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PROVISION.

BY THE REV. JOHN B. CLARK.

No longer on the grassy slopes of Galilee,
Arched by the wondrous azure of that Eastern sky,
Their hot brows cooling in the breezes from the sea
Soothing their hearts' wild tumult with its lullaby ;
But in the homes, the stores, the noisy crowded
street,

O Master ! lift thine eyes compassionate, and see
The weary multitude again with eager feet
Bringing their hungry, starving hearts alway to
thee.

Here is my basket, Lord, with its small loaves, no
more :

But what are they among so many ? So I sigh,
Canst thou not bless them as thou blessed loaves
before,

That none go hungering away while I am by ?

THANK-OFFERING.

TO THE CIRCLES OF ONTARIO WEST.

"Bring an Offering and come into His Courts."

We would remind the Circles of the beautiful custom which so many of them have followed for some years, of setting aside either the November or December Circle meeting as a special Thank-offering service. This year we hope that every Circle will join in this offering of praise, for we have much to thank God for.

During the last fifteen months our Baptist Mission in India has experienced a remarkable ingathering of converts ; in Bolivia, the work appears to be entering on a new era of prosperity ; while on our Home fields, unusual progress in pioneer work, a large number of converts at Feller Institute, and "the best year yet experienced in Northwest work," are tokens of God's blessing, which should lead us to His feet in thankful prayer. Let us thank God for this harvest of souls, not forgetting the tender personal mercies God has shown us, but approaching Him with humility of soul, new confidence in His promises, and consecrated offerings for His treasury.

J. T. BOOKER,

Pres. W.B.F.M.S. of Ont. W.

CARRIE H. HOLMAN,

Pres. W.B.H.M.S. of Ont. W.

NOTE.—As the Circles are Union, it is expected that the offering will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board was held Friday, Sept. 16th, Mrs. Freeland presiding. Seventeen were present. From the Treasurer's report we learned that sixty-four Circles, ten Bands and ten Individuals had contributed to the Bungalow Fund. Mrs. Dr. Chute was requested to present the greetings from our Society to the Eastern Convention, meeting in Montreal, Oct. 4th and 5th. Very interesting letters were read from Miss Hatch, Miss Folsom, Miss Baskerville and Dr. Hulet. The meeting then closed with prayer.

A. MOYLE,

Rec. Sec.

We are looking forward to a large gathering at our Convention and trust the Sisters will come praying for a great blessing on our meetings. We trust the Delegates have been prompt in sending in their names to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Ave. Any expecting to be entertained by friends should inform the Billingting Committee to that effect. On arriving in the City take the Bloor and McCaul car to Walmer Road and walk one block north. Some one will be at the Station to give directions.

If you could only know what one feels on finding one's self . . . where the least ray of the gospel has not penetrated ! If those friends who blame could see from afar what we see, and feel what we feel, they would be the first to wonder that those redeemed by Christ should be so backward in devotion, and know so little of the spirit of self-sacrifice. They would be ashamed of the hesitations that hinder us. We must remember that it was not by interceding for the world in glory that Jesus saved it. He gave himself. Our prayers for the evangelization of the world are but a bitter irony so long as we only give of our superfluity, and draw back before the sacrifice of ourselves.—M. FRANCOIS COLLARD, *Africa*.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

THE Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario, West, will be held in the Walmer Rd. Baptist Church, Toronto, Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov. 9th and 10th. The Twenty-Eighth Annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on the 9th.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, Nov. 9th., Foreign Mission Day, Mrs. J. T. Booker, President, presiding. Convention Secretary, Mrs. Glen Campbell, B.A.

Morning Session—9.30 o'clock.

- 9.30—Hymn.
 Scripture Reading, Mrs. Freeland.
 Prayer, Miss Rogers.
 Appointment of Nominating Committee.
 Committee on Resolutions.
- 10.00—Annual Reports.
 Recording Secretary.
 Corresponding Secretary.
 Treasurer.
 LINK.
 Bureau.
- 10.20—President's Address, Mrs. J. T. Booker.
 Hymn.
- 10.30—Associational Reports.
- 11.10—Bible Reading.
- 11.25—Prayer Service, Mrs. C. H. Emerson.
- 11.45—Conference, Work among our Young People, Miss Trotter.
 Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Adjournment.

Afternoon Session—2 o'clock.

- 2.00—Hymn.
 Prayer, Mrs. A. E. St. Dalmas.
 Minutes of Morning Session.
 Election of Officers.
 Prayer, Mrs. C. J. Sycamore.
- 2.40—Report of Foreign Secretary. Miss Buchanan.
 Hymn.
- 3.30—Address, A Voice from India.
 Prayer, Mrs. H. E. Stillwell.
 Collection.
 Solo.

Evening Session—8 o'clock.

- Hymn.
 Scripture Reading, Mrs. H. Francis Perry
 Prayer, Mrs. Eva Rose Yorke.
 Minutes of Afternoon Session.
 Solo.
 Introductory Remarks, Rev. J. G. Brown.
 Address, Rev. H. E. Stillwell.
 Collection.
 Music.
 Hymn.
 Benediction.

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NOMINATIONS.

The Foreign Secretary and the Treasurer are appointed by the Board. The other officers and the first five members, namely, Mrs. E. J. Hill, Mrs. W. Davies, Jr., and Mrs. Thos. White, Mrs. Geo. Hill, and Mrs. Wolfkill, retire this year, but are eligible for re-election.

All nominations and resignations must be sent in writing to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, before Tuesday, Nov. 8th, or handed to Mrs. Lloyd on the morning of the 9th. It is important that all who make nominations give their reasons for doing so.

The annual meeting of the Board will be held at Walmer Road Church, Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 3 p.m.

Cards will not be sent members of the Board.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention OF THE W.B.F.M.S. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

THE 28th Annual Convention of the W. B. F. M. S. of East Ontario and Quebec was held this year in Westmount Baptist church, in conjunction with the Home Society as usual. Foreign day opened the Convention on the 4th, and the President, Mrs. Claxton, once more held the position she has so often filled.

The prayer services led by Miss Rue Parker, of Coaticook, in the morning and by Mrs. J. R. Dick, of Montreal, in the afternoon, proved very helpful.

Regret was felt that Mrs. F. S. Weston, who was to have delivered the address of welcome, was unable to do so, but, Mrs. N. Ohman filled the place with a warm heartiness that received a corresponding reply from Mrs. George Black, of Thurso.

The President in her address spoke of the founding of the Society and the fulfilling of its initial promise. This early work was again referred to, several hours later in the afternoon session, when a pleasant surprise was given to the President. This had been arranged by the ladies of the Board, and came as a beautifully illuminated address and bouquet of twenty-five roses, one for every year of service as President, which Mrs. Claxton in her loving enthusiasm has given to the work since its inception.

Miss Edith Bentley's paper on the "LINK" and Mrs. P. A. McEwen's on "Christian Stewardship" were both much appreciated.

The rather meagre reports which the directresses regretted to present, are to be accounted for by those circles that failed to supply the information.

There were very good addresses from Mrs. Hyslop, of Asbestos Mines, on "Intemperance in India," the immense obstacle to missionary labours which is of comparatively recent date, and from Miss Helen E. Dunhill, of India, on "Zenana work and the Little Green God."

Miss Dunhill is an Eurasian and her heart is in love with the work for those she calls "her own." Dr. Chute's address in the evening's meeting brought her hearers closely in touch with the daily life and work in the Akidu Girls' Boarding School. Things as they are, the needs, the encouragements, the realities, and the ideals were clearly and earnestly told so that the whole plan of work was more definitely borne home to our hearts and minds.

Though the Convention was smaller than had been expected, only sixty-three delegates responding to roll call, there was no lack of enthusiasm and geniality throughout.

The officers returned for the year 1904-5 are as follows:—President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Gilmour; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Gordon; Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Rickert; Corresponding-Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; Recording-Secretary, Miss E. M. Crossley.

Members of the Executive:—Mesdames, Therrien, Tester, McKergow, Utting, Bentley, Cole, Ohman, Halkett, Frankish, Picard, McLaren, Radford, Webb, Griffith, Sims, Loudon, Scott and Frost, and the Misses Barker, Cramp, Russell, Clark, Allen and Tester.

The Committee on Appropriations, Mrs. Radford, convener, with the officers and directresses, brought in the following report, which was adopted as the list of appropriations for the year 1904-05:

Miss Murray's salary, \$500; Yellamanchili and Narrapatnam Bible women and work among children, \$166; Yellamanchili caste girls school, \$50; Akidu girls' boarding school, \$200; Vuyyuru girls' boarding school, \$200; Miss McLaurin's work among women and children, \$155; Vuyyuru caste girls' school, \$40; Cocanda Zenana work, \$250; Samalkota \$150. Total \$1,710.

A tent is required for Miss Murray at \$150, which it is hoped may be provided by the Society.

The committee on resolutions, Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, convenor, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Calvidi, Miss Russel and Mrs. Copeland, returned the following which were adopted by Convention on Wednesday afternoon.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, "That the sympathy and condolence of the Convention be extended to Mr. Tuddenham, in his recent bereavement."

2. *Resolved*, "That our thanks be tendered to the trustees of the Bethlehem Church for their courtesy, in placing their building at the disposal of this Convention."

3. *Resolved*, "That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Reception Committee, who have spared no efforts to ensure the comfort of the delegates, and to the friends who have so kindly entertained us; to the speakers and singers, who have contributed largely to the success of the meetings; to the Pastor of this Church, for his presence and interest, and to the trustees for the use of the building, and we would also include the pages who have ministered to our comfort."

4. *Resolved*, "That, to our denominational papers: "*The Baptist*," "*Visitor*," LINK, thanks are due for the prominent space given in their columns to the work of our societies; also to the press of this city for the excellent reports of our Convention, which have appeared in their columns."

5. "We recommend that the Circles observe the following days of prayer for missions and missionaries at home and abroad, viz: The first Thursdays in November and April."

6. "*That whereas*, the use of liquors is steadily increasing in India, be it resolved that the Baptist missionaries on our fields be urged to have Scientific Temperance taught in our mission schools, and that the children be pledged if deemed best."

7. "*Whereas*, owing to the immense numbers of people and the great distances to be traversed on our Home and Foreign fields, it is impossible for the small number of missionaries and helpers to get in touch with them all—whereas, the printed page can gain entrance where the missionary would be excluded, and reach the furthest limit of the various fields,

be it resolved that increased effort be made to provide suitable literature for distribution, and that India and North-West workers be liberally supplied with such tracts or publications as their experience has proved to be the most fitted for the needs of the various peoples under their care."

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1908-4.

There have been six meetings of the Executive this year; four regular, at which the attendance has averaged fourteen, and two special. The first of these, held on Oct. 16th, was called for the approval of Convention reports and more especially for the discussion of new work to be undertaken by the Society in consideration of an increased income. The balance of \$303.46 remaining from the year, 1902-03 reported by the Treasurer, it was decided to appropriate towards the Bungalow Fund. The other special meeting was held on March 23rd for the purpose of meeting the Rev. J. G. Brown, who was then passing through Montreal. He had much to tell about the work, and necessities of the field, and his talk resulted in a fuller comprehension of both, for the members of the Board.

One death must be recorded this year, that of Mrs. A. E. Tuddenham, who was released by God, this summer, after a long and painful illness. She was an earnest member of the Board and President of one of the city Circles.

There have been six Life-memberships granted this year, three by the Entertaining Circle: Mrs. M. C. Rickert, Treasurer of the Society, and President of Westmount Circle; Mrs. R. McCabe, of Rockland; Mrs. Geo. Blair, of Ottawa, the Superintendent of Mission Bands; Mrs. John Gile, of Smith's Falls, and lastly those received at this Convention: Mrs. F. S. Weston, of Westmount, and, I believe the first gentleman to be received as such, Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, also of Westmount.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY.

Rec. Sec.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mme. President and Ladies,—Once more the time has come for our Annual Report and as it returns each year we find ever increasing cause

for thankfulness for the work God is doing in India, and for the privilege of having a part in sending the Gospel to the Telugus. Are you not happy on having a finger—if it is only a little finger—in it?

Our Board has met harmoniously during the past months and has faithfully endeavoured to deal wisely with the questions that have come before us. We have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of our number, Mrs. A. E. Tudenham, a faithful and devoted worker, in every branch in which she was connected. After a long and tedious illness she passed away on June 1st, and though we miss her presence, we thank God for her consistent christian life.

Our sympathy has gone out also to the several members of our Board who have suffered severe bereavement by the loss of dear ones during the past year.

Although unable to send a representative to the Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Mission Boards in the United States and Canada held in New York in January, or to the summer school for training missionary workers at Northfield, our sympathy was with their aims and undertakings and we trust that such gatherings may result in the extension of the Gospel, the increased study and knowledge of christian missions.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald and Mrs. Moulton as Directors, but are sure that their interest in the work will continue. We welcome Mrs. James Kellock, of Perth, and Mrs. D. McLaurin, of Metcalfe, as worthy successors as Directors of the Canada Central and Ottawa Associations respectively. Miss Chandler continues to carry on the good work in the Eastern Association as heretofore.

An effort has been made this year to secure complete statistics of the Circles, but owing to the failure of some to return the forms on time, and to the incomplete answers of others, it has been quite impossible.

We should like to impress upon the secretaries the importance of filling out accurately and returning promptly these forms, that are so necessary for a knowledge of the work.

Circles at Hawkesbury and North Nation Mills, have been added this year. Three more Circles have reported to the Treasurer this year than in 1903, making a total of fifty-two Circles, which have given \$1,344.68, being \$221.72 less than last year.

Mrs. Geo. Blair, our new Superintendent, has carried on the work of the Bands efficiently during the year, and reports two new Bands, one at Vankleek Hill, and a Young Peoples' Band at Coaticook, from which we expect great things. Five Bands have dropped from our books, making the total number that reported twenty, giving \$285.10, being \$56.20 less than last year.

As our estimates for the work we have been supporting were not so large for the coming year, and our books closed with a surplus, it was left with the Board at our annual meeting to make further appropriations as was thought advisable.

We therefore felt justified in granting the sum of \$200 towards the village schools on the Vuyyuru field. In addition to this, to centre our interests around Miss Murray, \$135 was appropriated for her work on the Yellamanchilli field.

In view of the pressing need for new bungalows for our single lady missionaries, it was decided to pledge ourselves to raise \$1,000 for this fund, and that the \$303 balance from last year, be given to this object. To this our Circles have contributed \$55.55.

It may be encouraging to state here that we have received \$300 from the late Miss Jennie McArthur's estate, and are looking for a final settlement in the near future. This money we expect to use for the Bungalow fund and for much needed repairs on the Akidu school building. We have sent to conference in India for plans, estimates, etc. for this rebuilding which is so necessary for the comfort of the children.

We are not discouraged at the falling off of our contributors for we are sure that this work is for God and that He will continue to bless it, and that He is calling us to greater liberality and more earnest endeavor in the work so important and needy.

INDIA.

Miss Murray, our missionary, reached Cocanada on Dec. 2nd and was appointed by Conference near the end of January to the work among the women and children on the Yellamanchilli field and to the oversight of the same on the Narsapatnam field till other provision could be made. While awaiting appointment, a tour of ten days with Miss McLeod, on the Peddapuram field, proved a good preparation for her return to field work.

Although others had gone before with the Gospel in many of the villages, yet our missionary is the first to be permanently appointed to carry on a Gospel crusade among the women and children of the Yellamanchilli field, particularly, Miss Murray's staff of assistants consists of several Bible women.

P. Salome has accompanied the missionary on tour, and has been found very helpful as she has a good voice. Last March, while on tour, she sold nearly forty copies of the Gospel of Luke in less than two weeks. She is the widow of a former preacher, has had some special training on the Cocanada boarding school, and by her cleanliness and inoffensiveness has set a good example on this field, where she has been at work for some time.

Our missionary has the unique honor of having on her field, the two missionary Bible women, Rachel and Lekkala Salome, supported by the Telugu Baptist Women's Missionary Circles. In addition on the Narsapatnam field, there are as helpers, Surla Kannamma and Annamma, the former a widow without education, but possessing a heart full of love for Christ, the latter a worker in our mission since Mr. Currie's time.

Blandinamma, who is supported through our Society by the inmates of the Redemption Home, Toronto, has taken a course in hospital training and has been rendering valuable assistance, as she is a woman of rare personal charms, as well as richly endowed with those qualities necessary to a successful Bible woman.

Touring: Up to the time of writing, fifty-six days have been spent on tour, preaching, and in most cases welcomed by high and low alike.

Some of the villages contained delightful surprises for the missionary and Miss Murray mentions especially the welcome given her in one village by an elderly caste woman, who claims to be a Christian, having heard the Gospel from Miss Priest, while on a visit to Tuni.

Seetamma, as she is called, and her son listened very attentively while Miss Murray and her Bible-woman told the Gospel story. Miss Murray writes, "About a month ago as I was passing her village, I noticed a corpse being burned just outside the village and learned that Seetamma's son had died. Fearing to intrude upon her in her sorrow, I was passing her house when she saw me and came forward with such a look of peace on her fine face, instead of the usual wailing and beating of head and breast, and said

before the crowd following me: 'My son has gone. He said he was going to Heaven and that he was done with this world. He has joined your Jesus Christ.' I believed her. Hinduism could not have calmed that mother while her son's corpse was being burned outside the village."

Miss Murray writes of many other instances where the Gospel story was welcomed, showing the interesting character of the work among the villages, in one of which, by special invitation, two hours were spent with the temple priest, his wife and her sister, who listened respectfully and were apparently interested.

Practically the whole town of Yellamanchilli is open to the Gospel, and it is hoped that before long a Bible-woman may be stationed here permanently, so that as many regular pupils as possible may receive instruction. A number of women have already been regularly taught by Blandinamma.

During the hot season seven or eight Sunday Schools were carried on, one of them being started by request of a heathen mother, who said, "Teach the boys and they will be thinking of it when you are gone."

A class has been held for the study of the Sunday School lesson and a service each morning during the hot season, at the bungalow, for all in the compound, and sometimes attended by patients from the hospital.

The Caste Girls' School was re-opened in January, with an attendance of thirty-four, which has decreased. In spite of this good results are looked for. Days spent in tour 56; villages visited 32; heathen homes visited 224; meetings with Christians 47; childrens' meetings 41.

Vuyyuru Work among Women and Children. Miss McLaurin found on her return to Vuyyuru, that on the whole, the work on this field was progressing along the old familiar lines. Miss Selman had done most efficient service, carrying on extensive touring, as well as the work in and around Vuyyuru itself, and in every way the work had profited by her faithful and loving care.

Since 1902, the influence of the work had extended into a part of the country never reached before. The Spirit, all unknown to the missionaries, had been preparing the hearts of the people to receive God's truth, and they were converted and baptized. When Miss McLaurin went with her Bible-women to this hithert

unseen part of the country, to visit the women, she was most lovingly received and the message well listened to. Only in one or two of the ten new villages visited was there any opposition, and this came from the men.

Miss McLaurin writes, "That in the old villages a growing interest was noticed in many cases. In some places the same women formed our audience, day after day, showing a most pathetic thirst for the truth and keeping us with them until dark. At one house a most intelligent young widow said, 'We see that your heart is overflowing with joy in this religion—we haven't that religion. Tell us how to get it?'

"We had meetings with Christian women in some places, finding them with hearts warm and eager for more of God's Word. But alas! in some villages finding them sadly indifferent; but they all came to our meetings and we believe some were aroused and helped. The Pastor's wives need encouraging and directing in their work of leading the women in the Helpmeet Circles. The Helpmeet Circles of Akidu and Vuyyuru still support a Bible-woman in Yellamanchili, and our Vuyyuru women are doing their share, but I feel that if this work were carefully and persistently developed, it might yield still better results.

"The work among the Caste women of Vuyyuru is not very encouraging at present; and the Christian women of Vuyyuru town have not learned their Scripture portion this hot season. The reason for this discouraging state is not far to seek. Catherine, the Vuyyuru Bible-women, who taught the caste women so faithfully and well, and who taught the Christian women so many precious passages of God's Word, has married and left us for another field of labour. The caste women continually ask for her and deplore her departure, and we do too, no less. Now there is no one to teach them regularly, and no one to teach the Christian women and her work is being largely undone. Mariamma and Jane are left to us and are doing faithful work, though Mariamma is getting old and feeble and will not be able to toun much longer, I fear.

"The Caste Girls' School has at last been started and is running, though there is not as large an attendance as we want and hope to have. We have two teachers, a Brahmin as Headmaster, and a Christian woman to teach Bible and hymns and help with the smaller

classes. The school has met with a good deal of opposition from those who are enemies of the truth, and at one time it almost ceased altogether. But the Lord has cared for his work and brought us safely through.

"The coming of Dr. Hulet to share in the work of evangelizing the women and children of these hundreds of villages is a source of great encouragement. We expect that the exercise of her medical skill will open many a shut door.

Vuyyuru Girls' Boarding School.—Parents here are beginning to realize the advantages of education and are anxious to send their children to the school. Twenty-five girls were in attendance during the first term and many applications had to be refused on account of lack of accommodation.

The children have done good work during the year, no serious illness having intervened. Several have been baptized, and others have sought baptism, but have been asked to wait.

Dr. Hulet who has had charge of the school since Mrs. Stillwell left on furlough, has given as a new departure, a series of practical talks on temperance, illustrated by simple experiments. The older christians find it so difficult to give up drinking the toddy which they have taken since childhood, that it is hoped that the younger ones growing up may be instilled with the desire for better things.

Vuyyuru Village Schools.—It is the opinion of those who know, that village schools as a whole, are the greatest and most important educative work of the mission, for they form the nursery of the native church. Mr. Cross reports fifteen schools on the Vuyyuru field with 16 teachers and 295 scholars, 220 male and 75 female. Five of the teachers are women, the wives of preachers, who have been educated in Samalkota, lower secondary school while their husbands were taking the theological course at the seminary. One school has been closed for some time, but there is hope of reopening as soon as a suitable teacher can be obtained. Another met with rather serious opposition at first, some evil-minded persons having set fire to the building, and the christians were rather afraid to rebuild lest it should be burned again. However, there are forty names on the roll and a regular attendance reported, so the work has only been hindered, not stopped by the evil deed.

Akidu Girls' Boarding School was under the superintendence of Miss Morrow until Mr. and Mrs. Woodburne were appointed to the Akidu

field, and now the school is in charge of the missionary's wife. Twenty-three girls were in attendance during the year and in spite of an unusual amount of illness, brought on probably by the uncommonly wet and changeable weather, excellent work has been done. As usual a portion of their daily rice has been given to the Lord.

A Christian Endeavor Society was formed last October and has been a real help to the children spiritually.

Zenana Work.—The high caste woman if she hears the Gospel, must hear it in her own home, and with this aim in view Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs have been the means of presenting the Gospel to many a darkened home in Cocanada and its outskirts. Bible lessons, too, are given and some of the women are learning to pray and the influence of this teaching is showing itself in their lives.

One whose child was very ill, was able to say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Another who was very ignorant said to Miss Gibson, "I cannot remember all you tell me, but when the neighbors say 'Come along with us to the bathing festival,' I remember Christ alone can save, and argue, what is the use of going and so do not do so."

In one of the homes long visited, a woman whom Miss Gibson believes is a Christian, shows deep interest and influences her neighbours, so that as the worker visits this home regularly once a week, she always finds a group of attentive listeners awaiting her. Very many profess to be believers and have given up idol worship, but the old story is their's that they have not the courage to give up their caste. In every case where there is opposition it comes from men, for wherever an educated man is found, there is almost certain to be a Bible and many search it diligently for the sake of argument, and they argue with so much sophistry that Miss Gibson finds that it inevitably proves a stumbling block to the women.

Our workers also shared in the distribution of the Lord Radstock Bibles, given in memory of our late Queen Victoria, and all the women who could read and were without a New Testament or portion of Scripture were given one or the other through this source.

Miss Beggs writes, that in January she had the opportunity of speaking to a large gathering of women at a bathing festival, and in this way reached many who had never heard the Gospel

before. As these came from various parts of the town, doubtless they would be the means of carrying the word back with them to their companions, and thus the influence would be widespread.

One young widow, a Brahmin by caste, of whom we have heard before, continues steadfast. She gathers many women and children around her and reads and actually preaches to them. After reading the Bible through, she said to Miss Beggs, "I have found the Saviour and I love this book better than my life. If any attempt to take it from me, I will sooner part with my life."

Other women give evidence of reading their Bibles with pleasure, one even sitting up at night when she had no time in the day, to read the Scripture for her own comfort and peace.

These are some of the encouraging features, but the faith, patience and love of the laborers is often sorely tried by the careless and indifferent ones who have often heard, but on whom the Word seems to have no effect.

Samalkota Seminary.—Mr. Craig has very kindly sent us a few items regarding his educational work.

While this is called our theological seminary, the theological department is a very small part of the school, the centre and body being the lower secondary department. Although this is below the high schools, yet it is the only one for boys in the whole mission. English is taught as the second language and Mrs. Craig devotes considerable time to the English lessons in the highest classes, taking regular periods in the school.

During the first half of this year seventy-three boys from the various fields were in attendance in this department and as "these boys are the hope of our mission, humanly speaking," it is interesting to note the three openings for those who have passed this course successfully. Some, after taking normal training can teach a primary school, and as these are needed in scores and hundreds of villages on our field, many of the boys will find their work there. Others can go back to the seminary for theology and more Bible and lastly the better and brighter boys have been helped to go on through the high school course to matriculation. Their support is advanced them on condition, that they will repay when they get through and go to work. Seven boys or young men are being helped now.

Below the lower secondary classes, there is a primary department with eighteen boys in attendance last term.

To keep the boys from becoming proud and to help them spiritually they are divided into three companies for work. Every day one company husks rice by pounding it on a wooden mortar, another works for an hour in cleaning up the premises, half of the third company cooks, and the other half washes clothes.

Prayers are conducted in the hall of the seminary every morning, Sunday services and week night prayer meetings are held, besides there is a Y. M. C. A. for the older boys and a Christian Endeavor Society for the younger ones. Bible lessons are taught in every class in the school every day. Four boys was baptized last October. There were eleven students in the Bible and theology classes last term, and in the training school for teachers there were three young men and three women, wives of theological students. There are now six Christian men and one Christian woman on the staff, there being only two Hindus left.

Urgent Needs—Foreign Department.—Repairs on the Akidu Girls' Boarding School; Our share in the new bungalows; A tent for Miss Murray.

In the Home Department.—1. We need earnest persons in all our Circles, who will find time for the study of Christian Missions. Rex Christus, an outline study of Japan is the theme for united study for 1905. At this time, when the eyes of the world are fastened on Japan, it ought to be an easy matter to secure the enthusiastic interest of our Circles.

2. The united prayers of all our supporters for the work in India, for the schools and zenanas and especially for Miss Murray, that great wisdom and grace may be given her in the organization of the work in the five hundred and eighty villages under her charge. For Miss McLaurin and her work on the Vuyuru field, with its 300 open villages. For the Caste Girls' School at Vuyuru, which has just been opened, that it may be the means of bringing many of "the little ones," into the Kingdom. For more educated, earnest, native helpers, and particularly for the two Bible-women, who are so urgently needed on the Vuyuru field.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,

Cor. Secy

Montreal, Oct. 4th, 1904.

THE MISSIONARY'S HIDDEN LIFE.

"For me to live is Christ."
"Your life is hid with Christ in God."

Would you know the deep secret impelling,
To the toil and the trial afar,
Where sin-blinded heathen are dwelling
In midnight unlit by a star?
'Tis love alone,
The love unknown,
Of Jesus.

Would you know as we speed o'er the billows,
In the land of the stranger to roam,
Where peace that the weary heart pillows
Hath her quiet unchangeable home?
The secret knows
Whose deep repose
Is Jesus.

Comes a thought how the loved ones treasured,
Are far in the home-land unsaved?
The pain in a rapture unmeasured,
Is lost, as our spirits have proved
In loneliness,
The loveliness
Of Jesus.

With legions of darkness surrounded,
Where weapons are wiles of deceit,
By the fiercest dart unconfounded
We triumph, unknowing defeat.
And, hiding, rest
Abiding, blest,
In Jesus.

When the word of eternal Salvation,
Wakes the lost one to transport undreamed,
Beholding the soul's transformation
From ruin to glory redeemed,
Oh, blest employ!
We taste the joy,
Of Jesus.

When the spirit with sorrow is breaking
O'er the stumbling, the straying, the lost,
'Tis the shade of the cross we're partaking,
It's load of His Bride is the cost;
If torn with care,
The thorn we share
With Jesus.

Like seed in earth's valley thorn-cumbered,
Let our lives sink unheeded to die,
That sheaves of a harvest unnumbered
May gladden the earth and the sky.
And One All-Glorious,
Our King, victorious,
Our Jesus.

Blessed loss of ourselves in fulfilling
Our part in His dying, to rise
Triumphant to join in the thrilling,
Unspeakable joy of the skies:—
Eternity!
Eternity!
With Jesus.

(Mrs. Scott and I are very happy in the Lord here, and thankful for the privilege of coming out to labor together with Him in this needy land).

A. A. SCOTT.

Peddapuram, India.

MISSION BAND REPORT.

There has been some difficulty in securing reports from the Bands, in some instances, owing to your Superintendent not having the correct addresses of Secretaries or Leaders. Twenty-two Bands reported contributions to Foreign Missions, \$236.81, and to Home Missions, including Grande Ligne and North-west, \$209.35. Total, \$446.16.

Some of the Bands did not report number of members, the total membership of those which did report is 647.

Two Bands have discontinued the work through lack of Leaders. Two new ones have been organized, one at Vankleek Hill and one at Coaticook.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

ALLAN'S MILLS.—Willing Workers' Band with a membership of 16, contributed to Home Missions, \$2; Grande Ligne, \$2; Scandinavian, \$2; Indian, \$2; Foreign Missions, \$20.

ARNPRIOR.—Fifty members, contributed to Home Missions, \$2.50; Grande Ligne, \$5.

BROCKVILLE.—Girls' Band, 80 members, support two girls at Akidu; given to India, \$12; Home Missions, \$12; Grande Ligne, \$10. Have held one Public meeting, also a Thank-offering meeting.

CARLETON PLACE.—Sunshine Band with a membership of 33, have given to India, \$3; Home Missions, \$3; Grande Ligne, \$3; North-west, \$3.

DELTA.—What I Can Band, membership 32; contributed \$12 to Foreign Missions.

KINGSTON, FIRST CHURCH.—No Report.

KINGSTON, UNION ST.—No Report.

PERTH.—Young Helpers' Band has 32 members, who have given to Foreign Missions, \$16.50; Home Missions, \$1.50.

PHILLIPSVILLE.—Maple Leaf Band, given to Foreign Missions, \$2.25; Home Missions, \$2.50.

SMITH'S FALLS.—Membership 45; contributed to Foreign Missions, \$31.24; Home Missions, \$2; Grande Ligne, \$2; Scandinavian, \$3.

RENFREW.—Organized two years ago, has 25 members; given to Home Missions, \$5; North-west, \$5; Grande Ligne, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$5.

Westport has given \$3.55 to Home Missions; \$3.65 to North-west.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

CLARENCE.—With 37 members, contributed \$3.50 to India (special); Home Missions, \$3.50.

KENMORE.—No Report.

OSGOODE.—No Report.

OSNABRUCK.—No Report.

OTTAWA, FIRST.—Cheerful Gleaners' Band, reports 60 members, who contributed to Foreign Missions, \$18; Home Missions, \$18; Grande Ligne, \$12.80; North-west, \$5.

OTTAWA, MCPHAIL MEMORIAL.—Light Holders' Band, have given to Foreign Missions, \$17; Grande Ligne, \$5.

OTTAWA, FOURTH AVE.—Sixty-five members, \$7 to India; \$5 to Home Missions.

ROCKLAND.—Forty members, have given to Foreign Missions, \$15.

ROXBORO'.—No Report.

VANKLEEK HILL.—Buds of Promise Band. Organized in April, 1904. Have made no contributions yet, but hope to do something this year and have a brighter report at next Convention.

WINCHESTER.—No Report.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

COATICOOKE.—Organized the first of year, have given to Foreign Missions, \$15.

GRANDE LIGNE.—Boys' and Girls' Band, have 35 members and have given \$7.50 to India.

MONTREAL, OLIVET.—Thirty-five members, Foreign Missions, \$23; Home Missions, \$15.

QUEBEC.—Willing Workers' Band, with 33 members, have contributed \$80 during the year. This Band is again the Banner Band. Foreign Missions, India, \$30; Special (Lepre), \$10; Home Missions, \$15; Grande Ligne (Mr. Detand), \$10; Indian, \$5; North-west, \$10.

SAWYERVILLE.—Owing to children living so far apart and unfavorable during summer, have been unable to meet, but hope for better this year.

WESTMOUNT.—Sunshine Band, has given to Foreign Missions, \$11.82; Home Missions, \$2; Indian, \$1.35.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. BLAIR.

October 5th, 1904.

Our Work at Home.

CORRECTION.

In the report of the Clarence Thank-offering they were credited with \$81.08, instead of \$18.08, which was really a generous offering, and they do not wish credit for more.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

COLCHESTER.—Once again the pleasure of preparing for and having our annual open meeting has come and gone. On the evening of Sept. 20th, we had the Rev. L. S. Hughson, of Windsor, with us, who gave a very instructive address on both Home and Foreign Missions, which was listened to most attentively by a good audience. Our Circle during the past year has enjoyed large spiritual blessing, the sisters feeling it more and more of a joy to labor in the cause of missions. We have had one added to our number and she is proving quite an acquisition. Our receipts fell a little behind those of last year, but we hope to make it up during the coming one. Miss Julien read a paper on "Mr. Sharpe's Work among the Indians," prepared by Mrs. Hanna, of Chatham, which was most interesting. The collection amounted to \$7.32.

JANE RITCHIE.

DUNVILLE.—Our Mission Circle held its first Thank-offering meeting on Sept. 1st, at the home of Mrs. Forrester, one of the Vice-Presidents. The program consisted of devotional exercises led by the President, Mrs. McDonald, and Mrs. Saunders. A paper on "Power and Prayer," by Mrs. Braven; a reading on "Home Missions," by Mrs. Rowe; solo, Mrs. Camelford, and a map talk on our "Work in India," by Mrs. McDonald. The envelopes containing the offerings were then opened and the messages read. The offering amounted to \$7.80. Two new members were added to our list making our membership now 22. We hope during the coming winter to learn more about our different missionary objects. Our members all seem interested and are hoping to interest others in this great work.

(MRS.) ALEX. CAMELFORD, Sec.

FIRST HARVEY, N.B.—Our Circle has not reported through your columns for some time. It is not because we are not interested in the LINK. We find both the *Tidings* and LINK very interesting and helpful in our Society. We have met every month during the year and are glad to say that our interest spiritually has been increased. Our membership is 23. One of our dear sisters, Mrs. Mary T. Turner, has been called to higher service. We miss her presence and prayers. She was an earnest worker for

the Lord. On account of helping to raise money to pay for a parsonage, we have not done as much for missions as in the previous year. The Church, Sunday School, Mission Band, and Auxiliary Society, have raised about \$80 for Home and Foreign Missions and have paid \$800 on the parsonage. We trust the coming year will find us more faithful and more interested in the Master's work.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. A. F. Brown, President; Mrs. W. Stevens, Vice-President; Miss Bessie Ferris, Secretary; Mrs. T. Stevens, Treasurer.

(MRS.) G. A. COONAN, Sec.

NEW SARUM.—The combined Anniversary of the Mission Circle and Band was held in the church on Wednesday evening, July 27th. President, Mrs. Newcombe presiding. After singing by the congregation, the Rev. W. P. Reekie read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer. We then had instructive and entertaining addresses by Mrs. Doolittle, of Sparta, on "Missionary Work in the North-west"; "Home Missions," by Miss M. Laidlaw; on our "Foreign Work" by Mrs. W. P. Reekie. All three addresses were brimful of information in regard to the needs of the work and our responsibilities towards them.

Brief reports of our own work in Circle and Band during the past year were given by our Secretaries. Appropriate vocal selections were given during the evening by Mrs. W. Spencer, of Ridgetown; Miss Stella McTaggart, Mr. A. C. Newcomb, B.A., of Toronto, and the choir of the church. A collection in aid of the Bungalow Fund was taken and the meeting closed with singing, and the benediction by the Rev. A. C. Baker. After the meeting light refreshments were served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

MRS. E. FRANÇIS, Sec.

TRINITY, GUELPH.—The Mission Band and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening, Oct. 14th. Instead of the usual annual program we were favored by Rev. H. C. Priest, who kindly gave an address on "Life in India," illustrated by stereoptical views. To the delight of all, we were brought face to face with views which made us realize the work in such a way that our interest was deepened and our knowledge greatly increased. We are very grateful to our friend, Mr. Priest, for affording us this pleasure and trust the result shall be increased giving and fuller interest.

A. M. EVANS, Pres.

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

Receipts from Sept. 16th, 1904, to Oct. 15th, 1904, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Dovercourt Rd. (25 cts. Thank-offering), \$15.22; New Liskeard, (\$3.40 for Bungalow), \$8.40; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$69.28; Oshawa, \$3; Salford, \$6.70; Brantford, First, (\$50 for Miss McLeod, \$4 for Bungalow), \$54; London South, \$5.75; Plympton, \$3; Fort William, \$8.10; Guelph Trinity, (\$10 for Bungalow), \$18.75; Markham, Second, \$7.25; Brooke, \$7.30; Midland, \$3; Gilmour Memorial, (\$8.06 for Bungalow), \$16.06; Binbrook, \$4; Dutton, \$1.50; Poplar Hill, (\$5.10 for Bungalow), \$3.20 Thank-offering, \$4.57; Bentick, \$5; Lakefield, \$5.71; Orillia, \$11; Burgessville, \$5.80; Peterboro', Murray St., \$17.90; Georgetown, (\$2 for Bungalow), \$5; Greenbank, \$4.01; Campbellford, \$2; Beachville, \$4.50; Brampton, \$4.70; Toronto, Western, \$10.27; Cramahé, (\$1 for Bungalow), \$2.80; York Mills, \$5.15; Cobourg, \$4; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., (\$6.70 for Bungalow), \$15.05; Jaffa, for Bungalow, \$3.50; Colchester, (85 cts. for Bungalow), \$5; St. Marys, (\$1 for Bungalow), \$2.90; St. Thomas, Centre St., for Bungalow, \$12.09; Orangeville, \$5; Clinton, \$2.50; Daywood, \$2.35; Ingersoll, (to make Miss J. Reader a Life-member), \$25; Sarnia Township, \$3.25; Ridgetown, \$7.21; Listowel, \$4.25; Barrie, \$6.25; Calvary, \$8; Sprucedale, \$2.25; Lakeshore Calvary, \$10.80; Parkhill, \$2; Sarnia, (\$20 for Bungalow), \$30; Harrow, \$5; Forest \$3; East Toronto, (\$5 for Bungalow), \$10; Petrolia, (\$8.35 for Bungalow), \$15.20; Wilkesport, \$2; Grimsby, \$6; Toronto, Bloor St., \$37.93; Toronto, Immanuel, (\$15.55 for Bungalow), \$30.20; Parry Sound, (\$7 for Bungalow), \$8; West Oxford, \$5; Bethel, King, \$4.70; Woodstock, Ft. St. Ch., \$9; Gravenhurst, \$5; Guelph, First, \$4; Toronto, Bloor St., Y. W. M. C., \$10.70; Toronto, College St., for Bungalow, \$65.05; Gravenhurst, for Bungalow, \$10; Beamsville, (\$8 for Satyavedam), \$15.90; Sault Ste. Marie, \$7.50; Paisley, \$2.40; Scotland, \$5.25; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$4; First, Onondaga, \$3.75; Ailsa Craig, (\$10 for Bungalow), \$14.70; New Sarum, \$1.50; Burch, \$5; Brooke and Enniskillen, \$3.20; Atwood, \$1.30; East Oxford, \$8.50; Owen Sound, toward Life-membership, \$20; Brownsville, \$4; Shedden, \$5; Toronto, College St., \$23.75; Whitevale, \$8.50; Victoria, \$4; Kenilworth, \$2.25; St. Thomas, Centre Y.L.M.C., (\$1.50 for Bungalow), \$3.50; Port Colborne (\$1 for Bungalow), \$2.50; Chatham, William St., (\$15 for Bungalow), \$21.80; St. George, \$3.45; Gladstone, (\$5.50 for Bungalow), \$13.27; Burford, \$2.50; Meaford, (\$5.50 for Bungalow), \$9.40; Port Hope, \$11.65; Arkona, Thank-offering, \$5.51; Dundas, \$2.50; Brantford, Calvary, \$8.50; Tilsonburg, \$11.71; Toronto, First Ave., \$11; Alvinston, \$3.70; St. Thomas, Centre St., (\$2.30 towards Life-membership), \$14.93; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., (\$10 for Bungalow), \$19.75; Kingsville, \$7; London, Adelaide St., Y. L., (\$4.25 Thank-offering), \$30; Cheltenham, for Rebecca, \$5; Galt, (\$8 for Bungalow), \$18.10; Wingham, for Bungalow, \$11; Tiverton, \$11.65; West Nissour, \$4.75; Delhi, \$3.38; Durham, \$2.50; Paris, (\$21.19 for Bungalow, \$4.80 Thank-offering), \$43.39; Lindsay, (\$10.50 for Bungalow), \$21; Cobourg, for Bungalow, \$3.15; St. Catharines, Queen St., for M. Martha, \$25; Aurora, \$1.50; Leamington, \$3; Toronto:—Jarvis St., (\$3 special), \$92.21; Century, \$7.85;

Memorial, \$3.50; Beverley St., (\$12.53 for Bungalow), \$25.30; Olivet, \$8.22. Courtland, \$4; Boston, (70 cents on Life-membership), \$11; Langton, for Bungalow, \$1; Port Perry, \$6; Walkerton, (7.68 Thank-offering), \$10.70; Hagersville, \$2.20. Total, \$1,353.77.

FROM BANDS.—Fenelon Falls, for "Vernagiri Sundramma," \$14; East Oxford, for "Chilukoti Nukkayya," \$10.20; St. Marys, (\$1 for Bungalow), \$5; Aylmer, to make Miss Eric O'Brien and Mrs. B. Miller, Life-members, \$20; Gilmour Memorial, \$10.50; Lakefield, \$4.50; Ingersoll, \$1.50; Vittoria, for "Palli Kanthamma, \$6; Uxbridge, for Bungalow, \$2; Chatham, William St., for "Bodapati Elizabeth, \$2.50; Colborne, \$2; Listowel, \$2; Sarnia, \$2.12; Forest, \$1; Hamilton, Herkimer St., for Thuluru Annamma, \$8; Toronto, College St., \$6; Petrolia, \$5; Langton, \$2; Durham, \$4; Daywood and Leith, \$10; Dundas, \$4; Cheltenham, (\$3 special), \$6.50; Orangeville, \$10.50; Brantford, Calvary, for "Degala Karunamma, \$12; Port Hope, in loving memory of Wm. Angus Hume, \$14.50; Shedden, \$1.46; Brantford, First Ch., \$8; Brantford, "Shenston Memorial," \$1.50; St. George, (\$8.50 for "Surla Kanamma," (\$2 for Bungalow), \$10.50; Hagersville, for Bungalow, \$1; Woodstock, First, for Pallipati Samuel, \$17; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$18.55; Guelph Trinity, for Bolivia, \$7. Total, \$230.83.

FROM SUNDRIES.—St. Thomas, Centre St., Jr. B. Y. P. U., for "Ponnamali Adiyaya," \$7; LINKS, \$6.25; Mrs. Wm. Craig, for Bungalow, \$25; Mrs. R. W. Elliot, for Miss Corning, \$40; Moulton College, Y. W. C. A., \$31.75; Berlin Ladies Aid, \$2; Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; "An aged widow," \$2; "Special" toward Miss Pratt's support, \$9.40; Colchester, B. Y. P. U. \$1.21; Toronto, Immanuel, Jr. C. E., for Bungalow, \$1.45; Mrs. R. W. Elliot, for Bungalow, \$30; Mrs. E. M. Southworth, for "lepers," \$1. Total \$167.06.

Total receipts for the month - - - - - \$1,751 66

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer,
on estimates - - - - - \$594 67
Extra, for "lepers" - - - - - 6 00
Total - - - - - \$600 67

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.
500 receipt postals, printed - - - - - \$ 6 25
Printing Association Report blanks - - - - - 2 00
" Mission Band " " - - - - - 75
Total - - - - - \$9 00

Total disbursements for the month - - - - - \$609 67

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.
Receipts—"Special" - - - - - 60
Mrs. R. W. Elliot - - - - - \$100 00
St. George Mission Circle - - - - - 1 00
Tupperville Union Mission C. - - - - - 6 25
Total - - - - - \$107 85

Disbursement.—By General Treasurer for
Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - \$41 66

GENERAL ACCOUNT.
Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - - - \$9,656 28
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 \$9,074 24

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.
Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - - - \$330 80
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - - - 500 00

EVA NASMITH,
14 Maitland St., Toronto. Treasurer pro tem.

Youths' Department.

OUR MISSION.

"In our country many children
 Know not of a Saviour's love,—
 Know not that He died to save them,
 For a brighter home above.
 Let us gather in the children,
 Sinful outcasts though they be,
 Tell them of the blessed Jesus,
 How He died to make them free.
 Let us teach the distant heathen,
 Sending them of God's rich store,
 But do *not* forget the children
 Who are living at our door!"

—Selected.

SISTER BELLE.



Our readers will be glad to see the face of Sister Belle, Mrs. J. B. Halkett, of Ottawa, whose admirable articles in *THE LINK* and other papers have interested so many.

Our sister was the first to offer herself as a lady missionary to our Board, but, though circumstances hindered her going, her interest

in the work has never waned; but by pen and speech and prayer she has ever promoted it.

BABIES.

There is a baby-boy who lives next door to me, a merry, bright-eyed little fellow who had his first birthday in August. He certainly rules as king in his home, and my young folks help to spoil him. Little Scott rides out in his beautiful carriage, or toddles along over the grass, making friends with all who see him. You boys and girls may have just such a dear baby to love and care for. Shall we talk to-day of some heathen babies in their homes? Who knows where the island of Madagascar is? In that land there are what the people call lucky and unlucky days.

If a baby is born on an unlucky day the parents say it will never do to let him grow up for he would surely bring sorrow to all around him. Sometimes they drown him at once. Others give him one chance of life. They put the little one in a gateway where cattle have to pass, and if it escapes being tramped to death it is allowed to live. One baby was placed right before seven oxen. The first put its nose down to the baby, (people kiss each other by rubbing their noses together in that land,) so the mother thought the ox had kissed her baby. Then it jumped right over it, all the seven oxen followed this good example, so baby was taken home in safety. In one part of Africa a baby who cuts a top tooth before a lower one is considered unlucky, and is often put to death that the rest of the family may not be harmed. In China many a baby girl is drowned, as kittens sometimes are in Canada, because the parents think girls do not pay for bringing up, or she is thrown out in the street for the scavenger to pick up in his cart next morning. Among the Indians of North America a baby is strapped to a board and hung up to some tree while the mother is at work. Some tribes pack the little head around with pads so it will become flat, as flat, square-shaped heads are thought the most beautiful. Many an Italian baby sleeps as sweetly in a wooden box strapped on to the hand-organ as little Scott does in his dainty hammock, swinging in the balcony in his home. Some African babies are tied to their mother's back with their little heads bobbing about all day in the burning sun or pouring rain, while she works in the fields to get food for her husband. In India babies are carried strapped on the side of their mother, or in a basket on her head. In Egypt babies are taught to sleep on the ground or on stone benches without pillows so their backs may be straight. In Burmah a "white baby" is a great curiosity and heathen mothers wonder at it being dressed, for their babies wear nothing until they are five or six years old unless it is silver rings on its ankles, or silver beads around the neck.

But the *LINK* will be too full for a long article this month. Next time I will tell you how people name their babies in heathen lands. Let us all thank God that our baby is safely sheltered and loved in a Christian home in Canada.

Ottawa, Oct., 1904.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.—"For an increase of prayer and interest in Mission Work among pastors and church members in the home land. For a blessing among all departments of work during the year, that many be fitted and made willing to fill vacant places in Mission Bands and elsewhere, that the Lord's work may prosper."

OCTOBER

Pale in her fading bowers the Summer stands,
Like a new Niobe with clasped hands,
Silent above the flowers, her children lost,
Slain by the arrows of the early frost.
The clouded Heaven above is pale and gray,
The misty Earth below is wan and drear,
The baying winds chase all the leaves away,
As cruel hounds pursue the trembling deer;
It is a solemn time, the Sunset of the Year.

—R. H. STODDARD, in *Watchman*.

CANADIAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION AGAIN.

Dear Friends:

A request has come from a correspondent in Nova Scotia, asking that I write something for the November LINK regarding the union of the Baptists of Canada in Foreign Mission work, which is so heartily looked for, by many of the workers in the two Missions in this country. Others could do this better, but I am only required to do my best.

More than thirty years ago, about the time when the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec were establishing an independent Mission in India, just north of the field of the American Baptist Missionary Union, seven Missionaries from the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces were over in Burmah, vainly looking for a place to settle on that side of the Bay of Bengal.

The late Rev. A. V. Timpany and Dr. John McLaurin had the honour of being the pioneer missionaries for the Baptists of Ontario, for which service they were well equipped by several years of labour on the field of the A.B.M.U., Mr. Timpany was about returning to Canada on furlough, but before he left India he wrote our missionaries urging them to come to this side of the bay and occupy the stretch of country which lay between the north of the territory, they proposed to preempt, and the field of the

English Baptists, whose southern station was then, as now, Berhampore in the Ganjam District.

Mr. Timpany went to Canada, Dr. McLaurin came to Cocanada, and opened up the work there, and our missionaries corresponded with their Board, in regard to this new move. Some of our people will still remember the steps by which our friends in Burmah were led, till they finally landed in Cocanada, in 1875, and in a few months moved north and took possession of our present field. Between these two fields, in this country, there is no natural dividing line, the land is one, the people are one in language, religion, and the many customs and habits, which bind Hindu society so firmly together. The missionaries on these two fields are one in nationality, one in faith and one in mission policy.

When Mr. Timpany went home he went with a great vision of the union of the Baptists of Canada, at home and on the foreign field, and this vision never left him while he walked with limited sight here below. With this in mind he visited the Maritime Provinces, talked with many, and, as a means of bringing the people closer together, tried to get the LINK edited and published among our people, but in vain. He and Mrs. Timpany returned to India in 1878, bringing me with them, and perhaps I learned more from them on that voyage, than I learned in the same length of time, in any period of my life.

We arrived in India to find, that the missionaries of the two fields were already united in an annual Conference, which was peculiarly helpful to those in our section, because of the experience which Messrs Timpany and McLaurin brought to it, from their years of work farther south.

In those early days the union of the two Missions was much talked of, and the Conference voted in favor of it, and lived in hope of the con-

summation, which has not yet been realized. Mr. Timpany, who, perhaps, worked for it the most, went to his home in Heaven, and the rest of us have gone on year after year, sometimes with the thought of union far in the future, while, at other times, it seemed near at hand.

At the Eccumenical Conference in New York a few years ago, probably the best Foreign Mission wisdom of the world was convened, and the speedy evangelization of the nations was much talked of. Methods and means were discussed and prayed about, and some general principles were laid down. Two of these made a lasting impression on my mind, the first of which was, that small missions of like faith and practice should combine, and second, that all missions as far as possible should unite in printing and publishing, in educational and medical work, and in all departments where union could advantageously be brought about. The reasons for these pronouncements are obvious. The Church is God's instrument on earth for saving men. Speedy triumph in this warfare means the salvation of many; to accomplish this, time, men, and money must be conserved, and to make the most of these agencies for the glory of God in the saving of the world. Boards and Leaders must lay themselves out, in the fear of the Lord, knowing that the time is short, and the responsibilities heavy.

Surely these principles should be proved to be unstable, or they should be acted upon with a becoming degree of energy, for the children of God should not be slothful in business.

I left that Conference with renewed hope of the union of the two Canadian Missions, and more firmly grounded than ever in the rightness of this cause. On the field such a union would give us a larger place, more power, more prestige in the whole body of Missionary influence, which has become such a potent factor in the regeneration of India. In all places and things outside of ourselves, we should be able to accomplish more.

Among ourselves were the field one there would be a broader outlook, which is ever an aid in the development of latent power; there would be for the Maritime missionaries especially, far more encouragement, as for reasons, which need not be entered into, the southern part of the field has been much more productive than the northern. On the principle that one child in a family costs more in proportion than two, the work could be carried on more economically in men, women

and money, were there one central administration at home. Now though both fields are small, one section sometimes suffers from the loss of a missionary, which, on a pinch, could be supplied from the other section, with profit to both, were the field one, which transfer cannot be made under present circumstances.

The Seminary at Samalkot with its literary and Theological departments, would supply the need of the whole Mission for advanced boys, and one of the Maritime missionaries would be as apt to have the soft snap (?) of the Presidential chair, as one from Ontario. Thus the time of missionaries and money would be saved, with profit to the pupils, if a larger sphere of action, and more contact with men and things is beneficial. The money saved could be put into the industrial work at Cocanada, which department is greatly needed by both Missions, and which neither is able to largely develop alone. The hospital at Chicacole might be furnished with a physician from home, which would be a great financial advantage, as the doctor's practice would soon make it self-supporting. Benefits would also accrue to the native work per se. One Home Mission Society for all, the native assistants could be disposed of to better advantage, and as time passes, and the work enlarges there would be an increasing number of financial and other economies. The kingdom of God is a broad and a broadening thing, and narrowness anywhere is harmful.

This much about the foreign side of the work. What about that in the land of the Maple Leaf. Why not here in this work, as in many other things, should we not say, "The Maple Leaf Forever"? The national cry is a good one, but we have a higher, the cry of the Great Head of the Church, "that my people may be one," and the cry of the unsaved, "Come over and help us." The Maritime Provinces of Canada have passed their infancy, and the country bounded by the sea will never be much larger. But in the far West new nations are springing into life, with almost a limitless country to grow in. Already Canadian Baptists have two Boards, and two Foreign Mission fields, in the Eastern section. On the principle, that this is a good thing, the far Western parts in due time should have two or three fields and two or three Boards. That is hardly likely to come to pass, but what is far more probable is, that those parts of the country will unite with Ontario, whether the Maritime Baptists do or not, and they will ever be on the

increase, while already our horizon is in sight. Just now our Maritime field is in need of lady workers, and some of us know that this need might possibly be supplied from other sections, were the Baptists of Canada one. With the Cross in view on one hand, and unsaved multitudes on the other, this is very sad, and sometimes one wonders, how we dare hesitate and for a moment even suffer the lethargy of contraction to creep over us. No one is to infer from the above statement, that men are not required at present also.

The Presbyterians and Methodists of Canada are each one body are they not? Oh yes, some one says, but our Church government is different from theirs. Well, barring the southern Baptists, those in the eastern, middle and western States of America are one, and their churches are like ours.

If we on the field would be stimulated by such a union, those at home should receive a larger enthusiasm. Now they say, only one Mission, and that so small! Union would give to us all a larger one, and to some of us it would add a second, and as years pass we might have as many, as our neighbours in other denominations, which would help to make better Christians of us in every way. Our Master requires that we make the best of ourselves for His sake, and the effort is beneficial to us and to others.

Of necessity the work of the women in any part of the country need not be touched, and yet it might probably be remodelled with some profit.

Each Province could have its Convention, as each State in the A.B.M.U. has and there could be Provincial Secretaries, as the sisters already have in their work. One central Board with appropriate agencies could administer the work at home and abroad, as does the A.B.M.U. Yes, but there are some objections, there are some vested interests. If the legal technicalities regarding a few thousands of dollars cannot be gotten over, but must ever stand as a barrier to the progress of the Master's work, it becomes a serious business. Others say, we are an insular people, and we have our own ways. Perhaps we need to become less insular, and our ways as such will never save souls. With the single eye to seek first, the Kingdom of God, mountains will be removed. May He make His way plain unto us all!

I thought I had finished, but will say a word more, and explain how this matter of union has recently come again to the front.

All these years, the two Missions have had their separate Conferences, in which the particular business of each Mission was attended to. And this has been followed by the Union Conference, into which came subjects of a more general interest, often where a uniformity of opinion was required to present them to other bodies outside of our own. The Annual Reports of the two Missions have also been printed together, which has been a saving in expense. But the passage of time has brought us railroads, thus bringing us into easier communication with men and things, hitherto beyond us, and duties and calls of many kinds have multiplied, till even those of us, who have the most devoutly wished for union, have come to the conclusion, that there must be more of it or less, and a decision of some sort must be reached. We first thought of discontinuing the Union Conference, which led to a general outcry. This would soon lead to the printing of separate reports, and the distance would be ever widening between us, while a contracting influence would be going on inside.

Then we talked of a Biennial Conference, then of UNION, and the most of us feel now, that this is the right thing. As things are now, ten or twelve days are given to Conference each January. With Union we would give five or six, and each Mission would get more good, than from the ten or twelve now spent. Some change must come, and which shall it be? Will it be the ever broadening one, which for the Maritime Provinces, particularly, will afford scope for the exercise of every gift, and the development of every talent, or will it be the narrower one down whose vistas some of us cannot look with enthusiasm?

Yours in the work,

Chicacole,

C. H. ARCHIBALD.

Sept. 3, 1904.

CORRECTION.

In items from my report on Mission Bands, in "Second Convention Day" notes given in the October LINK, 20 living Bands are given as the number for Nova Scotia; while the report gives 23 new Bands organized and 4 re-organized during the Convention year, bringing up the number to 120, with a membership of over 3000.

Interest in the Bands is increasing yearly. The movement is becoming a living factor in our missionary enterprises, as well as educative for

the boys and girls. Through the influence of the Bands, we hope, the church of the future will understand and become interested in our obligations to the world and act without pressure from without.

The Bands in Nova Scotia contributed last year \$297.88 to Home Missions and \$127.40 to Foreign.

The prospects are good for an increase in both number of Bands and benevolence during this year. This will be realized if the churches and Aid Societies are faithful in the opportunities set before them by organizing and faithfully carrying forward a Mission Band in each church and every section of the church.

MRS. P. R. FOSTER,
Band Supt.

CRUSADE DAY.

Zion Aid Society of First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, observed Crusade Day, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21st. This was rather an early date but as we were anxious to have Mr. and Mrs. Gullison present, it was necessary to hold our meeting then as they were soon to leave the County. The ladies of the congregation, the pastors and their wives of Temple and Wilton churches and officers of their Aid Societies were invited to the meeting. A goodly number responded to our invitation, who listened with intense interest to Mrs. Gullison, who spoke in her usual bright and earnest way. Such graphic word pictures should certainly arouse the lagging zeal of many. We hope to gain several new members by our efforts. The room was prettily decorated with flags, and abundance of flowers, and small tea-tables around which seats and chairs were arranged in an informal way. Tea was served at 6 o'clock. Collection \$5.35.

Mr. Gullison addressed a public meeting in the vestry in the evening. CON.

DECEMBER NUMBER.

A very interesting feature of the next issue of LINK will be the answers to the question, "What made you interested in Missions?" A large number of questions has been distributed, and the answers will give us excellent ideas of the means and motives that have proved effectual in the past, and may be emphasized in our future work.

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The future of Korea under either Japanese or Russian domination can hardly be worse than the present, says Arthur Judson Brown, D.D., in the Century. The government lacks the moral fiber needed at such a critical time and official corruption is well-nigh absolute. The people are taxed beyond all reason. Any man suspected of having property is in danger of being thrown into a filthy prison on some trumped-up charge and held or perhaps tortured until he disgorges. Offices are sold to the highest bidder or given to dissipated favorites, who divide the proceeds. The courts give no redress, for the plunderer himself is usually both judge and jury. So rotten is the entire system that one marvels that the nation has not fallen to pieces before this.

Only the solid apathy of the Asiatic and the rival claims of foreign powers have held it together at all.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

The venerable veteran missionary in the New Hebrides, the Rev. John G. Paton, D.D., has recently reached the allotted span of fourscore years. His eightieth birthday was observed in a suitable way by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Australia. In the address which Dr. Paton made on this occasion, he spoke of his life work in the South Sea Islands, and alluded in a humble and grateful way to the blessing of God upon the labors of himself and other missionaries, and told of the wonderful changes which had taken place in these islands during his lifetime.