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Love survives the breath;
Hope grows strong in death;
Gifts thy God returns to thee

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MISSIONARY NEWS.

The fiftieth anniversary of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, has just been celebrated. This is the College for colored boys, of which Dr. Geo. Sale was President, and therefore we have an especial interest in it. Six hundred boys are now in attendance. The school is one of the children of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and, in recognition of the Societys' unfailing interest, and particu larly of Dr. Morehouse's personal in spiration, his name has been given to the institution. The present President is Dr. Hope, a graduate of Brown University.

A splendid start has been made in Baptist work in Nicaragua. The missionary writes that the ground seems to have been prepared. In the capital city a church has been organized with 42 constituent members, and among them some of large influence in the community.

The Northern Baptist Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-23. This convention includes the annual meetings of the Foreign Mission Society, the Home Mission Society, the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, the Woman's Home Mission Society and the Publication Society. The World Wide Guild meeting, May 15, in its second annual meeting, had Miss Ellis as one of its chief speakers.

The story of a notable Indian Christian, Sirdar Didar Singh, of the Pan-

jab Mission of the Church of Scotland. is told in Life and Work: He represents the high caste type. Hindus, Mohammedans and Christians all agree that he has been a great helper of every righteous and philanthropic cause. An old-fashioned Hindu once said of him, "Didar Singh is a good man and a clever business man, but he has one fault, and that is, he is a Christian." He is a highly respected citizen, and as the leading evangelist of Gujrat has been a right-hand man to the missionarieswhile he is one of the strongest supports and pillars of the Indian Presbyterian Church. He is an eloquent preacher as well as able business man. Once when a European member of the General Assembly was objecting to the election of so many Indians on committees, the Sirdar, after detailing some of the trials through which converts passed in order to throw in their lot with the often despised missionaries, "Now, Moderator, we Indians have given up high position, wealth, and much more, even our family connections, to join your Church; why are you afraid from us?" He sat down with the question on his lips and a tremble in his voice, which quite carried the day. He was in youth a student under Baba Singha, one of Duff's converts. Thus the links are formed in the chain of life influence. The Sirdar is proof of the falseness of the assertion so often heard that our Lord has no message for the higher caste people of India, and finds no response to His Gospel in their hearts. He is one of many men of influence who have embraced the cause of Christ with noble devotion.—Missions.

Miss Solman and I came to Thaiyong, China, for the month of August. The women and girls in this section are such neglected bodies! All who know the Chinese speak of their ignorance here. In fact, this section is so much looked down upon by outsiders that the men have great difficulty in securing wives. For this reason, it is not uncommon to see a woman carrying a burden come into the valley, but if you uncover the baskets at the end of her carrying pole you would not find fruit or vegetables-no, you would likely find two or more wee girls in each. This last week such a peddler came, and one of the village women bought a baby girl for \$1.60, to have for her daughter-in-law. That was a good price, I'm told. There are people who make this a regular business. Sel.

Last year we had as a boarding student a woman who has grand-chlidren 18 years old and is the mother of our domestic science teacher. She has had four daughters, a son and two grandchildren at Shaw. When her children were growing she did all she could to help them "keep in school," telling them that when they were grown and educated they could send her to school. Last year she came and the children paid her expenses. She said that she loved Shaw better than any other place on earth and could not express her happiness at being a student. She took plain sewing, dressmaking, embroidery, crocheting, domestic science (from her own daughter), reading, writing, arithmetic and English. She would take no special privileges, but kept all the rules

as the girls did. Before school closed she was offered the position of matron of a school at Oxford. She is there now doing a splendid service. It is greatly worth while to have helped even one such woman, and Shaw has sent out many like her, who are filling positions of importance and influence in churches and missionary and civic organizations throughout the country to-day. This is only one instance among many which makes us feel that the labor, money and prayer invested in Shaw have not been in vain .- Miss Charlotte Murray, Dean of the Women's Department of Shaw University for Colored Youth.

Dr. Henry Morgenthau, until recently U. S. Ambassador to Turkey, is a Hebrew, prominently identified with a synagogue in New York City. In an audience where he was discussing war conditions a few days ago, someone asked him, "What about the missionaries in Turkey?" After an impressive pause, this was the answer of the former Ambassador: "When the roll of saints and heroes in this war shall be made up, and it will be a long one, formany valorous deeds, have been performed, the names of the American missionaries in Turkey will be at the head of the list."

The distribution of Testaments among Belgian soldiers on leave in England has led to the conversion of many and to the formation of a Scripture Lengue, with thousands of members. Over 100 Belgian soldiers are faithfully and intelligently working for the spread of Christ's Kingdom through the distribution of His Word. As their country is occupied by the enemy, they cannot return there on furlough; consequently thousands of them come to London to pass their short six days leave. They roam the streets, often friendless and helplessly alone, and respond to any kindness shown them. Over 100,000 Gospels and many thousand Testaments have been distributed among these soldiers.—Sel.

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX

SOME WOMEN OF COCANADA.
Miss P. Beggs.

May I say a few words about some of my dear women in whom I am interested?

Sundhamma, a widow of about 50 years or more, is, I believe, a secret follower of the Lord. She listens very attentively when the Bible is read and explained, and answers the questions so very intelligently that I often have spoken to her and asked her whether she believed these things. She said: "When God loved me and give His Son to die for me, a sinner, how can I help believing? He is the way to heaven, and I am trusting in Him. When my grandson was ill, I asked the Lord to make him well, and He heard my prayer and restored the child. He alone is my Saviour." She told me that she would like to learn more about Christ, and something new about Him every day.

Chandhramma is a rich, dear young widow of about 20 years. She was my pupil for a few years, and then had to leave the place, as she was staying with her sister (wno was also my pupil), whose husband, a deputy collector, was transferred to Ramachandrapuram, so Chandhramma had to go away. I met her again a few weeks back at another sister's house. She was very glad to see me, and said that she was longing to see me, and that the Lord had granted her desires, and then she said: "Don't you know that I love you much? I have not forgotten to read the book you have given me (meaning the New Testament)," I asked her if she were trusting in the Lord, and that if she loved me so much that she must love my Saviour, too, in Whom I am trusting. She said that she

cared not for riches or anything else, but was trusting in the Lord, who has washed her and made her clean; and then she said: "We may not meet here again; but be sure we will meet in heaven, where there will be no more parting."

The Lord be praised, another soul brought into His fold. Dear friends, pray for her, that she may have the courage to confess the Lord openly.

Bowinthamma, another dear woman, confessed that the Lord He is God in the presence of a number of women, who looked with wonder and astonishment at her words. She said: "How could we call images made of wood and stone gods?" She looked at us, and said: "Since I have heard about the Lord Jesus and His great love to us, I have dropped making puja, because I know there is no truth in it. Believe me or not, I am trusting in the Lord." Praise the Lord for this testimony.

Not long ago one of my women was in great distress about her son, who had been out of his mind for two months or more. I told her to lay this case before the Lord, and said that I would pray earnestly for her son, too. She said, pleadingly: "Oh, do pray for him. I am in great sorrow." I must say that I prayed earnestly that the Lord might restore the boy to his proper mind, that all around may know that the Lord He is God. Praise the Lord for answering my prayer. When I called, a couple of weeks after, to see him, her eyes sparkled as she came towards me and said: "I knew your prayer would be answered. My son is nearly well, and able to take up his work again. I must give a thank-offering to the Lord."

Kanthamma said that she is trusting in the Lord, but has not the courage to confess Him openly.

There are many others who say that they are trusting in the Lord, and have not the courage to come out and stand for the Lord.

I must not forget to say that I had the pleasure of Miss Baskerville visiting our houses again, and I need not say that my women were delighted to see her, and tried their best to answer the questions put to them.

We regret deeply that she will be leaving us soon for her home land. Our earnest prayer is that the Lord may take her safely, and if it is His will, to bring her speedily again to us. I must not fail to mention that the whole of us love her much as our Superintendent.

TOURING ON AVANIGADDA FIELD.

Fifteen days in October were spent at Vuyyuru, holding daily Bible study classes for the Biblewomen of that field and this. We studied the parables of Christ, and studied them in relation to the audience, the lesson taught, and the method of teaching it, the last particularly applied to present-day needs in our own work among both caste and Christian audiences of women. We had splendid times, and I found the women keen and eager and quick to understand and appreciate spiritual things. They showed a good general knowledge of the Bible, too. It was a great pleasure and privilege to teach them, and their spiritual insight was true and elear. We often felt drawn very close to the Saviour, as we tried to answer. in connection with each parable, the question, "Why did Jesus tell this story to these people?" We caught real glimpses of His great heart of love and

His burning and urgent desire for the salvation of men.

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Our phenomenal rains greatly hindered touring, added to the fact that, with my utmost effort, I cannot get a pony. Still, I started out in November and spent a couple of weeks in two camps, both in the Bordagunta parish, The country was in such a condition that I couldn't see many villages; but we had excellent hearings in three, and in Bordagunta itself almost all our work was confined to work among the Christian women, who re always ready for a meeting. One eveningwe had an evangelistic meeting at a non-Christian's house. A number of unbelievers attended, and four or five of the Christian women of the congregation, absolutely unlettered, but well taught in Bible knowledge, and with real experience of Christ's power in their lives, rose and gave their testimonies and exhorted their unbelieving sisters to come to the Saviour. Their little addresses were excellent-brief, clear, to the point, and exceedingly practical. One told a parable of the shepherd and a wayward lamb; one told of Christ healing a leper; another, of the woman who was saved by touching the hem of His garment, and so on. One, after speaking once, arose again and gave her own experience—a rather striking one. They held the earnest attention of all, and at the close of the meeting some of the unbelievers promised to attend church and join the believers. The way these illiterate sisters of mine took part was somewhat of a revelation and a great encouragement and joy to me. They have power, and they are not letting it lie idle. I know that those who took part that night are busy witnessing for Christ all the time.

I have lost my oldest Biblewoman,

Addepalle Mariamma. Ever since last hot season she has been poorly, and for that reason remained superannuated in Vuyyuru, living at her grandson's there. She wanted to be here, but I felt that it was a risk to have her, for when we go on tour there are none left who could care for her, should illness come. In November, on a visit to her old home, in Muttrasapalem, near Medur, she was taken ill with what some think was cholera, and died. A remarkable woman-a brave old soldier, a bright, intelligent and faithful worker, a most cheerful and encouraging companion, a true friend has gone, and we shall not soon see her like again.

I have received applications from two young women, widows, for training as Biblewomen. They are promising young women, and I thank God for these two recruits.

K. S. McLAURIN.

FROM THE LETTERS.

Rev. A. A. Scott, Tuni.—T. Chinnamma, the oldest servant of the Tuni missionaries, died March 1. She had been in continuous service since Mr. Currie's time, fully 30 years, and had ben a Christian for over 13 years. She was a shining example of faithfulness in lowly service, and was much loved by all.

Two were baptized in Tuni on January 28. One was an old man, the other a young lad of scarcely ten years, son of one of our preachers. It was beautiful to see the same clear faith in each

Miss Archibald, Akidu.—When on tour, and at Gunanapudi, my big steel trunk was taken from the tent. It was found later. More than the loss of Re. 60 or so, we regret the loss of the April Vivekavathi material. This was all tied up, ready for posting, and con-

tained, among other things, a valuable series of "Nature Study Lessons" to cover two years.

Dr. Gertrude Hulet, Vuyyuru.-About the money sent for the Biblewomen's house, Rs. 1,087, which reached me about the middle of December, I should have had some acknowledgment and expression of our gratitude to those who have contributed this sum. As soon as Mr. Stillwell notified me, I began inquiries about getting the material. Was not able to get all the sand and stone before the water in the canals was cut off, so the cost of these is somewhat more than it would have been could we have brought it by boat. We have now all the stone, sand and lime on the spot ready for building, and expect to take down the old building at the beginning of next week. Will have to put up a temporary shed for the women in the meantime, as the building will probably require about two months' time.

We had thought that if we were given the chance of buying the land next us for hospital extension, we would commence that building this hot season. But the chance of purchasing the land did not come in time to get the material in by boat from Bezwada; so we gave it up. The land is virtually ours, the only reason for delay in taking possession is the hope that the man will give us more frontage. So our prayer has been answered.

An encouraging incident to-day was given by the mother of one of our former patients. To my surprise, she sang several hymna, which she had learned while here with her daughter three years ago. She specially remembered Christ's death for our sins, and, though she confessed lack of constancy and faith, her words and interest be-

trayed how vital the Christian truth had become to her.

Miss Priest, Tuni,-(Concerning the opening on March 12 of the Surgical and Gosha wards at our Pithapuram Hospital. Dr. Kugler, spoken of in the following, is a missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was met at Madras over 30 years ago by our Mrs. McLaurin, when she said she was going to stay only six months, to accomplish a special mission. India and its need "got hold" of her, and she is there yet, having done a great service and having made a large place for herself in the hearts of many outside her own mis sion.): "It was a grand success. Both the Gosha gathering at 2.00 and the general gathering at 4.00, presided over by the Collector, were well attended. Dr. Kugler spoke so well, simple in her manner, forceful in speech. She proved the woman for the occasion. Those of us who were there will never forget the thrill that went through us on the verandah, as she stood with the silver key in her hand, pausing for a moment to say, in tones heard by all: "In the name of Jesus, the

Great Physician, who healeth the sick, I open this Hospital with the prayer that all who come here may be made whole." To us who know Him, the word "whole" meant much.

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The Rani came to the first meeting, which was in Telugu, and presided over by our dear "Sister Belle." She spoke of Mr. Davis' words, which were real prophecy: "We must start medical work in Pithapuram, and the Rajah will help us." And truly he has! And she spoke so nicely about his building this as a memorial to his mother, and wove in a number of appropriate texts for the occasion. Dr. Allyn spoke of the development of the women's medical work and the great interest taken by the Rajah and Rani in it, which had made such rapid progress possible. Mrs. Rose, the bankers' wife in Cocanada, unveiled the marble tablet, on which the name of the Rajah's mother is inscribed in gilt letters. Before leaving, the Rajah said he would give the amount needed to finish the upper story, up to Rs. 5,000. I hope to move into my new home in

'I hope to move into my new nome in two weeks' time. It will be much cooler than this one."

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

A WIDOW OF INDIA AND HER SONS By Rev. J. H. Oxreider.—The Miss, Helper.

I am sorry that I cannot give the names of this woman and her sons. I met them but once, and at that time I did not think of writing about them. In fact, I should never have thought of writing this story had it not been for the editor, who urged me to give it to you through the "Helper."

While in India the last time, and in charge of our Santopore Station, one of our preachers asked me to go to a village several miles distant, where they were then camping. They were out doing the regular cold season work, and had made this village their headquarters for a few days. He wanted me to go and see this widow and her sons who had asked to be baptized. On arriving at the village, I found that they were already waiting to see me, and then I learned their story, or rather the story of the mother's life, for the last few years.

Her husband had died several years before, leaving her with three boys and many debts. I am not sure whether she heard of Christ at that time or not, but think she had. If she had not, it was soon afterward that she became interested, and then came to believe. But the death of her husband had left her with only a very poor house, and many debts, and she soon learned that if she accepted Christ as her Saviour before paying her debts she would be called "a rice Christian" (one who becomes a Christian simply to get a living). This she did not wish to do, for she was seeking Christ for salvation, not for temporal wants. She wanted her boys to become Christians also, and feared they, as they grew older, might feel that she was not in earnest.

To pay her debts, she said, she felt might take years. Would she live that long? Many questions arose, yet she could not bring herself to accept Christ and be called a rice Christian; she must so live that her boys would believe and trust Jesus, and her neighbors would b

lieve and trust her.

So, asking the Lord to help her, she began the struggle to pay the debts. It was no small task, and year after year slipped by. The debts grew smaller each year, but still were not paid. At times her faith almost failed. Yet it seemed she could not give up this great hope for peace and salvation, not alone for herself, but for her boys, and so she strug-

gled on.

Some of our Christian people came to know of her great desire, and urged her to make a public confession of Christ in baptism. This she said she felt she could not do until she could come in a way that her boys would trust her and her friends might have faith in her and this new religion. So the time went by and the boys were growing into manhood. They were now able to earn money. The time would soon come when she would be free. She had taught the boys what she knew of Christ, and had so impressed them with her earnestness that they also became interested.

Then the day came when she was able to go and pay the last debt, and was free! Free to do as she had planned all these years. Free to seek and know that Jesus and His religion which could bring peace, joy and salvation from

sins; not for herself alone, but also for those sons. Truly, this was a great day. Can you imagine what that meant to this poor, ignorant, soul-star:ed woman, who had only known sorrow, suffering and poverty all her life? It was a great day

of rejoicing in that home.

About that time our band of workers arrived to spend a few days preaching in that community. They had chosen this village as their headquarters. God had sent them just at the right time. Here was her great opportunity. She and her sons talked the matter over, and decided they would go to the preachers and ask what they should do. They told her, but she wanted to see the missionary, and

now I was there, at last.

It did my heart good to hear her tell her story, but I knew she might, and very likely would, have some hard times yet, and I wanted her to be prepared and to see just what she still had to face. So I tried to show her that when the people of the village came to know the stand she was going to take they would probably persecute her and try to drive her out of the village. She only said, "I'm ready to folow Jesus." After talking to her for some time and finding her firm, we planned to go to a stream close to the village and baptize her and the three sons.

When we gathered at the water a large crowd of the villagers came also, and I feared she would lose courage, as they might give trouble. We sang, read and explained what it meant to follow Jesus in baptism, then prayed for God's blessing to rest upon this service. Still the people kept coming. One of the preachers went down into the water. I said to her, "We are ready, do you wish to follow Jesus?" I even then feared she might hesitate, seeing the large num-ber of people; but she replied, "I am ready," and with a smile on her face she walked out to where the preacher stood, and was buried with Christ in baptism. We sang as she walked up the bank. Her oldest son started down into the water at the same time. As he and his mother passed each other there was such a look of peace and contentment on her face as I can never forget. So one after another of those sons followed their mother. never saw a happier family. God surely visited those hearts that afternoon. I was touched as I have seldom been, and felt "There surely is joy in heaven to-day."

Away out there alone God had touched this poor widow's heart, and she had said, "Yes, Lord, I am thine, but I cannot go alone, I must bring my children with me; and I must set such an example before these, my friends and neighbors, that they also may believe, and trust Thy dear Son."

Several more have, since then, confessed Christ as their Saviour in the

same community.

I have sometimes wondered how much it took to win this woman to Christ. Was it a gospel, costing one-half cent, or a word spoken by someone! Who gave the half cent; if it were that? Or who spoke the word?

If any of my readers gave the half cent, or made it possible for the word to be spoken, what a joy it will be when you meet her in that heavenly home, and she can tell you all that it meant to her and her boys

I am glad I had even so small a part in that great work.

HERE AND THERE.

Paris.-On Wedneseday, March 7th, our Circle held a social afternoon, when the ladies of the congregation were in-vited to be present, it being the anni-versary of our paster's wife's birthday. She was presented with a shower of fruit.

We are using the programmes in the "Visitor" for our Home Mission days, and find them very interesting. Under the leadership of our devoted President, Mrs. Muma, our Circle is progressing.

ALICE G. APPS, Secy., pro tem.

Mount Porest.—The Mission Circle held its annual meeting in January, when the reports presented were en-couraging. Six new members were added to the roll in 1916, as a result of the "Win One Campaign." There were eight erasures on account of removals, and the roll at present numbers forty-five.

In June we had the pleasure and in-

spiration of the presence of Rev. A McLeod, who spent 29 years in India. Out of his vast experience he told us of "Women's Work in India."

During the summer a number of lawn teas were held, the Free-Will offerings from same augmenting the treasury to the amount of \$15.75.

In February of this year, Rev. A. B. Reckie, late of Bolivia, spoke very pleasingly to our Circle on "Bolivia." LILY H. SMITH, Secy.

Queen St., St. Catharines.—It is some time since you have received any news from this Mission Circle; and now that we have invited the Convention to meet with us this autumn, we would like you to know we are very much alive. Al ready, we are anticipating the coming of co-workers to our fair city. Believ-ing the Convention always leaves a blessing in its wake, and that there will be no exception this year, we carnestly pray that all who teend may carry an inspiration to their respective Circles, and thus distribute the benefits derived from the meetings. We have not yet solved the ever-present problem of "getting the uninterested interested," but are making a move in that direction In March we decided to see what could be done in forming a Home Department for those who thought they could not attend the meetings of the Circle. A committee of wise, cheery women was appointed for this purpose, and the result was most gratifying. Although the venture is just in its infancy, nearly every woman visited thus far is becom ing a member of the Circle, which, of course, we prefer to have them do. At our April meeting some of them were

The tone of our meetings is deeply spiritual, due, no doubt, to the fact that at the close of each meeting a prayer service is held, in which a goodly number participate; likewise, at two o'clock each day, or thereabout, we know that a number of our members are praying for the work of missions. Al together, we are getting a wider vision, and our interest and joy increases in proportion.

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thing for all the women in our Circles to join in this two o'clock prayer service for missions, and for our coming Convention.

Guelph.-The annual thank-offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society and the Young Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Woolwich Street Baptist Church was held last week. A splendid programme was given by mem-bers of the Mission Band and of the organizations interested, including a sketch, entitled "THE LINK," setting forth the value of that paper to such societies. Rev. Dr. Gordon, pastor of the Church, also gave a short address and Mrs. Wm. Jackson, President of the Mission Circle, occupied the chair. The proceeds of the evening amounted to about \$25.

MRS. A. R. KENNEDY, Sec. Y.W.M. Auxiliary.

Bothwell.—The ladies of the Bothwell Baptist Church met and reorganized the Women's Mission Circle, with Mrs. J. T. Kirkwood, President; Mrs. M. P. Campbell, Vice-President; Mrs. Jas. Brandle, Secretary; Miss Flora Lutz, Treasurer; Mrs. S. P. Campbell, Organist. After the meeting a dainty lunch was given the ladies by Mrs. J. T. Kirkwood. MRS. JAS. BRANDIE, Secy.

Union Circles, London.—The Union Circle meeting of the Baptist churches of London was held in the Adelaide St. Baptist Church, April 5th. In spite of inclement weather there was a splendid gathering of ladies at the afternoon meeting. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Read, President of the Entertain ing Circle. Mrs. J. H. Boyd led in the opening prayer. The key word of the meeting being Sacrifice, Mrs. Fon of the South London Church gave us a very helpful and inspiring Bible reading along this line of thought. Mrs. J. Baldwin (Director) spoke on the best way to make our Home Mission increase

a permanent one.

An item of special interest was a
Model Circle meeting, arranged by the
ladies of the Talbot St. Church, in which were many helpful suggestions of great value to other Circles. The Scripture reading, taken by twelve ladies, inter-

spersed by the singing of a consecration hymn, was very helpful; also a talk by our missionaries, given by the senior members of the Talbot St. Band, under the direction of Miss M. Draper, was much enjoyed, and reflected great credit on Mrs. M. Mills, leader of the Band.

Supper and a social time was enjoyed by about 200. At the evening service, when the chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Boyd, an inspiring address on Home Missions was given by Rev. D. C. McGregor.

MRS. J. BALDWIN, Secy.

Moe's River .- The Moe's River Circle held their annual Thank-offering Feb. 18th. Rev. Ellis Fray of Coaticook gave an informing address on "Day Dawn in Jamaica." The offering amounted to \$20.27, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

MRS. C. PARSONS, Secy.

Stratford.—The Women's Mission Circle are glad to report progress and interest in the work here.

Our Circle i s ever widening, there having been one or more members welcomed at every meeting of late.

On Friday, March 30th, we held an

open meeting. An interesting number on the programme and one that called forth much applause was a dialogue, "How Not to Do It," presented by eight of our ladies.
At the conclusion of the programme

light refreshments were served. The proceeds of this meeting were

about \$12.50. MRS, JAS. PEQUEGNAT, Secy.

Western Association.—This Association was highly favored in April by an itinewary from Miss Selman, who is spending her second furlough in Canada. Claiming her as our own, seeing she belongs to this Association, a very warm welcome was extended to her wherever

she went among the Circles.
Carrying with her the map of India, she used it to advantage in pointing out to her audiences the various fields, together with the great needs of the same, in a graphic and pleasing manner, which doubtless will bring forth fruit in deepening the interest and quickening the pockets of many of the women in our Circles.

The Circles visited were Dresden, Wallaceburg, Chatham, Zone, Bothwell, Thamesville, Blenheim, Ridgetown, Wheatley, Leamington, Colchester, Harrow and Kingsville. Her native Circle, Wilkesport, will be visited later on.

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THE YOUNG WOMEN.

WAYS OF WORKING.

"As Much as in Me is, I am Ready."

You know that for ten years our Missionary Society has numbered a full hundred members. Year in and year out I worked for that end. Each new acquaintance, every fresh arrival, I regarded as a divine possibility, and at once considered the individual from that point of view. Of course each year we lost some by removal and some by death, but the gains balanced the losses, and at our annual meetings from one hundred to one hundred and four members were reported. The day before this anniversary of which I am telling you, was very hot. I had had guests from out of town, and but little help. When the house was quiet and the children in bed, I took my membership roll out on the perch, and in the twilight looked over the records. To my surprise and horror, in spite of goodly additions during the previous twelve months, we had lest so many that our actual, living membership had fallen to ninety-four! What should I do? One hundred must be reported the next day! To have it otherwise was out of the question. How the six could be obtained at once, I did not know, but get them I must and I would. This I , ever doubted.

"Pondering on the matter, I noticed a friend passing in her buggy. I halled her and asked her errand. "Just out for a little ride," she answered. "Then take me," I eagerly responded. Seated by her side, Itold her the situation, and said, "I must get six members to night."
"Oh, be sensible," she replied, "you know we have not six girls in our church who are not members of the Missionary Society. Just calm yourself and let us have a pleasant ride and get rested for to-morrow." "Very well," I retorted, "if you won't help me, let me get out of the buggy, and I'll go alone." At this she laughed and agreed to do as I wished. "Where shall we go first!" she inquired. "To Miss A—s," I said.

Miss A- had just come to town. I went to the door and introduced my self, adding, "I intended to make you a formal call and welcome you to our village. Then I intended to make a second call and invite you to attend our Missionary Society. Then I was going to make a third call and ask you to become a member. But I am in trouble. We lack six of our usual number, and they must be obtained to-night. So I have come to make you three calls in one. I welcome you to our community; I invite you to attend our delightful Missionary Society, and I give you the privilege of joining this our favorite club." Miss A- laughed. "Well, really I never attended a Missionary Society. What are the requirements?" I told her that they were the opportunity of contributing to world-wide interests, and the chance of learning about and loving them. "If my name ... I dues will help you, you may put me down as a member," she said. With hasty but hearty thanks I hurried out to my friend.

We next called on Mrs. B—, a young married woman, just starting house-keeping. She informed me that her new duties would take all her time and strength and money. I admitted that she had much to engross her, but urged that she start her new life in a manner worthy of her blossings, and that while she was dedicating her happy home she allow some of her thoughts to go to less favored ones. I left with my second member.

A dressmaker and a stenographer, who could not often attend our gatherings, but had their own pocketbooks, were glad to give their names.

Two of whom I had become hopeless, this time, when told of the great emergency and of my absolute faith in getting the six, yielded, and their coveted names were added.

It was not ten o'clock when the buggy again stopped at my own gate, and two women bade each other a joyful good-night.

So again I have resolved to be more daring and solicit new members with fearless faith that a blessing can come to each who has a share in our missionary work.

"As much as in me is, I am ready."—

WE GIVE THANKS.

For the power to work, and the will to be Thine,

For the weakness that strengthens, the girdings divine,
We give thanks.

"For the friends at our side and the friends that wait,

Who are watching for us at the Beautiful Gate,

We give thanks.

"For the path that, though rough, by the Saviour was trod, For the mansions so sure in the City of God,

We give thanks."-Sel.

WOMEN NEEDED FOR CHINA.

A missionary in Yangchow, in begging for a woman helper, says: "We have thirty-eight inquirers, but not one of them is a woman. We do not have to go far to find the reason. There was no woman to do the preparatory work. Anyone familiar with Chinese customs knows that in China men cannot work among woman."

"There are many women near us feady to listen to the Gospel message, but there is no one to tell that message to them. We have done and can do nothing for them. In China the best of earthly things are possessed by the men. It must seem to those near our chapel (if they think about it at all) that the same is true of heavenly things. If the women of China are ever to know Christian sympathy and love, Christian sympathy and love must be transmitted to them through women. The work is waiting to be done. Who will come out and do it?"

SECURING AN EDUCATION IN INDIA.

As Told by Miss Bertha Evans of the Girls' School, Ongole.

At 4 a.m. four of the larger girls arise to cook the early morning ricewater for the whole school. As dawn begins to appear in the east the watergirls also set to work. They draw and carry water from the well at the lower end of the compound for al lthe school uses sufficient to wash the large quantities of grains, to fill the cement cistern where the dish-washers wash the enamel bowls after each meal; to wash the cement floor of the long, open dining hall and the kitchen every morning; to fill the cistern of drinking water and the cistern for bathing purposes. Until the school bell rings you can see the water girls, with pots of water on their shoulders, or hear the squeak of the

wooden pulley where they draw at the well.

Before the bell rings, calling the girls to the dining hall to drink their ricewater, the grain-pounders have begun their part of the house work. Eight girls pound the chollam in large stone mortars with heavy pestles. On Saturday there is twice as much to de because food is prepared in advance for Sunday. After the grain is pounded these girls sweep the dormitories and the compound. The kitchen girls scrub the kitchen floor while the chollam cooks, in anticipation of my inspection. The house kept the neatest this month is to have a picture—"a framed picture with glass in front of it"—as a prize. Only one of the seven dormitories boasts a picture, and that is but a motto, and in English at that!

While these activities are going on in the school compound, the bulk of the school is at work in the two school gardens. They work until ten o'clock on Saturdays, at which time it is hot enough to come home and rest awhile. Later comes mending. While the girls'

cottages were being renovated, they worked hard many hours every Satur day and some school days, carrying stones, digging and carrying baskets of earth, etc. They did not take graciously to this at first; but, as they began to see the improvement in their homes, they worked very happily, though the sun did get very hot about 11.30, and they did get very tred. Our clean housen and green compounds are such a joy, but the best of all is this family of 150 girls, laughting at their work.

Young Women's Bally, Fonthill.—An enthusiastic gathering of Young Women's Circles from Marshville, Welland. Port Colborne and St. Catharines met with the Fonthill Circle on April 10 Miss Ellis of Moulton College came with her message of inspiration, and with her nunsual power of unfolding to us the unlimited possibilities and the glorious obligations of our lives. Her subject was "The Making of a Mission ary." We all enjoyed the opportunity of meeting her during the social hour which followed.

GIRLS AND BOYS

MISSION BAND NEWS.

Two months ago the "Loyal Messenger" Mission Band of the Ossington Ave. Church was organized, and under the capable leadership of Mrs. Simpson it has grown in interest and numbers. We meet semi-monthly alternately for study and work. Mrs. Alloway is leading the older boys and girls in the study of the "Land of the Golden Man," while the younger ones are instructed in some phase of our work.

During Easter week we had a "tea party," to which our "honorary members" were invited. Everyone of the one hundred and fifty present enjoyed the dainty repast prepared by the girls, also the very excellent programme given by the Band members.

FRANCES MacLEAN, Hon. Vice-Pres. NEW YEAR IN CHINA.

Mrs. Nannie B. McDaniel, Soochow China,

China New Year, with the festivities attendant thereupon, has just passed The date upon which New Years' day falls varies. The year is lunar, but its commencement is regulated by the sun New Year falls on the first new moon after the sun enters Aquarius, which makes it come not before January 21st. nor later than Febraruy 19. This year it fell on January 23.

The return of the year is an occasion of unbounded festivity and hilarity, as if the whole population threw off the old year with a shout. The evidences of the approach of New Year appear some weeks previous. This has been a prosperous year, and the preparations were more elaborate and more after the old style than any since the first Revolution

Just before the New Year, presents of

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different kinds of food are exchanged among people of the same rank.

On New Year's eve the streets are full of people hurrying to and fro to conclude the many matters which press upon them. The very poor, who have no matters to conclude, join the throngs to see

what the others are doing.

The custom of settling accounts and paying debts also prevails at this season. No debt is allowed to pass over into the new year without a settlement or satisfactory arrangement, if it can be avoided; and those whose liabilities altogether exceed their means, are generally at this season obliged to give all their available property into the hands of their creditors.

In addition to the hustle and bustle ensuing from business and religious observances, the constant explosion of frecrackers makes a great noise in a thickly settled section. Strings of these fireworks are burned to drive out and keep away evil spirits from the house. As this performance is renewed each year, the participant must have little faith in the power of firecrackers to keep away the evil spirits. If all the noise stopped at bedtime, no one could complain, but it is bang, bang, bang! all through the night, until one gets worn out for sleep, and wishes that firecrackers had remained uninvented.

The Christmas dinner of the Chinese nation is supper on their New Year's eve. This meal is looked forward to eagerly, prepared far beyond their ability, and

eaten with a relish not forgotten until far into the next year.

It is customary for superiors to give their dependents and employees a present of money at the opening of the year. On New Year's morning all who are in any way associated with us wish us joy; in return, we drop a coin into their hands, if servants; if of higher rank, we place tea and dainties before them.

The first day of the year is regarded as the birthday of the entire population; for the custom pervails of dating the age from the beginning of the year, so that a child born shortly before New Year is considered as entering the second year on the first day of the New Year. According to Chinese count, my little girl of four is reckoned six years of age, because she has lived in six years.

New Year dawns on a sleeping people; the streets are still, and all business places closed. Business, pleasure and ceremonial performances have kept the people up until early morning, and there is little stirring among them until late.

The extent to which play is now carried is almost indescribable. Nothing else fills the minds of the people for several days. Those who have not presentable clothes brorow them, and join the crowds of pleasure-seckers. Jugglers, fakirs and actors also endeavor to get a few coppers by amusing crowds. Generally speaking, the days devoted to New Year celebrations pass without turmoil, and the people return quietly to their various occupations.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NOTES FROM BOARD MEETINGS.

Ontario West.

The Board has met three times, and the Executive Committee twice during the quarter. The President has been present at all the meetings, and presided at all but the quarterly, when the Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Ross of Hamilton, was in the chair.

The reports and letters from our workers in India have kept the Board informed regarding the work, which is full of hope and encouragement. A site for the new Caste Girls' School building in Cocanada has been purchased at a cost of \$1,160, the funds being advanced by the Treasurer from the General Fund, as it was necessary to secure this desirable lot when opportunity offered.

We were delighted to have with us at the quarterly meeting Miss Selman, who, in response to the welcome given her, gave some very interesting facts about the work in Akidu, Kiatna Dist., where there are twenty-five hundred Christians and twelve organized Much of the missionaries' time is given to the training and shepherding of these Christians. They have only five Biblewomen. More are needed, also another lady missionary.

Miss Findlay, who, since her return home, has been taking first-year medical studies, desires to continue the course. To this the Broad has consented. The Board regrets that Miss Cline has definitely decided that her work lies in the home land. Miss Laura Allyn, who has been in training for a nurse, has offered her services for India. She will be ready to go when her sister, Dr. Jessie M. Allyn, returns, in the autumn of 1918. Miss Brookes of Mc-Master University expects to be ready

in two years.

The Directors have shown their appreciation of the Hints and Helps sent out by the Literature Committee, by taking hold of the new suggestions with heart and mind. All have been busy preparing for their respective associa-

tional gatherings.

Appreciation of the good things in the Bureau has been shown by the large number of purchases for the quarter. The photos of our missionaries have sold like the proverbial "hot cakes."

A good report comes from the LINK. The subscription list has an increase of 102 during last quarter, and the finances are \$60.00 ahead of this time last year.

The finances of the Society show a de eided improvement over this time la year, the total giving being ahead \$782.76. The building fund has, how-ever, dropped considerably. We hope to report for our next quarter a de-cided improvement in this branch of our giving.

The long-wished-for visit of Mrs. Montgomery was realized on March 19, when she lectured before a large audience in Jarvis St. Church. At the close of the lecture an informal reception was held in the parlor of the church when many lovers of missions exchange greetings with the lecturer. Her inspiring message brought courage and enthusiasm to all.

Convention, which comes this year on the 7th and 8th of November, will meet with the Church in St. Catharines, whose invitation was received and accepted in April. The Programme Committee are already at work preparing for what we pray will be a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

At the March meeting, Mrs. W. J. Robertson, who, for many years, and as long as she was able, served faith-fully on the Board, was made an honorary member.

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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Toronto Association.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held in Beverley St. Baptist Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, June 12th.

Will the Circles please note that there will be a morning and afternoon see

sion ?

At the morning meeting, beginning at 10.00 o'clock, there will be a conference on prayer, led by Mrs. Thos. Urquhart; also the Foreign Mission address by Miss Baskerville.

There will be addresses on Band and Young Women's work in the afternoon, and Mrs. C. J. Cameron will tell of the work being done in New Ontario, and of her recent visit to our Home Mission churches there ..

It is hoped that every Circle will be well represented at both these meetings.

A new feature also this year will be the basket lunch. Bring your basket and come prepared to enjoy a social hour. Tea and coffee will be served by the ladies of Beverley St., Church.
M. B. BAGSLEY,

Director.

Western.—Will all those requiring billets for the annual meetings in Chatlets for the annual meetings in their ham, June 6th, kindly send in their names as soon as possible to Mrs. Andrew Thornton, 109 Hanlay Ave., Chat. J. R.

Niagara and Hamilton.-The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held with the Circle of Jepson Street Church, Niagara Falls, on June 5. There will be three sessions—the morning one, beginning at 10.15. A basket luncheon has been arranged for. There will be abundant opportunity for conference regarding Circle problems, and delegates are urged to bring both difficulties and solutions to the consideration of the others present.

GRACE S. DOHERTY, Director.

Peterboro.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held on June 12, with the Park St. Church, Peterboro, beginning at 1.45 pm. Churches where no Circles exist are asked to send delegates.

MARY A. NICHOLLS, Director.

Owen Sound.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands of the Owen Sound Association will be held in Durham on June 13th, 1917. MRS. J. A. GRAHAM.

Middlesex and Lambton.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held at Mount Brydges on June 5th, commencing at 1 colock. Special speakers: Miss Selman, "India"; "Home Missions," Mrs. C. J. Cameron, Toronto; "Our Bands," Mrs. N. Mills, London; "Young Ladies' Circles," Mrs. (Rev.) R. McKay.

Will all Circles and Bands send as many delegates as possible. Those requiring billets kindly notify Mrs. W. Hyatt, Mount Brydges.

MRS. J. BALDWIN, Director.

Ottaws.—The annual meeting of Mission Circles and Bands of the Ottawa Association will meet with the church in Osgoode on Tuesday, June 19, at 2 o'clock.

MRS. J. R. McGREGOR, Secretary.

THE MISSION HOUSES.

Dear LINK:
The Muskoka ice house has been refilled with splendid ice for the use of
the missionaries who will occupy the

Home this summer. This was done for five dollars.

The two Mission Homes in Toronto are both occupied, and, thanks to the gene osity of a number of friends almost completely furnished. More table linen would be acceptable, and a few sheets and pillow-cases would renew the stock that is now getting low.

sheets and pillow-cases would renew the stock that is now getting low. The committee in charge desires to thank those who responded to the appeal in The Canadian Baptist.

Other contributions will be gladly received and acknowledged by

L. LLOYD, 396 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1917.

From Circles Guelph (life membership Miss Martha Pickard), \$37.05; Wallaceburg, \$25.00; Toronto, Bloor St., \$73,45; Acton, \$3,60; Walkerton, \$5,30; York Mills, \$9,40; Woodstock, First, \$16,45; Hespeler (thank-offering \$9.00, Rhoda \$6.00), \$15.00; Stouffville, \$5.77; Kitchener, King, \$7.00; Parkdale, \$21.35; East Flamboro, \$6.00; Round Plains, \$2.50; Southampton, \$5.00; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$9.00; Wingham (Building Fund), \$1.60; Atwood, \$2.34; Brantford, Cal-vary (thank-offering \$12.00), \$19.50; Rodney, \$5.00; Aurora, \$7.76; Annette St., \$14.25; Fort Francis, \$3.00; Col-chester, \$20.00: Toronto, Immanuel chester, \$20.00; Fort Francis, \$5.00; Off-chester, \$20.00; Toronto, Immanuel (lepers \$25.00), \$35.05; Indian River, \$1.00 Indian Road (Vendiah \$3.00, special Biblewoman \$12.50, B.W. \$2.85), \$22.87; Parry Sound, \$17.50; St. Thomas, Centre (1st Biblewoman \$16.50), \$32.25; Bethel, King, \$2.50; Caledonia, \$3.50; Warsaw, \$2.00; Bothwell, \$5.00; Listowel, \$3.10; Wilkesport, \$4.25; Haliburton, \$5.00; Danforth Ave., \$15.15; Wick-low, \$6.00; Wiarton, \$7.00; Mount Forlow, \$6.00; Wiarton, \$7.00; Mount Forest (for Bolivia \$3.15), \$6.51; Christie
St., \$5.00; Georgetown, \$7.15; Kineardine, \$5.00; Belfountain, \$5.00; Bentinek, \$6.30; First Avenue, \$21.06; Lakefield, \$6.90; St. Mary's, \$3.00; Wheatley,
\$6.65; Beamsville, \$9.00; Ridgetown,
\$5.13; Snelgrove, \$4.00; Blenheim, \$7.50;
Port Hope, \$11.10; Hamilton, James St.
(thank-offering \$51.12), \$70.57; Malshide-Bayham (life membership Mrs.
Stephen Pound \$25.00, thank-offering
\$14.76; from estate Miss Mason \$5.00),

\$54.76; Aylmer, \$8.00; Lakeview (\$2.00 for student, Mrs. McConnel), \$16.00; College St. (B.F. \$1.20), \$50.80; Wisr-ton, \$2.00; Peterboro, Murray St. (\$20.00 mite offering, \$2.22 collection, \$25.00 Biblewoman), \$77.42; Hamilton, Park, \$5.00; Wentworth St., \$7.00; Scotland, \$7.10; Strathroy, \$19.55; Jarvis St. (thank-offering \$72.13), \$414.68; Palmerston, \$5.00; Olivet, \$11.18; Dun-Palmerston, \$5.00; Ohetet, \$11.15; Dan-das, \$8.00; Chatham (Biblewoman, \$42.34; Delhi (\$3.80 special), \$5.83; West Oxford, \$5.00; Waverley Road, \$17.09; Adelaide St., \$26.07; Villa Nova, \$14.00; Beverley St., \$15.15; Port Col-borne, \$4.50; Norwich, \$6.50; Peterboro, Park (\$16.00 from mite boxes for Biblewoman), \$20.00; Niagara Falls, Jepson St., \$14.00; Dunnville (thauk-offering \$13.00), \$17.25; Alvinston, \$4.45; Brantford, Immanuel, \$25.92; Walter), Frankford, Immanuel, \$25.92; Welland (life membership Mrs. A. E. White), \$25.00; Eglinton, \$3.75; Alvinston (thank offering \$3.50), \$7.50; Pape Ave., \$7.14; Preston, \$7.50; Brantford, Park (life membership Mrs. Frank Banslaugh), \$42.00; Brantford, Park (life membership Mrs. H. B. Gardner), \$11.15; Ailsa Craig, \$4.10; Stratford, \$10.00; Daywood and Leith, \$8.00; Pine Grove, \$3.50; Barrie (thank-offering \$9.00), \$18.00; Toronto, Calvary, \$24.50; Century (thank-offering \$6.84), \$20.74; \$1,743.43. From Young Women's Circles-

Jarvis St., \$5.00; Marshville, \$3.50; London, Maitland St., \$4.82; Guelph (student), \$11.00; Weston, \$6.45; Shen-stone Memorial, \$2.50; Ingersoll, \$2.50; Aylmer, \$12.00; First Ave., \$11.00; Ossington Ave., \$7.00; Walmer Rd., \$31.27; Lakefield, \$1.50; Bloor St., \$5.00; Olivet (thank-offering \$4.25), \$7.25; Hamilton, Wentworth, \$10.00; Fonthill, \$8.00; Col-lege St., \$12.00; Pape Ave., \$3.94; Cra-mahe (student), \$8.50; Wallaceburg, \$21.00. Total from Y. W. Circles,

\$174.23 From Bands

Brantford, Calvary, \$7.90; Wheatley Grace \$17.00), \$28.50; Glammis (mite boxes \$2.50), \$3.50; Ingersoll (student), \$10.00; Marshville, "Sunshine," \$1.00; Leamington, "Carey," \$8.50; Stouffville, "Busy Bee," \$7.30; Sarnis, \$4.00; Woodsteck, First (life membershy, Eleanor Grace Warner, Robert James Warner), \$20.00; Ridge

town, \$2.50; Hespeler, \$2.50; Preston, \$5.00; Belleville, "Timpany" (student), \$17.00; Fenelon Falls, \$5.00; Aylmer, \$4.50; Townsend, Centre (G. Ruby), \$4.50; Townsend, Centre (G. Ruby), \$8.50; East Flamboro (thank-offering \$9.30), \$5.55; Gampbellford (social \$2.38), \$3.05; Wiarton, \$12.00; Mount Forest, \$4.62; Belleville, Junior Band, \$1.75; Owen Sound, "Carey," (\$5.00 new missionary), \$10.00; Snelgrove, \$1.00. Ossington Ave, "Loyal Messengers," \$9.09; Brantford, Park (life membership Dorothy M. Baird), \$25.09; Kingsville, \$1.00; Caledonia, \$2.00; Peterboro, Muray St. (Biblewoman), \$25.00; Chatham, "Rensen", \$3.00; Beverley St., \$25.00; Chatham, ray St. (Biblewoman), \$25.00; Chatham, "Bensen," \$3.00; Beverley St., \$4.500; St. Catharines, Queen St., "Gleaners," \$14.00; Iona Station, \$5.00; Peterboro, Park, \$5.50; Stratford, Memorial, \$5.00; Fort William (student), \$7.00; Brantford, Immanuel, \$44.00; Brampton, "Willing Workers" (student), \$17.00; "Willing Workers" (student), \$17.00; "Change St. Thomps Bitth Palmerston, \$2.00; St. Thomas, Fifth, \$4.00; Tillsonburg, \$11.00; Grimsby, \$10.00; Goderich, \$4.00; Vittoria (M. Manikyamma), \$5.50. Total from Bands, \$345.37. From Sundries-

Prom Sundries—
Brantford, Park, Y.P.B.S. Cl. (K.
Bagamma), ; Owen Sound, "Win
One" Class (Bibleweman), \$25.00; Markham, First, Bible Class (student), \$17.00;
Ingersoll, "Mispah" Class (student),
\$17.00; Indian Rd., Miss Robertson's
Class (student), \$4.25; South Middleton,
Ladies" Aid, \$2.40; Port Arthur, Phila thea Class (student), \$4.25; Brantford, First, Miss Marquis Class (student), \$17.00. Miss M. J. McLaren, \$25.00; Anon. (for P. Jemima), \$25.00; investivent, Miss Davies gift, \$10.00; investivent, Miss Davies gift, \$10.00; investigation of the control of the con ment in trust, \$8.75. Total from sun dries, \$178.65.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To General Treasurer on regular esti mates, \$1,000.00; exchange with India on account, \$100.00; furlough, \$66.67; personal, Miss Hatch, \$1.50; to the Treasurer, \$20.83.

Total receipts for April, \$2,441.68.
Total disbursements for April, \$1,354.40.
Total receipts for Convention year,
\$8,902.87. Total disbursements for Con-

vention year \$9,237.48.

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