENT TO THE KISTNA ASSOCIATION.

On the evening of January 10th I took my ticket at Tuni for Bezwada. At Samalkot, Miss Zimmerman was sitting among her various belongings on the platform, waiting to join me, and soon we were settling ourselves for several hours' journey. How we enjoyed a lunch together from our baskets. It was nice to have the compartment to ourselves, and we rested all we could. Just after midnight we had to turn out, and the boxes and bundles were transferred to an ox-cart and ourselves also. But first we got a good hot cup of tea from the refreshment room, which we preferred to drink outside rather than go into the waiting-room. Anyone who has ever had the misfortune of a wait at that station will sympathize with the Englishman who was overheard that night to say to a stationman, "You need not think you will put me in that filthy waiting-room, for I will not stay there." Just to pass through it to get to our ox-cart was more than enough.

Soon we were started on the second stage of our journey to Vuyyuru, the bundy with our luggage going on in front. We two were packed in pretty tight, and if you could have looked into that cart! Tied to the sticks that hold up the mat cover were our shoes, a bag with our big sun topees in, a water bottle with our supply of drinking water, etc.

After chatting a while, we tried to get some sleep, but our first attempt was spoiled by some one grabbing my feet. I sprang up and called out, "Who is doing that?" and as we looked out, there was a man standing on the road. Our driver was not of the same mind as I, and instead of stopping to let me find out, he whipped up the oxen and hastened to get far away and join some other carts. There is much fear of

thieves when a cart gets by itself at night.

Soon after 7 a.m. we got quite hungry and our lunch baskets were good friends again, as they had plenty to give us a good meal. The thermos bottle given by kind friends at home had some good hot coffee, and we thoroughly enjoyed our chota, in spite of the fact that our cart had neither seat nor spring, and we bumped about considerably.

The Jane Buchan bungalow looked very inviting when we got near, and it was good to see Dr. Hulet, and rest a while after our journey Sunday morning.

Monday was a very busy day for Miss Zimmerman, as she had to prepare for her long tour, and the cart must go away that night in order that the tent might be ready when we reached Bordagunta on Wednesday night. The next morning I got into an ox-cart again for an eight-mile ride, and Miss Zimmerman followed on her horse, which is an animal of moods, not all good ones. However, she was not long after me in reaching Miss Selman's boat, and how glad we were that she had planned to come and take us part of the way, for we had a good rest as we journeyed along. The next day, at noon, ox-carts were ready for a trip of about 18 miles, and it was a tired party that reached their destination just about sunset, and then set to work to help settle things for the night, while our evening meal was being cooked. Mr. McLaurin came along on his bicycle, and as there was no sign of Mr. Benson yet, and hence no tent or food for him, we invited him to share with us. It was late when we got our dinner, after which Mr. McLaurin went off to find some place to rest for the night. What a story Mr. Benson had to tell the next morning of the long

hard trip across country, of the ox-carts getting stuck in the mud as they were crossing canals, and so on.

But we all arrived safely, and the days spent together in that association were such that the wearisomeness of the journey there was forgotten. Some one else is to write of what we saw and felt of God's wonderful working there.

In that place, with such a bad reputation for thieving and drinking that respectable inhabitants were ashamed to say they were from Bordagunta, there we saw that large gathering of over 1,200 meeting day by day in His name, our Telugu brethren themselves conducting the meetings and discussing the various subjects in a way that would do credit to a Canadian gathering.

One report brought in would rather startle our Canadian churches, if such a one was introduced into the associations there. That was "The Report on Bad Habits." This was a table, showing the amount given by each church for the Lord's work, and the average per member, then over against that the amount spent on tobacco and such like.

This was the largest Christian gathering I have attended in our mission, and every remembrance of it fills my heart with courage and hope.

Your fellow-worker,

E. PRIEST.

We have heard frequently of the foreign mission work of the Telugu Christians among their countrymen who have emigrated to Natal, South Africa, and who are employed as coolies on plantations. After eight years' work there are five organized churches and nine missions soon to be organized. Each church has its building, and its Sunday and day schools, and in addition they are starting a theological seminary.

## TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL A SKETCH.

Miss E. A. Folsom, Principal.

Evening has come, dinner is over, the children are all gone to rest, except one, who is drawing a map. The day began with us at half-past five, when the rising-bell rang. Chota hazru was served at half-past six, then stores were given out for the day, and school opened at seven o'clock, and closed at eleven. This is the programme just for one month and a half, while the sun is directly over our heads, and the afternoons too hot for the children to study. The usual hours for school are from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

My duties for the morning were to teach four classes in Scripture, one in needlework, and give one lesson on the piano, besides looking after the house and superintending the mid-day meal.

From 12.30 to 2.30 the house was very quiet, for all were sleeping but myself. I found that a good time to prepare some needlework for the girls who came down and sewed from 2.30 to 3.30. Tea was served at 4, letters were got ready for the post, several girls practised their music lessons, then all dressed and went out for recreation. At 6.30 they came in for an hour's study. When that was over, girls and boys frolicked like kittens, filling the rooms and the great verandah with the music of their happy voices till the dinner-bell rang. After dinner, prayers; then the little ones went to bed, while the older ones sat up a while to study.

Miss Findlay has the school well organized this year, our teachers are all trained, and excellent work is being done. Subjects are taught by the latest methods, and work that formerly was difficult and uninteresting is now easy, delightful and more effective. Domestic Economy is given a prominent place, and the lessons are made very practical. The girls are learning to cook

meat, eggs and vegetables in a variety of ways, and they often prepare a dish for the table. They also make very good puddings, cakes, sandwiches and sweets. This morning the day pupils of the fourth standard brought cream and made butter, by shaking it in a bottle. In the sewing classes the girls cut garments from measurements, by scale, and learn a variety of stitches, both fancy and plain. Those in the higher standards learn to run the sewing machine. Knitting and crocheting are also taught.

Each class has a Scripture lesson from three to five times a week, and some of the pupils are clever Bible students. Physical exercises are thoroughly taught, and more than one child who has entered school with round shoulders and hollow chest, has become erect and well-developed. Miss Edith Craig is having good success in the Kindergarten department. Little minds that had seemed too dull to comprehend or retain much of any kind of knowledge, are brightening and expanding in a wonderful way.

High caste Indian gentlemen are very desirous that we should allow their children to attend our school, but Government rules forbid us to admit more than fifteen per cent. of them, and our quota is always full. Should we go beyond it, we would forfeit our privileges as an English school. The Rajah of Ramachandrapuram has placed five of his children under our care. They are very bright and intelligent, and are making rapid progress in their studies. The eldest daughter is married, and her husband is in England fitting himself for a high position under the Government. She is desirous, therefore, to become a good English scholar, and to learn English ways, that she may know how to preside over his house gracefully, and also be something of a companion for him. This would have been an unheard-of thing when I first came to India.

Good news comes to us from former pupils. One, after a five years' course in nursing, passed her final examination first-class with honors. She is very enthusiastic over her work. Two others have just completed their normal training, and have entered upon teaching. Another has finished her course of study in the Medical College, Calcutta, and has received her diploma. One, who was converted when in school, and who

is now nursery governess in the home of a missionary, writes of being out on tour with the family, and of seeing seventy converts baptized on one day, and eighty on another day. The sight made a profound impression on her.

Our new building, containing Convocation Hall and class-rooms, is fast nearing completion, and we hope to occupy it next term. We are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to having a real schoolhouse to do our work in, with rooms suited to the purpose.

### GIVE AND LIVE.

Forever the sun is pouring gold  
On a hundred worlds that beg and borrow;  
His warmth he squanders on summits cold,  
His wealth on the homes of want and sorrow;  
To withhold his largess of precious light  
Is to bury himself in eternal night.  
To give  
Is to live.

The flower blooms not for itself at all,  
Its joy is the joy that diffuses;  
Of beauty and balm it is prodigal,  
And it loves in the life it freely loses;  
No choice for the rose but glory or doom,  
To exhale or smother, to wither or bloom.  
To deny  
Is to die.

The seas lend silvery rays to the land,  
The land its sapphire streams to the ocean;  
The heart sends blood to the brain to command,  
The brain to the heart its lightning motion;  
And over and over we yield our breath,  
Till the mirror is dry and the images death.  
To live  
Is to give.

He is dead whose hand is not open wide  
To help the need of a human brother;  
He doubles the length of his lifelong ride

Who of his fortune gives to another;  
And a thousand million lives are his  
Who carries the world in his sympathies.

To deny  
Is to die.

## GLIMPSES AND GLEAMS—AT HOME TO HINDOO LADIES.

Miss Mabel Evangeline Archibald.

"Who's there?"

"Some Brahmin widows."

"Oh, come in. You've come to the meeting, have you? It's early. We're just having tea. Come to the dining-room. Don't be afraid. No one here—only Miss Gibson. We're only eating some sweet limes. Have one, do."

Our visitors sit at the table, and the two bejewelled girls stand on each side. As we eat, one widow talks thus:

"I'm sorry I did not come before. You were so kind to me. See, my head is all well."

She throws back the end of her coarse cloth from her shaven head. A deep scar from neck to forehead appears.

"Well, it is wonderful how your life was spared."

"Yes, that night when the cart tipped over, everyone thought I was killed, but owing to your kindness—see, on my arm! I have been sealed."

"What's that?"

"Yes, I am sealed. Our big Swami came. We put fruit and ghee before him and burned incense. Then we washed his feet, and poured the water on our heads. He heated a pronged iron red-hot and burned my arm. No, that is the vaccination mark. This above is the Swami's seal. Men get burnt on their chests, too. He sealed many in this town. I paid him 160 rupees." (Fifty-three dollars.)

But Amma, where will that seal be when you die? Will not your body be burned? You need a seal for your heart—a new heart. You know the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."

"Oh, yes, I know. Didn't you teach me?—but this is our custom. This little girl's mother had her arm burnt in many places. She paid 300 rupees."

"Why?"

"Oh, she wanted to be sure to get to heaven."

"About this Swami, was he the one who came with such a retinue—30 carts and elephants? He seemed to be very rich?"

"There is some one out on the verandah. Boy, arrange the chairs in the front room. It is a good thing Uncle brought so many from Canada."

"Come in. How are you and the baby? When did you come from Calinga? Last night? So glad you came! Where's your mother?"

"Well, she can't come to-day. She must make a feast for the Brahmins and worship the spirit of her departed husband."

"Come in." What a sweet, modest-looking woman she is! She wears a blue silk jacket and a white saree, bordered with gold thread. She is the daughter of Sundarama (the Secretary of the Society), who earns her living by selling Government stamps—a most unprecedented thing for a Brahmin widow to do. She shows her independence, too, by not allowing the stomach of her grandchild to be burned in 50 different places. Look at the little girl dressed in purple silk. She is fair and sweet. In her ears and nose no holes have yet been bored.

How would it do to have a game of crokinole. Two bright Christian girls come to help entertain. The cut-head widow strikes fair every time, and thinks it great fun, but the stamp widow's daughter, hindered by the baby, does not do so well.

There's a cart! Oh, it's Amayama and five others. Dear Amayama, how we all love her! Her husband wrote a beautiful poem on the "Life of Christ." Never do we visit her home but she asks us to pray. Some of her

children attend church regularly, and she loves the Word of God. She says: "We're Christians, but haven't been baptized." (Pray for her.) At the last meeting she read an excellent paper against idolatry, and recommended all to believe in the Lord Jésus Christ.

Another cart. Here is the engineer's wife and Mrs. Kondala Rao. How cordially they shake hands. "Where are the submagistrates' people?" "Here they come—wife, two daughters and mother-in-law." Others arrive with beaming faces and gay costumes.

"Well, friends, I am sorry Mrs. Archibald is not here; she expected to return to-day. Our President (Municipal Chairman's wife) sent word she was too sick to come. We will begin by learning 'God Save the King.' The Government has requested that the people of India learn the English tune. You will find the words translated in this little book." To the accompaniment of the piano all try their best to sing.

"As there are some new members here-to-day, I might say that this Society was formed December 12th, 1911, in memory of their Majesties' gracious visit to India. Since then some excellent meetings have been held. Some of the papers read on 'Loyalty' and the 'Training of Children,' etc., have been published in 'Vivekavati.' Mrs. K. will now read the minutes."

After a few gramophone selections, the Submagistrate's widowed daughter, in a clear, impressive style, reads a paper on the "Education of Women." Her husband was a lawyer and reformer. Although a widow, she does not intend to have her raven tresses shorn, nor does she wear a coarse cloth and discard all ornamentation. She knows English, and is so refined and intelligent that it is a pleasure to talk with her.

After another paper, discussion and music, the meetings is brought to a close. Some tarry to inspect the house

and visit the hospital. Dense clouds gather, and all but Amayama's party hasten home.

"Amayama, where is your eldest daughter?"

"Oh, I had to leave her home. People say she won't be able to get a husband if she goes around to the meetings."

"But you came in a closed carriage. There are no men here—what harm?"

"I know, and don't you see Brahmin women even walk to the meetings sometimes, but we Sudras have to be more gosha than Brahmins! ha! ha! How absurd!"

Then up speaks a charming girl of 14, who has been learning to do drawn work: "They say, too, I won't get a husband if I come out this way, but I don't care. Men think we should be like cattle and sit at home in the corner, but here is knowledge and pleasure. Please lend me a nice book to read."

"Amayama, don't keep your daughter at home. You say you are believing in Jesus. Cross the line! Become a Christian! Then the more enlightened your daughter becomes, the better husband she will get."

Salaam! Salaam!

An event which brought a great deal of pleasure to the Christian community of China, and especially to the Y. M. C. A. of China, was the reception tendered by the President, Yuan Shi Kai, at his official residence to the several hundred delegates attending the Annual Convention in December last. It was an official recognition of a Christian organization, and the President in his address paid a high tribute to the type of character developed by the inculcation of the Christian principles of the Y. M. C. A. Confucianism is enjoying a revival in China. Numerous Unions have arisen all over the country composed of men of good standing, of which the chief object is to keep the teaching of Confucianism in the curriculum of the schools. The 2,463rd birthday of Confucius was recently celebrated with much ceremony.



**WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY.**

Mrs. N. Ohman, Treasurer of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

I am delighted that Miss Norton has placed this page at my disposal for the month of July-August, as it affords me an opportunity of speaking to the treasurers of the Circles and Bands of the Eastern Convention, for the treasurers are my closest friends.

Do I not receive letters from them, two, three and sometimes four times a year, and have I not done so for five years?

Can I, then, regard them as strangers? No, I have often longed to clasp their hands, look them in the face, and in imagination have often done so.

Thank you, dear friends, for the business-like way in which you have written your letters, sent your remittances, and many times cheered me by your kind words, making my work easier thereby.

No doubt many of the members of the Circles and Bands, with which you are connected, have denied themselves, that they might give more liberally to the cause of missions, and God will bless and enrich them, for the sacrifices they have made and are making, for His dear sake.

"Give, give, be always giving.  
Who gives not, is not living.  
The more we give, the more we live."

And there are some things which it costs us more to give than mere money—our thoughts, our prayers, our time, our efforts, our affections, ourselves, for instance. Let us consecrate all we have and are to God, if we are to live the full, rich, happy, powerful, aggressive spiritual life. And where is the lasting advantage of living any other kind of life?

A Swede was urged not to go to India as a missionary. "Why, man," they said, "it is so hot there you can't live. It is 120 degrees in the shade."

"Well," said the Swede, in great contempt, "we don't have to stop in the shade, do we?"

No, we have no intention of living "in the shade." We intend to work hard, and give as much as possible.

Here is an extract from a letter, written by a lady, who sent a gift to our treasury recently, which shows self-denial and consecration.

She writes, referring to her gift: "This has a little history I would like to tell, as it may be a stimulus to others, for are we not 'all members of one body'? The greater part of this amount was given to my husband and myself as a Christmas gift, and, of course, woman-like, I had planned to get a certain article, which I thought we needed. But, after reading Mrs. Ayer's message, the 'love thought' came and conquered, strange to say, and yet not strange, for has He not said, 'Give and it shall be given unto you'? So the very article we had given up has been sent to us, proving that if we only love and trust Him, we 'cannot drift beyond His love and care.'"

Now for a few suggestions.

The work would be facilitated very much if the Circles and Bands were to send in all remittances early in the year, even though the amount were small.

The General Treasurer requires to pay the salaries of the missionaries, etc., regularly, and if our money does not reach him in time, he has to borrow that he may meet our obligations, and as we receive very little money the first and second quarters, we are very slow in paying our debts.

This year we want to have a balance on the right side, therefore we request you to send in all funds available before the 25th of September, as our books close on that date.

Every year quite a few remittances come in just after the books are closed,

and these in consequence have to go into next year's account.

We still require \$1,400 to meet our appropriations for this year, and so far we have only three life members, whereas last year we had six.

Occasionally a remittance goes astray, but can, as a rule, be traced and recovered.

It is, therefore, important that not more than a week should elapse between the time of sending the money and receiving a receipt for it.

Let the Treasurer know if, after a week at most, you have not received a receipt, as it is much easier to trace the money if action is taken promptly.

Finally, let us, dear Circle and Band members, put our whole heart into this mission work, regarding the smile of God as our highest reward, till at last we all shall hear the welcome greeting fall like sweetest music upon our attentive ears, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

### ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

**Niagara and Hamilton.**—A good representation of Circle and Band delegates met on June 3rd at Stanley Avenue Church, Hamilton, where a warm welcome was extended by Mrs. Brown, Vice-President of the Circle, to which Mrs. Grant, of Dundas, sweetly and suitably responded.

The Director's report was very complete and encouraging. Twenty women's circles and six young ladies' auxiliaries reported, and two Circles that have disbanded, still collect and send some money to our Treasurers. Sixteen Bands reported, three having been organized during the year, and one disbanded, being reorganized as a Junior B. Y. P. U. The Circles have raised about \$100 over last year, with a promise of greater increase by closing of Convention year. The Bands increased by some \$39.

Mrs. Blandford, of Hamilton, gave an interesting report on the Circle meetings, and led a discussion on the success or failure of the different points given. Special urgency was made to "Every member some work to do," "Topic cards for year's work," "Systematic study," and "Earnest continual prayer in meetings."

Mrs. Wismer, of St. Catharines, our assistant director, reported in detail the work of the Bands. The George Street Band, of St. Catharines, of which Mrs. Wismer is leader, raised \$100; Queen Street, St. Catharines, and Stanley Avenue, Hamilton, stood close second and third. Mrs. Wismer urged the necessity of Bands, and the proper training of the children in missionary interests.

In a season of devotion, led by Miss Copp, of Hamilton, we returned thanks for our prosperity, and asked for God's presence with our Circles and Bands, our Boards, our missionaries and mission fields.

Mrs. J. J. Ross, of Hamilton, gave a Bible reading on the story of the box of ointment as given by Mark. The woman's gift was prompted by a lavish and all-absorbing love. Love is never calculating, but gives its best, so she won from Christ the wonderful commendation, "She hath done what she could."

Mrs. W. H. Cline, of Hamilton, gave a most helpful talk on the "study book" in the Circle. God is carrying out a great purpose in the world. He has planned to do that work through us. We need the world-wide outlook, and in this the Mission Study book is a help, but it must be properly used to gain good results. By a model lesson, Mrs. Cline clearly pointed out a method that would ensure interest and profit.

The Rev. H. E. Stillwell, of India, in a fresh and interesting way, showed that women must carry the gospel to India's women. Their need is great, they are strictly guarded, they often

listen, unseen, to the gospel message, and hunger for more light. There are many secret disciples among the women.

Mrs. Weir, of Toronto, gave a graphic account of the work being done in our three Toronto missions for the Slav races. She urged the need of pushing this branch of Home Mission work aggressively, that these people may become a blessing to the country of their adoption.

It was a treat to listen to the solos by Miss Whittaker and Miss Jones, both of Hamilton, and also the music rendered by Stanley Avenue choir. Miss Spencer, of Port Colborne, acted as Secretary, and very ably performed her duties. Mrs. W. H. Cline was elected President for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Hendry re-elected Director.

Mrs. Hendry, Director.

**Walkerton.**—The Circles and Bands of the Walkerton Association held their twenty-sixth annual meeting with the church at Kenilworth, June 4th, 1913.

At 2.30 the President conducted the opening exercises, giving us as our keynote, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," after which Miss Bodley followed with a helpful Bible reading. Mrs. Wrighton, on behalf of the Kenilworth ladies, welcomed the delegates, Mrs. Alexander making suitable reply.

The roll call of delegates and reports from Circles and Bands proved encouraging. Nine Circles and five Bands responding, the organization of a new Circle at Goderich being among the number.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Mt. Forest; Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Davis, Kincardine; Director, Miss Ruby Stovel, Mt. Forest; Assistant Director, Miss Edna McKechnie, Walkerton.

Communications were read and several suggestions on matters of interest

to the delegates were discussed. A solo from Mrs. Dingman was much enjoyed.

Dr. Norton gave us an interesting sketch of the work in the fields we, as Circles and Bands, are helping to support.

An excellent paper on the work in Bolivia, prepared by Rev. J. F. Dingman, was read by Mrs. Allen.

Rev. R. R. McKay was expected to present Foreign Missions, but time being fully taken at this session, we listened to his message in the evening. The offering amounted to \$5.45.

R. M. Stovel, Director.

**Elgin.**—The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Circles and Bands in the Elgin Association met in Sparta, June 3rd. An excellent programme was presented to a large representation of the women of our Circles, and an unusual number of young people.

Papers were read by Mrs. Hugh Shaw, Rodney, and Miss Lyda Chute, Lakeview, on French evangelization, and the West as a mission field.

Mrs. John Lillie gave a most interesting talk on her trip to New Ontario. Miss Ryerse spoke on behalf of Foreign Missions, and was at her best. Her address was thrilling, and was listened to throughout with marked attention. Scripture lessons were read by Miss Ryerse and Mrs. Murray McCandless, of Sparta. An inspiring Bible reading was given by the President, Mrs. Brown, on Prayer, basing her remarks on the 11th chapter of Luke.

Music was furnished through the day by the Sparta choir, Mesdames C. D. Prior and V. C. Towers, and Misses Lee, Howarth and Gale, which added much to the enjoyment of the delegates and visitors.

The newly appointed officers are: President, Mrs. D. E. Brown, Iona Station; Vice-President, Mrs. Hugh Shaw, Rodney; Director, Mrs. J. R. Rinch, 105 Gladstone Avenue, St. Thomas; Assist-

ant Director; Mrs. U. D. Royal, 47 Hincks Street, St. Thomas.

The total offering for the year was \$1,177.83.

One of the best meetings ever held was closed by singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," and prayer by Rev. A. E. de St. Dalmas.

A. A. Royal, Secretary.

**Whitby and Lindsay.**—The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Circles and Bands of the Whitby and Lindsay Association was held in Stouffville, Wednesday, June 11th, Mrs. Ripley presiding. A short business meeting was held in the morning, at which the roll call was given, questions on the work discussed, and committees appointed.

At the beginning of the afternoon session Mrs. McKendry, of Stouffville, led a prayer and praise service, impressing the thought of unity and fellowship with Christ, from John 17: 20

After the opening hymn, Mrs. Bryant, of Lindsay, led in prayer. A hearty welcome to the delegates was given by Mrs. J. W. Rateliff, Miss Mildred Forsyth, of Claremont, replying. Mrs. Ripley spoke for the "Link" and "Visitor." In the Director's report Mrs. Madill urged the Circles to remember the request of the Foreign Mission Board to increase the giving, so that an advance could be made in our lady missionaries' salaries. Mrs. Madill's report was full of interest and encouragement. There are 12 Circles and 7 Bands in the Association.

A pretty motion song, "All for Jesus," was given by two little girls from the Mission Band.

Greetings from sister societies were folwed by an address on "A Call to Service," by Mrs. McGregor, of Stouffville. Taking Abraham's test of faith as an example, Mrs. McGregor emphasized the importance of God's call to us (1) in our homes, (2) in our homeland, (3) in the wide world.

We were delighted to have our Home Mission President, Mrs. Holman, with us, and to listen to her inspiring address on "Home Missions and Mission Bands." Our position as Baptists, the importance of the work in the mission churches and among the foreigners, the many calls and the great needs were impressed upon us as never before.

A duet by Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Hamilton was enjoyed. The offering of \$14.60 was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Rev. Mr. Booker closed the meeting with prayer.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. Ripley, Lindsay; Director, Mrs. Madill, Stouffville; Assistant Director, Mrs. J. Holden, Markham.

S. E. Ripley.

**Middlesex and Lambton.**—The Circles and Bands met with the church at Strathroy, June 9th, 1913. Fifty delegates were present at afternoon session.

The women's meeting began shortly after one o'clock with a short song service, followed by a Bible reading by Mrs. Mead, of Watford, on "Necessity for Service."

A very hearty address of welcome was given by Mrs. Brown, of Strathroy, to which Mrs. W. J. Barber, of Sarnia, made a suitable reply. The Secretary read the minutes of the Executive and Director's financial statement. The Director's digest of Circles and Bands showed that we have twenty-three Circles and eighteen Bands, all of them reporting in time for Association.

Two new Bands reported, Sarnia Senior and Ailsa Craig. Two Young Ladies' Circles have discontinued. We are taking 343 "Links," 21 more than last year. Talbot Street, London, Banner, 78; "Visitors," 527, an increase of, 63. Adelaide Street, London, greatest number, 90 "Visitors."

Director reported visiting all but four Circles in three years. The Nom-

inating Committee, Mrs. Brown, Strathroy; Mrs. George, Arkona; Mrs. Stonehouse, Petrolia, brought in the following names, which were duly elected as officers for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Mrs. T. Woodburn; President, Mrs. Boyd, London; Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Barber, Sarnia; Director, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Sarnia; Assistant Director, Miss Campbell, Strathroy; Alternate (Asst. Dir.), Miss Pratt, Petrolia; Secretary, Miss K. Watson, Sarnia. Mrs. McLaughlan, in giving the President's address, likened the Circles to a building, urging us to build in good material, good literature, good music and sacrifice.

Mrs. Brown, of London, sang very appropriately "Send the Gospel Swiftly."

The Quiet Hour was observed. Mrs. Boyd, of London, gave us some essentials in preparation for service, based on Christ's words, Mark 6: 31, "Come ye yourselves apart." We must let the Master talk to us if we would be fitted to serve Him. Mrs. George read a paper prepared by Mrs. Wright, Arkona, the main thought being that true service brings its own reward.

Mrs. Woodburn opened the prayer session, many others taking part. Mrs. Rapley, Strathroy, sang "Crossing the Bar." Mrs. Weir told us of some "Instruments of Service" (well known to most of us), the "Link" and "Visitor," not forgetting the "Canadian Baptist."

A Band Conference was conducted by the Director. Miss McIntyre, of Strathroy, spoke on the need of mission Bands, emphasizing their need for education and preparation for service of the boys and girls. Mrs. Taylor spoke of "Band Problems," the first and hardest problem being scarcity of Band leaders, another problem being how to train children in all-round "giving." The discussion was spirited and helpful. Miss K. Watson closed the Conference

by a summing up of what the outlook should be.

The Strathroy Mission Band sang for us, being accompanied on the organ by a boy (the President of the boys' Band).

At the evening session the Foreign Mission address was given by Miss Edith Pratt, Petrolia, who, in a most graphic way, told us of the abundant labors and trials, also of the "overweights of joy" of our lady missionaries among the Telugus of India. The Strathroy choir sang an anthem, "Send Out Thy Light."

We were highly favored in having with us Mrs. Weir, who told us in a most interesting way some of her experiences among the Slavs of Toronto. Mrs. Weir closed by asking us to pray earnestly for her and this work among the "foreigners" in our own province.

After a solo by Mrs. McCandless, of Strathroy, the Benediction was pronounced by Pastor McLaughlan, bringing to a close a very helpful and inspiring session of our Association.

K. Watson, Secretary.

### CIRCLES AND BANDS.

**Springford.**—The annual thank-offering meeting of the Women's Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. B. D. Smith on Wednesday, May 7th, with our President, Mrs. M. L. Haley, in the chair. The programme consisted of solos by the Misses Margaret Shattuck, Hazel Monk and Vera Wilcox, also a reading by Miss Pearl Havens. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Ryerse, of Simcoe, who spoke in a very touching manner of the work and the needs of India. We feel that we have been benefited and encouraged by her visit to our Circle. A few suitable remarks by our pastor, Rev. D. Brown, finished the programme, and the guests, 35 in number, were invited to sit down to a dainty lunch provided by the host.

ess. The interest in our Circle is steadily growing, and we feel sure this will be our banner year for membership. The offering amounted to \$33.

Annie Wilcox, Sec.

**King Street, Berlin.**—Our Band here is doing splendid work under the leadership of our President, Miss Jean Clark. We are taking up the "Memory Course" prepared by the Directress of the Guelph Association, and we are having interesting and helpful meetings. A short time ago "Miss Canada's At-Home" was given, and it was so much enjoyed that it is to be repeated. The Band was entertained at the President's home one Saturday afternoon recently, and the Thank-offering Banks, which realized a neat sum, were brought in. We are hoping to do better things in future for Him who has done so much for us.

Freda Near, Sec.

**Shenstone Memorial, Brantford.**—Our quarterly meeting was held in the church on Tuesday evening, April 8th, the chair being occupied by the President, Mrs. Chapman. After the opening exercises and reading of Scripture lesson, the ladies' quartette of our Circle favored us with a selection, after which Mrs. G. W. Barber gave an inspiring address on "India and Some of Its Gods." She displayed pictures of some of these gods, describing them and their particular vocations, ending with a plea for the people of India, that we be more zealous to send them the Gospel of Christ, that they may know our God. She also gave a short sketch, assisted by two young ladies, depicting a child widow educated in one of our Indian schools, on a visit to Canada, pleading that we do more for her unhappy sisters in India. As the sketch was taken from life and Mrs. Barber wore the costume worn by these girls in India, this was very impressive. Miss Foster

kindly favored us with a solo, which was much enjoyed and appreciated. The offering amounted to \$5.05. As a means of raising funds, blessing bags were distributed in January, and these were returned that evening. The amount contained in them was \$12.41, making a total of \$17.46.

F. Perry, Sec.

**Vittoria.**—The Mission Circle held an open thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Wilson, the President, Mrs. G. H. Sneyd in the chair. Mrs. George Pearce, of Waterford (Associational Directress), gave us a very interesting talk on the "Opportunities and Responsibilities of Women in Canada." An excellent musical programme was rendered, and refreshments were served. Proceeds amounted to \$4.

Mrs. A. W. Dawson, Sec.

**Dunnville.**—At the May meeting of the Mission Circle the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Mrs. Raithby; President, Mrs. Alex. Camelford; Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Rowe; Secretary, Mrs. J. Forrester; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. Franklin; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Wardell. The work last year proved quite successful, and we are looking forward to doing better work this year.

Mrs. J. Forrester, Sec.

## THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST)

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

Hartford, \$5.00; Barrie, \$5.55; Boston, \$9.50; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$10.10; Brantford, First, Life Membership, Mrs. F. Ratcliff, \$25.00; Toronto, Wychwood, \$2.75; London, Egerton, \$6.08; Round Plains, \$12.00; Sarnia Township, \$2.50; Decewsville (collection from Miss Ryerse's meeting), \$2.36; Iona Station, \$3.00; Willisroft, \$5.00; St. Thomas Y. L., thank-offering, \$5.08; Toronto, Annette St., \$7.50; Jerseyville, \$7.50; London, Adelaide St., for cut on General Work, \$5.50; Norwich, Life Membership for Mrs. Chas.

Hulet, \$25.00; Delhi, \$5.00; Weston, \$6.10; Houghton First, \$4.75; Gilmour Memorial, Life Membership for Miss Annie Walton, \$25.00; Toronto, Walmer Road Y. L., \$25.25; Toronto, College St., \$9.85; Toronto, Indian Road (for "L. Kammana," \$15.40), \$22.10; Indian River, \$5.00; Toronto, Jarvis St. (additional thank-offering, \$18.13; special, \$1.00), \$318.38; Port Burwell, \$2.50; Mount Forest, for Bolivia, \$1.35; Chatham, William St., for "P. Chinamma," \$25.00; St. Thomas (for Miss McLeish's Munshi, \$5.36), \$22.14; Norwood, \$7.40; Eberts, \$5.00; Bloomsburg, \$2.25; Midland, \$10.00. Total from Circles, \$671.49.

#### From Bands—

Boston, \$6.75; Ailsa Craig, \$2.05; Round Plains, \$2.50; Mt. Forest, \$2.00; Scotland, \$5.00; Springford, \$3.50; Mt. Bridges, for native worker, \$20.00; Houghton, First, \$2.70; Delhi, for "B. Krupavati," \$7.20; Burgessville, \$6.00; Baddow, \$12.25; Bracebridge, \$3.00; Bobcageon, \$1.30; Fullarton, \$3.00; Brantford, Park, \$13.00. Total from Bands, \$55.25.

#### From Sundries—

Mrs. A. J. Hawkins, for Life Membership, \$25.00; Toronto, Dovecourt Road, Steadfast Builders, for teachers at Ramachandrapuram, \$40.00; Miss M. F. Langton, for "Susie," \$25.00; West Lorne, Workers' Society, \$3.00; Mrs. W. J. Trowhill, for "P. Karanamma," \$20.00; Mrs. J. N. Stewart, 50c; Ox Brant Association, Life Membership, for Mrs. T. W. Nicholson, \$25.00. Total from sundries, \$140.50.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

By cheque to General Treasurer, on regular estimates for India, \$950.58; furlough allowance, \$33.34; extras, Vizag School, \$8.50; lepers, \$3.00; Bolivia, \$7.62; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; Band Secretary, postage, etc., \$3.94; mailing tubes, \$1.50; exchange, 25c.

Total receipts for May, 1913, \$867.24; total disbursements for May, 1913, \$1,029.71; total receipts since October 21st, 1912, \$9,245.78; total disbursements since October 21st, 1912, \$8,713.14.

During the month the Treasurer has heard for the first time from Toronto, Walmer Road Y. L. Circle, Houghton First Band, Ailsa-Craig Band and West Lorne Workers' Society.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,

Treasurer.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT—ONTARIO EAST AND QUEBEC.

The Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. Receipts from March 14th to June 13th, inclusive:—

#### From Circles—

Ottawa, Fourth Avenue, \$13.50; Vankleek Hill, \$4.30; Brockville, First Church, \$45.45; Thurso, \$7.02; Dalesville, \$5.00; Montreal, Olivet, \$47.00; Montreal, Verdun, \$6.49; Bulwer, \$5.00; Montreal, French Church, \$2.09; Perth, \$10.00; Winchester, \$3; Corawall (\$25 to make Mrs. A. A. Smith life member), \$31.55; Ottawa, French Church, \$10.00; Maxville, \$5.00; Montreal, Temple Baptist Church, \$10.00; Delta, \$10.00; Quebec (Miss Hatch's Mission \$8.00, Bolivia \$8.00), \$46.00; Ormond, \$4.00; Smith's Falls, \$20.00; Montreal, Point St. Charles, \$9.00; Breadalbane, \$7.00; Arnprior, \$5.00; Osgoode (support Biblewoman \$30.00), \$71.75; Ottawa, First Church (Bolivia \$1.00), \$50.00; Westmount, \$4.73; Moes River, \$1.20; Kingston, First Church (support girl \$15.00), \$21.00; Grenville, \$3.00; Dixville, \$8.00; Almonte, \$3.50; Drummond, \$3.00; Clarence, \$12.00; Montreal, First Church (Bolivia \$10.00), \$125.00; Phillipsville (thank-offering), \$4.75. Total, \$614.24.

#### From Bands—

Westmount (support boy \$17.00, Bolivia \$5.00, support girl \$15.00), \$57.50; Montreal Tabernacle, support girl, \$15.00; Allan's Mills, support Shetti Brahmatti, \$10.00; Vankleek Hill, \$3.50; Osnabruk, support student, \$9.00; Ottawa, First Church, \$18.00; Sawyerville, \$1.10; Dixville, \$8.90; Clarence, \$5.00; Delta, support Manchonda Deenamma, \$10.00. Total, \$138.00.

#### Sundries—

Miss Anna McPherson, Vankleek Hill, support Majella Rukamma, \$15.00; Montreal, First Church, S. S. Primary Department, \$15.00; half collection taken at Union Circle meeting, \$3.05; proceeds from lecture, Dr. Bruce Taylor, \$86.16; Friend, for Valluru School, \$539.00; collection taken at Eastern Association, \$5.00. Total, \$663.20.

#### SUMMARY.

Total from Circles, \$614.24; total from Bands, \$138.00; total from Sundries, \$663.20. Total, \$1,415.44.

JESSIE OHMAN, Treas.

## Young People's Department.

### FOR OUR MISSION BANDS.

The ever-varying phases of life in India never fail to charm us. There are so many things to learn, so many places to see. Let us enjoy together some of the early experiences of a young woman who is spending her first year in this wonderful land, and is seeing much as day by day, she studies this difficult language. The sentences are culled from letters to the dear home folk, who watch so eagerly for the messages which travel so far to them, over thousands of miles of land and sea.

"Lucknow is a very interesting city, but the station where I am to work later is a smaller place, and I am glad. I went out there on a visit, and loved the place, with its great wooded hills and its shade trees. At worship hour I chose to sing 'I to the hills will life mine eyes.' I was so happy with the people. They called me their own 'Miss Sahib.' I was afraid I might find the dark faces repulsive, but they are not so, and I loved them as soon as I saw them. They are very much nicer than the poor people of the cities, for they are an independent, freedom-loving people, but terribly poor. Their clothing is very meagre, and many of the children wear nothing at all but a string about the waist, or a bracelet. One little boy came to church with a string tied round his waist with a bell tied to it in front. But even the naked babies are nice; I didn't mind picking them up, though there was not much to hold by, and I was afraid they would slip out of my arms.

"I wish you could see one of our Indian bathrooms. They are a luxury. All bedrooms have bathrooms attached, and one corner has a cement wall six inches high separating it from the rest of the room, a zinc or tin tub stands therein, and when you have finished your bath, you just leave the water for the 'mater' to come and tip out. It is just tipped on to the floor, and runs through a hole in the wall. It is through these holes that frogs come in during the rains, and then cobras follow them in. Nowadays, people usually put a wire netting over them, for it is so much safer. The 'maters' who tend to the bathroom and do sweeping, too, belong to the lowest caste. This morn-

ing our pundit was explaining the caste system to us, and telling how the Brahmans, who belong to the highest caste, bathe every time before they eat. He ended by saying proudly: 'I am a Brahman, and my name means "Lord of the Earth."' This pundit is more concerned about the English he can learn from us than about the Hindu he can teach us.

"While in Lucknow, we reviewed our history of the Indian Mutiny, so thought we must go to see Cawnpore. We had just two and a half hours there. We drove first to the Memorial Well and gardens. In the parks and gardens there is a very gorgeous shrub quite common here. It is so covered with purple blossoms that the leaves can scarcely be seen. They look just like great purple mounds, about fifteen feet in diameter, and almost that high. And the Memorial Well—it gives one a strange feeling just to think of it; it is so quiet and still there, so sad and yet so peaceful. The monument itself represents a well, and it is on the very spot where the well was where the women and children were cast. A circular stone wall surrounds it, and inside are steps leading down to the centre, where the marble figure of an angel stands. I have never seen anything in the line of sculpture that seemed to be so full of expression. One can laugh and talk at Brock's Monument at Queenston, and almost all other similar public memorials are equally cold-looking, but this puts a person at once to silence, and one feels that that dreadful slaughter had just taken place. We then went to the Massacre Ghat, and the Memorial Church. The church stands where General Wheeler's entrenchments were when the mutiny began, and the Massacre Ghat is about half a mile from it. This is where the massacre took place when Nana Sahib had enticed them out under promise of safe conduct to Allahabad. Only two men escaped, and the women and children were reserved for torture and the massacre that took place a short time later at the well.

"The week before we left Lucknow we were invited to spend the week-end at Benares with missionaries who came over on the same steamer with us.



From there we went on Saturday afternoon to Sarnath, an old Buddhist city, three miles from Benares, that is just being excavated. The carvings were quite wonderful, and some of the monuments or images that have been removed to the museum are very fine. The faces of the Buddhist images are very attractive, and seem almost pretty when compared with the ugly Hindoo images. On the Monday morning of our visit to Benares we went out on a boat on the river to see the people bathing. That does not sound exactly modest, does it, but they bathe with quite as many clothes on as they wear on the street, so there is nothing amiss in going to watch them. Hundreds, no, thousands of Hindoos come every morning to wash in the Ganges, and it makes one almost sick to see them. The water is so filthy, and they stand in it, they say their prayers in it, they wash their clothes and themselves, clean their teeth, and then drink some of the water! All who die of smallpox, if the Government is not watching, and those who cannot afford to have their bodies burned, are thrown into the river. Don't you wonder that there is a Hindoo left to continue these customs? Their systems must be hardened to it, but it is dreadful to see. We passed the burning ghat where the body of a woman was being burned. We went into some of their temples, too, through the narrowest of narrow streets, not more than four or five feet wide. These streets were lined with beggars and lepers. It was all more horrible than it sounds, and we were thankful to get away from it. Benares is said to be a very discouraging place in which to do Christian work, for so few become Christians. There is a large boys' school, and college, a hospital and a church, yet they rarely have more than one become a Christian in a year.

"After this we travelled into Central India. At the beginning of April, as there was nothing to keep us on the plains in the heat, we came off up to the hills. We are at a place called Landour. It is lovely and cool up here, though the journey up was so exceedingly hot that during the two days in the train we hardly knew we were alive. I do feel sorry for those who have to stay on the plains till the first of May, and most of our missionaries do, and after this year we shall have to stay, too. We are nearly 7,000 feet above the

sea level, and yet we can see down on the plains, where they are just broiling in the heat. Some days the heat haze is so thick that we cannot see the plains. By climbing two hundred feet above Edgehill we can see the 'eternal snows' over towards the northeast. They do not look far away, but they are at least sixty miles straight, and several hundreds of miles away with the ups and downs. We study all forenoon from seven to two, except for breakfast, then again in the evening. In the afternoon we take a rest and a walk, which is rather a climb.

"You asked what I got to eat. Well, we often have peanuts, but the grass is all dried up just now! Curry and rice makes a fair substitute if it is not too hot, and we have had strawberries twice this week. We get plenty to eat, and it is supposed to be like our home food, but you cannot imagine what it would be for us to be able just to slip in home some day and have something really good and satisfying. But I cannot waste time in being homesick. I just study and study, longing to get such an acquaintance with this language as to be able to go to work on the field to which I am appointed."

"Dear Boys and Girls,—When this message reaches you, you will be beginning your long summer vacation. We wish you all a happy time. Remember 'to be good is to be happy.' A clear conscience will bring you a measureful of real wholesome joy and peace. You will be living much in God's beautiful out-of-doors. Study the birds and their habits; be on the lookout for new beauties in flower and shrub and tree. Everywhere God's handiwork will be declaring to you the grandeur and greatness of His character. Then praise Him, and with whole-heartedness serve Him. Do not let the Mission Band, with its work for missions at home and abroad, languish, but be saving your money, and be planning for a good autumn's work.

"How can little children show  
Their thanks and their grateful love  
For all the joys the summer brings  
From their Father in Heaven above.  
Ah, if the angels could whisper  
To the little ones apart,  
They would tell them that more than all  
God loves the gift of the heart."

Sarah Stuart Barber.