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O Canada, our father's land
 Thy brow is crowned with leaves of gold,
 Beneath the shade of the holy cross,
 Thy children own their birth;
 No stains thy glorious annals gloss,
 Since valor shields thy hearth.
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THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND JANET.

These are the two United Mission Study Books for 1915-16, to be used in Mission Circles, Young Women's Circles, Study Classes and Mission Bands. They are written by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery and Miss Norma R. Waterbury. Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Peabody and their two daughters made last year a tour of the Far East, a tour during the course of which they visited Egypt, India, Burma, Malay Peninsula, China, Korea, Japan and Honolulu. Because of their distinguished and devoted service to the cause of missions, they were everywhere welcomed gladly, and were given every possible opportunity to learn of the work, to see its triumphs, and understand its needs. All this because of their experience and heart-interest, they were able to interpret, and the result has been "The King's Highway" and "Around the World with Jack and Janet."

To say "The King's Highway" is interesting reading does not express it,—it is fascinatingly interesting. It gives us glimpses of Egyptian pyramids, of Ceylon's beauty, India's vastness, Burma's prosperity, China's political problems, Japan's sudden rise into modernism, etc., but it does much more than that. It shows us how the gospel of our Lord and Christ is revitalizing the formalism of the ancient Coptic Church of Egypt; how the men and boys are rising to a newness of life; how the existence of the women and girls is being changed into life, and how through them the stronghold of Islam is being assaulted; it shows us how even the unspeakable and unbelievable degradation due to the corruption of Hinduism in India is being purged here, there and everywhere by the life, light and liberty of our Gospel in the hands of missionaries. And much more it teaches us—that the Chinese are go-

ing to school, and their teachers are the missionaries; that Korea is providing the present-day miracle of the Gospel; that Japan is realizing what is the "one thing needful." Altogether the reader will have his heart made tender, his imagination fired, his enthusiasm re-awakened, and will find a passion of desire surging up in his heart to "cast aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us," and give himself once more wholly and unreservedly to fulfil his part, whether it be small or great, in the plan of our Lord for the nations of the world.

But not only is it interesting reading. It is a text-book for study, written with that end in view, and every facility is provided for the leader of class or circle. Mrs. Montgomery must surely have been at some time a teacher, for not only the matter of the chapters, but the outline preceding each chapter, proclaims the teacher instinct. No one ought to find difficulty in making use of this book as a study for class or circle.

We earnestly hope that during these summer months many, very many, of the women will read this book, and that presidents and programme committees will consider very carefully if this is the appointed work for them to introduce next winter. If desired, there would be no difficulty whatever in introducing into the course a lesson or lessons on our own work in India and in Bolivia, following perhaps the plan of the author in her chapters on India.

Listen; "Since the morning stars sang together for joy that a manworld was born, on these paths of thought mankind has pushed out into the wilderness, looking for a city that has foundations. While men wandered footsore and bruised with stones, they dreamed of the King's Highway, on which a wayfaring man, though a fool, could not lose his way, of a road that should be called The Way of Holiness, on which the redeemed of God should walk with songs on their lips." "Come, then, on a pilgrim's journey along the Road, that we may talk together and encour-

age our hearts with the thought of the smooth path that shall one day surely run like a river of joy from nation to nation; the Great Highway of the King, along which He shall ride in meek majesty."

"Around the World with Jack and Janet" ought to delight Mission Band members and Mission Band leaders equally. The twins (and every boy in the Band is Jack, and every girl is Janet), travel with diaries, steamer-trunk mite-boxes, trip-tickets around the world, and, in fact, all the paraphernalia that suggests the delights of faring forth among new scenes and strange peoples. There is abundance of sight-seeing, excitement, adventure, incident, and withal information that will not only delight the boys and girls, but lay that foundation of interest and knowledge which is the first task of our Bands. The leaders will find their task made easy by the clear presentation of the material, by the questions appended to each chapter, and will often wish to use the delightfully appropriate verses which precede each section—verses on "Travel," by Robert Louis Stevenson, on "The Palm-Tree," by John Greenleaf Whittier, and others equally fitting.

These two books may be obtained from Mrs. Thos. Moor, 517 Markham Street, Toronto, at 40 cents each post-paid.

— YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Do you know—

That the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are divided for the women's mission work, into two Conventions—that of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and that of Ontario West?

That each of these Conventions is again divided for purposes of administration into Associations—there being in the Eastern Convention 4 Associations, and the Western 13.

That there are two Societies in each Convention—the Foreign Mission Society and the Home Mission Society.

That the President of the Foreign Mission Society of Ontario West is Mrs. John Firstbrook, 1 St. Edmund's Drive, N. Toronto, and of Eastern Ontario and Quebec is Mrs. H. H. Ayer, 343 Olivier Avenue, Westmount, Que.

That the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society of the

Western Convention is Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 396 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, and of the Eastern Mrs. P. B. Motley, Sunnyside Road, Westmount, Que.

That the Treasurer of Western Ontario for Foreign Missions is Mrs. G. H. Campbell, 113 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto, and of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, is Miss Frances Russell, 536 Grosvenor Avenue, Westmount, Que.

That at the head of each Association is a Directress, appointed by the women of each Association at their annual meeting in May or June.

That the branches of the two societies, the Home and the Foreign, in each church always form one Circle—called a Union Circle.

That the Home and Foreign Societies hold their annual meetings, or Conventions, on successive days in the autumn.

That there the officers of the Societies, with the delegates from each Circle, hear reports of past year, plan for future, and elect the Board of Managers.

That the Foreign Mission Society of Ontario West and the Home Mission Society of Ontario West, each publishes a monthly missionary magazine—the Foreign Mission paper being called THE LINK, and the Home Mission paper the "Visitor."

That the former costs 25c a year, and the latter 15c in club, subscriptions for former to be sent to Miss Jacqueline M. Norton, 50 Howland Avenue, Toronto, and for the latter to Mrs. A. R. McMaster, 34 Geneva Avenue, Toronto.

Also, do you know—

That our field of foreign missions is (1) work among the women in part of the Madras Presidency of India, known as the Telugu country; (2) the Republic of Bolivia, on the Continent of South America.

That in India, Canadian Baptists are responsible for 20,000,000 people, and in Bolivia for 2,267,935.

That for this work the budget of the Western Ontario Convention is \$15,551.

That we are responsible for the support of 18 women missionaries in India, and for assistance in the support of our missionaries in Bolivia.

That, not only do we support these missionaries, but also their work—that is, give grants to schools, support Bible-women, help with the hospitals, pay native teachers, etc.

THE UNITED BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mrs. D. Hutchinson, President.

To the U. B. W. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces belongs the honor of the organization of the first Women's Foreign Mission Board in Canada, and the first Baptist Women's Foreign Mission Board in the world.

The organized work of the women's missionary movement in the Maritime Provinces dates from the year 1870, although the records of denominational history show that as early as 1819 Female Mite Societies existed in certain of the churches "for the purpose of giving the gospel to the destitute at home, as well as in the foreign field."

At first the work of the societies was conducted by Central Boards in the three provinces, the amount contributed the first year being \$1,114.20. Within the next few years independent work was undertaken by the Foreign Mission Board in the Telugu country, which had been assigned to Canadian Baptists as their field for work in India.

Increasing interest and enlarged giving on the part of the home constituency prepared the way for greater service, and led to the union of all the Women's Missionary Aid Societies to form the Women's Baptist Missionary Union, and the Provincial Boards were merged into one Executive Board. In 1885, the number of Societies reporting was 123, and the amount contributed \$3,726.42.

In 1886, the claims of Canada as a Home Mission field were brought before the Union, and with loyal hearts the women responded. Necessary changes were made in the constitution, and from that time Home Missions have been included in the work of the Union.

The great importance of work among the young was early recognized, and a Mission Band Department has proved a most effective and fruitful branch of the work.

In the year 1906, after the union of the two Baptist bodies in the Maritime Provinces, the Women's Baptist Missionary Union and the Free Baptist Women's Missionary Society were united under the name of "The United Baptist Women's Missionary Union," and the Executive Board was enlarged to permit of a representation adequate to the new conditions.

A year later the Baby Band Department was instituted and has ever since

been exerting its sweet influence and performing its helpful work.

The membership of the U.B.W.M.U. is constituted as follows.—

Each W. M. A. Society is entitled to send two of its members as delegates to any meeting of the Union.

Each Mission Band may send one delegate over fifteen years of age.

Any person, by the payment of \$25.00 within one year into the funds of the Union for Foreign or Home Missions, or both, may become a life member and be entitled to a vote at the Annual Meeting.

The list of officers comprises a president, three vice-presidents (one for each province), recording secretary, corresponding secretary, a Mission Band treasurer (to whom all funds from Mission Bands are sent), and a general treasurer. The last named office has been ably and devotedly filled for more than a quarter of a century by Mrs. Mary Smith, of Amherst, N.S., a service worthy of special mention in this connection. In addition to these officers, three Provincial Secretaries are appointed to conduct the work, each in her respective province; also a Mission Band Secretary and a Baby Band Secretary for each province. County and District Secretaries keep in touch with the local Societies and report the work to the Provincial Secretary, who in turn reports to the Union.

The Annual Convention is held in October. Its sessions extend over two days, with a public meeting each evening. Meetings of the Executive Board are held the day preceding the Convention, when reports are submitted, problems and plans discussed and estimates for the ensuing year considered. Many important matters, including the Annual Estimates, are brought before the Union and passed upon in Convention. Quarterly meetings of the Executive are held during the year at St. John, N.B.

The Union supports seventeen single lady missionaries and their work in India, and contributes \$1,080 for work in Bolivia. The total estimate for Foreign Mission work is \$16,500; this includes a contingent fund of about \$750.

Contributions to Home Missions are divided among the following objects:— Western Missions, including Hungarian,

Peace River District and Indian Missions; Grande Ligne Mission and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island Home Missions, the total estimate reaching \$8,000.

The payment of an annual fee of \$1.00 for Foreign Missions constitutes a person a member of the local W. M. A. Society. Thus, it will be seen that all membership fees go for Foreign Mission work. Funds for Home Missions are secured in various ways. The list of officers of the local Society includes two treasurers, one for Home and one for Foreign Missions, and members are urged to give an additional amount,—\$1.00 per year if possible,—for Home Mission work. Some societies have a Home Mission Rally Day, where offerings are received for this work; others make special effort by means of public meetings, missionary socials, etc., while in some instances an annual offering is solicited through the H. M. treasurer or a special collector.

The observance of Crusade Day in October, when special prayer is offered for the work of the Union, and earnest effort is made to secure new members for the Societies, has proved a most helpful feature of the work for many years; while more recently the annual Easter Offering has become a potent factor in promoting the interest and increasing the funds for both missions.

For a number of years a department in the LINK was devoted to interests of the Union; but with the growth of the work the need of an independent paper became evident, and "Tidings" entered upon its fruitful service of ministering help and inspiration to the Societies scattered throughout the length and breadth of these eastern provinces.

Thus, from small beginnings God has led us, step by step, until the Societies now number 397, with a membership of 7,756; the Mission Bands 265, with 8,482 members; while the Baby Bands contributed upwards of \$300 during the past year. The total amount reported by the treasurer last year including \$5,112 contributed by the Mission Bands, was \$31,612.22.

"What hath God wrought?" How true is His word, that "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

A LETTER AND REQUEST FROM JUNI.

Dear Link:

How good it is to have such a friend as you to carry messages to the homes of my dear fellow-workers. The special message this time is regarding the small Bible Picture cards. A small book of Bible Lessons has been prepared in Telugu lately, and I am planning to have my Bible Women teach these, giving them one lesson a month. If I could get pictures for each lesson it would help to impress the lessons, and those not needed for the teachers will make nice little gifts for those who have taken most interest in the lessons. The list is as follows:—

The Creation, Crossing the Red Sea, The Tabernacle, The Prodigal Son, Finding of Moses, Elijah and the Ravens, The Widow's Oil Increased, Daniel in the Lion's Den, the Flood, Cain and Abel, Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors, The Manna, Elijah on Mt. Carmel, Gehazi, Ananias and Sapphira, The Birth of Christ, Visit of the Wise Men, Jesus in the Temple with the Doctors, The Temptation, The Transfiguration, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection, The Ascension.

The rest of the list will follow later, so that you may be gathering these special ones.

Now for a short account of our Godaveri Association, and I am sure you will be interested in all the meetings. To begin at the beginning: For weeks beforehand the committee appointed by our Tunni Church, were busy getting ready for the delegates. What would you think of having to build the meeting place, buy a supply of firewood enough to give a small bundle each morning to each delegate and earthen pots of different sizes for them to cook their rice and curry.

The meeting place was built by putting up a frame work of posts and bamboos and then tying palmyra leaves all over it. It was decorated with long chains of bright colored paper and texts cut out of gilt paper and pasted on bright paper. The platform was built up of earth, with a few bricks around the edge to keep it firm. Across the front of it was the text, "Yet the Lord is in the midst of us." The place was carpeted with straw and our few benches were put around for the delegates as far as they would go and the rest of

the folks sat on the ground. A small leaf shed was put up nearby for a cook house, and when all was ready we missionaries rejoiced in the resourcefulness of our Telugu folks:

On Friday morning's early train came the delegates from the South—Cocanada, Samalkot, Pittapur, Ramachandrapuram, and there were busy times for a while. Those from the North—Narapatnam and Yellamanchili—had come the day before, and, at 9 o'clock, we met for the first meeting. After the prayer meeting came the welcoming of the delegates and their response. The welcome composed and sung by one of our teachers would be quite amusing to Western ears, and was much appreciated by all. The morning was cloudy, and during that first meeting a distant rumble of thunder was heard. This was not very cheering, as our leaf roof was not rain-proof, and some of us felt rather dismayed when, during the noon hour, there came a heavy downpour of rain. The pretty decorations were much spoiled and our plans had to be changed for that day, but we heard no grumble. Afterwards we found there had been much prayer that the meetings might not be hindered, and about 3 o'clock out came the sun, and very soon the church was got ready and they crowded into that, and we realized in a very precious experience that the Lord was in our midst, as we listened to a very earnest message from Barnabas, one of the teachers in our High School, on "The Cross, the Message of the Preacher." Hearts were bowed and melted as Jesus was lifted up before us, and when, at the close, Bartimeus, who is almost blind, got up and sang quietly about the Cross, many were moved to tears.

It would make this too long to tell in detail all that went on those days. Let us go over to Sunday: Sunday School was held at 8 a.m., and the whole Association was one big class. After this came the regular service, at which the annual sermon was preached by M. Jagganaikalu. What an earnest message he gave us from "Ye are witnesses of these things." Our leaf meeting place was ready again, and it was filled. It was good to hear that heart-stirring message and to see the interest with which it was listened to.

The afternoon was given to our women's meeting, and finally the men take that session to march in procession through the town singing and preach-

ing the Gospel, but this time, as small-pox was very bad in Tuni, they marched along the high road some distance, and then went off to a neighboring hill for a consecration meeting, while our Women's Society gathered for our annual meeting. But before this several were baptized and the men had a fine chance to sing and preach the Gospel to a big crowd of folks who came along just then, returning from the worship of a goddess about four miles away.

Will write about our women's meeting more fully separately and go on to tell you that the message of the evening meeting was one of the Second Coming, and how fully and carefully Mr. Prakasham had prepared it.

The subject for Monday morning was "Self-support," and Robert, the one chosen to deal with it, gave us something to think about. He certainly put this matter before our Telugu brothers and sisters in a live, practical way, impressing upon them that no child's play would ever bring it about, but that it called for real self-sacrifice. His apt quotations of Telugu sayings and proverbs gave point and interest and compelled attention.

Each day had its share of devotional meetings, readings of church letters and other business, beside the discussion of the various papers. On Monday evening our Tuni church gave curry and rice to the delegates. That meant a busy afternoon for some folks, but all worked well, and in good time the bell called us to the pandal, where rows of leaf plates with a good supply of rice and curry were ready on the straw carpet. It did not take long to get seated and dispose of our evening meal. There was no weary task of dish-washing and clearing up after, for each one just carried out his plate and threw it away. These furnished a feast for stray donkeys that night.

On gathering for the closing meeting, whatever business remained was attended to first, and then the remainder of the time until train time was spent in an experience meeting, and it was indeed good to be there. One after another testified to blessing received, and the meeting would have gone on much longer and to profit but that many were leaving by train. A number went over to the station to see them off, and, as the train started, our Association hymn of the love of God that is beyond telling, was sung. All the way

back to the compound we sang and then stood together and committed each other to God for the new year of service.

A word should have been said about the meeting of the Home Mission Society, which has had a struggle with discouraging circumstances. The meeting brought cheer to those responsible for the carrying on of the work.

As we Tuni missionaries looked back to the Association held here ten years ago and compared those days with these, we thanked God and took courage as we saw the development the years have brought to our Telugu brothers and sisters. This time, all the programme was carried through by them, except Miss Murray's talk in the women's meeting, and we sat amongst them and profited. And God has provided better things still to do in and through them for the salvation of India. In view of this, to even think of the cut that has fallen on the work of this year, makes us tremble. May God help us all to hear His command, "Go forward."

THE PERSONAL TOUCH.

Miss Hatch writes in an interesting way about the Baptist Convention in India formed last year. There are three Associations, with which are connected the Women's Missionary Societies and two Home Mission Boards—that of the North undertaking work among the Hill Tribes, while the Southern one works in unoccupied parts of our own fields. The Convention has appointed a General Mission Board under which these work together and also trustees in whose name property will be held. There is considerable property already—sites for chapels, etc. Various committees also were appointed to be responsible for pushing the work along different lines among the churches. There are Literature, Sunday School, Temperance and Education Committees, besides one on the state of spiritual life in the churches. These all will report to the Convention each year what has been done among and by our people in these departments and we hope will be the means of greatly stimulating Christian endeavor. Do join with us in prayer that the Convention may be a great spiritual power."

Regarding the effect of the war upon mission work in India, Miss Hatch

says: "Of course, German work is being sadly hindered, as nearly all German missionaries are interned. Some think such measures severe, but to me it seems a wise policy. If I were a German and felt as strongly for their side as they all seem to do, and as strongly as I feel for the British side, I could not help but communicate my feelings to those about me. In that way German missionaries could influence tens of thousands of people against the British Raj. The Schleswig-Holstein Mission, just north of Bobbili, is very large. The whole crowd of missionaries have had to leave. Some were conducted as prisoners of war to Ahmednagar, some to be interned in Waltair (on our field.—Ed.). A small orphanage was given over to Miss Marsh and a Leper asylum to Mr. Orchard. Government has taken charge of some of their educational work, but most of it is left uncared for. Those kept at Waltair seem to be very comfortable. As to our own mission work, there seems to be an addition of interest rather than otherwise. The war is waking people too, and they are beginning to enquire 'Who is this?' 'What is that?' 'Where is such a place?' Things they have never thought about before. It is really wonderful sometimes to find out how much they do know about it all. The Princes and Rulers, all being so nobly patriotic, is having its effect upon the common people.

From Vuyyura: Last night we had a meeting for the Belgian Relief Fund—just compound workers, servants and ourselves. Over Rs 30 in all was given, which I thought was very good, there were so few. The Bible Women gave some R 1/-, some 8 annas each. Everybody gave something and gave very readily, too."

Miss Priest on Tour: At the doorway of a yard in one small village we were very pleasantly surprised to be welcomed by a young woman, who showed such interest in our coming that we wondered. It was soon explained, for she told us she had been a pupil in our Caste Girls' School in Vizagapatam. She quite enjoyed choosing and singing hymns with us, and asked me to read from John's Gospel; also told me that she prays to Jesus Christ every day. Several of the caste women wanted to learn to pray and we taught them 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' In every village we found attentive hearers."

Miss Zimmerman also on tour: "Everywhere a welcome, and we feel grateful for many who are not afraid to confess Christ as their Saviour. We praise Him too for those who have come to the Travellers' Bungalow at different centres to enquire the way. During this tour we have had four successful rally meetings when, besides the Christians, large numbers of Hindus and Mohammedans were present. In one of our schools is a class of Mohammedan boys. Indeed much has happened to gladden our hearts."

After being able to drive out a little, Mrs. (Dr.) Barber is again confined to her bed, and has been for several weary weeks. Let us all remember her when we have audience with the King. And Miss Tapscott also, whom a painful accident has made a prisoner for some months past. "We have them, hold, and leave them unto Thy tender care."

Welcome home to Dr. Hulet! Writing within a few days of her arrival, she says: "Many are asking for appointments." We do appreciate the help and stimulus our returned missionaries give us, but let us be careful to consider what we may be able to impart to them by strength and refreshing while they are resting among us, that they in turn may be able to do for the Telugus more joyous and effective service than ever before. M. B. McL.

MISSION CIRCLE PROGRAMME.

Programme VI.

Study Book for 1914-15: "The Child in the Midst."

Chapter 6. The Child at work for Christ.

Bible Reading—Revealed unto Babes—Expressed by Babes. Luke 2: 41-49; Matt. 11: 25-27; Matt. 21: 14-16.

Hymn—"Stand Up for Jesus."

President—"As we have followed the lessons in our study book month by month, I think we have all been impressed with the truth that the children of the world need Christ. Now we turn the reverse side of the shield and see that Christ needs the children. 'Childhood is the Hope of the World.' Unless the children of to-day are brought to the Master and trained for His service, the outlook is dark indeed for coming generations. If every child now living could be brought under Christian influences, receive a Christian education, and be sent out to live and work for Christ,

what a marvellous transformation this world would experience! We are now going to listen to some stories about boys and girls in other countries. Some of them have grown up to be famous men and women, some of them are still young, but all of them are helping to make Jesus King."

(Note.—Let the women taking part in the story-telling follow each other without having to be called on. The clippings should be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. It will give variety if some tell the story in their own words, and others read.)

1st Circle Member—Tells story of Sun Yat Sen, pages 228-229.

2nd C. M.—Tells story of Li Bi Cn, pages 229-230.

3rd C. M.—Tells story of little out-caste child in India, pages 235-236.

4th C. M.—Tells story of Syrian girls, page 236.

5th C. M.—Tells story of African slave boy, pages 237-239.

6th C. M.—Tells story of leper children, page 243.

7th C. M.—Tells story of Turkish children, page 244.

President—"I am sure we have all been touched by these stories. Does anyone know whether it has ever happened that a child converted on one of our mission fields, afterwards has become a Christian worker in America?"

Circle Member—"Madam President, I can tell you of two such cases—pages 245-246."

Five Minute Talk—Methods of Bishop Selwyn in the Pacific Islands.

Five Minute Talk or Paper—What part can our Canadian children have in making Christ known to the children of the world who know Him not?

Discussion—What can we do to train the children of our homes and church along missionary lines?

Closing Prayer.

We beseech Thee, O most merciful Father, for all Thy little children who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of evil that is in the world; that it may please Thee to have pity on them, and to gather them by the kindly hand of Thy true servants, into the light of the Christian fold, that they may sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. So let Thy Truth be manifest from generation to generation, and the whole family of mankind rejoice together in Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Amen. E. C. CLINE.

NOTE FROM COCANADA

The Governor of Madras, Lord Pentland, paid Cocanada a visit last November, and the missionaries were more than usually favored this time. Mr. Craig, Edith and I were invited to the first dinner party given for him by the Collector. That was Thursday evening. The next night Mr. Smith was invited to the bachelors' dinner, and on Saturday Mr. Cross was at luncheon and Dr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Baskerville at the last dinner party. His Excellency was very gracious, and, as he had spent fifteen months in Canada, when Lord Aberdeen was Governor-General, and was in India twenty-one years ago, it was very easy to converse with him. He visited our High School and the Timpany School and English Church, and also the Hospital in Pithapuram, and seemed much pleased with all. He married Lady Marjory Gordon, Lord Aberdeen's daughter, and they are Presbyterians and attend the Kirk in Madras on Sunday mornings, and when they are in Ooty, she and the children always go to the Union Church once on Sunday. Of course, they have to attend the State Church part of the time.

The girls and I were at the Ladies' Recreation Club to-day—we nearly always go on Tuesdays—and there were eleven of us and as many Indian ladies. It is doing much good in the way of bringing the English and the Indian ladies together, and the latter are learning how to play badminton, and skittles, and even tennis and other games, and they are improving very much. Tomorrow we are all invited to an "At Home" at the new Anglican clergyman's house. They seem very friendly. I have a women's meeting before I go, however.

Adah S. Craig.

NOTICE.

Will any who wish to send parcels to India by Miss Jones, let her know at once? Parcels must reach her at 20 Spruce Hill Road, Toronto, not later than August 10th, and be accompanied by three detailed lists of contents with value. Ten cents per pound should be sent to cover freight.

LUCY M. JONES.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS

Walkerton—The Circles and Bands of this Association met in Mount Forest on June 1st. The President, Mrs. Cook, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Allen gave the delegates a hearty welcome to the church and homes of Mount Forest, to which Mrs. Rock, of Walkerton, fittingly responded. The Directors' Report stated that \$400.00 had been raised, but that the Bands had fallen behind this year. Special appeal was made for greater interest in Band work.

Mrs. Firtsbrook, of Toronto, gave an address on Foreign Missions, full of interest and information, forcefully presenting the great work in which God has given us the privilege of sharing.

Work among the foreign population in Toronto was brought before us by Mr. Audoff, and was fully enjoyed by all.

Solos from Miss Wright and Mrs. Dingman, and music rendered by the choir, were much appreciated. The offering amounted to \$11.00.

A business meeting of delegates was held the following morning at 10 o'clock.

Reports were received from twelve Circles and five Bands, a new Circle at Farewell being among the number. The present officers were re-elected for the coming year.

R. M. Stovel,
Director.

Niagara and Hamilton—The Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Mission Bands was held on June 1st at Grimsby. Mrs. W. E. Blandford, of Hamilton, presided, in the absence of Mrs. Raithby, of Dunville. Miss Thomas, of Grimsby, warmly welcomed the delegates. The Directors' Report was most encouraging, although one young ladies' Circle and one Band were lost during the year for lack of leaders. \$1,955 was raised during the year, of which \$1,094 was sent to our Foreign Mission treasurer. The great need throughout our country was responded to by Mission Boxes and financial gifts, approximately, of \$500 value.

For the benefit of young ladies, Miss Jones, of Hamilton, explained how to make study books interesting, using the "Child in the Midst" as the text book. Mrs. Ross, in her address on Foreign

Missions, referred to the new work of the support of a native pastor in Bolivia, of the Bungalow required for Miss Priest in India, and also of the need of expansion in our medical work in India, and of the joyful prospect of the early departure of Dr. Marjorie Cameron to that field. Mrs. Cline, in dealing with Home Missions, gave a full account of the work accomplished on these fields, also of that among the foreigners, in our home cities.

A helpful prayer service was led by Mrs. Dickenson, of St. Catharines, Mrs. Foster of Hamilton giving a missionary rendering of the 23rd Psalm. A most interesting Band exercise was given by Miss Rowe of Dunnville, who took the children on an imaginary trip to Quebec, to meet the immigrants on an incoming steamer, the several nationalities being shown in native dress.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Croy of Niagara Falls, director; Mrs. Hendry and Assistant Director Mrs. Blandford, both of Hamilton.

At the evening meeting, Mrs. Veals, of Hamilton, gave the Scripture lesson and Mrs. Foster led in prayer. Mrs. Eggleton, of Hamilton, read the minutes of the afternoon session, and Master Ross Millar charmed the audience with the solo, "Be Strong, ye Sons of Canada."

Mrs. Balfour introduced the Speaker of the evening, Miss Ellis, who spoke in the interests of Moulton College and gave a missionary address that held the rapt attention of an audience that will not soon forget the inspiration and information so intelligently and forcibly given. Dr. Thomas closed with prayer.

R. Hendry, Director.

Middlesex and Lambton—The Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands of the Middlesex and Lambton Association met with the Circle at Forest June 8th.

The President, Mrs. W. J. Barber (of Sarnia), presided. A short song service was followed by Scripture lesson from Heb. II. and prayer by Miss Mould. We were welcomed by Mrs. Powrie, of Forest, to the church, homes and town of Forest. The President replied.

Reading of Minutes of Executive by the secretary was followed by reading of a Constitution, which was adopted, and the directors was authorized to have 1,000 copies printed for use of Circles.

The Directors' Digest of Circles and Bands showed a real forward movement,

a number reporting mission study for both Circles and Bands. The President based her address on the words, "Have faith in God." God's "Honor Roll" contains many names well-known to the world; also many names known only to God. Not only are our Foreign Representatives "heroes of faith," but the brave Home Mission pastor and his brave wife, who face loneliness and discouragements on an isolated "Home Mission" field for Christ's sake, are no less heroes in His sight.

A solo by Miss Gammon, "Somebody Knows 'Tis Jesus," was much appreciated. An excellent paper on Band Work was given by Mrs. Baldwin, of London, which was discussed and many helpful suggestions were brought out.

A Model Circle Meeting was conducted by the director, following the usual order. Prayer-Scripture reading, Home Missions were represented by Mrs. Brown, Strathroy; Foreign Missions by Mrs. Pratt, Petrolia; solo by Miss Gammon, "A Little Bit of Love."

The roll-call of Circles and Bands was responded to by those appointed. Twenty Circles and ten Bands sent a verse or greeting.

The Bureau of Information was represented by Miss Mould, who spoke highly of the helpfulness of both LINK and "Visitor." The Director followed this up by telling of the 1,000 subscribers required to properly celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the "Visitor." Report of Nominating Committee was received and adopted.

Officers for next year: Hon. President, Mrs. W. Y. Woodburn (London); President, Mrs. W. Y. Baldwin, Sarnia; Vice-President, Mrs. H. E. Green (Forest); Director, Mrs. F. G. Taylor (Sarnia); Assistant Director, Miss Campbell (Strathroy).

Evening session was opened with a song service Scripture reading by Rev. H. W. Wright, from 72nd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Greene.

Director's Annual Report:

Circles raised for H. M.	\$936 18
Circles raised for F. M.	944 55
Bands raised for H. M.	84 60
Bands raised for F. M.	195 39

An address was given by Miss Mould, one of our beloved single lady missionaries. Miss Mould's message was stirring and helpful. She illustrated the power of God over five by stories of two women, one from the low and one

from the high caste. Only Christ can save sinners, no matter what their station. Miss Mould impressed on us our responsibility as Christian stewards. The Home Mission address was delivered by Rev. A. Holzer. John 21: 23 was his text. Mr. Holzer spoke of the present unrest, and said what we all needed was the spirit of John, the spirit of love. Home Missions will not die as long as faith in God exists. Holzer closed his message by repeating the little poem, "Pass It On." The Benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. H. Boyd, brought to a close a most interesting and helpful meeting.

Kate Watson, Secretary.

Toronto.—The Annual Meeting of Circles, Young Ladies' Circles and Bands was held in the Eglinton Church on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 2 o'clock. The day was a beautiful one, and the attendance very large. The President, Mrs. McMaster, presided. After the singing of a hymn, Scripture was read by Mrs. Donald McIntyre; Mrs. Pease, Mrs. Cowser and Mrs. Jenkins led in earnest prayer for our great mission fields and beloved Empire. Mr. Carew and Mr. Gunton brought warm greetings from the men of the Association. Mrs. D. C. Jones, on behalf of the Eglinton Circle, gave us a sincere and loving welcome.

After reading of the Minutes, Mrs. Thos. Urquhart, Director, called the Circle Roll and Mrs. Moor gave a report for the Bureau of Literature. The Director's Report was most encouraging and inspiring, showing advance in spite of the great war depression.

Miss Lucy Jones, one of our loved missionaries, who is looking forward to returning to India this fall, gave the Foreign Mission address, and spoke on "Causes for Gratitude in India," giving us six examples of the power of the Gospel to transform the lives of our sisters in that far-away land.

Mrs. C. J. Holman spoke to us on the Young Women's Forward Movement, the work we are to specially emphasize during the coming year. There is a great opportunity to direct the lives of the many young women in our churches that they may become a great missionary power.

The Home Mission address, given by Miss H. S. Ellis of Moulton College, had been much anticipated, and we were not disappointed, as we listened to her

words of exhortation to get nearer to these neighbors of ours who have come in such large numbers to our shores. We could not but realize how much we had neglected them.

During the afternoon, Mrs. N. W. Cafley, of the Eglinton Church, sang very sweetly.

Mrs. Bagsley, of the Ossington Avenue Church is the Director for the coming year. Miss Annie Smith, Band Director.

We regret very much the resignation of Mrs. Urquhart. We trust that the inspiration and courage which have come to us from this splendid session will remain with us through the entire year.

A. F. Smith, Secretary.

Guelph.—The women's meetings of the Guelph Association, held in Preston, commenced on Tuesday morning, June 1st, with a devotional exercise, led by the President, Mrs. Lang, of Berlin. The President announced that the motto of the Association was to be "Consecration," and as a fitting Bible reading, Psalm 24 was read, and then followed silent prayer for particular blessing on our meetings.

Miss Dayfoot, the Director, then gave her report, which had its encouraging as well as discouraging points. Seven Circles show an increase in giving of 92.62, while, on the other hand, eleven Circles show a decrease of \$125.22, which means a net decrease of \$32.60. Miss Dayfoot advised the Circles to beware of a shortage in mission receipts at the end of the year, and suggested that, to that end, their giving should be systematized.

The Mission Bands show a net increase in giving of \$82.50, and the Young Ladies' Circles a net increase of \$3.35, which brings the total increase over last year to \$53.75.

An increase of one thousand subscriptions to the "Visitor" is asked for before Oct. 15th, as a special way in which to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mrs. McMaster, the editor. Each Circle is asked to do its part in obtaining these one thousand new subscribers.

Only forty per cent. of the women in our churches are in our Circles, showing that there is room for missionary work in our own midst.

Each delegate received a type-written form of Miss Dayfoot's report in full.

A Band Conference, led by Mrs. Pearce, of Waterford, was held just here, which was very helpful. It was followed by a discussion of different questions pertaining to Band work, of which a few were—"To what extent should the Circle oversee the Mission Band work?" "Can organized Sunday School classes be made auxiliaries of the Band?" and "What have you studied during the past year and how do you conduct your meetings?"

Miss Ellis, of Moulton College, next addressed us on the "Young Women's Forward Movement," and also spoke of the work of the college. She said that in these days, more than ever before, we are coming to realize the need of real Christianity, of feeling the Rock under our feet. "Missions" is the biggest thing in the world. "Missions" are our life, and if we are real Christians we will study them and give them our prayerful and financial support. The Young Women's Forward Movement has been organized with one idea—to train young women for special service. This work does not conflict with or supplant in any way the work of organized Bible classes. Christians should emphasize first things—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Our girls should be trained to see what are the first things in life, and when they have caught the vision, consecrated service will follow.

At the close of her address, Miss Ellis spoke briefly of Moulton College, and urged parents to send their daughters there, where they would receive the best of Christian training.

Mrs. Davies, of Brampton, spoke on behalf of the MISSIONARY LINK. As is conceded, the Press have an unlimited influence, for printed messages can reach many more hearts than verbal ones. She urged that the LINK be read more diligently.

Mrs. Hudson, of Hespeler, spoke also for the "Visitor."

The Nominating Committee was then appointed.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Mrs. Welland, of Galt.

A splendid Circle conference followed, conducted by Mrs. Powers, of Waterford, the ladies taking part very helpfully.

We again had the pleasure of listening to Miss Ellis. Her theme was "Consecration," and she read that passage

of Scripture, "My Lord, thy servant is ready to do whatsoever Thou shalt appoint," and went on to say that if we could all say we were ready, what could we not accomplish? What idea do people get of Christianity when they look at us? The way to lead souls to Christ is to be ready to do whatsoever He commands, and He will not ask anything impossible. We will be given strength for whatsoever task He calls us to perform.

After a devotional exercise, led by Mrs. Murray of Stratford, Miss Jones, returned missionary, spoke. She had very interesting things to tell of the caste women lately converted to Christ. Six in the past year have come out on the Lord's side, a great cause for thanksgiving.

Several are waiting to go to India, but there is no money to send them. The money the Lord has given some is locked up. Let us pray these money drawers open, that the work may not have to suffer.

Mrs. McLaren, of Belfountain, read a paper on Home Missions, entitled "The Immigrant's Standpoint," which was followed by a paper on the work of a Bible Woman at Grand Ligne, by Mrs. Norton, of New Dundee.

Mrs. Heale, of New Dundee, impersonated a student at Feller Institute, which made the work there seem real.

At this point the Nominating Committee gave their report, which was unanimously carried.

It was the following:—

President—Mrs. Lang, Berlin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Merry, Stratford.
Director—Miss Dayfoot, Georgetown.
Asst. Director—Miss H. Watson, Georgetown.

The women's meetings closed with prayer by the President, Mrs. Lang.

E. M. Norfolk, Secretary.

Western Association—The easterly part of this Association was favored last month (May) with a visit from Miss Mould, our missionary from India, visiting the Circles of Ridgeway, Blenheim, Chatham, Wheatley and Leamington, finishing up after our associational meetings by a visit to Windsor, all of which would doubtless have profited by her inspiring addresses.

Jane Ritchie, Director.

BOARD MEETINGS.**ONTARIO WEST**

The third Quarterly Board Meeting was held in the Board Room, Church House, on Friday, May 14th.

The President, Mrs. Firstbrook, presided.

Thirty-two members were present—from out of town: Mrs. James Wood, of Peterboro, and Mrs. J. J. Ross, of Hamilton. All were pleased that Mrs. Bates was able to take her place again. Miss Lucy Jones was also present.

After the Scriptural lesson, earnest prayer was made for the workers in foreign lands, for the treasury and for strength and guidance for all in these dark days.

The minutes of the quarter were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a further decline in receipts, the giving this year being ten per cent. less than last year.

The corresponding secretary read very interesting extracts from the reports of our missionaries.

The editor of the LINK reported an increase of 223 subscribers since Convention. The finances of the paper, considering conditions, compared favorably with last year. Interesting material had been coming in, and would be published in due course.

The report for the Bureau of Literature showed, by the number of leaflets, etc., sent out, and by the financial condition, that the Bureau is appreciated by our women.

Miss Ellis reported for the Committee re Young Women's Circles. A conference for workers had been called and a very successful rally held in the Bloor Street S.S. Eighteen churches responded to the roll-call. Outline studies for next winter's meetings were being carefully considered. The Committee felt very much encouraged by the response and enthusiasm shown by the young women.

The resignation of Mrs. C. J. McLean—on account of removal to Eastern Ontario—was received, and Mrs. Oliver Master, Weston, appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. F. C. Elliott and Miss Webster were appointed Convention Programme Committee.

Miss Jones spoke of a very joyful letter received from Miss Hatch, telling of the conversion of a number of high-caste women.

Sympathetic reference was made to Mrs. Fresland, Miss Tapscott and Mrs. Barber in their continued illness.

The meeting adjourned after prayer by Mrs. Hooper.

A. E. Fenton, Rec.-Sec.

EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Westmount, June 13th, 1915.

The Quarterly Meeting of the W. B. F. M. Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held in the Board Room of Olivet Baptist Church, June 11th., at 8 p.m., fifteen members present. The President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, in the chair. After devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and adopted.

The corresponding secretary read the report of the Programme Committee.

Mrs. Morley reported that the lecture given by H. S. Ross, K.C., in the Olivet Lecture Room, May 18th, was very interesting, the attendance large and an offering of \$22.70 was received. Ladies of the different Baptist churches served tea and cakes and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, Convener of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, reported that the Committee had completed its work, and suggested that a special meeting of the Board be convened, when this revised constitution may be considered and adopted. This report was moved, accepted and carried.

The treasurer, Miss Russell, reported total receipts since last quarter, \$992.22. It was moved and seconded and carried that this report be adopted.

The following ladies were, on motion, elected life members of this Society:—Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Montreal (Olivet); Miss Sarah M. Thompson (Thurso); Mrs. Cole, Clarence; Mrs. W. Tilton (Cornwall); Mrs. Cole, Ottawa (1st).

Moved by Miss Barker and seconded by Mrs. Ohman, and resolved: That our secretary send a letter of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Cole, on the death of her husband; also it was moved by Mrs. Paterson and seconded by Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, that a similar letter be

sent to Mrs. Edwards and Miss A. Muir, on the sudden death of Dr. O. C. Edwards at McLeod, Alberta.

Mrs. Wallace moved the following recommendation: That each member of the Board be asked to raise all or part of \$10, by the next Quarterly Meeting in September, in aid of our financial report. This report was seconded and carried.

The convener of the Claxton Memorial Committee reported amount received this quarter, \$33.50. It was moved and seconded that this report be received. Miss Daken, Superintendent of Bureau of Literature, reported:—

Total receipts for quarter.....	\$4 23
Paid for literature, postage.....	1 55
Balance.....	\$2 68

This report was received.

Mrs. Motley read very interesting reports from Miss Murray and Miss Hinman, and three of our members agreed to write them friendly letters this summer.

Edith C. Bentley,

910 St. Catherine St. W., Rec.-Sec.
Montreal.

AN ANNUAL MEETING IN INDIA.

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Helpmeet Societies of Godaveri Association was held in Tuni this year. The Committee gave us Sunday afternoon, but we managed to get an hour on Friday morning for business. It was a joy to see the capable way our Telugu sisters can carry on their business. The same officers were re-elected, and so Kasia, our President, was ready to go right on. The money handed in at the meeting was rather less than last year, but there were still a few Societies to hear from, and one Society had applied their money to another object, so that if all had come in the total would have been larger than last year. We had enough to pay our two Bible Women and some other expenses and are counting on better things for the new year.

We gathered on Sunday afternoon for our regular meetings, when we listened to the reports of our two Bible Women. It was manifest that God's blessing had been on their work. A very stirring, earnest message from Miss Murray fol-

lowed from Heb. 10: 32: and "Go forward unto perfection." This meeting, as well as the others of the Association, proved to us again that God answers prayer. The message of Miss Murray brought us stirred up some of the older ones specially, and it was not long before Anama and Martha were both talking at once, telling of some of the former days here on the Tuni field and how they did enjoy recounting some of the things that God has done. It was good for the younger women to hear them and also Sarah, who is very feeble now.

Already we have heard of fruitage from that meeting. Two women from a church twelve miles from here went home on fire; one of them is an old woman, but she is doing all she can to get others to turn to Jesus, and two of our Tuni women came to Lydia asking to be taken along to some of the villages that they may testify. Said they: "Miss Murray said 'Go forward' and we want to."

As you meet in your Circles, remember your Telugu sisters, here on the Tuni field. They are scattered and have no inspiration from their surroundings, but they are hearing His call to "Go forward." Help them by prayer, dear sisters,

Yours in His service,

Ellen Priest.

Tuni, Godaveri District,
India, Feb. 24, 1915.

The Christian Women's Peace Movement has been launched in the United States. This is not to be confused with the Peace Movement under Miss Jane Addams, which is connected with the Woman Suffrage Movement. This one is under the leadership of Mrs. Peabody, and is altogether a movement of Christian women through the existing organizations of missionary societies, etc., to intercede for peace, and to educate the nations of the world to Christ's ideal of brotherhood. They send out as helps, selections of literature; they have prepared a "Pageant of Peace and War," and they are planning for a United Day of Prayer on July 4, when all over the world, from America, Europe, and the Orient, will rise "from one woman heart" the prayer that war may cease and a new era of love and peace begin.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1915.

Receipts from Circles—

Brantford First (for Miss McLeod), \$50.00; Toronto, Dovecourt Rd. (thank-offering \$12.90), \$25.70; Kingsville (Tuni Bungalow \$2.00), \$5.75; Binbrook, \$3.00; Gravenhurst (thank-offering), \$3.50; Eberts, \$5.00; Toronto Century, \$3.05; St. George Y. L. (life membership, Mrs. James Prinse), \$3.75; Bloomsburg, \$5.50; Blenheim, \$4.00; Alvinston, \$3.60; Tupperville (for Dr. Hulet), \$7.00; Sparta, \$7.87; Toronto, Pape Av., \$2.50; London, Kensall Pk., \$1.75; Springfield, \$25.00; Port Elgin (for student), \$4.25; Toronto, Danforth Av. Y. L. (for Biblewoman), \$13.75; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$83.05; Toronto, Indian Rd. (Biblewoman) \$1.15, \$12.79; Boston (Expansion Fund \$4.50), \$18.50; Haliburton, \$5.00; Gladstone, \$3.45; St. Thomas, Fifth Ave., \$10.50; Toronto, Memorial, \$5.00; Toronto, Jarvis (special 52c), \$21.94; Toronto, College St., \$37.70; Fenelon Falls, \$5.00; Marchmount, \$5.00; St. Thomas, Centre, \$10.50; Indian River, \$1.37; Bloomsburg Y.L., \$4.35; Toronto, Walmer Rd. Y.L., \$36.00; Galt (life membership, Mrs. Sarah Wilcox) \$29.30; South Woodalie, \$4.00; Welland, \$8.00; Hamilton, Wentworth (\$5.00 special from open meeting), \$8.50; Governor's Rd., \$2.00; Daywood and Leith, \$10.00; Chatham Central, \$4.37; Windsor, Bruce Ave., \$30.00.

Totals from Circles, \$541.29.

From Bands—

Stratford, \$9.00; Bedford Park, \$3.00; Courtland, \$2.50; Houghton, First, \$1.00; Glamis, \$1.00; Kincardine, \$3.00; Victoria (K. Mainkyamma), \$8.50; Delhi (student), \$7.00; Parry Sound, \$3.00; Strathroy, \$5.00; Belleville (student), \$13.00; Bentinek, \$1.00; Boston, \$6.25; Scotland, \$2.10; Berlin, King St., \$7.50; Weston, \$1.25; Fullarton, \$1.30; Stratford, Boys (student), \$17.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd. (student), \$7.11; Lindsay, \$4.50; Toronto, College St., \$3.00; Mt. Forest, \$2.00; Guelph, \$7.00; Total from Bands, \$116.61.

From Sundries—

Toronto, Dovecourt Rd., Steadfast Builders (for teachers at Rama), \$40.00; Georgetown Y.M.B.C. (for Miss Priest, student), \$17.00; West Lorne, Willing Workers, \$1.25; Mrs. F. O. Grass, \$1.00; Miss Margaret Sinclair (student), \$17.00; Mrs. Roulean (student), \$17.00; Mrs. S. S. Bates, \$40.00; Miss M. A. Sutherland (for Tuni Bungalow), \$5.00; Western Association Collection, \$5.60;

Totals from Sundries, \$143.85.

Total Receipts for May, \$801.15.

Total Disbursements for May, \$1,052.31.

Total Receipts since Oct. 21st, 1914, \$6,441.25.

Total Disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1914, \$7,550.39.

Disbursements to the General Treasurer, on regular estimates, \$980.33; extras, Lepers, \$36.00; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; for services for touring, \$15.00; exchange, 15c.

Correction:—Omitted from list of receipts for April, 1915: St. Thomas, Centre (Jr. B. Y. P. U., \$8.00; Toronto, Ossington Ave., Jr. B. Y. P. U. (for Tuni Bungalow), \$5.75.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL, Treas.

MRS. GLENN H. CAMPBELL,
113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.

The American Methodist Mission in Rome has just purchased a valuable site on one of the hills overlooking the Vatican, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Christian University at a cost of \$500,000. It is encouraging to know that in the United States there are 250 Protestant Italian Churches as against 150 Roman Catholic Italian Churches.

The Methodist Church of Canada is considering the formation of some plan by which Victoria College can give necessary training to young men for work among foreigners in Canada—something similar to the work done for the Scandinavians by our Scandinavian professor at Brandon. They are also trying to arrange with the Government to have Chinese coming to attend Canadian colleges exempted from the payment of the usual head tax of \$500.

The Young People's Department.

A GOOD WAY FOR ALL TO HELP.

My Dear Young Friends:

I know that everyone of you, big and little, old and young (for there are plenty of old people who are always young), are glad to know of ways to help in our mission work. Now, I am not going to write of a new way, but am going to ask you what has probably been asked you a good many times before. That is, we want all the used picture-rolls and Scripture picture-cards that you can send us. Yes, and other pictures, too, all your pretty Santa Clauses, and bright New Year's cards and Easter cards and all the bright little picture cards you have. Though the Scripture cards, especially the colored ones, are preferred. We can make use of all the others. It is needless to say that soiled ones or torn or broken ones would not be useful, but I am sure if you all rummaged among your things at home you would find so many cards that would be useful, and then, again, you could ask the teachers of your Primary Departments in Sunday School to be so good as to send those large picture-rolls as soon as they are done with. We want so many of all these—the work among the children is growing so that we could make good use of hundreds, and I daresay thousands.

It costs about 15 cents to send the Quarter's Roll of pictures; that is one cent for two ounces for all printed matter. All these should be securely wrapped, leaving one end open, and tied up and with our address—"Miss Hatch, Ramachandrapuram, Godaveri District, India." You could also put "From so and so," giving your name, and then it would be acknowledged.

Now, just a word as to what use we make of these pictures:

We have over one hundred villages in this field. There are only two or three villages where the caste children attend our schools, so we depend on, more or less, of Sunday School work among the caste children of as many of the other villages as we can reach. We have one evangelist who gives half his time—that is 3½ days a week—in gathering together the caste children in different villages and in teaching them the Scriptures. We have as rewards in each Sunday School little tickets with Telugu texts on them, and for larger rewards, these picture-cards from home, and for a year's attendance, one picture from the picture-roll.

Besides the work of the Sunday School evangelist, I have in my tours endeavored to gather together the caste children in the different villages, and, though these may only be visited twice a year, it is wonderful what they can remember. I was in a village the other day when the children sang a whole hymn through themselves without help. This hymn had been given them on a leaflet, and so as they were school children they had learnt it. They learn very quickly in villages, where there are schools. These schools are Government schools, taught by Hindus. Just to-day I was in a village, and such a crowd of boys and girls came into a courtyard where I was preaching to the women that I asked them to learn some verses. This they did, and I wish you could have seen how their eyes shone when I handed each one a pretty picture-card. I was so pleased to find there were two little girls reading in the third and fourth standards that I made each a present of a little book. Then all the others wanted books, and we sold 45 books to-day, mostly portions of the

Bible, Matthew and Mark or Luke. So we sow the seed in the hearts of these dear little boys and girls, and pray for a great harvest bye and bye. As you send these pictures, which I will be looking forward to receive, will you not remember to pray also that each one who receives any one of these may receive a spiritual blessing as well. Thus may we be helpers together with God.

Your old-time friend,

S. Isabel Hatch.

NOTE OF THANKS.

Having received two picture-rolls from the Wortley Road Baptist Church, London, Ont., I wish to give them my very hearty thanks. Will be glad of as many more as any church, Sunday School, Mission Band or Mission Circle can send.

I find these two rolls cost 88 cents, so that must have been letter postage. If the rolls are open at the ends, they will come for newspaper postage, which is only one cent for two ounces or one-quarter of the cost of letter postage.

Will all who propose sending either rolls or picture-cards notice this.

S. Isabel Hatch.

FIRE IN THE WASHERMAN'S HOUSE.

Dear Young Friends.

One Sunday evening between four and five o'clock our Evangelistic School Company were just starting out to their schools, when a big smoke and the crackling of bamboos turned everyone's attention to one part of the town; for it was on fire. Such a rush across the field behind the compound! We are so helpless here when a fire breaks out, for there are no firemen with their engine and hook and ladders and such things.

And here in Tuni no water taps. Every drop must be drawn up out of the nearest well.

Mrs. Scott and the children and I went up on the roof to watch. The bits of burnt leaves came blowing over us and we could hear the shouting of the people and the crackling of the bamboos as another house caught fire. There was quite a high wind blowing at the time. We saw the people from the village near by running that way, and also a group of our Christian children gathered together watching from the distance. When our folks got back we found out the reason they were so anxious. Their dobbie's (washerman's) house was right in the way of the fire, and he had taken their clothes only a few days before, and it would be a very serious loss to them all if they were burned. So they all worked hard to save their clothes and his house. The wind turned so that they were much helped, and a big caste man standing near by said, "Because you are Christians God is helping you." Yes, God was helping them as He listened to the prayers of those dear wee children. for that is what that group of little folks did, they just got right down in the field and one after another prayed God to save their clothes and help those who were trying to put out the fire. The youngest of them cannot talk very plain yet, but he asked too, and God, who cares for the sparrow, heard the cry of His little children and turned the wind, so that that house and their clothes were saved.

I have written this, knowing you will be glad that Telugu boys and girls are proving that God hears and answers prayer. Your loving friend,

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