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HERE has been recently published a book, under the title "Baptist Principles — Letters From a Father to His Son," by Dr. E. E. Folk. Surely this book and like ones, are much needed at the present time. It sometimes seems as if there are classes in our churches for everything under the sun—classes for mission study or for church history, or for Pauline epistles; but when we do hear of a class for the study of our distinctive principles as Baptists? And surely it is not because the need is met, for we find that a very large number of the young people in our churches, even those from Baptist homes, know very little of the Baptist principles, or, if they know, attach very little importance to them. These are the ones whom we hear so frequently saying: "Well, you know there really is not much difference, anyway, except with the Roman Catholics," or "I would not be bigoted enough to think we are the only ones that are right." These, too, are the ones who, if circumstances lead them to a change of residence where the Baptist cause is not so flourishing as in the old home, are found joining some other congregation because "the preaching is so good," or "the people are so friendly," or "my friends all go there," never realizing that the weakness of the cause is their call to show of what stuff they are made; never realizing that joining a Christian church is not a matter of preference or ad-

vantage, but a matter of conviction as to which denomination is representing most closely in its teachings the Bible teaching and commands. There is no good reason for our being Baptists or Presbyterians or Anglicans, except a firm belief that the body to which we belong is nearer the truth than any other. And if any of us find ourselves ignorant of the distinctive principles of our church, let us forsake all other study for a time, and "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" everything we can find on the subject, so that we can give a "reason" for the hope that is in us." We shall come back to the Mission problem with a clearer grasp—we shall not be "blown about by every wind of doctrine"—but we shall have some prospect of developing that strong type of Christian character which founded our Baptist churches in Ontario and Eastern Canada, and which had as some of its distinguishing characteristics wide knowledge of Bible truths, deep conviction of their importance, unswerving loyalty to their convictions, and earnest purpose to carry forward the truth as they believed it, at home and abroad.

"LINK."

Another request has come in for "Links" to complete files. Will someone who is not attempting a file send to 50 Howland Ave., Toronto, one or all of the following numbers: May, 1906; May, 1909; Jan., 1910.

Missionary News.

Adana and the surrounding districts are still suffering greatly from the effects of the tragedy a year ago. To try and provide employment for the men, food and shelter for the women and children, an International Relief Committee has been formed at Constanti-nople, under the patronage of the Sultan of Turkey. \$40,000 is needed immediately.

India is not ready for all advances as yet. Mr. Tata, a Parsee merchant, recently left a large sum to found an institution in India on the lines of Johns Hopkins, but it has been decided not to use the money as yet, because the people are not ready to use such a school. Another gentleman wanted to found a Pasteur Institute for treatment of snake-bites, from which 50,000 people die annually, but religious prejudices are still so strong that it cannot be done.

There was recently convened in Adana a notable gathering with a strange purpose—a gathering which indicated the trend of affairs under the new regime—where were a Young Turk Governor, a Moslem military commander, the Mayor, the Chief of the city police, an old Moslem president of the Board of Education, the Armenian Catholic bishop, Syrian Catholics, Gregorians, the English Consul and the Persian Consul. This strange company was a High Commission on embroidery. The arts of Oriental embroidery, lace work and hand weaving are to be revived and a market found for the products, as an attempt to relieve the distress so prevalent.

“The World in Boston” is the name adopted for the missionary exhibition to be held in Boston in April, 1911.

This is the first exposition of this kind on our side of the ocean and promises to be of as great interest as “The Orient in London” and “Africa and the East.” Mr. Gardiner, of the London Missionary Society and Mr. Diffendorfer, of the Young People’s Missionary Movement, are to take the lead in preparation.

Roman Catholicism is losing its hold in at least one of its strongholds. In Bolivia, where all movements are of much interest to us, a law has been passed closing all cloisters and convents, preventing entrance of monks and nuns into the country, taking over the property of the Roman Catholic Church and forbidding the consecration of monks and nuns.

A conference of leaders of the Moslem faith is called at Cairo for February, 1911. Its headquarters are to be at the ancient university founded by Saladin, and it would seem as if Islam is beginning to tremble at the sight of three rulers in Moslem lands, Turkey, Persia and Morocco, being driven from their thrones within a year or two.

The Christians of Korea are attempting to bring to the Christian religion 1,000,000 souls this year. It is a large undertaking, when we realize that to do that, they must win one each every month.

The Salvation Army is to commence work in China during the coming year. Hitherto they have refrained from doing so on the grounds that their military methods were not suited to the peace-loving Chinese.

The Great Commission is being heard in India. Three years ago Udai Singh,

one of the students of a missionary theological seminary, was sent to the Fiji Islands as a missionary to the East Indians there. Just lately, in answer to an appeal for helpers, five more have offered themselves for this work.

The Bishop of Madras has been making some encouraging statements on the work among the outcastes of India. He urges that the conversion of India does not depend on the conversion of the Brahmins, or the educated classes of the towns, but upon that of the huge population of the villages. He says that in the last 40 years about 250,000 outcastes in the Telugu country have turned to Christianity. He says also that the elevation of these outcastes will prove a most conclusive argument for Christianity in showing the contrasting effects in themselves of the two religions—Hinduism and Christianity.

We may well pause. In Germany alone there are said to be 250,000 Buddhists of the cultured class! In Leipsic there is a Buddhist missionary institute with eleven itinerant missionaries. In Munich a circle of the nobility gather every Sunday to engage in the worship of Buddha. In Paris a German baron has given \$125,000 for Buddhist missionary work.

There seems to be hope that a new day may be dawning for the Congo, in the accession of the new King of Belgium. He has himself visited the Congo and was said to be greatly shocked by the conditions he found. He is not nearly such an ardent Catholic as his uncle and so there are hopes that Protestant missions may not be so restricted in their operations. A programme of reforms has been drawn up which, though not calculated to wipe out the wrongs, makes some very distinct concessions to the rights of the natives.

The Y.W.C.A. is doing a splendid work for the women of Buenos Ayres, that great and wicked city in the Argentine Republic. They have established boarding houses, lunch rooms, sewing classes and Bible classes, and are especially directing their efforts against the spread of the white slave traffic, which is said to be in extent beyond the belief of North American women.

Nearly 2,000 Mormon missionaries are quietly working from house to house in this and other lands, and the Mormon papers report great success. Mormonism has the tithing system and almost unlimited financial resources, and they have almost complete control over the lives of the young people, and can command any service. The power of this insidious doctrine is growing in Canada and we would do well to be on our guard.

MRS. J. G. BROWN.

We regret to have to record this month the death of Mrs. Brown, the wife of Rev. J. G. Brown, D.D., Secretary of Foreign Missions. Most of our readers will know that Dr. and Mrs. Brown spent over seven years in India, their chief work being done on the Vuyuru field.

Mrs. Brown was in fullest sympathy with her husband's work and though hindered by almost continual illness during her residence in India, did everything within her power to further mission work. While in Canada on furlough, her physician forbade her return to India, and this, with their children's need of watchcare, led Dr. and Mrs. Brown to settle in Canada. Her last illness was of some months' duration and during much of that time she was a great sufferer. Through it all she showed the same bright, cheerful and self-sacrificing spirit which characterized her whole life.

Mrs. Brown was quiet, patient and tender, and she was always ready to completely forget herself in the interests of others. She died on Thursday, March 10. Though she has left us, Mrs. Brown will be long and lovingly remembered by very many, both in the home land and in the foreign field.

CEYLON'S SPICY BREEZES.

Mrs. Firstbrook.

How often in prayer-meetings of a missionary character, have we sniffed "the spicy breezes that blow soft o'er Ceylon's Isle," never thinking it would be our good fortune ever to visit this childhood's fairy land. Here we are in Colombo, in the Grand Oriental hotel, seated in a room, under waving ferns, which flutter in the spicy breezes. The soft footed native glides in and out, looking to our comfort, his bare feet making no noise on the polished floor. We have hired a man, or boy as we call him, to look after us, while we are in India, Joseph by name. He has a particularly nice face, not jolly, like old Hassan, the guide we had in Cairo, but with a sweet, grave face. Our first study of the people of India, if you can call the island of Ceylon India, pleases us. The women have sweet, patient faces, with a sort of pleading look in their eyes. The women here do not hide their faces, and we are glad, for it means so much to see the faces of those one is among.

On the way to the railway station, we met the greatest "millinery opening," of men's costumes, we had ever seen. Here comes a chap, showing a row of very white teeth, charming, in a bright pink loin cloth, and in his hair a large, round comb. Black polished uppers, and lowers divided by cloths of red, blue, yellow or purple, or any bright color the weaver may fancy, glance here and there, in the bright sun light, amid palm trees. As to what these people may be in themselves, good or bad, we have no means of knowing, but as picture makers they are simply perfect. We were told not to trust our hand baggage to a native, unless he had a badge, so may be the other line of the hymn, about man being vile, is true too. We fancy these people never heard of a germ and have no knowledge of a

microbe, for we have seen men taking a bath, washing their clothes and taking numerous drinks in one small pond. Boys stand in the water, waving their bright cloths, which they will lay in the sun to dry. At one of the stations, a dark boy, with a yellow loin-cloth, was pouring water out of a large jar, over himself. He looked just like an oriental fountain. Over the green rice fields, called Paddy, we see a small boy, innocent of any clothing, chasing with a large palm leaf, a black cow; or there, a large date palm, waving its long red twigs of golden dates under its graceful leaves. The mother's problem, of clothing the children is, in this country, a very simple one, and the washing, including the family and the clothes, are done "while you wait." There is a human in a long red skirt, hair done up in a fancy bob, surmounted by a huge comb, neck ornamented by a string of gold beads. You may think it a woman, but no, it is a man. Now we pass a pretty bamboo hut, all covered with a tropical vine, and in the doorway a woman stands, with an infant, said infant clothed in dark skin, and a bracelet.

We have just refreshed ourselves with the milk from a large cocoa nut. Natives bring them to the station, and for ten cents they will knock the tops off and give you a drink of sweet juice. It seems a very nice provision of nature, that in this warm climate, you can get a good drink from the top of a tree. We are now climbing up the mountains, to Kandy, where we spend Sunday. The scenery here is simply charming. Unlike most mountain scenery, there is a total absence of bleakness, for in each winding of the mountain, we catch glimpses of the green, green rice fields, or the short bushes of the tea gardens.

Bamboo-trees, and palms of many varieties, the bread fruit tree, with its glorious, glossy foliage, the gay poinsettia, and a tree of white flowers, but no leaves, all are to be seen, and over all the golden haze of a mellow sunset.

At 6.30 o'clock, we reach Kandy, and sitting in the Queen's hotel, we wish all at home could look through our eyes at the scene from our window. The clouds are piled up in mountains of azure and crimson, in a setting of golden yellow. Beneath the window the jinrickshaws are landing guests at the hotel,—the native, in his bright loin cloth; the ladies and gentlemen in white, with pith hats, make a charming foreground to those wonderful clouds.

We have just been talking to our boy, Joseph, and find that he is a Christian. As a little boy, he worked in a missionary family. Our hope is in the young. We saw a lady missionary taking her girls to service, two carts full of them, with the missionary, in a jinrickshaw. The young girls were dressed in pretty white jackets, low neck and short sleeves, over blue or red slirts, and they looked sweet and pretty. We find there is a Baptist mission here, so later we may have more to tell.

A STRIKING PRAYER.

A South Sea Islander, at the close of a religious meeting, offered the following prayer:—"O God, we are about to go to our respective homes. Let not the word we have heard be like the fine clothes we wear, soon to be taken off and folded up in a box till another Sabbath comes round. Rather let thy truth be like the tattoo on our bodies, ineffaceable till death."

That it spread no further. Acts 4: 17.

When you hear an ill report about anybody, halve and quarter it—and then say nothing about the rest.—C. H. Spurgeon.

PROPORTION.

(The people of the United States last year spent sixty million dollars for lace; they gave, all denominations included, less than seven million dollars for missions.)

Eleven cents for missions and a dollar for lace

Is our index of proportion; shows our zeal to save the race.

Said the Lord to his disciples: "Bring an offering to-day

For the famine-stricken people who are suffering far away."

And his sleek, well-fed disciples, looking up into his face,

Made reply, "We'd like to do it, but we've spent so much for lace."

Said the Lord: "Seek first my kingdom to establish among men;

Teach the dead in sin and evil, they can rise through me again."

So they gave their extra pennies and they sent a man of grace

To conduct a penny mission—but the dollars went for lace.

Said the Lord: "A tiny army mighty things for God hath done:

But he calls for tenfold measures that the millions may be won."

But they answered: "Lord, have patience; we can't hope to win the race.

Leave some work for our descendants; leave us something for our lace!"

Said the Lord at last, in sorrow: "Sleep ye on, O faithless race;

Take your ease among your rose-paths and your blood-bought bolts of lace!"

But his people made remonstrance: "Lord, take not with us offense;

We have not forgot thy kingdom—lo, we give eleven cents!"

Thus eleven cents for missions and a dollar bill for lace

Is our index of proportion; shows our zeal to save the race.

—William M. Vories, in The Japan Evangelist.

A wise old German once said: "I like to give willingly. Ven I gives willingly it enjoys me so much that I gives again."

Our Work Abroad.

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS.

Dear Link,—Agra, the convention city, with the vision of the Taj still lingering in my soul; Delhi, Lucknow, and Cawnpore, with their sad, sad history of the Mutiny; Allahabad, with its thousands of worshippers gathered for the annual mela; Benares, the citadel of Hinduism and darkness; Serampore, where the light broke on darkened India more than a hundred years ago; Calcutta, the city of palaces; and last of all, our Canadian Baptist Mission—these are the places around which shall cluster many memories of the days that lie between Nov. 13th and Dec. 13th, 1909.

Sweetest of all the memories will be the delightful week spent with friends, old and new, in the Mission of my childhood dreams, and of the hopes and longings of my girlhood.

My first visit was with Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Miss Morrow, of Tuni. A drive with Miss Morrow through the town, a visit to a heathen caste school, and the Mission school, and conversation with our devoted missionaries stationed here, revealed to me much of the faithful, cheerful service rendered by these brave workers in this somewhat isolated field. Then on to Samalkot, the place of all places on my heart to visit, for here was my old friend, Mrs. H. E. Stillwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Timpany, from my own home town in Ontario. Surely it seemed a real taste of home to be with them. It is needless to say that I found a welcome there and enjoyed every moment of my stay. In their large school Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell are doing a work that must largely influence the future life of the community, both Christian and heathen. Mr. and Mrs. Timpany are both hard at the language. From Samalkot a half an hour's drive took us to Peddapuram for a very pleasant hour with Mr. and Mrs. McLeod and Miss McLeod, in whose work I have always been so much interested. How I should like to have had time to go with them on one of their tours to see more of the work in the outlying villages, but with one week at my disposal, this was out of the question. I was much disappointed in not being able to see something of Miss Hatch's work, but my heart was rejoiced by what I heard of it.

Sunday was spent in Cocanada, and the young ladies of the Harris bungalow did all in their power to make my stay a pleasant one. I was able to see and hear a good deal of the work in this the oldest station of our Mission. But the best was to go with Miss Pratt, to one of the zenanas. Never shall I forget the light and joy on dear old Mahalakshine's face as she sang the gospel stories and the plaintive Telugu hymns. A caste woman, and bound by its fetters, yet as I looked into her bright face I could not but feel that she knew something of the freedom of the soul in Christ. Neither shall the sweet face of Kundunamma, the matron in the Girls' School, and the sweet story of her self-surrender, be soon effaced from my memory. Surely to bear the message of light and love to such as these is a privilege indeed.

Dr. Smith's medical work at Pithapuram also greatly cheered my heart. The foundations are being laid broad and deep, and along with every opportunity for healing the body, Dr. Smith does not fail to pour in the oil and wine of the gospel for the soul. The three sisters who have made this work possible would have their hearts thrilled could their eyes see what their gifts have wrought.

Time would not permit my visiting the other stations, but I am sure that the work I have seen is proof of the faithful service done by all our devoted missionaries, and you who have sent them out have reason to thank God for the noble, efficient, consecrated band representing you in this large place in God's vineyard.

I am writing this as my steamer is lying at anchor off the shore at Cocanada. The shades of evening are falling and soon India will be left behind and my face and thoughts must turn Burma-ward once more. Soon the bright faces of my Karen boys and girls will welcome me back to my loved work among them, in which God has given me my part with Him in bringing to the world the story of His love.

One of your own, for Burma,

— MINNIE B. POUND,
Maubin,
Burma.

UNION MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

In Vizianagram, Vizagapatnam District, India, January second to fifth, was held the annual Union Conference of Missionaries of the two Canadian Baptist Missions. Our Maritime friends, who entertained the conference this year, made most thoughtful provision for the comfort of all in attendance, and every session was full of interest and helpfulness. In the devotional hours before each session was felt the real presence of the Master, and the sweet memory of these soul-refreshing seasons, will, I am sure, lighten many a weary hour in the strenuous lives of the Missionaries, as they go about among the villages during the year.

It will not be possible for me to give a very full account of the papers read, and the subjects discussed. Suffice it to say, all were most interesting and informing.

When it is remembered that some of the Missionaries do not hear an English address from one Conference till the next, readers of the Link will understand how much the Conference sermon is appreciated. Rev. R. E. Smith, of Cocanada, preached the sermon on Sunday afternoon, and his discourse was a treat indeed. "The Excellency of Love," as set forth in I. Cor., 13th Chapter, was the subject considered. After referring to the condition of affairs in Corinth, and the circumstances under which the Apostle Paul gave this message to the church there, Mr. Smith went on to speak of "The barrenness of lovelessness," under three headings, as follows:

1. Talent is barren without love.
2. Personal character is barren without love.
3. Our future is barren without love.

In closing his discourse, Mr. Smith said:

"Other gifts are gifts for time. Love is the eternal. Faith and Hope will last as long as the Church abides, but one day Faith will be lost in sight, and Hope in fruition, and then will Love be perfected."

The retiring President, Rev. J. A. Glendinning, addressed the Conference

Monday morning, upon the subject, "The Providence of God." In the course of his address, Mr. Glendinning set forth that God's Providence consisted in leading His people to avoid danger and trouble by choosing the safer and wiser course of action, rather than in the setting aside of His laws for the safety and security of His own.

Rev. J. R. Stillwell, in his paper on "The Survey of the Year in the Religious World," dealt with the subject in three parts: Christian doctrine, Christian life and Christian aggressiveness. It was a splendid paper, but I shall not attempt to report it. There will be other reports of the conference, in some of which Mr. Stillwell's paper will doubtless receive more attention, than the reporter for the Link is capable of giving to such a subject.

Pernaps of all the subjects brought before the conference, the reports of the work for the year just closed, given by Miss Gaunce, for the Maritime Mission, and Rev. J. A. K. Walker, for the Ontario and Quebec Mission, were of most interest to all. As these are printed in full in "Among the Telugus" and denominational papers, readers of the Link will surely see them, and will be encouraged, as we all were, when we realized how the Lord had been working among the people of the Telugu country during 1909.

Let me just refer to a part of the report given by Miss Gaunce.

The missionaries who are working among the Savaras, a hill tribe, and the lowest of the low, are much encouraged in their work. Many of these poor people, treated as mere cattle by the higher castes, are responding to the gospel message. Mr. Glendinning has, with certain modifications of Orya characters, given the Savaras a written dialect, and has translated portions of the Scripture for their use.

A discussion on work among women was led by Miss Newcombe. She spoke of the many drawbacks, especially mentioning the "paralyzing ignorance," "appalling superstition," and "positive error," in which the women of India live. One found that homely illustrations and very simple language, were successful methods for this work. Some fine pictures helpful, but I think

all were agreed that entire dependence upon God for guidance, and a large use of His Word, are, after all, the surest means of success in reaching the women.

Rev. J. Craig's paper on "The Need of a Course of Study of the Social and Religious Conditions of India," was convincing. Mr. Craig said: "A mission to work intelligently, should have some knowledge of such subjects as, the religions of India, the caste system, the sacred books of India, the reformed religions." After some discussion a committee was appointed, to propose a curriculum, and bring in a report to next conference.

Most missionaries carry more or less medicine with them while touring, and such information as was gained from Dr. E. G. Smith's talk on "Treatment of Common Diseases," will doubtless be put to good use in days to come.

Other subjects dealt with referred particularly to the work of a missionary on the field, and were all helpful, in that one gained new ideas and plans for work.

Twenty-eight of the Maritime missionaries and thirteen of the Ontario and Quebec missionaries were in attendance.

HELEN WOODBURN.

"THE ENTRANCE OF THY WORD GIVETH LIGHT."

Fanny Stovel McLeod.

When Mr. McLeod and I came to the Peddapuram field, four years ago, we were struck with the smallness of the number of Christian women on the field, who were educated at all; including Biblewomen and wives of workers, they did not then number a dozen. And we were impressed with the need of devising some plan whereby the women who cannot read God's Word for themselves, might be really taught portions, that treasured up in their hearts, would be a help and an inspiration to them—a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path.

It seemed to us, as we thought it out, that if we could have a couple of Biblewomen, whom we could send to spend a month with this church, and a month with that, and so on, all over

the field, teaching to the women of the churches, portions of Scripture, which we should assign, the desired end would be accomplished. A woman whom we considered suitable for such a work opportunely appeared—an experienced Biblewoman, a widow, not too young and not too old. We were able to give her a suitable companion, but soon found, to our dismay, that the gift of teaching was not hers. All her experience had been among the heathen, telling to them the Gospel story, and she seemed unable to adapt herself to the task of really teaching the Christian women.

After months of patient trial, this plan was given up. Then one day a happy thought came, and we promised a preacher's wife a cloth, if she would teach the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians to the Christian women of her village. She is the only woman in a church of sixty-seven members, who can read, and her educational attainments are small, she, having never really finished the second reader. Her husband's salary is but \$2.50 a month, and she was delighted with the prospect of earning a cloth for herself, and too, was honestly glad to help with the work.

Other women in other villages have taken up this work, until now thirteen women are teaching portions of the Word, to as many different groups of Christian women. Some of these women who teach, are themselves unable to read, and are obliged to learn the lesson from the nearest preacher or Biblewoman, before they can teach it to the others. One is worthy of special mention, as she walks six miles to learn the lesson she wishes to teach. The number of women and girls learning and reciting these Bible lessons is now nearly two hundred and fifty. In some of the villages, they have recited part of Isa 53; all of the love chapter I Cor. 13; that beautiful lesson on trust, Matt. 6: 24-34. Matt. 7: 7-29; the 1st and 23rd Psalms the 51st Psalm; the parable of the Prodigal Son, and John 15: 1-17; and many of the women can remember all the lessons learned. That these portions of the Word have so large a place in their hearts and minds is, we feel, matter for rejoicing. Nor are these lessons learned in a day, for it takes weeks of patient teaching and

telling, on the part of the teacher, and of repeating over and over, again and yet again, on the part of these unlettered women, who, for the first time in their lives, are really trying to learn something. Having listened to the women of this country gossip among themselves, and knowing the kind of thing that largely occupies their thoughts, great is my exultation over the fact that these lessons take time, much time, ere the women can so make them their own, as to be able to recite them.

"Is not My Word as a fire, saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces," and oh, the cross that awaits the consuming fire, in the lives of these, our sisters, who have so little to help them along the upward way, and the rocks of custom and habit and superstition that so sadly need the divine hammer! And is it not written, that "the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and interests of the heart." Also, it is written that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Are we not, therefore, justified in our faith, that these portions of God's own Word, carefully and thoughtfully learned, will bring to these women a clearer vision of the Saviour, a better definite comprehension of His will for them in all the details of their daily life, than any number of visits and talks and sermons from us?

And these lessons have their influence, and bear fruit outside the circle of Christian women—a candidate for baptism was being examined before the church, and was asked to tell what the Lord Jesus had done for her. With tears streaming from her eyes, and her voice broken with sobs, she replied: "He was wounded for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquities, the chastisement of my peace was upon Him, and with His stripes am I healed. Like a sheep have I gone astray, and the Lord hath laid on Him all my sin." The Christian women in a nearby village, had been

learning Isa 53, and she had learned it with them or from them, and was the first in her own village to believe.

(To be continued).

RESOLUTION.

At Conference, Cocanada, 1909: Whereas, our Senior Missionary, Mr. John Craig, while on furlough in Canada, did bestow great pains and much labor in gathering together all the facts in connection with the establishing of our Mission to the Telugus and its growth during the past forty years; and whereas he has expended much care in selecting from these facts all those best adapted to the making of a continuous history compiled by him under the name, "Forty Years Among the Telugus."

Therefore, he it resolved that we hereby express to our brother our heartfelt appreciation of his efforts and our sincere appreciation of the work; and to our Board our thanks for publishing this valuable history.

That, further, we recommend to our churches, our B.Y.P.U.'s, our Sunday Schools, Circles, and Mission Bands, and individuals interested, the study of this book as a reliable, trustworthy and interesting account of our Mission work since its inception.

That we encourage a wide circulation of the same, and that we request the Board to have copies of this resolution published in the Canadian Baptist, the Missionary Link and the Western Outlook.

HARRY E. STILLWELL,
Conference Secretary.

Here I am, Lord, send me—send me to the end of the earth; send me to the rough and savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort in the earth; send me even to death itself, if it be but in thy service and to promote thy kingdom.—David Brainerd.

An aged Japanese woman became a Christian, and even her ten-year-old grandson was impressed with her life and faith. One day a rice relative took him to the temple, but nothing could induce him to worship the idols, "Grandmother's God is the only true God; I will worship none but him," he said.

Our Work at Home.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

To the Women's Circles, of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Dear Sisters:—It may not be amiss now that April is here, and six months of our missionary year has passed, that your president should draw attention to a few facts.

The treasurer's book shows us that the appeal which was sent out to all the circles, soon after Convention, asking for an increase, has not received the ready response for which we hoped. There has been an increase over the same date last year, of about \$200.00, but in order to pay the deficit, which now amounts to \$383.00, and the extra appropriation necessitated by Miss Murray's home-coming, the increase for the next six months must be much larger.

Some of the circles have paid in full what has been asked of them, and to these, we return our thanks, but there are others that we feel have not the necessity for this appeal laid on their hearts.

Some circles do their best work in the winter months, others in the summer, and to these last we are looking for great things.

Perhaps there are some who think that they are being asked for too much. To these we would say, that the percentage of increase required, to meet all the estimates, was made out alike for all the circles, and if you feel that it is more than you can manage—remember that the most we ask of you, is to do your best.

If each woman meets the need prayerfully, and with consideration, we feel that the crisis will be overcome. For that this is a crisis, in our Society, we all must understand. The Board feels very strongly, in regard to the situation, and without we can meet all requirements, and start the year 1910-11, with a clean sheet, we shall have to drop the work, which will be a measure greatly to be deplored.

The women on the Board are feeling this a very heavy burden just now.—Will you not help carry the responsibility, as you have pledged yourselves

to support them, and use your influence, that all may be done that can be done, as speedily as possible, for the "King's business" requires haste.

The Day of Prayer for missions, at home and abroad, to be observed on Thursday, April 7th, will give all an opportunity of unitedly laying before the Lord, in definite prayer, this pressing need for money to carry on His work.

We would ask you also, to pray especially for the preservation of our dear Miss Murray, who will then be on the sea, and when she arrives, let us be able to meet her with a clear conscience, that while she has been bearing the burden and heat of the day, we have not been neglectful of our part.

Yours in the work,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,
President.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

Hespeler.—For the Thank-offering meeting, Miss Pannabolar, a returned missionary, from the Soudan, gave an address, enlarging the vision of worldwide need, and broadening the sympathy. The offering was \$23.10.

Mrs. Coleman,
Secretary.

Scotland.—Mrs. Barber, of Brantford, gave an inspiring address, at the Thank-offering. The amount raised was \$23.00. There is not a large opportunity here for increasing in numbers, but much hope for increase in faithfulness. The emergency call brought a response of \$10.00.

Mrs. A. Markle,
Secretary.

Windsor.—The President gave much information, at a recent meeting, in a Bible Reading, on "The Holy Temple," using a map of Jerusalem, and drawing a plan of Herod's Temple. Two life members were made during last year, and the recently organized Band is prospering.

Mrs. J. J. McKellar,
Secretary.

Grimsby.—The Mission Circle has as the year's watchword, "Love." Meeting from house to house, they are assisting the Mission Band in making a "Missionary Quilt."

Mrs. J. T. Priest,
Secretary.

Dunnville.—Miss Baskerville spent a day with the Circle, in January, speaking in the afternoon at the Thank-offering, and in the evening at an open meeting, on "The Revival in India." The offering was \$14.00.

Mrs. Wm. Franklin,
Secretary.

Woodstock, First.—The Circle meets at the different homes. The programmes are planned for a year ahead, and prepared in a careful and interesting manner. Dressed dolls and fancy work-bags were sent to Miss Hatch, to use as Christmas presents. Two boxes were packed for Home Mission work, by Ladies' Aid and Mission Circle. Union meetings, with the Young Ladies' Circle, Oxford St. Church or Ladies' Aid, are sometimes held. The Thank-offering was over \$33.00.

Alice N. Mahon,
Secretary.

Ridgetown.—Bags were prepared and sent to every woman in the church, for the thank-offering, and came back, bringing \$14.00. The Mission Band has been contributing to the programmes of the Circle.

Blanche Watterworth,
Secretary.

London, Maitland St.—Our Circle has suffered a great loss, by the death of our beloved President, Mrs. George Robertson, who died December 29th, 1909, after a short illness.

The Missionary cause was very dear to her heart, and because of her enthusiasm and ability, she held many prominent positions. She organized the Young Ladies' Mission Circle, and became the President. She was President of the London branch of Mission to Lepers, and was prominently connected with the W.C.T.U. work, of London.

At the monthly Circle meeting, held January 6th, 1910, a resolution was passed and placed on record, of the faithful and efficient work she had done for the cause of missions. After being a member of Adelaide St. church for twenty years, she moved to the north end of the city and became identified with the Maitland St. Church.

Burlington.—The roll-call at the Thank-offering, was responded to by giving of missionary news items. Papers by Mrs. Carr, on "The True Mission Spirit," and by Mrs. Emerson on "The Genesis of Missions in Central Africa," were read. Offering,—\$2.45.

Phoebe Emerson,
Secretary.

Boston.—Rev. J. G. Brown, gave the address at the Thank-offering. The meeting being held on a Sunday. The offering was \$24.00.

Mrs. M. E. Crooker,
Secretary.

Weston.—A new Circle was organized November 25th with 25 members, the first meeting being addressed by Mrs. Wm. Scott, Toronto. The officers are:—Pres., Mrs. J. L. Sloat; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Masters; Sec., Mrs. Palmer; Treas., Mrs. Pearce

Mrs. Palmer,
Secretary.

Tillsonburg.—The Thank-offering was also the 25th anniversary of the Circle's organization, and a suitable historical address was given by Mrs. E. C. Jackson. Miss Baskerville also spoke. The collection was \$18.00.

Mrs. A. J. Hawkins,
Secretary.

Bands.—New Bands have been organized in Wingham, Essex and Southampton, and the members are enthusiastically undertaking work for both Home and Foreign Missions.

S. M. Barber,
Band Secretary.

BOARD MEETING.

The regular quarterly board meeting, of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, East, was held on the afternoon of Friday, March 11, in Olivet Church, Montreal.

The attendance was unusually good, and the President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, was in the chair. The opening devotional service was led by the Hon. Pres., Mrs. T. James Claxton, and later in the afternoon, Mrs. Claxton was warmly welcomed as the Society's second Life Directress, a short report being given of the meeting at the First Church, Montreal, when she was presented with the certificate. A further meeting was reported to the Board, in the account of the recent lecture given by the Rev. Joseph Sullivan, on behalf of the Officer's Traveling Expenses fund, an annual lecture being arranged by the board, for this purpose. Miss Alma Allen, of Delta, was received during the afternoon, as the first life member of bands. All of these were encouraging incidents, but the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Motley, on the response of the circles, to the appeal for a fifty per cent increase in their gifts to the work this year, was rather discouraging. Of course, it was readily realized that those circles which had given most generously last year, might well look on such an appeal as somewhat exorbitant, but it had been hoped that there would have been a more generous response on the part of the other circles. However, plans have now been put in operation, by the board, by which they hope to somewhat better conditions financially.

The invitation of the First Church, Montreal, for the convention to meet with them this year, was received and accepted, conditionally, on the Home Society's acceptance also.

During the afternoon, a new circle was reported formed at Sherbrooke, and Mrs. J. Hale Ramsay, Supt. of Mission Bands, also reported three new bands, one at Buckingham, and two in Kingston. Short reports were also received from the directresses of all three associations, and from Miss Dakin, the new Supt. of the Bureau of Literature, for the East. Good reports were received from the workers in the foreign field, as usual.

Before closing the meeting, the Society wishes to place on record their great sense of loss in the recent death of Mrs. Jas. W. Tester, who had been for many years a helpful member of the board, and to extend to Mrs. J. A. Gordon and family, the deepest sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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

Receipts from February 16th, 1910 to March 15th, 1910, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

From Circles—

Freelton, \$4.87; Forest, \$4.40; Toronto Circles — Union Meeting Collection, \$5.90; Chatham, William St. for Biblewomen, P. Elizabeth, D. Veramma, \$25; Burford, \$1.00; Oxford East, \$15.00; Burlington, Thank-offering, \$2.45; Ebert's, \$5.00; Iona (\$7 for Biblewoman, E. Krupavatamma), \$9.00; Toronto, Willoughby Ave. (\$2.05, Thank-offering), \$6.00; Galt, \$8.60; Port Hope, Thank-offering, \$22.00; Toronto Jarvis St., \$29.97; Gladstone, (\$12.13, Thank-offering), \$20.53; Steelton, \$5.00; Whitby, \$2.75; Simcoe (\$6, Thank-offering), \$12.00; Aylmer (\$23.30 for Life Membership), \$29.30; Weston, \$5.00; Toronto, Western, (\$1.00 for lepers), \$14.64; Lindsay Thank-offering, \$6.00; Toronto, Dufferin St., \$1.80; Toronto, College St., \$56.55; Woodstock, First Church, \$12.25; Waterford, \$4.00; London, Adelaide St., Life Membership for Mrs. T. T. Shields, \$25.00; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$26.94; Tillsonburg, \$4.00; Peterborough, Murray St., \$33.40; Toronto, East, \$5.00; Toronto, Immanuel, \$13.90; Daywood, \$5.00; Colborne, \$6.50; Toronto, Jarvis St., Life Membership for Mrs. John Webster, \$25.00; London, South, (\$8.22; Thank-offering), \$18.72; Picton, \$3.00; Parry Sound, Thank-offering, \$5.00; Ingersoll, \$6.35; Aylmer, (\$17.92, Life Membership for Mrs. Farthing), \$21.92; Ailsa Craig, \$6.90; Whitevale, \$10.00; Harrow, \$5.00; Toronto, Bloor St.

Y. L. Aux., \$8.55; St. Catharines, Queen St., (\$1.45 for Bungalow), \$15.55; Brantford, First Church, for Miss McLeod, \$65.00; York Mills, \$10.00; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$30.51; Toronto, Jarvis St., for lepers, \$26.00; Toronto, Bloor St., \$39.52; London, Talbot St., Thank-offering, \$31.39; Bracebridge, \$5.00. Total, \$782.16.

Emergency Fund, for Miss Folsom's passage, Toronto, Bloor St., \$5.00.

From Bands—

Langton, \$2.50; Peterborough, Murray St., \$3.00; Peterborough, Murray St., for Biblewoman, M. Leale, \$7.55; Belleville, (girls), for Cheli Ventamma, \$17.00; Scotland, \$6.00; Strathroy, \$3.00; Stratford, \$5.00; Swan River, Man., for Cheli Chinnamima, \$17.00. Total, \$61.05.

From Sundries—

A Friend, for Miss Folsom's passage, \$2.00; Brantford, Mrs. S. W. Hazelton's Philathea Class, for Miss McLaurin's School Work, \$23.50; Mrs. Hopper, Woodstock, \$2.75; Mrs. R. E. Gibson, for Miss Folsom's passage, \$5.00; Mrs. M. E. Davies, for Miss Folsom's passage, \$20.00; Friends, to the Mission, by Miss Priest, for Miss Folsom's passage, \$10.00; Guelph, Philathea Class, for E. Kantamma, \$2.00; Mrs. W. Craig, for Miss Folsom's passage, \$10.00; Berlin, King St. Ladies Aid, \$10.00; Toronto, Century Women's Bible Class, for P. Eulamma, \$17.00. Total, \$102.25.

Total Receipts during the month, \$950.46.

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Treasurer on Estimates for India, \$731.08; Furlough Allowances, \$100.00; Return passage for Miss Folsom, \$350.00. Total, \$1,181.08.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

J. L. Brown, printing envelopes, \$1.25; Postage, \$3.00. Total, \$4.25.

Total disbursements during month, \$1185.33.

Total Receipts, since Oct. 20th, '09, \$4,933.28.

Total Disbursements since Oct. 20th, '09, \$5,025.59.

ADA. M. C. ROBERTSON,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Receipts from Dec. 3rd to March 11th, inclusive:

CIRCLES.

Quebec, \$10.00; Arnprior, \$5.00; Brockville, \$10.00; Philipsville, \$10.00; Ottawa, 4th Avenue, \$15.00; Ottawa, McPhail Memorial, (thank-offering), \$9.25; Renfrew, \$5.00; Montreal, Tabernacle, \$10.00; Cornwall, \$9.40; Bulwer (deficit), \$9.25; Smith's Falls, \$7.50; Perth, \$13.65; Kingston, First Church, \$5.50; Montreal, Olivet (thankoffering), and deficit, \$24.50), \$64.40; Plum Hollow, \$5.00; Kingston, 1st Church, (deficit), \$7.75; Clarence, \$15.00; Ottawa, 1st Church, \$17.30; Montreal, 1st Church, \$20.00; Breadalbane, \$10.00; Grenville, \$10.00; Kenmore, \$5.50; Kingston, 1st Church, \$5.50; Westmount, \$20.00. Total, \$300.00.

BANDS.

Kenmore (support Yella Santamma), \$15.00; Kemptville (support Ramakuri Margaret), \$15.00; Quebec, support student, \$15.00; Smith's Falls, support, Gaeta William, \$10.00; Westmount, \$9.50; Delta, to make Miss Alma Allyn Life Member, \$10.00; Perth (support Panada David and Rokola Jemima (deficit \$5.00), \$35.00; Montreal, Olivet (support Kalipurti Pramandam), \$300. Total, \$112.50.

SUNDRIES.

Life directorship, per Mrs. Motley, \$14.50; Mrs. Phillips, \$5.00; Westmount Circle, life directorship, \$13.00; Friend, for Valluru School, \$78.00; Mrs. Hendry, Allan's Mills, life directorship, \$1.00; Jenny, McArthur's estate, \$6.49; Mrs. H. Ramsay, \$2.00. Total, \$119.99.

SUMMARY.

Total from Circles, \$300.00; total from Bands, \$112.50; total from sundries, \$119.99. Total, \$532.49.

JESSIE OHMAN,

Treasurer.

EASTERN SOCIETY DAY OF PRAYER

The Board wishes to request that the Circles make the deficit a subject for special thought, as they meet on the semi-annual day of prayer, April 7th. Also remember Miss Murray, who sails for home, via Hong Kong, on April 1st.

Young People's Department.

Dear Mission Banders :-

This is the first time I have said anything to the members of the Bands, but I have begun to feel like the little children, sometimes look in church,—as if they just must talk. And what I want to talk about, is Miss Folsom's illness, and coming home,—what you, in Ontario West have heard about, in the letters to the Bands.

Miss Folsom has been a missionary, in India, for 26 years, far longer than most of us have lived, and she belongs very specially to the Mission Bands because she has been teaching boys and girls, all that time, in the Timpany Memorial School, where they speak English all the time, and where they have classes like we do in Canada, from the kindergarten, through the public schools and high schools right to the university.

Some of you saw Miss Corning last fall. She is the assistant principal of this school, and they thought in India, that she could come home to Canada, and have her holiday, and then, when she went back, Miss Folsom would come home. But Miss Folsom has been working too hard, and has taken sick, and the doctors say she must come home right away. If we only knew Miss Folsom, we would probably all like her so much that we would do everything we could think of for her. It seems to me, we ought to imagine we know her, and that she is like the nicest teacher we ever had, and then work as hard as we can, to get money to bring her home.

It ought not to be so very hard for all the Bands to raise \$350. You each have your regular money, you raise in some particular way, and of course, that must not be touched. But there are so many ways in which you can make extra, or get somebody to help you. In the January "Link," there was a story, of how some people raised some money, and perhaps some of you could do something like they did. Get your father, or somebody else, to give you a bushel of potatoes or apples, or some vegetables, and then sell them to the grocer. Perhaps your mother will give you some canned fruit or jelly or maple syrup, and you can sell these things too. And then,

you know there are many people who are just waiting to give you some money, if you will just remind them, and collect it for them. I don't believe there is a single Band, anywhere, who could not take 20 names, and divide them up among the members, each member taking 2 or 3, or even 1, and asking these people to give 25 cents, to help pay this extra \$350. Why, that would be \$5.00 anyway, from each Band.

Now, won't you all try this, right away, and let everybody see how the Bands can be great helpers in a hard place, and let Miss Folsom know how glad we all are to help her.

And we must all do it quickly, for the money must be in by May 1st. I have five 25 cent pieces now, and am just waiting for some member of our Band to come and ask me for them.

Yours hopefully,

The Editor.

WHAT JOHNNY GAVE.

Johnny gave a cent to Missions.
One whole cent—how large it seemed!
Johnny felt himself a giver
As upon the plate it gleamed.

One bright cent from Johnny's pocket,
Where a nickle and a dime
And three other duller pennies
Were reposing at the time.

"I should like to go for missions"
Said the nickle looking glum;
"But I know too well I'm booked for
Lemonade or chewing gum!"

"I would love to help the heathen,"
Cried the dime; "but then you see,
Johnny wants a nice new novel
That he's going to buy with me."

"Well, we wish, the three cents murmured,
Johnny would let us go;
But for marbles, cakes or taffy
We'll be quickly spent you know."

So they sighed and wished, but Johnny,
Wrapped in generous self-content,
Felt himself a Christian truly
Since he'd freely given a cent!

—Selected.