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ONE of the missionaries on the Congo has been writing of the motive which ought to be behind all missionary endeavor in a way which seems to be worthy the careful thought of everyone engaged in this work, whether it be the leaders or the rank and file of our workers. He says in part, "Sometimes I think there is too much of an appeal to the senses—the need of the heathen, romance of missions, the results which are seen in some parts but not everywhere—and not enough in the way of appeal to Christians to go, give, pray, etc., for the glory of Jesus. It is that which keeps us going day after day on the field, the certainty that we are called and sent by Him, and whether we see results or not we are glorifying Him by our witness. The romance is seen by those who look on from afar, etc." Is it not true that our obligation to carry out the command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, depends not on the discomforts of the Foreign field, not on the eagerness or unwillingness of the heathen to hear the message, not on the sacrifice and hardships of the missionaries who carry the message, but on the fact that Christ has commanded each one of us to do this work. It would not make any difference to our obligation in this matter if the life of our missionaries were the most pleasant one possible, if the heathen to whom we were carrying the message were living in a high state of civilization and had all the culture this world can give,—the command is still there and must be obeyed.

It is a matter of common knowledge that a touching description of the sacrifice and loneliness of some missionary, the relation of anecdotes concerning the degraded life of some tribe or nation—not spiritual degradation necessarily, but physical or mental—will often stir up a great enthusiasm and lead to a spasmodic outburst of generosity. Now, these appeals are very well in themselves and doubtless have their value, but the appeal they make

is not on the highest plane. If we, both the speakers and listeners concerned, could but train ourselves to follow one purpose unswervingly, set one object before us for attainment, that object and that purpose being the fulfilment of Christ's commands, we would not find ourselves alternating between an exaggerated emotionalism on the one hand and an utter weariness and despair on the other over what seem in these latter moods the "constant appeals" made on our giving and our sympathizing.

Let us remember that the romance of Missions is neither "here nor there," not even the results or lack of results count so far as our part of the work is concerned, but this one thing does count. Until the message has gone into all the world and the Gospel has been preached to every creature, there are two sayings of Christ to keep ever before us—the Great Commission to "Go" and the other one which leaves no escape for us, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments."

OPEN LETTER TO CIRCLES OF ONTARIO WEST.

An emergency meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was called on the afternoon of Oct. 15th to consider the serious state of our treasury.

This crisis has occurred not because the gifts of the Circles have been less than last year, but owing to the increase of our work. We find that in order to make our income equal to our estimates the sum of \$3,095.70 is needed before our books close.

This is an emergency call and even though your gift cannot reach the Treasury before the closing of the books, let it be sent in before the Convention in November.

On behalf of the W.B.F.M.S. of Ontario West.

F. L. FIRSTBROOK.
A. S. HARRIS.
J. M. NORTON.
LIZZIE LLOYD.

Oct. 18th, 1909.

Missionary News.



NOTHER great field for missionary endeavor is opening up more and more in the Straits Settlements, where Chinese immigrants are pouring in in ever increasing numbers. The work of evangelization, it is said, would prove comparatively easy and would result in tides of native missionaries returning to their own land. Here, as elsewhere, opportunity spells responsibility.

All missionary fields do not prove so encouraging as our own. The work of the Norwegian and French Missionary Societies in Madagascar have been so hindered by the persecution of the French Governor-General that the number of native Christians has decreased, fewer heathen have been converted and the Mission schools have decreased from 860 to 390. But these heralds of the cross are not disheartened. They believe this is a time of testing and seed-sowing, out of which they and their converts will come stronger, and abundant harvests will be reaped.

A new missionary society has been formed in Hungary among the Lutherans. Protestants in Hungary have been so few and despised that never until just recently have they found it possible to get beyond the Jerusalem and Samaria part of the Great Commission. They now, in conjunction with the Leipzig Missionary Society, are to do work in India and East Africa.

It may be a new thing to some of our readers to know that in almost every country in continental Europe are to be found flourishing Missionary

Societies which are sending the good news to all parts of the earth. Hungary's part has been noted just above. A strong society in Sweden maintains missions among seamen in German, British, French and Italian ports, besides work in South Africa and South India. Denmark is represented in India and China. Holland finds its field of labor in the Dutch East Indies and New Guinea, and Queen Wilhelmina lends her active support to all this missionary endeavor. Germany has as one of its organizations a German Students' Missionary Federation with branches in eleven Universities. The French Republic, overwhelmed in Catholicism and infidelity, still has a missionary organization doing its work in Africa, Madagascar and Polynesia. Switzerland is largely represented in German West Africa, Transvaal Colony and Portuguese East Africa. And so the story continues. Truly it is a great host with whom we are working towards one and the same end.

In Kettering, England, there was recently a very interesting ceremony, when a brass tablet was unveiled on the wall of the house where Carey originated the modern missionary movement in 1792. Among those present were Rev. S. Penrose Carey, the great-grandson of William Carey. They showed Carey's cobbler's tools, and also the box in which the first collection for modern missions was deposited.

The work among Hindus is not all done in India. There is a prosperous Canadian Mission to Hindus in the Island of Trinidad, where these people are employed in the sugar and cocoa plantations. Out of a population of

105,000 there is said to be a Christian community of 12,000—a leaven to leaven the whole lump.

A recent attempt to tabulate the results of the Student Volunteer Movement records among other things, that 3,861 volunteers had reached the Mission field prior to January, 1909. This movement surely justifies its existence 38 Foreign Mission Societies have appealed to this movement now for 350 more missionaries. Of these 23 are asked for by the Baptists.

A wonderful piece of news has just been announced. The veritable ashes of Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, have just been unearthed from beneath an old pagoda near Peshawar. The position of this pagoda has never been known except from references in some of the writings Gautama lived and taught four centuries before Christ.

Mohammedanism is apt to seem a long way from us here in Canada. It may bring us a little nearer to the peril to learn that there are more Moslems in the Russian Empire than in any other country except India, China and Java. The Czar has under his rule more Moslems than there are in Turkey or Egypt, Arabia or Persia.

The Argentine Republic is coming quickly to the fore. More immigrants are pouring in than to any other country except the United States; 300,000 people settled there last year. And they need the Gospel.

The Methodist Church of China, the Methodist Episcopal Church of America, the Friends' Missionary Association of England, and the American

Baptist Missionary Union are to unite to found in China a Christian University. Land is bought just outside of Chentu and the Union University will soon be under way.

Missions are surely taking a prominent place when we hear of such institutions as Yale and Ohio Wesleyan Universities establishing a Chair of Missions. The studies in the department are placed on an equality with the other electives in the colleges.

In Kodaikanal, one of the hill stations in South India, more than 350 missionaries gathered this year for a holiday. This is especially interesting to us, because several of our own missionaries were among the number.

One of the most notable gatherings that has ever convened for missionary purposes is to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14-24, 1910, and is known as the World's Missionary Conference. There are to be 1,100 delegates appointed by the Mission Boards all over the world, the allotment proportioned according to the receipts of each society. Women's Boards, with separate organizations, may appoint delegates. It is expected that numbers of these delegates will be not only leaders from home lands but missionaries from the field and native Christians. The meetings are to be held in the Assembly Hall of the United Free Church of Scotland. Eight commissions are at work gathering information about facts, principles and policy of Mission work, which, with the report of the Conference, is to be published in a series of some eight volumes. It is expected that our Canadian Baptist Mission will be represented, though definite arrangements have not yet been made.

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER FROM MRS. WOODBURNE.

Yellamanchili, August 20th, 1909.

The prize giving, in connection with our Caste Girls' School, took place Tuesday afternoon, August 10th.

About thirty-five invitations were sent to as many different homes, and a number of the high caste ladies thus invited gladdened our hearts by attending, four of them being Brahmins. Among these was a widow whose family has held the priesthood of the most important temple in the town for four hundred years, her brother being the present priest. His little daughter, Venkayamma, is one of the dearest of our school girls. It might be of interest to some to know that the friendship of this family was won some time ago, when Dr. Woodburne performed a successful operation for cataract upon one of the family.

But to return to the prize giving. Long before the hour appointed the girls were in their places, looking very pretty, dressed in their best clothes and jewels. The school, you must know, meets in the chapel, and upon this occasion the pupils, seated in two rows, occupied one side of the room, while two rows of seats were reserved on the opposite side for the guests, the centre space being left clear for the performance of action songs and drills, most of which were very well given, particularly those by the older girls.

The prizes, perhaps, would not be appreciated by little Canadian school girls, but all the little Indian girls appear to be perfectly pleased and well satisfied.

In the school year there were two hundred, thirteen and a half days, and each child who attended one hundred and fifty days or over received enough printed cotton to make a skirt, others received enough for a jacket, while others were given enough for a ravaka, that tiny bodice worn by women and girls in India.

There are two girls in our school of whom I must make special mention. One is G. Veralakshmi, a sweet young Brahmin girl, who we fear will shortly be taken from school to enter her husband's home. Because we do not ex-

pect to have her much longer she was presented with a Telugu Bible. Veralakshmi is one of the three sisters who, while suffering from some childish disease one hot season, being confined in a small, close room, prayed that their parents might put them into a more airy room, and shortly afterwards, upon the advice of a chance visitor, this was done for them.

Venkataratnam is the name of the other girl, and she has been in the school since its beginning, five years ago. This last year, out of the two hundred, thirteen and a half school days, Venkataratnam was present two hundred and twelve days, a splendid record for attendance in India. By her own desire she also was given a Bible.

Dear friends, will you not pray very earnestly that these two copies of the Word of God, going into two Hindu homes, may be treasured and read by every inmate of those homes, and that they may be the means of bringing many to know God and Jesus the Saviour.

Mr. Walker, the Yellamanchili missionary in charge, very kindly brought his splendid phonograph, thus assisting in the entertainment and adding much to the pleasure of all present.

The last number on the programme was by the whole school, about sixty-five girls, reciting in concert the twenty-third Psalm and Lord's Prayer. To close a very happy afternoon Miss Murray, who has charge of the school, distributed about two hundred plantains, high and low, old and young, Christian and Hindu, all sharing alike in this treat.

And did some one ask how much it all cost? Well, twenty-five rupees covered the whole expense, the money, of course, being sent by friends in the homeland.

Now a word about the school and teachers. The school is fortunate in having such a capable head mistress as R. Lillyamma, but the present need is a trained teacher in the primary department, and this is a need that must soon be met. There are two other teachers in the school, but as both of these are married women, home and family cares often interfere with their

work, thus hindering the progress of the younger pupils.

As in the West, so in the East, when parents send their little ones to school they do not want them to stay in the kindergarten classes always, nor for very long, and so we must have a teacher who knows how to teach and bring the little ones on.

And so, readers of the Link, help in whatever way you can, never forgetting that your faithful prayers are a great aid to every effort of your missionaries.

The attendance at the Caste Girls' School is on the increase and we want to make the most of this opportunity to reach the hearts of the people. The influence of the school can be seen throughout the town, in that many of those in the homes who send their girls to our school are learning the Christian hymns, passages of Scripture and the Lord's Prayer.

Visiting in an orthodox Brahmin home one day not long since, Miss Murray was very much pleased when the mother told how the little two-year-old boy would turn his face to the wall, and covering his closed eyes, repeat parts of the Lord's Prayer, learned from his little sister, who attends the school. Even then, the little tot, in his baby language, lisped out a part of "Our Father, who art in Heaven."

I'm sure all will agree that this is a feature of Mission work that deserves our best attention.

HELEN WOODBURNE.

The minutes of the Annual Conference of our Missionaries held in Cocanada, India, tell us that six of our representatives are recommended for furlough in 1910. These are Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Cross, and Misses Murray and Pratt. For Mr. and Mrs. Cross and Miss Pratt this is the first home-coming from India, and for the others the second time they have sought refreshment in Canada.

One of the resolutions passed by this Conference seems worthy of reprinting.

"Whereas, it is recommended that our sister, Miss Baskerville (she having expressed a desire to be relieved of the charge of the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School) on her return to India from furlough, take charge of the Cocanada Zenana work, and,

"Whereas, for the past twenty years she has put all her thought and energy into the work of the Boarding School, so that under her care the school has materially advanced, both in numbers and standing; and,

"Whereas, during this period, under her supervision, building has been carried on, so that now the scholars are comfortably housed and taught in rooms which present a substantial and pleasing appearance; and

"Whereas, all our fields are the richer because of the Bible women, teachers, pastors' wives and others, who in this school have been taught in the truths of Scripture and led to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour,

"Be it resolved, that we, the members of this Conference, do express our loving and grateful appreciation of the earnest, conscientious and efficient labors of Miss Baskerville during her charge of the school, and do pray that He who gave strength and fitness for this difficult work may still be with her in her new form of service on which she will enter and make her a power for good among the women and children in the Hindu homes of Cocanada and its vicinity."

An advance movement has been made for Christian women of the Telugu language in India. Under the direction of the Telugu Literature Committee, which embraces Protestant missionaries of all denominations, a new monthly magazine for women is to be issued for the first time this month. The reading women of India have increased, and are increasing, greatly, year by year, and they are much in need of that which will feed their minds and strengthen them in the faith. We, as a Canadian Baptist Mission, feel honored that one of our own missionaries, Miss Katie MacLaurin, has been chosen as editor of this new paper. We have long known and appreciated Miss MacLaurin's gifts as a writer, and feel sure that the choice of this General Committee will be abundantly justified from the first number of the paper. We hope the new addition to the family of magazines may become one of our exchanges, though for obvious reasons we greatly fear we shall not be able to glean much from its columns for our own use.

Our Work at Home.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Board will be held in the Adelaide St. Church, London, Tuesday, Nov. 9th, at 7.30 o'clock. The first meeting of the new Convention year will be held Friday, Nov. 12th, the time to be announced during Convention. The meeting will be of the utmost importance as various officers are to be appointed and estimates for the new year considered.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Recording Secretary.

BILLETING.

Delegates to the Convention wishing entertainment will please send their names to Mrs. J. E. Adkins, 774 Queen's Ave., London, as soon as possible. All trains will be met by a member of the Reception Committee, who will wear a badge. Please watch for badge. Delegates will please register at church on first arrival.

DELEGATES' CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates may be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines of railway it will be necessary to secure certificates from each railway. These tickets are good only for use three days after the meetings close, (Sunday not counted one of these three days), if the delegates go and return on the same line. An agent for the railway will come to the church to sign the certificates, when a fee of twenty-five cents will be required to be paid by each delegate.

M. C. STARK.

NOTICE TO CIRCLES OF ONTARIO WEST.

Some have felt that the burden of providing free entertainment for delegates to the Women's Convention of Ontario West has of late years become too great for the churches inviting the Convention and that a small charge of 25c. apiece should be made for the mid-day meals served to the delegates. The Boards do not feel that it is within their power to decide this matter, but that it belongs to the Circles themselves. It is accordingly desired that the Circles each consider the question and instruct their delegates how to vote upon such a resolution when presented at London.

EMMA FOX,
Rec. Sec. W.H.M.B.
MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Rec. Sec. W.F.M.B.

PROGRAMME, WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST, NOV. 11th, 1909

Mrs. J. Firstbrook, President; Mrs. G. H. Campbell, B.A., Secretary.

MORNING SESSION, 9.30.

- 9.30—Opening Exercises, Mrs. W. E. Norton.
9.45—Annual Reports.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Campbell, B.A.
Treasurer, Miss S. J. Webster.
Link, Miss Jacqueline M. Norton, B.A.
Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd.
Bands, Mrs. G. W. Barber.
Adoption.
10.20—Prayer Service, Mrs. A. W. Woodburne.
10.45—Link Between Circles and Bands.
Miss J. Jeffrey, Miss G. Claypole.

- 11.00—Election of Officers and Members of the Board.
Greetings from Sister Societies.
New Business.

12.00—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2.00—Opening Exercises.
2.15—Minutes.
2.20—The Bible on Home and Foreign Missions.
Solo.
2.50—The Bible in Cocanada Girls' School. Miss A. E. Baskerville, Principal of Girls' School, Cocanada.
3.20—Offering. Hymn.
3.30—Mission Study Classes, Miss L. M. Smith.
Prayer, Mrs. C. J. Holman.
4.00—President's Address, Mrs. J. Firstbrook.
4.20—Mission Band Question Box.
4.45—Resolutions. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 8.00—Opening Exercises, Rev. A. J. Vining.
8.15—Minutes.
8.25—Anthem. Choir.
8.35—The Bible Among Bible Women, Miss E. Priest, Missionary from Tuni, India.
8.55—Offering.
9.00—Hymn. Solo, Mrs. A. E. Brown.
9.30—Address, Miss Edna Corning, B.A., Assistant Principal of the Timpany Memorial High School.

NOTES.

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Woodburne have returned to the Mission House, 48 Howland Ave., Toronto, for the winter. Dr. Woodburne is gaining in health, though slowly. Mrs. Woodburne's summer has been one of great sadness, as her father and mother were called home within a few weeks of each other. Many will think of her very sympathetically in this winter of loneliness.

Those who are planning to attend Convention will be glad to know that Miss Edna Corning, B.A., who has been at her home in Yarmouth, N.S., since coming from India, is to be present. Very few of us have had an opportunity to know Miss Corning, except through her letters and her good work in the Timpany Memorial School, and we will give her a glad welcome among us.

The farewell meeting held in Castle Memorial Hall for Rev. and Mrs. John MacLaurin on the evening of Sept. 28 was unusually interesting and inspiring. The presence on the platform beside the outgoing missionaries of Dr. and Mrs. John MacLaurin, the father and mother of Mr. MacLaurin, who almost exactly forty years ago were themselves in a similar position; of Dr. Bates, Mr. MacLaurin's uncle, and President of our General Board for many years; of Dr. Brown, our Secretary; of Dr. Farmer, representing McMaster University, and Miss Thrall, representing Moulton College, from which institutions Mr. and Mrs. MacLaurin had graduated; all these by their presence and addresses made a profound impression on all those who had gathered to wish Godspeed to our new representatives. Mr. MacLaurin, in a speech eloquent by reason of its simplicity, earnestness and directness of appeal, told of his decision to do his life's work in India. He said he was not leaving Canada because he found no great opportunity for work here, or no worthy investment of his life to be made, but because he felt that the call had come very clearly and definitely to him to go to India. That investment of life might not, certainly would not, be the right investment for all young men, but he believed it to be the right one for him, and he was therefore "obedient unto the heavenly vision." Mr. Mac-

Laurin's address left on many an added conviction of the imperative need of a clear conception of duty, and the inevitableness in a Christian life of an unwavering effort to accomplish that duty.

We find from the "Western Outlook" that the Baptist Convention of Western Canada is to be held with the church at Moose Jaw, Sask., Nov. 11 to 15. The Women's Societies hold their annual meeting at the same time, their public meetings being announced for Friday, Nov. 12th. The women of the West have a mighty work before them within the bounds of their own Convention, and in the task of laying broad and deep the foundations for future missionary endeavor in the "regions beyond." We hope that the women throughout that Convention will be seized with the imperative need of their presence at Moose Jaw when at all possible, and that this second Convention of Western Canada may go down to history as a gathering where a great advance was made in the coming to pass of our oft-repeated prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

The women of the Maritime Convention have set Oct. 21st as their Crusade Day for this year. They have sent out two new missionaries this fall, Misses Eaton and Knowles, making their staff of single lady missionaries sixteen.

W.B.F.M. BOARD.

October 15th, 1909.

The Women's Foreign Mission Board held an emergency meeting at 123 St. George St., Friday afternoon, October 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Firstbrook presided and there were 18 city members present.

The present financial crisis was discussed at great length and earnest

prayers for the state of the treasury offered.

It was moved by Miss Norton, seconded by Mrs. Ross, that a letter be sent to the Circles and individual contributors, stating the condition of the treasury.

Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Firstbrook, Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Norton, at the request of the Board, drafted a letter which will appear elsewhere in the "Link."

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Harris nominated Mrs. D. M. Robertson as the new Treasurer to take charge of the books upon completion of Miss Webster's work.

Mrs. Firstbrook was asked to bring the state of the treasury before the Union Circle Meeting of Toronto, October 21st.

Meeting adjourned.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Rec. Sec.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

TORONTO (BLOOR ST.)—The annual meeting of the Bloor St. Mission Circle was held Oct. 6th. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Freeland; Assistant President, Mrs. W. J. Robertson; Vice-President, Mrs. C. T. Stark; Secretary, Mrs. Prof. Bell; Treasurer for Foreign Missions, Mrs. A. M. Denovan; Treasurer for Home Missions, Mrs. T. G. Rice. It was an unusually happy occasion, being the 76th birthday of our beloved President, who has filled the position for over 25 years. Mrs. W. J. Robertson, on behalf of the members and friends of the Circle, presented Mrs. Freeland with an upholstered chair. We were glad to welcome several friends, who had come to do honor to our President. After prayer by

our pastor, Rev. W. A. Cameron, and singing "Blest be the tie that binds," a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse.

SYBELLA MOYLE,

Sec. pro tem.

CLARENCE.—The Ladies' Mission Circle held their annual Foreign Mission Thank-offering on the evening of August 31st. Although the evening was very unfavorable, owing to the rain-storm, quite a goodly number were in attendance, about seventy or more. Good addresses were delivered by Rev. P. A. McEwen, of Toronto, who with his family were spending their holidays camping in Clarence, and by Student Pastor Dunlop, of Cumberland and Rockland, and by our much esteemed President, Mrs. M. Edwards Cole. A pleasing feature of the evening was the very generous collection, surpassing anything in the history of the Circle, amounting to \$48.55. Since the first of June we have been able to send seventy-three dollars to the Treasurer. Refreshments were served, and a social hour spent. We have to thank God and take courage for the success that has attended our efforts. We have had six additional members and now have nineteen members in good standing. We feel as if we could not close this short report without referring to the great loss we have sustained in the death last March of our dearly loved sister Erskine, who was our much esteemed President for so many years, but our loss is her everlasting gain, for she has gone to be with Him whom she loved and labored for, which is far better.

(MISS) M. G. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

COLCHESTER.—Our annual public meeting was held on the evening of Monday the 27th Sept. The evening

was beautiful, the moon shining forth in all its glory, which helped to make the meeting a success numerically. Situated as we are in a rural district, the weather is always a factor to be considered. The President, Miss Ritchie, led the devotional part of the service, and the secretary, Miss Julien, gave an account of the year's work, showing we had held twelve regular meetings during the year, had gained one new member, and had raised over \$100 for Missions, besides sending a box of Sunday School papers and bedding to one of the needy Mission stations in New Ontario. We were delighted to have with us the Rev. W. Daniel, M.A., who in his racy style gave us a stirring address on Northwest Missions, speaking particularly on the foreign part of the work, and in a descriptive manner taking us in mind to Europe, and showing how some of the missionaries who have come from there endured great persecution, and are now being used of God among their fellow countrymen for the advancement of His Kingdom in the Northwest. The choir favored us with some music and Miss Julien and Mr. Richard Cameron sang a duet very acceptably. The offering amounted to \$9.00.

JANE RITCHIE.

THAMESVILLE.—A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. A. Watson, Oct. 11th, for the purpose of re-organizing the Mission Circle, which had been dropped a year ago. There were fourteen ladies present, and a very interesting programme was provided. Our former President, Mrs. J. Welsh, presided, and opened the meeting with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. At the election of officers Mrs. Welsh was re-elected President, Mrs. W. Grainger, Secretary, and Mrs. E. Kewon, Treasurer. We begin anew with eleven members. Mrs. N.

Hatton, of Chatham, was present to address our meeting, and gave us a very interesting and profitable talk on "Circle Work." A season of prayer followed Mrs. Hatton's address. Mrs. F. Avory and Miss Patterson favored us with a duet. Miss McDonald gave a splendid reading, entitled "Serona's Offering." Our offering, which amounted to \$2.00, was sent to Home Missions. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Watson kindly served refreshments.

MRS. WALTER GRAINGER,
Secretary.

HARTFORD.—The Mission Band held their anniversary on Sunday evening, Sept. 12th. A good programme had been prepared by Mrs. John VanLoon and Miss Woltz, and its rendering by the scholars and young people was very much enjoyed by the congregation, which filled the church. All the pieces had reference to Christian work at home and abroad. Pastor Hagen preached by request on "Thanksgiving, and other Giving," from Eph. 5:20, and everyone felt it was one of the best anniversaries the Mission Band ever held.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Receipts from Sept. 16th, 1909, to
Oct. 15th, 1909, (inclusive:

GENERAL ACCOUNT. FROM CIRCLES.

Hamilton, Barton St., for Native Teacher, \$30.00; Orillia, \$4.70; Toronto, Christie St., \$5.00; Salford, \$2.30; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$9.00; Thornbury, \$3.00; Hamilton, Herkimer St. Y. L. Aux., for "G. Veeramma," \$5.00; Tillsonburg, \$5.00; Snelgrove, \$6.00;

Clinton, \$5.00; Forest, \$2.00; Grimsby, \$5.35; Gilmour Memorial, \$10.80; Sarnia, Central Y. L., \$2.50; Haileybury, \$10.07; Ridgetown, \$5.15; Burk's Falls, \$4.00; Hamilton, Herkimer St., (\$1.80 for bungalow), \$5.30; Campbellford, \$2.25; New Sarum, \$3.50; Iona Station for "E. Krupavatamma," \$7.50; Colborne, \$4.00; Colchester, \$10.46; Toronto, Bloor St., \$62.93; Aurora, \$3.00; Bethel, \$5.50; Markham, Second, \$4.30; Brantford, First Ch. for Miss McLeod, \$75.00; Ingersoll, life membership fee for Mrs. G. A. Menhennick, \$25.00; Southampton, \$9.48; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$5.17; Petrolia, \$5.48; Toronto, Western Ch., \$12.92; London, South, \$4.75; Burlington, \$1.50; London, Egerton St., \$6.10; Huntsville, \$5.00; Port Arthur, \$6.60; Hartford, \$2.30; Lobo, First, per Miss Alway, \$1.00; Shedden, \$5.00; Toronto, Immanuel Ch., (\$25.00 extra), \$32.00; Binbrook (\$1.40 for bungalow), \$4.40; Midland, \$15.00; Warton, \$5.20; Toronto, Waverley Rd., \$9.88; Hamilton, Ferguson Ave., \$2.50; York Mills, \$8.40; Ailsa Craig, \$5.00; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$75.00; Nissouri, East, \$7.00; London, Meitland St., \$3.00; Port Colborne, \$3.50; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$8.00; Wilkesport, \$1.50; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., \$10.00; Burgessville, \$8.16; St. Catharines (\$1.55 for bungalow; \$25.00 per Mrs. Mills, for "Y. Martha,"), \$37.25; Paris (\$4.88 Thank-offering), \$19.24; Uxbridge, \$5.00; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd. Y. L., \$12.00; Owen Sound (\$9.75 Thank-offering), \$14.75; Meaford, \$2.20; Beamsville, (\$8.00 for extra Bible woman, Satyavedam), \$16.00; Listowel, \$3.00; Dunnville, \$5.25; St. Thomas Y. L., \$6.75; Chatham, Central, for Bible woman, \$25.00; Woodstock, First Ch., \$7.00; Orangeville, \$2.35; Arkona, (\$6.38 Thank-offering), \$8.70; Sault Ste. Marie, \$10.00; Fingal, \$1.50; Peterboro,

Murray St. (\$25.00 for Dr. Hulet), \$32.70; Guelph, Woolwich St., \$20.40; Stratford, \$35.00; Daywood, \$8.50; Stouffville, \$4.35; Hamilton, Herkimer St. Y. L., for "G. Veramma," \$5.00; St. George Y. L. (\$5.70 from social), \$6.55; St. George (\$17.75 for Dr. Hulet), \$23.10; Chester, \$5.30; Toronto, Parliament St., \$5.75; Bloomsburg, \$1.00; Calvary, \$10.00; Georgetown, \$4.75; Sarnia, \$9.00; London, South, \$1.00; Fonthill, \$7.00; Caledonia, \$3.00; Oil Springs, \$1.00; Wheatley, \$2.50; Dutton, \$2.00; Toronto, Beverley St., \$9.65; Springford, \$3.25; Langton, \$2.50; Niagara Falls, South, \$5.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$67.78; Peterboro, Park St., \$5.50; Brooklin, \$5.50; Alvinston, \$3.75; Acton, \$3.00; West Toronto, Willoughby Ave.), \$8.12; West Toronto, Myrtle Ave., \$14.00; Campbellford, \$2.25; Wallaceburg, \$9.00; Blenheim, \$3.00; Lakeshore Calvary, \$15.60; St. Thomas (\$20.25 to complete one year's support of "K. Yeramma, and "K. Malamamma; \$11.42 to complete life membership), \$57.17; Brampton (\$11.00 on life membership), \$18.40; Toronto, First Ave., \$20.13; Total, \$1,201.94.

Emergency Fund: Toronto, Jarvis St., \$10.00.

FROM BANDS.

Waterford, for "Appana," \$5.00; Jaffa, \$2.00; Port Arthur, for "M. Manickyam," \$4.25; Sarnia, Central, (\$2.50, sale of post cards, for student work), \$3.20; Midland, \$5.00; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., per Miss Marjorie Winegarden, \$2.10 sale of post cards, \$13.10; Iona Station, for "D. Karunamma," \$17.00; St. Mary's, for "K. Mary," \$7.00; Lakefield, \$3.50; Colborne, \$1.50; Haldimand, \$1.00; Leamington, \$1.00; New Sarum, \$2.25; Forest, \$3.50; Giammis, \$4.60; Beamsville, \$3.00; London, Talbot St., for "A. Chigurupati," \$7.00; Paris, \$10.00; Peterboro, Park St., for "G. Rebecca," \$25.00; Ridgetown (\$15.00 for "A. Appana," \$2.50 price of a trip saved) \$17.50; Fingal, \$1.75; Woodstock, Ox-

ford St., for "N. Mary," \$18.00; Orangeville, \$5.75; Townsend Centre, for "V. Obed," \$3.50; Brantford, Park Ch., sale of post cards, \$1.00; Cainsville, sale of post cards, \$1.25; Stouffville, \$8.16; Parry Sound (\$2.50, sale of post cards), \$3.50; Dundas, \$7.00; London, South, (\$34.00 for "N. Yosephu" and "G. Robert"), \$38.00; Hartford, (\$2.50 sale of post cards), \$6.00; Lindsay, \$9.00; Snelgrove, \$1.00; Wheatley, \$2.10; Langton, \$2.00; London, Egerton St., \$5.00; Port Hope, \$8.00; Berlin, King St., \$5.00. Total, \$267.41.

FROM SUNDRIES.

Georgetown B.Y.P.U., for student, \$5.00; investment, Miss Davies' gift, \$10.00; investment, Miss Selman's gift, \$8.75; Mrs. A. H. St. Germain, for Zenana work, \$100.00; "F." and "A." for "Sayamma," \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown, for "B. Joan," \$5.00; Guelph, Woolwich St. Philathea Class, for "E. Kartamma," \$8.00; Hamilton, Wentworth St. Y. L. Club, for "Mary of Tuni," \$11.00; West Toronto, Y. L. Bible Class, for "E. Alice," \$4.25; Mrs. R. W. Elliot, for Miss Corning, \$100.00. Total, \$262.00.

Emergency Fund: Miss V. Elliot, \$25.00; Mrs. Wm. Davies, sen., \$50.00. Total, \$75.00.

Total receipts during the month, \$1,816.35.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By General Treasurer, on estimates for India, \$748.05; October furlough allowances for Misses Selman, Hulet, Baskerville, Corning and Priest, \$166.70; November furlough allowance for Misses Selman and Hulet, \$66.66; advance on Miss Pratt's passage, \$175.00; extras: For lepers, Waterford M.B., for "Appana," \$5.00; native teacher, Hamilton, Barton St. M. C., \$30.00. Total disbursements during the month, \$1191.41.

Total receipts since Oct. 20th, 1908, \$11,623.52.

Total disbursements since Oct. 20th, 1908, \$13,614.25.

SARAH J. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.



HIS Society held its thirty-third annual meeting in the Baptist Church in Perth, on Wednesday, Oct. 6th 1909.

The prayer services, the one in the morning, led by Mrs. S. Sheldon, and the one in the afternoon by Mrs. N. Ohman, were felt to be a source of strength to all. It was a joy to all to see again in the chair our President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton. Her message was a searching appeal to each one, that we may feel our responsibility in winning India for Christ, and in upholding our substitutes there. Let our motto for this year be, "Stand fast for the liberty of the Gospel."

Mrs. Claxton said, "Our missionary, Miss Murray, asks prayer that her remaining months in India may be very fruitful. Who will take Miss Murray's place? Let us seek His Spirit, and may we do everything for His Glory. Arise and shine as Baptist women, for the glory of the Lord shall rest upon you." In the absence of Miss Crosseley, Mrs. A. H. Gordon was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted, as was also the report of the Recording Secretary, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, along with the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley, and the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. N. Ohman.

The roll was called by Mrs. H. H. Ayer and 45 Circles and 6 Bands responded. The report of the Bureau of

Literature, prepared by Mrs. Dancy, was read by Mrs. McCormick. This showed that some few have taken advantage of this source of improvement. The "Link" was spoken of in a letter from Mrs. Porter read by Miss Elsie Muir. Let us endeavor to keep in close touch with our work on our foreign fields by circulating this organ of our work as widely as possible. The report of the Committee on Appropriations was as follows:

Miss Murray's salary	\$425
Miss Murray's passage	350
Miss Murray's work	187
Vuyyuru	621
Miss Morrow's work	458
Vuyyuru Boarding School	200
Akidu Boarding School	200
Cocanada Zenana	250
Samulcoota Seminary	150
Bolivia	50
Total	\$2,891

We had two very interesting papers, one by Miss F. M. Russell on "The Relation of Women to the Present Day Mission Crisis," the other by Mrs. F. Leslie, on "The Domestic Side of Life in India; Native Versus Christian." "The world for Christ in this generation,—we can do it and we will," are the stirring mottoes of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, says Miss Russell. "The men are catching the imperial vision, but without the loyal and hearty co-operation of the women they are doomed to failure. Failure? there must be no such thing; and the men are moving forward confident of the support of those who in

the past have been even less negligent along missionary lines than they.

To bring the matter right home, do you realize that a share of this stupendous task of world evangelization devolves upon every woman assembled in this Convention—a personal duty, an individual responsibility! Do you realize that there is a work for you to do, an obligation for you to discharge, —and you alone? Let it not be that any shall go away from here, and fail to do their duty."

Circles may have this paper by applying to the Bureau of Literature of the Eastern Convention. This it was decided to establish at the Union Board Meeting at the close of the Convention. The address and further particulars will be published later.

A pleasant feature of our afternoon meeting was the greetings from ladies of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches. All prayed for blessing upon our common work, and that we might all join in the triumphs of the harvest home.

At the union platform meeting of Tuesday evening, Miss Agnes Baskerville gave a most earnest address on our Foreign Mission work. She told of the work as done by our lady missionaries among the women and children; of the revival of three years ago; of the medical work and of the Loper Home. There is need of some industrial work for women, also of rescue work. God has set many open doors. Shall we not try to enter in? Do not be weary in well-doing; do not be discouraged. Give Him the first place in

your hearts and lives and try to help other Christian women to do the same. "Be not weary in well-doing."

Our Convention closed with the singing of that old and familiar hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." As we sang that last verse,

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again,"

many felt a prayer rise within them that the beloved honorary president of this Society might yet be spared to many years of service in this work which lies so close to her heart.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary President—Mrs. T. J. Claxton.

President—Mrs. H. H. Ayer.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Rickert.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. J. A. Gordon.

Recording Secretary—Miss Crossley.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. B. Motley.

Treasurer—Mrs. N. Ohman.

Executive Board—Mesdames Therrien, Tester, McKergow, Utting, Bentley, McLaren, Sims, Loudon, Watt, King, Gates, Baker, A. E. Paterson, Griffith, Alvah Gordon, Frost, Leslie, Halkett (Ottawa), Gibb, Dyke; the Misses Cramp, Clarke, Russell and Barker.

ANNIE M. MCKAY,
Convention Reporter.

Treasurer's Statement, from October 1st, 1998 to September 30th, 1909.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1908	\$ 2 40
Total receipts from Circles, as per detailed statement below	1644 89
Total receipts from Bands, as per detailed statement below	800 41
Collections taken—	
Ottawa Convention	\$19 26
Montreal Union Prayer Meeting	1 20
Union Circle Meeting	2 12
Eastern Association	3 20
Ottawa Association	1 00
Canada Central Association	1 25
	28 03
Individual and other Contributions—	
Proceeds Sale of Post Cards	\$ 4 95
Friend, for Valluru School	156 00
Estate late Miss Jennie McArthur	46 63
Kingston First Church Sunday School	17 00
Balance in India	12 43
Mr. Morton, Montreal Montreal First Baptist Sunday School, Primary Department	10 00
Stewart family, in memory of Katie A. Stewart	15 00
Miss Jessie McNaughton, Lancaster	15 00
"Katherine," Quebec	18 00
Mrs. G. Hopton, Montreal	30 00
Waterville Sewing Circle	1 00
Mrs. Whitfield, Cowansville	15 00
The Muir Children, Montreal	15 00
Mrs. H. J. Phelps' Sunday School Class, Sawyerville	3 07
Interest	2 81
	366 89
Total receipts for year	\$2340 22
	\$2342 62

LIFE MEMBERS FOR THIS YEAR.

Mrs. R. R. Mackay	Ottawa
Mrs. F. E. Fairbairn	Brockville
Miss Winifred Burges	Brockville
Mrs. L. H. Hillman	Ottawa
Mrs. L. A. Dyke	Montreal

Montreal, Sept. 30th, 1909.

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Appropriations—	
Miss Murray's salary and her work	717 00
Akidu Boarding School	150 00
Vuyuru Boarding School	150 00
Miss Morrow's salary and her work	240 00
Miss McLaurin's and Dr. Jessie Allyn's work at Vuyuru	478 00
Cocanada's Zenanas	125 00
Samulcotta Seminary	100 00
Bolivia	50 00
Balance of unpaid appropriations for 1907-1908	125 00
Special—	\$2135 00
Support of Miss Murray's caste girl, 1907-1908	20 00
Support of Miss Murray's caste girl, 1908-1909	10 00
Leper Work	5 00
Philip and Donald Paterson, for support of boy	6 00
Balance on Bible Women's Houses, 1907-8	51 00
Repairs Miss McLaurin's tent	16 00
Return of loan from Treasurer, 1907-8	37 82
Speakers' expenses to Convention	17 00
	\$ 162 82
Printing and Stationery—	
Programme for Convention 1907-8	\$ 3 25
Blank forms for Directresses	1 25
D. Bentley & Co.	6 00
Year Book Report	17 64
Postage	3 50
	\$ 31 64
Total disbursements for year	\$2329 46
Balance in hand Sept. 30th, 1909	13 16
	\$2342 62

Respectfully submitted,
JESSIE OHMAN,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
H. W. WADSWORTH,
ALFRED WALFORD,
Auditors.

Treasurer's Statement—Continued.

RECEIPTS—EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Abbott's Corners	\$10 00		\$ 10 00
Barnston	5 00		5 00
Beebe Plain	13 00		13 00
Blower	6 50		6 50
Coaticook	18 00		18 00
Dixville	12 00		12 00
Moss River	6 00	22 50	28 50
Montreal, Olivet	56 70	6 00	62 70
" Chape		15 00	15 00
" First Church	137 94		137 94
" Westmount	92 85	21 00	113 85
" Point St. Charles	20 00	6 00	26 00
" Tabernacle	5 00		5 00
North Hatley	2 25		2 25
Sawyerhill	6 00		6 00
Sherbrooke	50 00	15 00	74 00
Quebec	2 00	9 00	11 00
Waterville			
	\$452 24	\$94 50	\$546 74

RECEIPTS
CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Algorquin			
Allan's Mills		\$20 00	\$20 00
Almonte	\$ 5 00		5 00
Arnprior	10 30		10 30
Brockville	187 60	8 50	196 10
Carlton Place			
Delta	14 00	3 00	17 00
Drummond	8 00		8 00
Kingston, First Church Union Street	57 50		57 50
Lanark			
Perth	27 45	30 00	57 45
Pembroke	16 00		16 00
Phillipsville	25 00		25 00
Plum Hollow	10 00		10 00
Renfrew	32 00	17 00	49 00
Smith's Falls			
Westport			
	\$392 85	\$78 50	\$471 35

RECEIPTS—OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Breadalbane	\$27 00		\$27 00
Buckingham	6 00		6 00
Clarence	73 80	10 87	84 67
Cornwall	19 25		19 25
Dalesville	4 50		4 50
Dempsey	8 04		8 04
Dominionville	11 00		11 00
Grenville	17 00	15 50	32 50
Hawkesbury	5 00		5 00
Kemptville	7 00	17 00	24 00
Kensmore	13 00		13 00
Lachute	22 50		22 50
Maxville	13 30		13 30
Ormond	68 25	15 00	83 25
Osgoode	9 00		9 00
Osnabruck	276 75	18 00	294 75
Ottawa, First Church	45 00	17 00	62 00
" McPhail Memorial	37 00		37 00
" Fourth Avenue	71 00	15 00	86 00
Rockland	16 73		16 73
Thurso	11 00	15 00	26 00
Vanklesk Hill	17 50		17 50
Winchester	2 20		2 20
St. Andrew's East			
	\$779 80	\$123 37	\$903 17

RECEIPTS
GRANDE-LIGNE MISSION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Grande-Ligne	\$10 00	\$4 04	\$14 04
Montreal, French Church			
Ottawa	10 00		10 00
Roxton Pond			
	\$20 00	\$4 04	\$24 04

SUMMARY.

	Circles	Bands	Totals
Eastern Association	\$452 24	\$94 50	\$546 74
Grande-Ligne Mission	20 00	4 04	24 04
Ottawa Association	779 80	123 37	903 17
Canada Central Association	392 85	78 50	471 35
	\$1644 80	\$300 41	\$1945 21

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE OHMAN, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

H. W. WADSWORTH,
ALFRED WALFORD,

Auditors.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30th, 1909.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Madame President and Ladies,—It seems hardly possible that a whole year has passed since we met together in convention, and as we glance over the months so swiftly flown by, we naturally say to ourselves, are we satisfied as a Society, and as individuals, with what we have done for Foreign Missions since last October? Has the missionary spirit had its proper place in our hearts and interests? Have we been ready to sink personal claims in order that the light might shine a little brighter in the dark places in India?

The letters and reports of our missionaries come to us telling of a year brimful of service and sacrifice; and we know that their lives are offered as a daily sacrifice in that land of so much hardship, so much loneliness, and where the work is at times so discouraging, and they look to us to support them by our prayers, as well as by our dollars. Have we been faithful to the trust?

We stand to-day in practically the same position as we were a year ago in numbers, but financially we are far behind. How to account for this shortage in our funds is the problem that confronts your Board. The Treasurer's report shows a deficit of \$561, which lies like a heavy weight on the minds of the officers of the Society. There has been a falling off in the contributions from many Circles, and some individual gifts failed to materialize. Some monies have gone through other channels, instead of reaching our Treasurer, and all put together have caused this shortage, which will prevent us from taking up any new work for the coming year.

Two years ago Conference in India sent a plea to us that we would send out a second lady missionary, and now again, in view of Miss Murray's return, they repeat, "Will the Eastern Board send another lady missionary this fall?" It is a matter of deep regret to your Board that the answer is again "Impossible." Is there to be no representative of our Society in India—the work over which Miss Murray has toiled, and prayed, and struggled so long to be left without a leader?

Dear sisters, let us not be half-hearted in this matter; the missionary spirit that has overtaken the laymen ought surely to inspire and enthuse us to greater service, greater self-denial.

The occasion demands earnest, consecrated women in every Circle who will give themselves unto prayer, who will be willing to pay the price of some real self-sacrifice in order that this cause to which we have put our hands may receive a more prominent place than it has in the past. The Day of prayer, which will occur in November, will afford a splendid opportunity for us to gather together and discuss our attitude in this matter. May it be a time of heart-searching, of waiting upon the Lord for His message to each one of us.

INDIA.

Yellamanchili.—Miss Murray reports a very strenuous year—a year of conflict with the powers of darkness arrayed to resist the progress of Christ's kingdom, but "thanks be to God who giveth us the victory."

Miss Murray testifies to the pleasure derived from fellowship both personal, and in the Gospel, with the Biblewoman, Anamma, lent for one year from Akidu field. "We were of such perfect accord that again and again, we were led to the use of the same passages of scripture, and often experienced peculiar power over our hearers, resulting from such unity of spirit." Settling out to preach the word in Yellamanchili they found that not many doors were closed to them in that town. Although all castes heard the message it was principally among the out-castes, or malas, that the Word bore most fruit. "To this class belongs the family of my horse-keeper. His wife had been baptized some years ago but her life had proved a reproach to the name of Christ. Given to fits of uncontrollable temper, she would desert her home and family, and appear to be possessed of the Evil One. Being directed by the Lord to teach her the verse, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," our missionary was relieved to witness a great change come over the woman, and to-day she is a

new creature indeed in Christ Jesus. This she attributes to the daily reading of the Bible. The transforming, sanctifying effect of the Word is certainly evidenced in this home. A tidy, God-fearing woman—a lad of eight leading the family worship when his father is on tour with the missionary, and the little girl of five lisping Gospel hymns, forms a picture in marked contrast to their former home. It is hard to estimate the influence for righteousness of this one family in the town. They are observed and questioned by all classes.

Caste School.—We are still rejoicing in Lillamma, the head teacher, who continues to be so devoted and so capable. "The spirit of the children is good and their progress very gratifying, especially the infants, who have always been my sorrow. No teacher seemed to bring them on well, but I am satisfied now."

Touring—"Touring this year brought us into forty-one villages where no missionary had been for five years. These people, through very ignorance, were quite indifferent to their terrible need. In order to sober them, we had to use Scripture passages, depicting the judgments of God on the sins they were committing, adding also the happy provision He had made in Christ." All through this tour, the wonderful influence of an isolated Gospel portion, here and there shedding its light, was very manifest. One woman told how she rose before dawn, and waking her son, washed his face in cold water, to drive away the sleep, lighted her lamp, and had him read to her from the Word. A Hindu woman, keeping the morning watch! She was well prepared to hear the message.

In another fishing village we arrived as great preparations were being made for worship. A rude kind of shed had been erected, tied up to the beams of which, were offerings of onions, potatoes and pumpkins. The shed had been freshly smeared with red earth and then whitewashed. Close by was the grave of an ox, the mound over it also whitewashed, and here the worship and feasting would occur. So intent were these people on this performance that it was long before the word of God gained a hearing. However, in

the end we were surrounded by quite a company, who listened to the story of Jesus and His love. While they were quiet we had the son of the head man read aloud several stories of Jesus and fisher folk. The result was that the father bought that Gospel for his son. Do asv prayer for these Gospel portions now in so many houses.

Many similar instances are given, showing how education, elementary though it be, is having very satisfactory results. The leaflets and Scripture portions may be distributed among the people where the children have even a slight knowledge of the three "R's" and the Word shall not return void."

Two Biblewomen only are on this field, Salome and Nookamma, but a noticeable quickening has recently taken place among the Christian women, many of whom are offering their services for steady work among their sisters.

Narsapatnam. Miss S. G. Morrow: "It is with us on this field sowing time, and in many hearts growing time, but the harvest has not yet come. Nevertheless, there are ripening fruits appearing, and these give us joy and encourage us to work on. During Miss Priest's absence, I have the oversight of her field, which I hope to be able to work by the aid of my two Biblewomen, Kanamma and Anamma, who can take my cook tent and camp at the various centres. Mr. Woodburne's coming has brought some men, whose wives can read, and I have taken on four extra women for Bible work in the out-villages wherever their husbands are stationed.

Papamma, the blind woman whom I took to Dr. Smith for cataract, did not receive physical sight, but the light of God has shone into her heart. Although old she easily learns texts and hymns at our daily prayers, for she lives here with her son who is my servant. He also is a Christian, though not yet baptized. These two are direct fruits of our women's work, for they had no teaching before.

"We need lots of prayer for this field—for the church—for new workers, and for courage and help for those who are secretly believing."

COCANADA.

Zenana Work.—A prolonged epidemic of smallpox interfered a little with Miss Gibson's visits this year. So careless are these people of contagion that not the slightest precaution is taken to prevent the spread of this terrible disease. They attribute it to the visit of some particular goddess, and will take no medicine or preventive, but bow to the goddess and wait for her to take her departure. If the victim dies, however, they have no hesitation in heaping abuse upon her head. These people are so ignorant and, in some cases, so content with their own wretched lot, that it often is difficult to arouse them to what sin really is, and its results. But in spite of the difficulties and seeming hopelessness of the task, a clear testimony from one faithful convert will encourage the missionary to pursue her work and assure her that the harvest will come in due season.

Miss Beggs has 96 houses for regular visiting; four of these are among the Brahmans, into whose homes it is still difficult to enter. Many of the Brahmans are well educated and long to be able to read our language. They think we have such nice story books, and there are none in their language. "They are very fond of our hymns and always ask me to sing before I go. I generally read and explain the Scripture portion from which the hymn is taken, and their questions and remarks show that they understand a great many of the truths of Christianity.

Bulamma and Apalamma are very dear women who are not far from the Kingdom. There seems to be such a slight barrier between the old life and the new that we feel confident the step will be taken before long. Pray for them that they may be kept steadfast and loyal, despite the persecutions of their friends."

Akidu. Miss Robinson: "My work, you know, is of twofold character. First evangelistic work among the women and children—Zenana work as it is generally called—and, second, school work in its various phases, some secular, but more Bible teaching, also

oversight of the food and general household life of over sixty boarders.

It is the school work in which you are principally interested. As you know, none but the children of Christians are received into the boarding departments, though any are at liberty to send their children to the day school. As our Christians have mainly come from the outcastes, the caste people of the town scorn to send their boys and girls here. One Kapu man braver than the rest, knowing our school to be well taught, sent his son a few weeks, two years ago. Becoming bolder he sent him regularly all last year, and the second term saw three lads from other families as regular pupils also. We hope this is but the first fruits of what may yet be. Our teachers have been on the whole diligent and faithful, this being very important in the success of a school. Our head master, Ranam, is a growing man, and deserves commendation. A word too should be said about Lydia, our infant teacher and house-mother to the girls. She is an old pupil of the school, a bright little woman and kind in her manner to the girls.

The great and crying need on this field is more, better qualified and truly consecrated men and women to enter definite service for the Master. And herein lies the usefulness of our schools and educational work, especially where the religious teaching can be given directly by the missionary, for here we come into contact with the children, and can strive to mould them into right ways of thinking and doing while they are yet plastic, giving them not only the ordinary course of religious instruction, but supplementing this by a definite knowledge of Bible history, and Christian principles, and seeking to lead them early to the Lord, not only for salvation but for service.

It would not be right were I to close this report without reference to our fine house for the boarding girls given by your Society. No words can convey to you the difference this house makes in the comfort, safety and self-respect of our girls. Our numbers have gone up until last year we had 31 in actual residence and nearly a dozen other applications. Indeed, so popular is our school becoming that we thought it wise to ask you, through our Conference, for twenty-five dollars

more per annum, so that we might be able to receive more girls. The house will hold fifty or sixty—our concern is for the money to provide food for them. Each year sees more children applying for admission. The hand of our God is upon us for good. Oh! that we might arise and follow Him, whithersoever He would lead us."

Vuyuru.—From the Boarding School Mrs. Cross writes that they are able to do better work owing to a more efficient staff of teachers. "Sixteen girls have attended this last term. We are sorry there are not more. It is easier to get boys than girls. The boys, too, pass on to higher studies, but the girls seem all to be needed as wives for our workers. In their homes they show the influence of their school training in the neatness, orderliness, and good manners that prevail. The children carried on their S. S. work with interest, and I hope not in vain. Picture rolls and picture cards are very useful here. One of the old Boarding School boys is a devoted S. S. teacher and is constantly asking me for picture cards for his work."

Here is a chance for Bands to help.

Caste Schools.—Dr. Allyn has had charge of the work here in Dr. Hulet's absence. You will remember that the report of the Vuyuru school last year was rather discouraging, as the presence of two Christian teachers had frightened away many of the girls. "All year the school fought for existence against caste and prejudice, but at the end we had gained our point, and had fourteen regular pupils. We have since lost our Christian headmistress, who left to be married, and again were forced to put in a Hindu master. This young man is of the Sudra caste, and although Hindus, both he and his wife are much interested in Christianity. Pray for them specially. Their names are Venkataswami and Seshamma. Two new girls have recently entered this school; every bit of progress is a distinct victory over the Evil One and a direct answer to prayer, so we may well give thanks.

Valluru School.—"The Valluru School continues to grow and to be popular. It is a marvel. Agnes, the teacher, is a great believer in prayer, and she

prays much for the school and for her work. And the school girls, too, although they are little Hindus, from heathen homes, pray for their school. One day recently when I was over examining the school at noon hour we were having prayer for our work. While we were praying some of the larger girls came back to school, and quietly opening the door, they slipped in and knelt down by a bench. I cannot tell you how glad it made me feel when I rose, to realize that those girls were one with us in the desire that their friends might be converted. Some of them are doubtless believing, but they have been married long since, and as soon as they are old enough they must go off to be shut up in their husbands' homes. May their lights not be hid under a bushel but give light to all in their homes.

The hospital work has been carried on regularly and every morning before we treat the patients we try to make them understand that their worst disease is sin and there is healing for all who wish it, not by bathing in sacred rivers, or making vows or offerings, but that salvation is a gift for all who will accept. We believe we were permitted to save the life of Shre Ramulu, the native contractor who built the Jane Buchan Bungalow. He had blood poisoning and we had to amputate his right hand. That family has been friendly to the missionaries from the first and the women are all being taught regularly, and yet they have not believed. It is certain that God is dealing with them and we are praying and expecting that, as a family, they will break caste and accept Christ. Pray for them."

Work Among Women and Children.—Miss McLaurin: "Almost the entire year has been spent touring, visits being made to 103 villages, 15 of which were new, where the caste women had never heard the Gospel. One of these was on an island in the Kistna river, a collection of squalid looking mud huts, situated on the very edge of the crumbling bank of the river, which had gradually encroached on their lands, threatening to carry off their homes. I was afraid we would not have a good time here, as the village looked so unpromising and I knew no white per-

son had ever been there before, but to our surprise we were most enthusiastically received on the outskirts by a little girl, who had seen us at her home near Vuyyuru, and away she ran to tell the friends with whom she was visiting, and soon we had a very attentive audience.

In one village we found a Sanyasi, a holy man. He was held in reverence by the people because of his piety, he having renounced the world, the flesh, and the devil, which to the casual observer with a Western eye, seems to stand for family life, clothing and an honest livelihood. For these are the seductions the Fakirs renounce, and in this consists their claim on the reverence and support of the people. There he sat, on the verandah, we on the ground, stark naked but for a filthy loin cloth, extensive caste marks, a string of Benares beads, and wooden sandals. With matted hair and bleary eyes, there he sat, in holy contemplation, smoking Indian hemp. We were ashamed to look at him and rather dreaded his presence, fearing he might interfere with our "preach," but he proved quite harmless and we were able to deliver our message undisturbed.

The greatest number of new villages visited this year were in the Divi Sima, that remote and hitherto unworked part of our field. Here Dr. Allyn joined me for three weeks, with her Biblewomen. The women listened much better this year than before. They had not forgotten our first visit, three years ago, but they could not remember much more than that we preached about one God.

From another camp we visited ten villages, which were entirely new. The women were very friendly, came in crowds to the tent to see. We could have no services at the tent for they were too excited and curious to listen. At their homes they listened well and made us promise to come again next year, if we could. But we ourselves are not very hopeful. Next year it will be the turn of some other village.

There are many of these caste women who have lost all faith in idolatry and its practices, yet for fear of per-

secution keep up an outward show of its observance. Others there are, though not publicly confessing Christ, make no secret of their belief in Him. For these there is opposition and persecution by their friends. This they bear but will not deny their Lord. How their faith is sustained on the scanty teaching they get from one visit from us a year is a miracle—one of God's gracious miracles. No doubt they have learned to some extent the secret of communication with the Source.

The Women's Help-meet Societies are being kept up faithfully, although in some places the work is often hindered from various causes.

Education, though very elementary, is on the increase among the caste women. We have distributed thousands of leaflets and specially prepared Gospel teachings for those who are able to read. It is a comfort to leave behind a small portion of the Word as we pass on, perhaps never to see them again.

The Staff.—There are four Biblewomen: Mariaamma, old and infirm, but still doing what she can; Nagamma, helping in the Valluru school in the mornings and in the afternoons visiting the Zenanas, where she is well liked and doing good work; Amelia and Katakamma, both faithful and efficient. After touring closed we had a Bible class together to study Paul and his missionary journeys. The women enjoyed this very much, and by their prayers and testimonies in our experience meetings showed how practically they had applied the lessons of his example.

There are two young Christian widows in the Boarding School, studying to become Bible women. They were both unlettered when they came to us, so it will be three or four years before they are fitted for full service. Martha is a lovable, sweet girl, and is developing all the time. Mary is newer, but seems earnest and ready to serve. These two were sent in answer to much prayer and we ask you to pray for them that they may be kept steadfast to their call, despite the persuasions of their friends to return to their

homes. May the Lord Himself teach and prepare them for service.

Our need still continues to be more Bible women to enter the open doors. Sometimes it seems most mysterious that such a demand should arise with apparently no provision made for its supply by our Heavenly Father. But He knows why—we await His will, at the same time making our requests known unto Him."

And now, with these glimpses into the life and work of our missionaries, their hopes and their heartaches, their joys and their sorrows, their unflinching cheerfulness and their trust in the ultimate triumph of the Christ message, are we not moved to more faithful and loyal support of those who have gone forth bearing the precious seed? If we have not done all we could in the past, are we willing to let the Spirit teach us our part? "How much owest thou?"

The General Board reports a great shortage in funds and unless there is a very generous response within the next few days a serious "cut" may have to be made on the work in India. If we are not able to fulfil our obligations we will be only adding another burden to that under which the Board is already struggling.

May the constraining love of Christ stir our very souls and constrain us to help avert the calamity that this "cut" would mean in India.

"Stir me, oh, stir me, Lord, till all my heart,
Is filled with strong compassion, for these souls.
Till thy compelling 'must' drives me to pray,
Till thy constraining love reach to the poles,
Far north and south in burning deep desire,
Till East and West are 'caught in Love's great fire."

Respectfully submitted,

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Corresponding Secretary.

Westmount, October, 1909.

Mission Band Report.

Dear Sisters of this Convention,—In presenting my report for this year I am fully conscious of its many deficiencies and the lack of completeness of my work, owing partly to my short acquaintance with the duties of my office, but I crave your sympathy and hope for better results next year. I have written in all 96 letters to Bands and to individuals, receiving in return information which has enabled me to better understand the working of these Bands than I could otherwise have done.

Five new Bands have been organized—at Onanbruck Centre, Waterville, Dixville, Arnprior, and a very unique one which a little maiden, Grace Hislop, by name, having heard of Band work at the Association held in Sherbrooke, determining to have one of her own, began with herself as the only member, and at once putting aside her pennies in a mite-box, to be used for her mission work. At her mother's suggestion the Band was to receive the name of Grace Band, and members of the Bible class taught by her mother were invited to join this missionary effort.

Twenty-five Bands have returned reports; of these two gave no account of money raised, one was uncertain of the amount, and two had not yet appropriated the money. The total attendance in 19 Bands was 719, eighty being the largest number in any Band, and twenty the lowest. The amount subscribed for Foreign Missions was \$306.12, and for Home Missions, including Grande Ligne and all Western Missions, \$283.82, a total of \$539.94, an average of about \$23 per Band, and an increase of \$151.04 over that reported last year.

The largest amount contributed by any one Band was \$34.50, while the least was \$5.00.

Eight Bands gave less than last year by a total of \$71.56, and six Bands gave more by a total of \$72.45.

One Band sent its contributions to work in China, one used funds for its own church purposes, while two others sent a portion to city missions, and one sent their offering direct to India.

The Band at Allan's Mills has existed for more than fifteen years, despite the fact that there is no Baptist church there. Most of the Band members are members of the Perth church.

Perth Band supports two students in India, one a boy at Samulcotta Seminary, testifying to the interest taken by the boys in Mission work.

One Band, in addition to its regular contributions to Home and Foreign Mission work, has made five quilts for the various institutions in its own city, sent a box of toys to India, given 42 jars of fruit to the Children's Hospital, and raised \$10 for their regular work by means of a "talent" of five cents, given to each member willing to accept it. One Band has again made money for their mite boxes by raising potatoes, for which, at their open meeting, prizes were given for the largest, for the smallest, for the greatest number, etc. The potatoes were then sold, and with the prize money the sum received was placed in the mite boxes.

A Band has opened correspondence with native teachers in India and with members of other Bands, with a view to mutual advantage.

Another Band has what is of the greatest importance, a thorough and systematic study of our mission fields, the missionaries and their work.

Another Band has a baby Band of 42 members, which is under the care of an energetic superintendent, who visits each baby at a very early period in its history, gives the little one a pretty membership card, receives ten cents yearly as a fee, and is exceedingly proud of her large family of babies.

Mois River Band, with Waterville Band, recently organized, deserve especial mention. Waterville is some considerable distance from Moe's River, yet the pastor, Rev. W. G. White, does not consider the distance too great to travel, in order to keep up this little Band, begun with but eight or nine members, and which meets with much opposition from outside sources. The little Band gave \$9.00 to mission work since its organization in January last.

One Band, which had been in a rather unsteady condition, has lifted itself up, and under the able direction of a young man, is now a very active Band. Another has disbanded owing to lack of interest, but hopes are entertained of its reorganization this autumn.

Your Superintendent's heart is very sore over another Band, once the Model Band of our Convention, but which, for lack of a leader, has been allowed to die out.

There are many Circles which have not yet realized the importance of Band work. What the Sunday School is to the church the Band is to the Circle.

In conclusion, I would call the attention of Band leaders to the fact that the object of our Band organizations is the furtherance of the work undertaken by our women in the Home and Foreign Mission fields, and Bands must not forget that they have pledged themselves to support this work, and that money raised by them must, therefore, not be diverted to any other purpose, no matter how worthy it may be.

Respectfully submitted.

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Superintendent Bands, Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC DAY OF PRAYER.

In view of the low state of our treasury, will the Circles of the Eastern Convention make the subject of our finances the special thought in prayer on November the 4th.

It is hoped that no Circle will fail to observe the day. Let us not forget, either, the many requests for prayer from our missionaries, to be found in the annual report in this issue. "Making all your requests known unto Him."

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