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The Spiritual Christmas Tree

The
sweet
thought
of Christ,
His Love in
coming down to
earth for us, has given
us such happiness, that
we are glad to share it with the
India People, who have been waiting
so long for the Light of the World to
come. This is our Christmas Tree of LOVE
on which we place our pledge to help the
poor souls who have seen through our mission-
aries what a joyful life a Christian can live!

With
the
help
of God
we will!

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A Happy Christmas to all our Readers



God's Gift

"I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe,
Could in the Godhead be;
I only know the Manger Child
Has brought God's love to me.

"I know not how that Calvary's Cross
A world from sin could free;
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.

"I know not how that Joseph's tomb
Could solve death's mystery;
I only know a living Christ,
Our immortality."

—Major Harry Webb Farrington
"Missionary Messenger"

CONVENTION JOTTINGS

A record gathering, nearly four hundred women keen on missionary service, added inspiration to this Woodstock convention, making it one to be remembered, as other Woodstock conventions have been remembered, for long years to come.

Woodstock itself, with its warm hearted hostesses of all denominations, supplied the background for a royal feast of good things in the spiritual realm. We will remember gratefully the beautiful hospitality of the Woodstock church, and of all the friends of other churches who helped to entertain us.

The ladies of the Methodist church contributed in no small measure to our comfort and happiness by providing bountiful meals of the home-made variety which everyone appreciates in these days of "store cooked" food.

There surely never was a people with as much to be thankful for as we because of our fine missionaries. That afternoon when Mrs. Buck, Miss Farnell, Miss Robinson and

Mrs. John McLaurin spoke, we were deeply stirred. The originality and personal touch in each case went to our hearts. We felt thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has given us such women to represent us on the far-flung battle line.

And John McLaurin and Percy Buck! Well, we can assure these two gentlemen that all those women just love them. A lot of them felt that they would like to be their mothers. Their stirring addresses full of zeal and spiritual force gave their audience something fresh and new to think about when they pray for India and Bolivia.

We were impressed again by the faithfulness of our Directors in their labour of love. But for them, this really great work of our Baptist women would lose much of the conquering onward march that has characterized its activities all down these forty-eight years.

The full Treasury, all bills paid, all missionaries' salaries delivered on the proper date all through the year—this was another cause for joyful thanksgiving.

Our Jubilee objective of \$5000 has gone over the \$1000 mark by the emptying of the "Might and Mercy" boxes. Don't forget to count your "mercies" and keep looking hard for the "mights" and also it takes some looking for some of us to find the "mites" to mark the mercies, but we'll keep on trying.

Another thing we noticed was the bright happy faces of all the women who took part in this really great missionary convention. It seemed to say that carrying the great commission of Jesus is a glad service. It surely is and how can we persuade those hundreds of other women in our churches to join us and share the joy?

Let us this year try to find new ways to interest and enlist many who now know little and care less about our missionary enterprise.

DR. STILLWELL'S DEATH

Again the ranks of our missionary staff have been broken, this time by the sudden death of the Rev. J. R. Stillwell, D.D., of Ramachandrapuram. It was in 1885 that Mr. Stillwell went with his bride to India, having heard the call for another man to fill the gap made by the death of the Rev. A. V. Timpany. The major part of his first two terms was spent in Samalkot, as principal of the Seminary which had been closed for over a year, owing to the illness of Mr. McLaurin, its first principal. Mr. Stillwell gathered together the boys and young men to the number of sixty, and reorganized the school on the old models, repaired and improved the old buildings and led in the erection of new ones. He was greatly beloved by the students and exerted a lasting influence upon their lives.

In 1898, broken in health, he left for the homeland, and for five years was unable to again take up the task in India. In 1904 when illness compelled the retirement of Mr. John Davis from Ramachandrapuram, he returned and assumed the charge of that field, and with the exception of two furloughs, carried on the work there until called to receive his reward.

While at Ramachandrapuram he saw nearly 3000 converts brought into the churches, he led and inspired a large staff of native workers, and left a deep impression upon the whole Christian community. He was greatly trusted by Christians, Hindus and Mohammedans alike, and all will mourn his removal.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Stillwell in her great bereavement, and to the two daughters in Canada, Mrs. J. B. McLaurin, who with her husband is spending her furlough in Toronto, and Mrs. Enoch, of Saskatchewan.

A. B. G. B.

THE ENTERPRISE would make a beautiful Christmas present (\$1.50). A readable and interesting story of our mission work in India. For sale at the Literature Department.

PIONEERING IN BOLIVIA would make a charming gift for Christmas (40c. paper, 65c. cloth), at 66 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

is the greeting this month from the Literature Department at 66 Bloor St. W., to all its friends and patrons.

Also

we would suggest that you look at the back page of the November Link at the Christmas literature listed there.

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we suggest that you attentively consider the books listed there to see which you would like to give your friend for your Christmas gift. They are all so good that you will surely want the whole list. Send for them.

Again**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!****FAREWELL TO OUTGOING MISSIONARIES**

Reported by Miss Moseley

Century Baptist Church, Toronto, has for years been known as a church of great missionary activity; and those who gathered there on the evening of October 17th, were again impressed with the enthusiasm of the members. The mottoes around the room attracted the attention of early comers and gave no uncertain message of dedication.

The meeting began with a service of song and hymn after hymn rang out under the happy leadership of Mr. Senior.

Mr. Stillwell presided, and in opening the meeting expressed regret that it could not have been arranged so as to include Miss Cook, who left Toronto about a fortnight before, to undertake medical work in India. Had they hurriedly called a meeting then, it would have been impossible for Mr. and Mrs. Plummer to have reached Toronto in time. Mr. Stillwell spoke of the going out to Bolivia of Mr. and Mrs. Vickerson, both so full of hope and so eager to take up the work, and then of the sad news of Mr. Vickerson's death when the work was little more than begun. Then came the letter from Mrs. Vickerson, who, even in her loneliness, had bravely resolved to remain and continue her work.

Mr. Plummer had applied for a post in Bolivia just before and was refused; but when the news of their loss came, the members of the Board thought again of the young man who was anxious to go, and a letter was sent which reached Mr. Plummer in time to prevent his accepting a call to a position in Peking, China. Mr. Stillwell was happy that they had secured the services of so devoted a worker.

Mrs. Matthews then introduced Miss Pratt. An introduction was hardly necessary, but it gave Mrs. Matthews an opportunity to voice the appreciation felt by the women for Miss Pratt and her splendid work. Her unbounded enthusiasm, her quick insight into the needs of others, her beautiful Christian spirit had meant much to the mission, and while here on furlough, her devotion and ability had been a great help to the Circles, especially perhaps to the Young Women's Circles, to which she had brought new interest. Mrs. Matthews felt that while it was a great joy to see the new missionaries start out, so full of happy anticipation, and so willing to take up the burden, it was a still greater joy to feel that the one who was going knew what was before her, was familiar with the language, had proved herself able to stand the climate and the condition under which they lived.

When Miss Pratt stepped to the front of the platform she could feel no doubt of the interest and good wishes of the audience, and when she finally spoke of her happiness in returning to India, no one could doubt her sincerity. She said that she was convinced that the success of the work in India depended much on the young people of that land. They would be the ones to take the responsibility and to exert strong influence and so her deepest desire was to lead the girls under her care to Christ, to train them in the principles of Christian womanhood, that by their lives they might in turn influence their people to follow Christ. She had enjoyed being with the young women in Mission Bands and Circles and she bespoke their prayers, as she went back to her chosen field of labor.

Mr. Stillwell then asked Mrs. Plummer to say a few words that the people might know something about their new missionary, and so she spoke of herself, her training in a Christian home, of teaching in Sunday School where she had learned to know children, of social service work where she had met the poor and troubled in their own homes, of her university life. And then there were a few words about the journey eastward, and the hope that she might be used by God in Bolivia; she found joy in turning her steps towards that country knowing that she had the sympathy of parents, who rejoiced that they could give their daughter to a great task.

Mr. Plummer told how he had been led to take up the work in Bolivia. He was born in England and spent his childhood in China, where his parents were missionaries. At 13 years of age, he came to Western Canada, and a year later professed his faith in Jesus by baptism. All his high school and college days were spent in the West; there also he did work amongst the Indians, and while China seemed to be naturally his destination, he always felt a strong desire to work in Bolivia; and now that desire was to be granted. Mr. Plummer spoke of the journey across the continent and of the kindness shown to him and his wife, in Calgary, Brandon and other places as well as in Toronto—kindness which would be gratefully remembered, as he and Mrs. Plummer took up their new work in a strange land.

Mr. Buck, of Bolivia, gave a cordial welcome to the young missionaries. He welcomed Mr. Plummer as a graduate in "Agricultural Science" and at the same time, a leader in Christian work. He spoke of the need in Bolivia of just such earnest workers. He was glad Mr. Plummer was not going out alone. Together they would be strong to face the problems, the difficulties, the joys of their great undertaking.

At the close of the meeting the out-going missionaries remained for a few moments near the platform, to receive the more personal words of encouragement and the good wishes and farewells of their friends.

FROM MISS HATCH

"Woodside," Sept. 8, 1924.

Dear "Link."—We are indeed all greatly rejoiced over the very kind welcome Dr. Joshee received at home, and also very glad that he "made good."

We do thank all the very kind friends who were so loving and hospitable to him all the way from coast to coast in our beloved Canada, and will be glad if you express our thanks through the "Link" which binds us all so well together.

It has all been a wonderful experience to Dr. Joshee, and he comes back with his mind richly stored with all the good things he has seen and heard. Though in such a constant rush from place to place, his eye seems to have caught the gleam everywhere and now his heart bubbles over with joy as he tells the Telugu people how the Canadians love them.

With grateful thanksgiving,
Yours in the service,

S. I. Hatch.

THE CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

By Dr. J. Lovell Murray

The opening of the fourth year's work of the Canadian School of Missions marks the start of a new chapter in the school's history. The undertaking was projected on the basis of a three-year period of experimentation and the testing of results. That period having expired, the co-operating mission boards decided to make provision for the work of the School by moving from the Bible Society building, where only an office had been available, into more commodious quarters at 207 College Street. By renting the ground floor of this building, suitable accommodation was secured for offices, a reading room, a club room and a lecture room and the equipping of these was undertaken by a Furnishing Committee composed of ladies representing the various church bodies co-operating in the school.

On Monday, October 13, a social gathering was held in the new premises which was both a house-warming and a formal inaug-

uration of the new year's work. About 250 guests were present and were received by Canon S. Gould, Chairman of the Council, and Mrs. Gould and the Director and Mrs. J. Lovell Murray. The ladies of the House Committee acted as hostesses. Following a period of social intermingling and the serving of refreshments, there were brief addresses by Canon Gould, Principal Gandier, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dean J. F. McLaughlin, of Victoria College, Chairman of the Committee on Courses and Instructors, and the Director. A prayer of dedication by Dr. O. R. Avison, of Korea, and the benediction by Right Rev. Wm. C. White, Bishop of Honan, brought the proceedings to a close.

The spirit of enthusiasm and warm fellowship which pervaded this gathering augured well for the winter's work. On all hands one heard grateful appreciation of the Council's action in providing a comfortable rendezvous, situated on the edge of the University campus, where missionaries and candidates, secretaries and members of Foreign Mission Boards can foregather for instruction and conference and social intercourse.

Praise is due the Furnishing Committee which has done its work admirably up to the limit of its financial resources. There still remain to be added several items of equipment before the furnishing is adequate. Some of these are urgently needed and it is hoped that gifts of money will enable the committee to complete at once the equipment of the school.

The full-year courses have begun and will be continued on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons throughout the year. The special classes in theology for medical students are also under way with an enrolment of thirty.

At the time of the formal opening the total registration in the School, including missionaries and candidates, was ninety-three. This number will be considerably increased in the next few weeks. With the affiliation of the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, there are now nine Foreign Mission Boards co-operating in the School.

Mr. Robert P. Wilder brought a spiritual glow into the initial days of the academic

year by his two addresses on "The Place of Prayer in the Missionary Enterprise," and "Spiritual Prerequisites for Missionary Service." These themes lie at the very heart of the function and purpose of the School.

THE MOST USEFUL PERSON IN THE WORLD

When you drop a ten-dollar bill or a ten-cent piece in the collection being taken up for missions, you sometimes wonder where the money goes, whether the missionaries are worthy of their hire. To the average layman the "ambassador to the heathen" is a little known character in the world drama. Occasionally his name crops up in the current news; generally it appears only in the reports sent back to the board. Yet a writer in a recent New York paper makes "no bones of saying that the Christian missionary is about the most useful person in the world." His article, comments the New York Christian Advocate, shows signs that his point of view is not that of the ordinary church-goer and giver to missions. But "somewhere, somehow, he has gotten near enough to the missionary to size him up, to measure his motive and to understand what he is about." The Advocate thus gives the pith of this layman's view of the missionary:

"He is the one figure that gives me the most hope for the world's future.

"The motive that actuates him is the only one I find in the multitude of human motives that gives promise of the eventual peaceable organization of the world.

"There are plenty of heroes who are ready to fight and die for Americans, or Frenchmen, or Irish, or Bulgarians, many noble Jews who wish to help Jews, Catholics who want to be of use to Catholics, Methodist full of charity to Methodists, Whites who are for the Whites, and Blacks who are for the Blacks, and all that sort of thing. But I know of but one group who are for human beings just because they are human beings.

"These are the missionaries.

"The missionary idea has had about as hard sledding as falls to the lot of most great ideas. It was ridiculed most unmercifully at its birth.

"Every supercilious writer, from Dickens

down to the man who wrote the latest, most cynical and septic play, 'Rain,' which for a long season just recently has enjoyed the approval of the critics and the hee-haws of the mob, has held up to ridicule the missionary idea.

"All that these smart ones can see in it is an attempt of one set of fanatics to impose their opinions upon another set.

"But the missionaries as a rule are working away at the same task in which Jesus seemed to be engaged.

"For they are healing the sick, teaching the ignorant, training the little children, and steadily spreading through the dark places of the earth those fundamental principles of decency, humanity, kindness, honesty and courage upon which civilization rests.

"Best of all, they are planting everywhere the only idea upon which any practical internationalism can ever be founded, the only thought upon which humanity can ever be organized."—Missionary Messenger from The Literary Digest.

AFTER FORTY YEARS IN INDIA

By Rev. J. R. Stillwell

The very name of this quarter (hot season quarter) to an Indian missionary has a depressing effect. May and June are unutterable months; and the longer one stays in India, the more impossible they become. The very thought of them is weariness to the flesh. A temperature running between 100 and 115, and continuing night and day throughout these two months, produces a feeling of lassitude, saps one's energy until nothing remains, encroaches on one's enthusiasm until it becomes an utter indifference, and leaves the enduring one with feelings inexpressible.

But July-October are only less in comparison. With a temperature running between 95 and 100, with cloud shadowed skies, with muggy weather, and with a steaming, suffocating atmosphere, work and thinking become a dragging oneself into action, and pushing oneself continually, as though one were turned into a push-bike. But, if one can escape May and

June by flight to the hills with a flight also of one's rupees, one cannot escape July and onward. And so punching the quarterly time clock, here's to the writing of this report, of which these two paragraphs must be counted in. And naturally, for at this time of the year, weather is always a big part of all that happens. The work runs down in April, the workers take their holiday in May, and get back on the job in June; while I join up with them around the first of July.

The first item is the meeting of the boys and girls that are to be sent to the boarding schools. My quota of girls has been increased, so that the selection this year was less acute than formerly, when I would have about five places left after returning the old girls, and about 25 girls to send home, with feelings of disappointment, exasperation, and disgust, fully shared by their parents, who never failed to give vent to their feelings.

My quota of boys for Samalkot stands at 50. After writing the names of the old boys, I had eight places left, and 33 boys from which to make a selection, thus turning away 25. The first couple of selections are not too difficult, but as the number of places open, diminishes, the selection keeps pace; the entreaties become wilder as four places remain; then three; but, when there are but two left, one has a concentration of 27 boys, with the workers from their villages, together with their parents and friends, all bunched into one concentrated agony for these two places. I have to make the selection on my own with a hundred attempting to swing my judgment their way. After 20 years of this kind of thing, I have learnt to sit outside the crush of entreaty.

After questioning and slow deliberation, I make my decision. That is the end, and they sink back into the resignation of fate. I have doubled my fees, but only lost one of the old boys. A thing so hard to obtain, has become increasingly valuable. Thus several are making requests for places in the boarding, offering to put up

the full boarding fees. Acceptance will depend on the places open after the various fields have sent in their respective quotas. In January, when conference was adjusting quotas, I declined an increase for my boys, as I prefer to have fewer places than boys, and this is the only condition that will bring home the necessity of making some adequate contribution for their education.

During the quarter there have been eight baptisms, three deaths, and two exclusions—present membership, 2,326 gathered in 13 churches.

I have completed the making out of my 1925 estimates, and to keep them down to last year's figure, I had to pass on ten per cent. to my churches. Considering the financial situation at home, and the wonderful effort the home constituency have been making with their Jubilee fund, I would not dare to increase the burden at this end.—Canadian Baptist.

THE PARABLE OF THE HALF KOPEC

Quoted in an Essay by Herbert Hines

Once upon a time in a village on the far-away plains of southern Russia there was a little son of Abraham, named Isaac, who, amid the poverty of the ghetto where he roamed at work and play, dreamed of the days to come when he should be rich. So much did he think and plan, plan and think, that he determined to slip away one day to the neighboring city of Kief to visit a great Rabbi whose reputation for profound wisdom had spread far and wide.

"Most wise and learned Master," said he, bowing before the great one, after his wearisome journey, and after the tedious waiting—"Most wise and learned Master, tell me how I can circumvent the children of the Little Father and make much money. I would have thee teach me how to get great wealth."

Long and lovingly the Rabbi stared at the ambitious lad, admiring his firm determination and the marks of future success stamped upon his boyish face. Then said he, slowly, shaking his head, "My son, it is not my wisdom to tell you the laws of the double G,

greed and gold, for mine is the wisdom of God. No, I cannot tell you how to get money, but I can tell you how to spend money wisely."

He then took the little fellow by the hand and led him into his garden where they sat for over an hour, the older man giving to the boy wisdom of God and of the ages on how to spend money wisely. From the sacred books, from the Talmud and the Mishna, from the Kabbala of the fathers, he told the precepts of the Law; that it is God who giveth us power to get wealth, and that the first tenth of all money must be given back to God—the first and most sacred thing about spending money. Then from the nine-tenths left some must be laid aside for saving. None must ever be spent for selfish, sinful pleasure; none for unneeded luxuries or rich food and drink that destroy the body; none must ever be given as an unholy bribe to corrupt the soul of another; none must ever be wasted, and none should ever be spent till first the possessor reckons out carefully for what the rest shall be used.

"When God gives you money, my son, it is a blessing from Him, and you must always spend it religiously, which is wisely. Then will it be a blessing, not a curse."

Thus armed with the laws of spending money, the youth went out, never afterwards to scheme to heap up money for money's sake, but to serve God greatly. He always gave God the tithe, always thought wisely before he spent any. Indeed, he started right, for in bowing farewell to the fascinating old Rabbi, he fumbled in his pockets, extracted a copper half kopec, and said, "Oh, noble Master, I earned five kopecs toiling for an innkeeper, and here is the tenth for thee and God."

The tears came to the old man's eyes as he realized that his teaching had been heeded. Tucking the piece carefully into the folds of his robe, he took it to his study to treasure it as a memento of his strange interview with this youth who sought to get wealth.

Twenty-four years passed by. One day a famous financier and philanthropist came to the library of the aged Rabbi, still noted for wisdom and influence among his people. While waiting for a conference to begin, the Rabbi happened to tell the story of the half

kopec lying on his desk. The great financier and philanthropist, following the narrative with apparent interest, suddenly interrupted, "Oh, worthy Master, I will give you 50,000 gold roubles for that half kopec which I gave you when I was but a boy. Full well do I know that thy wisdom was the foundation of my wealth and happiness, and that it was from you that I first learned how to serve God with mammon."—Sel.

A CHRISTMAS FANTASY

A star came out of the East,
And a Dream came out of the West.
They thought that the star would set,
They dreamed that the dream was best.

The Dream of an Empire Vast
As the world's night-bordered hem,
The Star of Eternal Love—
They met at Bethlehem.

And the Dream became a star,
That fell through the night, and died!
But the Star became a dream
Fulfilled through aeons wide. —Sel.

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Among The Circles

BOLIVIA BOX 1924

The box sent with Miss Palmer weighed 235 lbs.

Value of contents \$131.76

Cash received \$ 35.27

Cash to be collected 5.60

Expenses:

Box and burlap \$ 1.05

Cartage 1.75

Express to N. Y. 12.50

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\$35.30

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\$40.87

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Look for pictures of Dr. Stillwell and Mr. and Mrs. Plummer in later issue.

DANFORTH AVE. MISSION CIRCLE.

Again we enter on another year's work, and for the blessings of the past year we are indeed thankful to our Heavenly Father.

During the past year our Circle held nine meetings in the church, one at the home of our members, and our April meeting was held at Memorial Institute with Miss Mabee. Our outside speakers for the year were Mrs. C. J. Holman, Mrs. M. L. Gregg, and Mrs. C. W. Dengate, who gave very inspiring addresses.

At present our membership is seventy-six, of which fourteen joined the Circle during the year; we had one life member; fifty of these are subscribers to the "Link."

Our Circle was represented at most of the open Board meetings held throughout the year, the May gathering being held in our own church. Two of our missionaries in India, Rev. R. C. and Mrs. Bensen, were written letters regularly by members of the Circle. A shower of gifts for them and their children was held during the summer. We had a shower of jam, jellies, fruit and pickles for John St. Mission and Memorial Institute in October. We were glad to have the opportunity of assisting the B. Y. P. U. of our church in buying toys and oranges for the Cochrane Sunday School last Christmas. In May we had a pantry shower and a used clothing shower for Memorial Institute.

In March we had an annual offering for the Indian work of our Province, which amounted to \$15. A donation of \$8 was given Miss Mabee for her Daily Bible Vacation School. Altogether our receipts for the year were \$308.68, and our disbursements \$306.88. Since the treasurer made out her annual report she has sent in \$11.11, collected from the Might and Mercy boxes. The officers for the year are:

Hon. Pres.—Mrs. O. C. Elliott.
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 Leader of Devotional Exercises—Mrs. J. T. Bradley.

M. E. Clubine, Secretary.

STRATHROY

The Strathroy Women's Mission Circle held their annual Thankoffering meeting on Tuesday evening, November 4th.

The president, Mrs. David Murphy, occupied the chair and after the usual devotional exercises the male quartette rendered a very appropriate selection.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Percy G. Buck of Bolivia, who gave a very vivid description of conditions existing in Bolivia and of the work being accomplished there by our Canadian Baptist missionaries. Mr. Buck's address was illustrated with splendid lantern slides.

At the close of the address Mr. Jack Ricketts favored us with a much appreciated solo. The Thank-offering was taken which amounted to forty-five dollars, which will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.—Press Correspondent.

FORT WILLIAM

Especially interesting was the Thank-Offering meeting of the Women's Mission Circle of First Baptist Church, Fort William, held on the evening of October 14. Before the hour for opening the auditorium of the church was crowded. The entertainment consisted of two items, the first being the Jubilee Pageant, written by Mrs. A. A. McLeod, Vancouver. The pageant was given very effectively by ladies of the Circle, assisted by the Mission Band and other friends and a double quartette rendered delightful music. Following the pageant Rev. W. C. Pearce, who acted as chairman, announced the special treat of the evening and called upon Rev. and Mrs. Plummer to come forward. The missionaries were enthusiastically received and were given an attentive hear-

ing as they gave their testimony and told of their call to Bolivia. Good wishes and the Prayers of the Baptists at the head of the lakes go with Mr. and Mrs. Plummer as they take up this new work for the Master. During the evening the president of the Circle, Mrs. W. Makereth, in a few well chosen words, presented Mrs. James Beecroft with a life membership in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The amount of the thank-offering was \$54.00.

Mrs. A. O. Lake, Secretary.

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From. Oct. 1st to 15th, 1924. Credited for the year 1923-24.

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Vittoria, \$9.90; Ailsa Craig \$29.00; Lis-towel \$2.50; Harrow, 5; Campbellford \$21.65; Hamilton, King St., \$9; Brooke & Inniskillen, \$6.75; St. Thomas, Centre, \$57.10; Midland, \$3.62; Woodford, \$12; Uxbridge, \$16; York Mills, \$12.70; Wilkesport, \$2.40; Burgessville, \$5; Waterford, \$46.65; Calvary, (Wanstead) \$15.92; Arkona, \$30.55; Salford, \$5; Fonthill, \$44.25; Stouffville, \$2.15; Mt. Dennis, \$10.85; Mimico, \$29.70; Norwich, \$48.85; Toronto, Annette, \$12.25; Grimsby, \$15; Meaford, \$6.85; Hamilton, Stanley, \$28.50; Peterboro, Park, \$15.50; Springford, \$5.75; Long Branch, \$10; Claremont, \$10; Walkerton, \$21; Binbrook, \$6.65; Picton, \$2; Cramahe, \$10.75; Toronto, Danforth, \$27.64; Tillsonburg, \$7.32; Brantford, Riverdale, \$12; Ingersoll, \$22; Toronto, Olivet, \$8.17; Dundas, \$8; Toronto, Central, \$146.65; Paisley, \$7.75; Wheatley, \$4.80; Niagara Falls, Jepson, \$28; Villa Nova, \$58.80; Scotland, \$62; Wlarton, \$7.65; Toronto, College, \$87.65; Calton, \$17.50; St. Catharines, \$43; Port Hope, \$46.44; Jerseyville, \$5; Toronto, St. John's, \$14.15; Toronto, High Park, \$75.12; Williscroft, \$5; Toronto, Bloor, \$84.25; Petrolia, \$19.19; Wallaceburg, \$57.00; Toronto, Oakwood, \$8; Toronto, Mt. Pleasant, \$17; Georgetown, \$16.94; Toronto, Calvary, \$22.10; Aylmer, \$44; Toronto, Ossington Avenue, \$15; Beamsville, \$6.50; Paris, \$31.37; Colborne, \$7.20; Cobourg, \$1.75; Hamilton, Immanuel, \$5; Wyoming, \$3; Brantford, Shenstone, \$14; Burch, \$8; Owen Sound, \$20.80; Hamilton, James, \$61.90; New Liskeard, \$4.30; Windsor, \$33.28; Alvinston, \$3.55; Hamilton, Wentworth, \$15.92; Haliburton, \$3.50; New Sarum, \$5.95; St. Mary's, \$42.00; Brantford, Calvary, \$9; Haldimand, \$8; Glenelg Centre, \$2.50; Marchmont, \$5.00; Niagara Falls, Main St., \$14.18; Kitchener, King, \$8.45; Hartford, \$11; Toronto, Immanuel, \$4.50; London, Adelaide, \$46.50; Toronto, St. Clair, \$33.45; Port Hope, \$29.50; Toronto, Rhodes Ave., \$8; Toronto, Runnymede, \$16; Boston, \$41; Fullarton, \$10; Toronto, Jarvis, \$63.54; Toronto, Beverley, \$7; Toronto, Bloor, \$12.55; Toronto, High Park, \$5; Toronto, Jarvis, \$8; Toronto, Century, \$5; Toronto, Boon, \$2.25; Morley, \$13; Snelgrove, \$1.77; Ridgetown, \$7.50; Alvinston, \$5.25; London, Talbot, \$20.61; Lakefield, \$12.05; Dunnville, \$21.50; Leamington, \$6.50; Preston, \$24.85; Toronto, Castlefield, \$7.88; Sparta, \$25.69;

Flamboro Centre, \$3.05; Belleville, \$12; Peterboro, Murray, \$118.91; Toronto, Memorial, \$10; Toronto, Walmer, \$106.02.

From Y. W. Circles—Barrie, \$5; Toronto, St. Clair, \$12; St. Catharines, \$9.05; Toronto, Parkdale, \$10; Toronto, Dovercourt, \$5; Tillsonburg, \$27.10; Woodstock, Oxford, \$10; Toronto, First, \$15.35; Port Colborne, \$13.50; Simcoe, \$9.20; Toronto, Olivet, \$8.67; Peterboro, Murray, \$20; Ingersoll, \$9.85; Hamilton, Stanley, \$15.00; Toronto, Walmer, \$8.00; Galt, \$18.00; Paris \$5.00; Toronto, College, \$29.52; St. Thomas, Centre, \$99.35; Toronto, St. John's Rd. \$2.00; New Liskeard \$3.50; Toronto, Jarvis, \$30.98; Owen Sound \$18.10; Toronto, Jarvis, \$25.00; Petrolia, \$7.50; Toronto, Danforth, \$7.60; Hamilton, James \$5.75; Toronto, Mount Pleasant \$5.80.

From Bands—Wheatley \$3.50; Strathroy \$3; Norwood \$4.00; Parry Sound \$9.00; St. Mary's \$4.00; Lakeview \$5.50; St. George \$10.50; London Talbot \$10.00; Hamilton, Wentworth \$10; Barrie, \$5.00; Toronto, Dovercourt \$1.60; Yarmouth, First, \$9.85; Port Arthur \$2.00; Freelon \$8.25; North Cayuga \$2.00; Binbrook \$2.75; Stouffville \$10.50; Walkerville \$30.78; Townsend Centre \$18.00; Tillsonburg \$1.25; Alvinston \$2.00; Port Hope \$8.88; Fort William \$3.50; York Mills \$2.15; Toronto, Woodbine \$5.00; Mimico \$2.50; New Hamburg \$10.00; Toronto Immanuel \$11.32; Bentinck \$2.00; Springford \$9.30; Paisley \$4.50; Chatham \$4.95; Round Plains \$1.50; Toronto, St. Clair \$5.70; Westfort \$50.00; Beamsville \$14.50; Simcoe \$18.36; Meaford \$7.85; London Kensal Park \$2.90; Waterford \$17.50; London, Adelaide \$20.00; Leith \$5.35; Woodstock, Oxford \$9.00; Haldimand \$2.00; Forest \$6.75; Toronto, St. John's Rd. \$4; Hartford, \$5.00; Cobourg, \$2.35; Ingersoll, \$3.40; Boston \$6.50; Poplar Hill \$5.00; Wheatley \$1.76; Peterboro, Park \$7.00; Preston \$7.75; Sparta \$2.00; London, Wentworth \$25.

From Other Organizations—Port Arthur Bible Class \$5.00; Zorra East 16th Line Ladies' Aid \$24.85; Hamilton, James St. Philathes Class \$5.00; St. Thomas Broderick Memorial Junior B.Y.P.U. \$30.00; Poplar Hill Ladies' Aid \$20.00; Stratford, Ontario St. J.B.Y.P.M. O. \$14.00; Perry Station Ladies' Aid \$3.44; Zorra East 16th Line \$12.00; West Lorne "Willing Workers" \$33.50; Toronto, Memorial \$1.60.

From Individuals—Miss M. A. Elley \$12.90; Mrs. Wm. Davies Jr. \$50.00; Mrs. C. J. Holman \$2.00; A Friend \$25.00.

From Misc. Sources.—Bond Interest, Wm. Rogers \$8.75; Bond Interest Commercial Cable \$10.00; Refund per Link \$7.41; Cash on Exchange of Bond \$486.89.

Receipts from Oct. 15th to 31st, 1924. Credited for the year 1924-25.

From Circles—North Bay \$5.00; Port Colborne \$15.00; Beamsville \$50.00; Forest \$25.08; Toronto Memorial \$2.56; Brantford Park \$88.25; Iona Station \$7.00; Clinton \$10.00; New Liskeard \$6.80; Goderich \$5.00; Fort William \$57.76; Otterville \$5.00; Toronto, Bloor \$58.02; Woodstock, First \$31.35; Toronto, Jones \$13.50; Timmins \$8.40; Cheltenham \$16; Stratford Memorial \$8.00.

From Y. W. Circles—Orillia \$6.42; Hanover \$14.50; Toronto, Central \$37.52; Toronto, College \$31.75; Toronto, Bloor \$36.86; Toronto, Moulton \$11.50; North Bay \$10.00; Toronto Memorial \$1.00; Meaford \$6.00; Listowel \$8.

From Bands—Toronto, Walmer \$20.00; Wallaceburg \$7.00; Toronto, Annette \$4.00; Thornbury \$2.50; Hanover \$2.50; Parkhill \$3.00; Brooke & Inniskillen \$9.50; St. Catherines \$5.34; St. Catherines \$16.00; Fonthill \$7.00; Lakefield \$2.50; Aylmer \$3.00; Wyoming \$2.50; Sault Ste Marie, Wellington \$6.00; Blind River \$8.00; Otterville \$13.00; Petrolia \$3.65; Timmins \$4.30.

From O. O.—Sarnia Central Philathea Class \$20.00.

From Individuals—Mrs. J. Hooper \$2.50.

From Misc.—Collection Y.W. Rally \$12.75.

KITCHENER, KING STREET

Our programme committee this year divided our circle into groups representing our various missionary activities. The Bolivian group had charge of the rally meeting which was held in October. We had our general secretary, Mr. Stillwell, with us that night, when he gave us a graphic view of Bolivia as he found it on his visit there. A welcome addition to the program was a solo by Mrs. Davidson. After Mr. Stillwell's address all went to the school room where the ladies conducted a birth-month party. The room looked very pretty with its wealth of floral decorations and twelve

appropriately trimmed tables each representing a month of the year.

During the evening Miss Mitchell and Miss Huff kindly entertained with piano selections, and Margaret Huff with the violin.

Thanks to the untiring assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Webb our rally was a success financially, numerically and socially, and under the leadership of Mrs. Pequegnat we hope to accomplish greater things for our Master than we have heretofore.

Z. R. Detenbeck.

COBOURG

The annual Thankoffering meeting of the Cobourg Mission Circle was held at the home of our President, Mrs. J. J. Hinman. Meeting opened with the hymn "My God I Thank Thee Who Hast Made the World So Bright," Scripture lesson, Ps. 103 was read by Miss Keenan. This was followed by a season of special prayer. Our President gave a reading "In memory of Thy Great Goodness." Readings were given by Miss Hinman, Mrs. Norton, and our Pastor, Rev. J. N. Norton. Music was furnished by the Sunday School orchestra, assisted by Mrs. Bowman on the piano. We also had vocal solos by Miss A. Verge, and a vocal duet by Misses Norton and Tapscott.

Our thankofferings which amounted to \$10.00, were accompanied by texts of scripture. Number present twenty-eight. We are looking forward to another year of service for our Master. Meeting closed with the hymn, "O Worship the King."

E. M. Tapscott, Secy.

MY TASK

To love someone more dearly every day,
To help a wandering child to find his way,
To ponder o'er a nobler thought and pray,
And smile when evening falls,
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,
And answer when He calls,
This is my task.

The Young Women

THE CHRISTMAS CHILD

The little Child Jesus, all smiling and sweet,
Lies in a cold manger, Wise Men at His feet.
O'erhead in the sky, rays stretched to the
earth,
Shines the Bethlehem star that tells of His
birth.
Chant praises, shout welcome,
Exultantly sing!
Hail with glad greeting
The Christ-Child our King.

The little Child Jesus, asleep in the hay,
Brought from the Father a guide to the
Way—
The Way we must travel, the pathway of
Love,
Come, follow the Light that shines from
above!

—K.N.B. Sel.

NO ROOM

Mrs. A. B. Cram

Note:—This dramatization is based on an incident in India, where seventy girls had been crowded into a school with room for fifty. The inspector ordered twenty sent home—and the missionary had to decide whom to send!

To make this dramatization a success and convey the idea to the audience, the woman who takes the part of the missionary must feel the tragedy of the scene. Then it will be easy for the children.

(Missionary comes in looking sad and discouraged. She speaks):

Oh, how can I decide? How can I ever send any of them away? (Goes to the door and looks out.) They are so happy; and this is the only happiness they have known. (Goes slowly and gets a small bell from a table, then returns to the door.) It is just too bad. This is the very hardest thing yet. (Rings bell and little girls come in, happy and chattering. There must be fourteen or twenty-one of varying sizes. They sit on the floor.) Now, girls, we are not going to have our usual Bible lesson this afternoon. I have something important to talk about. Do not look expectant. It is news, but not good news. You know the

government inspector was here this morning? He found something very wrong with our school.

Girls (interrupting): Several speak at once): What was it, Miss Sahiba?

I think our school is all right.

I think it is just lovely here.

I never was so happy in all my life.

Missionary: But here is one thing very wrong. We have room for only fifty girls and we have taken in seventy. The inspector says that twenty of our girls must go home.

Girls (several interrupting, speaking quickly and excitedly):

I haven't any home.

Shall I have to go?

O Miss Sahiba, must I go?

Missionary: Now girls, there are fourteen of you here, and four will have to go home. (If there are twenty-one, six will have to go). I want you to be brave and think it over quietly for a few moments, and perhaps some will volunteer. (All is quiet for a moment).

Dodli: Miss Sahiba, I've been here three years. I'm thirteen years old. Oh, I do so want to stay this year! Then I could help with the children. But (very slowly) I would better go. I can start a school in our village and teach the women and children. Maybe I can get them to become Christians.

Odu: Why can't the people in Canada send money so we can build a new school? Then no one would have to go home.

Small girl (very earnestly): You said that I must have a new sari, but I can wear this one all the year. I'm sure I can. Then there will be that money to begin with, right away.

Missionary: Girls, it just can't be done now. Some of you will have to go. I think maybe Dodli is right. It might be well for her to go, for one.

Raya: So many of us haven't any place to go, Miss Sahiba, unless—unless we go to the temples.

Missionary (interrupting quickly): None of you shall ever do that. Don't think of it for a moment.

Lilavati: Miss Sahiba, my father is a preacher. I have a home. I will go with Dodli.

Missionary: But Lilavati, we are so anxious for you to become a teacher.

Lilavati: I know, but I have a home. My father and mother are Christians. I would better go.

Missionary (sadly): Now we have found two.

Prem (a little girl, goes up and stands close to her teacher): I can go. I've had such a good time here. I shall love to think of it. And I'm only seven. Maybe I can come again when the people from Canada send money to build the school bigger.

Missionary (putting her arm around the child, whom she loves dearly, and drawing her close): Our dear little Prem! Our little sunshine! How could we ever get along without you?

Langru: Miss Sahiba, I think I'd better go. I am eleven years old now, and I'm to be married when I am twelve. I have never seen the man, but I know that he is older than my father. You see I could only stay about eight months longer anyway. O Miss Sahiba, it will be dreadful to be married, but I think I'd better go.

Missionary: Now girls, four have volunteered to go—Dodli, Lilavati, Prem and Langru. Shall we let it stand that way?

Miya: Miss Sahiba, I will go away and let Lilavati stay. I can't learn and she can. I never could be a teacher, for school is always hard for me. Of course I love the school, all of us do, but I will go.

Missionary: Miya, my dear child, aren't you a widow?

Miya: Oh, yes, Miss Sahiba. But there are millions of widows in India whose lives are just as hard as mine will be. And then, you know, I am a Christian. It isn't just like going back alone. Jesus will go with me. Lilavati will be a great teacher, just as you are. Yes, I will go.

Missionary: Perhaps Miya is right, but no one needs to go until tomorrow. Run and have a little play before supper. (Children leave very quickly and teacher looks longingly after them.) Oh, it is cruel, cruel! He said, "Feed my lambs," and we're sending them back into heathen darkness. And they didn't even cry! But they never do. They've been used to hardship and tragedy from babyhood. India's

women suffer in silence. (Is silent a moment, thinking). How can we send sweet little Prem back into a filthy, vicious Hindu home? And beautiful, unselfish Miya will be starved and beaten and kicked—a Hindu widow! How long, O Lord, how long must thy children suffer so?

Missionary Friend,

—Tidings.

MISS PRATT BANQUETED

A farewell banquet was given October 29th to Miss Lida Pratt, by the congregation of the Baptist church at Petrolia. The Sunday School room was decorated by the B.Y.P.U.. A large representation was present from the sister church at Sarnia Township, to whom Miss Pratt had frequently ministered with her missionary messages. The pastor, Mr. Raithby, presided. Musical numbers were provided; Harold McLean played a cornet solo, accompanied by Miss Eva Chambers; Mrs. Monds sang "The Fairies," and the church quartette, "Dear Spirit Lead Me," accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Shannon. Great appreciation of Miss Pratt, her character and work in town, was expressed by representatives of the different congregations; Rev. Mr. Monds, of the Presbyterian Church; Ensign Scott, of the Salvation Army; Rev. Mr. Stuart, of the Methodist Church. Rev. J. B. McLaurin, whose father and mother were the first missionaries of the Baptists of Canada, and whose mother and sister are now serving in India, came to Petrolia for Miss Pratt's farewell. He paid high tribute to Miss Pratt's missionary work, then gave an instructive and inspiring address. He told of the transformation in agriculture in India through irrigation and of the bird life; then he called on his audience to resent the cheap criticism of British rule in India. Miss Pratt expressed her thanks to the ladies for the supper before she settled down to curry and rice; and the church, for the honor done her, stating that it was just twenty-two years and one day since she was given a similar farewell as she went out the first time. She told of her joy and hopes as she returned to her girls' school in India.—*Canadian Baptist*.

Our Mission Bands

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Boys and Girls:
All over the earth they are swaying,
The cradles where little ones lie,
And their faces black, brown, white and
yellow,
Are watched by the kind Father's eye.
Because long ago in a manger
The dearest of little ones lay,
Our hearts turn in prayer to the Father
To bless every baby today.

Dear Father, bless the little children
In their homes across the sea,
On the islands of the ocean,
In our country wide and free.
Give to all a happy childhood
Full of joy and work and play,
May they learn the love of Jesus
And grow like Him every day.

—Sel.

THE CHILDREN OF INDIA

By Hugh Fraser

India, like Africa, is primarily a land of villages. Of course there are a few large cities, but when the population of the country is taken into consideration, the cities are few. Therefore, most of the boys and girls of India, live in small villages and know very little of the great outside world.

The houses in which Indian children live are not very inviting—at least, so they would appear to us. Let us follow them as they enter through a narrow passage into a room where the floor is of dirt, like the street outside, worn smooth and hard. There are no chairs for either children or grown-ups, for the people just squat on the ground. The family sleep on rugs spread upon the floor, and their best clothes are kept in a chest or bag.

From outside the appearance is not prepossessing. The roof is covered with straw and dirt, and grass and flowers grow over it. The windows are very small and the room badly ventilated. Over the framework of wood mud is plastered which has dried in the sun. In

recent years particularly, India has been subject to severe famine, and millions have died of starvation, but when there is enough to go round, the fare is very simple. When dinner is ready it generally consists of rice, boiled by the mother in a brass pan over an open fire. Each boy will have his food in a little bowl, and sit down on the floor to eat it.

Of course in the villages there is little choice of occupation for a boy and none for a girl. However, in some of the larger centres, the parents try to find out a boy's inclinations in the following manner. They set before him a number of objects to see which he will choose. They believe that if he selects an apple, or a heap of rice, he will surely become a farmer. If he picks out a pen he will become a student. If he reaches out for a piece of cloth then it is a sign he is to be a tailor, while if he grasps his mother's bracelets he will be a silversmith.

It would seem as if the boys and girls of India have trouble when playing games just as among us. One custom is very interesting. When a boy has been detected doing something unfair, the others take up handfuls of dirt and throw it—not at the boy, as one would suppose—but on the ground. The meaning of this practice is that the players consider this boy's conduct "low-down and contemptible as the dirt underfoot." Surely if anything would make a child ashamed of himself that would.

Although we think of India as a very warm climate, yet in the north it is sometimes quite cold, and as there are no stoves in the houses there must be some way to keep the children warm. The mother fills little earthen pots with fiery coals and hot ashes from the cooking fire. The boys and girls tuck those little pots inside their loose clothing, just as we might use a hot-water bottle in case of sickness. They even hug these warm pots close to them at nights instead of being covered with thick bed-clothes. The plan works fairly well except when the child is restless in sleep; then the ashes may be spilled and burns inflicted.

While there are lions in India they are not so ferocious as the tiger which, in India, at least, is king of the jungle. Not only the

children but also the men and women have much reason to fear these big brutes. If the tiger is one of the man-eating kind then all are filled with fear, and they have good cause. The man-eater goes about his deadly work very quietly. The ordinary tiger makes the jungle ring with his loud cries, but the man-eater makes no such sounds. He steals quietly from place to place awaiting his opportunity. Under some thick cluster of bushes, where some unsuspecting peasant is felling a tree, or near the rice field where men and women are intent on their work, or perhaps where children are at play, he is to be found. Swiftly he darts out, stuns his victim by a single blow and carries them off to his lair. Terrible stories are told of the boldness of these animals.

As in Africa, so with India—there is little for a girl to look forward to. In India women may be seen loading an engine with coal, working hard beneath the hot sun making bricks in a brick field, laying stones on the road, bearing hods of mortar up the scaffolding of a new building and doing the hardest of all kinds of work. Women are not considered the equal of men.

Indian girls marry very early in life, and if the husband dies they are not permitted to remarry. It is estimated that there are 27,000,000 widows in India, of whom 6,000,000 are under fourteen years of age. A study of child-life in India makes us thankful we live in a Christian land.

—Lutheran Boys and Girls.

WALKERVILLE

May the "Happy Comrades," Walkerville, beg a wee corner to tell a little about our work.

Every year before we close the Band for the summer we give to the girls and boys either boxes or bags or something that will hold an offering.

This summer we gave out dime albums and requested them to fill them with a tenth of their earnings.

The last Friday in September we held a rally. After a short programme cake and coffee were served and the money brought in through the albums was counted. We

were glad to realize over forty dollars.

Our Sunday morning meetings commenced the first Sunday in October. We are trying out the group system this year, with four presidents and vice-presidents instead of one.

Each group has the programme one Sunday in each month. I believe it will be fine and increase our attendance. Sunday we had fifty-two present ranging in ages from a grandmother to a wee tot of three.

We spent a delightful hour together and were in the right mood to attend the morning service.

Over two years ago the S. S. in Walkerville started a S. S. in Ford City, and we decided to hold Mission Band service at least once a month with these boys and girls.

At our first meeting we had over thirty-five very interested children. As these children are mostly "new Canadians," we would ask your earnest prayers for this work.

Bert Kemp, Secy.

Life Membership Pins for Band Members, silver and scarlet enamel, very pretty, would make a lovely gift for girl or boy who has the honor to be a Life Member. Send for them to the Literature Department, 66 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

TO BAND LEADERS

Remember the Mission Band Program Contest!

Many of you have programs that you have used successfully. They would be helpful to other leaders.

Look up the directions for this contest on pages 50 and 51 of the October Link.

Note especially that the programs must be in the Editor's hands by December 31st.

"No service in itself is small nor great,

Though earth it fill;

But that is small which seeks its own, and great

Which seeks God's will."

—Sel.

Report of the Forty-eighth Annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario West

A beautiful morning greeted us on the Jubilee Year Convention Day. It prepared us for the note of joy and praise that rang out through all the sessions as we met in the historic First Church, Woodstock. Inside the church our eyes fell first upon portraits which occupied a prominent place in the front of the Church. Portraits of those whom the First Church has in days gone by sent across the seas to serve our Lord and Master. There were the pioneer missionaries to India—the McLaurins and the Timpanys, and members of the next generation of the same families who have followed them, as well as one of Miss Hatch and others not so well known to our Baptist Mission Circle women. Striking quotations on large posters such as "Prayer is fundamental not supplemental" helped create an atmosphere which prevailed throughout the day. Our prayer—for at least 5000 souls in India this year—that every woman in the church become a circle member and our aim—10,000 subscribers to the Link and \$5000 from our Might and Mercy boxes were printed large and hung high before us.

The morning session opened at 9.30 o'clock on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Mrs. C. J. Loney, of Hamilton, read the scripture lesson stressing the message in the verse "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" and urging her hearers to walk in accordance with their lofty position and to appropriate the Eternal power which is ours in Christ Jesus. Mrs. Spidell of Caledonia led in a prayer for revival.

The report of the recording secretary was one of progress, mention being made of our affiliation with the Canadian School of Missions, of the several Young Women's Circles organized and of our two new missionaries, Dr. S. L. Cook for India and Miss M. Palmer for Bolivia. The majority of the Directors were able to report increased givings for both Home and Foreign Missions, though in some cases there was decrease. The number of Young Women's Mission Circles organized was especially encouraging.

Although the reports of the different Sec-

retaries will appear elsewhere in the Link one cannot pass without drawing attention to the success which has attended "the Link" in the great increase in "everything except in arrears," and to the Bureau of Literature in its 55 per cent. increase in cash sales and its widespread usefulness in circle programme making. In moving the adoption of the Bureau of Literature report Mrs. Zavitz spoke of the great appreciation of the Women's Board of Miss Dale's unstinted labor in this department. Mrs. Zavitz spoke of the higher expense of editing the Link on account of the greater number of pages and cost of cuts. In expression of appreciation of the faithful Editor, Mrs. Trotter, who was unable to be present, Mrs. Zavitz presented a fine copy of "the Life of William Carey" by his great-grandson and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. These with a letter, were to be sent to Mrs. Trotter.

A pressing invitation was given by Major Wilcock, the Principal of Woodstock Baptist College, to the delegates to visit the college.

The Quiet Hour of meditation conducted by Mrs. A. A. Affleck, of London, was very helpful and inspiring, as she led us in considering the meaning of being a true disciple of the Lord Jesus. The prayer by Mrs. Denigate and the singing of "Draw Me Nearer" impressively rendered by Mrs. J. Janes, drew us very close to the throne of Grace.

The following officers and members of the board were elected:—

President—Mrs. Albert Matthews

1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. J. G. Brown.

2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Wm. Pugsley.

Members—Mrs. J. N. Shenstone, Mrs. Jas. Ryrie, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Mrs. Chas. Senior, Mrs. S. J. Webster, Miss J. N. Norton, Mrs. R. C. Dancy, Mrs. Thos. Urquhart, Mrs. Duncan H. McDermid, London, and Miss Dorothy Roper.

A very gracious address of welcome was given by Mrs. Everton and in her reply Mrs. C. N. Mitchell of Hamilton spoke of Woodstock as a sort of Antioch and that many of the delegates felt they were coming home in

coming to the Woodstock Church. She spoke of missing old faces, mentioning particularly the late Mrs. Cordelia Hall, and renewing old friendships such as that of Mrs. Hart a member of the first Women's Foreign Mission Board and organizer of the first Mission Band in the Woodstock Church.

In her very splendid address our President reminded us of the harvest that cannot be counted as well as the one that can be counted in connection with our Mission work and of our greatest work being the hidden work. The estimates for the coming year are larger. None can say that we progress too fast. Prayer brings new and greater responsibility—with new work there comes a new burden. The Baptist Women of Canada are collecting between one-quarter and one-third of all collected for missionary purposes. The women are depended upon greatly. She dwelt upon the text given on our programmes, "I stir up your pure hearts by way of remembrance," 2 Peter 3:1, speaking of the joy of meeting pure hearted women—pure of selfishness—in convention, and of reviewing the past that we may fill our foreground with more fruitfulness.

After the President's message the contributions through the Mite and Mercy Boxes were received, the amount gathered being \$1147. Mrs. Lloyd led in a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration.

The Corresponding Secretary in her report told of the clear note of thanksgiving running through the letters of our missionaries and the same joyous spirit was noticeable in the addresses of the missionaries present. Mrs. Buck said she was so happy to have a part in the Mission work in Bolivia—she was so glad that in five years the number of stations and missionaries had both been doubled. She asked for prayer that Mr. Plummer may find an entrance into the hearts of the people on Peniel Hall Farm. She spoke of the need of more women missionaries to work among the women of Bolivia. In closing she said "Let us pray and work and give with all our might and God will surely give us a great harvest in Bolivia."

Miss Farnell gave a review of the progress of Samalkot and spoke of the many open

doors for Mission work. She was very enthusiastic as to the great things that might be expected. "With seed sowing going on so faithfully there must soon be a break." She thanked the women for the privilege of serving 7½ years in India for the One Who gave Himself for her.

Do not miss reading Mrs. Stillwell's very interesting report as it appears in full in the Link.

Mrs. J. B. McLaurin in speaking of "Child Welfare" in India said that her one surprise was not that so many babies died in India, but that so many lived. She told pathetic stories that surely increased the desire of the women in convention to help more than ever.

Miss Robinson drew our attention to several R's—Reasons for school work, Results of school work, Relation of various schools and of the Routine of boarding school life, making us realize the importance of our Educational work in India.

Time had passed so quickly that in consideration Mrs. M. L. Gregg curtailed the Young Women's Session but several practical points were given by representatives of Walkerville, Leamington, Pt. Colborne and London Young Women's Mission Circles.

Mrs. G. H. Campbell in bringing the large estimate for 1924-25 before the convention impressed upon the delegates that in passing the motion to accept the budget of \$29,628, we pledged ourselves to get out and get the extra money.

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. P. G. Buck.

The wonderful evening session was begun by a song service when we were stirred by "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Jesus Wondrous Saviour". We came together expecting great things—we were not disappointed.

Rev. R. E. Janes, of Oxford St. Baptist Church, led in the devotional period, and in a very clear manner brought out some helpful thoughts on the verse "We do not well. This is the day of good tidings and we hold our peace."

The address on Bolivia with views by our missionary, Rev. P. G. Buck, was very inter-

esting. We looked again on the faces of our missionaries and their families and were grateful for this splendid type of Christians that God has called to serve in Bolivia. We saw groups of Bolivians taken at their religious feasts—sin and depravity written on their faces and we rejoiced to see groups of redeemed Bolivians whose countenances showed the change made by the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour. Pictures of our new missionaries, Miss M. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Plummer, as well as one of our missionary-elect, Miss Mary Ipp, were also thrown on the screen. It seemed as if Mr. Buck had taken us on a trip right to the places we saw as he explained each one to us. It was noticeable that Mr. Buck didn't tell any of the difficult situations met by the missionaries.

After a very fine rendering of an anthem by the First Church choir we heard a masterly address by Rev. J. B. McLaurin on "Womanhood and the New India." The great audience was simply fascinated as Mr. McLaurin told of the womanhood of ancient India, of how tradition testifies to its purity, its fidelity and its beauty. He told of Indians who sing to this day of the one-time glory of their womanhood. Because there was no true foundation womanhood declined—there was no new thought, no new theme and social life hardened into caste—devotion turned into slavery, cruelty and worse. Fine things were thrown into the mire and stamped upon. The condition was the true product of caste and heathenism. Then Christ came to India and transformed the lives of the women who received Him. Christ is capturing not only the hearts and minds of the women of India, but also their homes. These homes may be favorably compared with Canadian Christian homes. So through them Christ will go out to capture the other women of India for His Kingdom. Mr. McLaurin finished his address with the striking sentence "If you could get some conception of the riches of Jesus Christ in the womanhood of India you would never let the work flag for want of prayer or of money or of lives for India."

After the singing of a hymn the program

of a wonderful day was brought to a close by the Benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. Janes, pastor of the entertaining church.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE W. B. F. M. BOARD.

Through another year the Board has sought to give its best thought to the work committed to its administration, and, we feel we have reason to rejoice together over what has been accomplished both at home and abroad. To God be all the praise for any progress that has been realized, for we know that without Him we can do nothing.

There have been the usual number of meetings held during the year, four quarterly and six monthly. The attendance at all these meetings has been gratifying. The average attendance at the quarterly meetings was thirty-six, and at the monthly twenty-four. Two members have been present at all the meetings.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in Walmer Road Church on the afternoon of November 9th, 1923. There were fifty-three members present, this being the largest attendance at any one meeting during the year. Officers and committees were appointed, and the estimates passed to the amount of \$28,850.

The resignation of Mrs. Bigwood from the office of Recording Secretary was a matter of sincere regret. For four years she rendered efficient and loyal service, often under the condition of ill-health which eventually compelled her to retire from the work for a time.

At the annual meeting the Board, after a thorough consideration of the matter, and being convinced of the benefits that would be afforded its missionaries on furlough, and prospective missionaries, decided to affiliate with the Canadian School of Missions. Several of the members contributed toward the \$200.00 fee required to join, and the full amount was thus realized.

Early in the year Miss Lida Pratt was appointed by the Boards as travelling Secretary for Young Women's Mission Circles.

As a result of her work several Young Women's Circles have been organized and others are considering organizing.

At Miss Pratt's request, the appointment for Y. W. Secretary was for six months only, until she knew whether she could return to India this fall. This happy culmination of her desire has come about and now the Boards are looking for her successor.

In January a resignation that was a great surprise and disappointment to the Board was that of Mrs. N. Mills as Band Secretary, on account of her removal to Vancouver for an indefinite time. It was with great regret that this resignation was accepted. As yet the Boards have been unable to find a successor, and the Assistant Secretary of Bands, Mrs. Harry Smith, has been caring for the needs of the Bands in the meantime.

Three members of the Board have resigned during the year: Miss Martha Rogers, on account of prolonged illness, and Miss Grimshaw and Mrs. McLagan, on account of inability to attend the meetings. Miss Rogers was made an Honorary Member of the Board at its meeting in May.

Two new missionaries have been sent out this year: Dr. Sarah Cook, now on her way to India, and Miss Marjory Palmer, who arrived in Bolivia towards the end of September, and is now at La Paz studying the language.

At the monthly meetings of the Board which are mainly for prayer, the request of our missionaries in India for prayer for at least five thousand converts this year has been regularly presented at the Throne of Grace. Reports and letters from our missionaries are read telling of their progress and their problems, and always there comes the request for prayer and for more prayer. They realize as we do that every step in the progress of the work has been accomplished through prayer. It is with gratitude that we report no loss of life either among missionaries or Christians during the terrible cyclone that swept across the northern part of our Telugu Mission last November, although the property in some places was badly wrecked.

The Jubilee of the Canadian Baptist For-

eign Missionary Society was celebrated this year by special meetings held at central places throughout Canada, beginning in Toronto. On April 7, 8, 9, a series of inspirational meetings was held in Massey Hall which were a spiritual uplift not only to those who attended, but through them to the whole denomination. Dr. Joshee and Dr. Eva D'Prazer, two converts of the mission, were among the speakers, having come to Canada for the jubilee celebration. Tuesday afternoon, April 8th, was given over to the women, and Miss L. E. Wilson, from Bolivia; Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, President of Women's Foreign Mission Board of Northern Baptist Convention, and Dr. D'Prazer, were the speakers for that occasion, each of whom stirred the audience with her message. Of the \$50,000 Jubilee Thank-Offering Objective, our women have undertaken to raise \$5,000.

In May, the ladies of First Church, Woodstock, graciously invited us to their church and to their homes for Convention. This invitation was gratefully accepted.

We are glad to report that through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Doherty and her splendid staff of agents, the "Link" has had the best year in its history.

The Literature Department also reports the best year ever. Miss Dale is rejoicing that so many more of our women have discovered that her department can be of service to them.

The supply of copies of the Union Circle and the Young Women's Circle Constitutions having become exhausted the Board is considering some suggested amendments before another re-print is made.

A campaign for securing new members for the Circles was fairly successful, as many of the returns from Circles who reported their results to the Board showed.

Bereavement has come to the Board and to some of the members during the year. We sorrowfully record the death on July 30th of Miss Mary Frith, the first Missionary of this Board to India. She left Canada for India in 1882, and although her service there was short because broken by a period of ill-health, whether at home or in India

the need of India's people was uppermost in her thoughts and first in her prayers.

Our honorary member, Mrs. Jas. Wood, passed in to the presence of her Lord on Sunday, February 24th. As long as health permitted she served actively as a member but when regular attendance was made impossible by failing strength, she resigned and was made an honorary member. Her devotion to the interests of the Kingdom will long be an inspiration to those who knew her.

To our four members who have been bereaved, and to all the other sorrowing friends the Board tenders its deepest sympathy.

As we face the future with its opportunities and our consequent responsibility may each one of us realize that the one thing for which God has promised power is the doing of His work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Inrig.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TO INDIA AND BOLIVIA

Our Foreign Board rejoices that it has been able to send out this year two recruits to the Fields far away. Miss *Marjorie Palmer*, a consecrated young woman, after taking the course in Toronto Bible College, worked for nearly a year on an Indian Reserve near Brantford. This year at the request of the Board she spent four months in Toronto gaining a knowledge of practical nursing, and sailed for Bolivia early in September. In spite of seasickness on the waves of the Caribbean Sea, and a taste of the even more unpleasant "soroche" or mountain sickness, while crossing the mighty ranges of the Andes, with their high altitudes, she arrived safely at La Paz, and remained there with Mr. and Mrs. Wintemute while she attacked the study of Spanish. She will soon proceed to Peniel Hall Farm.

Dr. *Sarah Cook* sailed for India on the second of October, and will be very near the end of her journey by this time. We can imagine something of what her thoughts must be as she daily nears the shores of the country to which, from early girlhood, she has looked forward. For her intention to be a Medical Missionary has been of many years' standing,

and all her training, since, has been with that in view. After the course in Toronto Bible College she completed her Matriculation and entered upon the long five years' course in medicine,—then two years as Interne in St. John's Hospital, Toronto, and now she is on the ocean, drawing very near to the scene of her life work.

Upon our Foreign Mission Staff, we have, at the present time, twenty women,—plus one other who, although listed upon our Directory as "retired", is still finding her hands filled with duties of one kind or another, and who, as has been her custom through the years gone by, cheerfully does them all, small or great. Of these twenty-one women, two only are in Bolivia, that younger sister of the Indian Mission, which is surely winning its way into the hearts of Canadian Baptists.

Bolivia

Miss *Alice Booker*, from her Bolivian home beside the waters of Lake Titicaca, writes with a more joyful and hopeful spirit than ever before. Is there anything more encouraging than to see results from one's labors? And this is the encouragement which she has been experiencing in the year under review. Not that the Indians have left their old ways,—renouncing their drunken celebrations during their various and numerous fiestas,—oh, no! As Miss Booker herself admits:—"The Indian is slow, slow to understand and still slower to change his customs." But, she continues, "I believe our influence is being felt, there was less drinking at Carnival than I have ever seen." And she refuses to be pessimistic when Mr. Ruiz suggests that the reason for this may be in the fact that the price of alcohol has risen greatly, for she goes on, "He also admits that all the young people with whom we have come in contact in the school, almost all from the Farm, are becoming ashamed of their old customs. I believe it is true and that they are learning slowly for what we stand."

The men and boys are now much more interested than before in the Sunday School and the night classes. Here is a quotation from her pen: "On Sunday there were 74 out to Sunday School; on Monday night, 74; on Wednesday 73; on Thursday 65; Friday 80; Sunday night, 79; last night 76. We are in-

deed overflowing. Most of our regular school seats, intended for one, have two youngsters; every bench at the back has four or five men, or as many as six boys; three or four are seated at my table; half a dozen are sitting on the stones piled up at the back which one day are to be flooring; and two or three sit in the window sills! But even with all that, classes go on and everything is fairly quiet and orderly. Oh, it is great to see the crowd!" The day school is also growing, with nine or ten young men nearly always present, and one day there were thirty. There is one man, from another farm, who has taken a great interest in the school, and, with no manner of doubt, his heart has been touched and changed. He pores over his lesson book, so that he may be able to read the Bible himself, not a whit daunted by the fact that it is in Spanish, of which language he knows very little. He is making every effort to learn it. There is a very evident awakening among the Indians in the vicinity of our Farm, one community nearly wants an Evangelical teacher for their school and none other! From that community there is a young man who comes to Miss Booker and stays after school to read the Bible with her.

Not only has Miss Booker the care of the schools, with Mrs. Vickerson's devoted help, but many calls for medical aid come to her, now that Miss Wilson is not there. She is "able to give relief in very many cases of earache, toothache, bad eyes, infected wounds, and other minor ailments." But when it comes to serious cases, she realizes her lack of knowledge, and her cry is, "We feel very strongly the need of a nurse here. There is no one who knows anything of medicine in the whole region round about." This need will be met, and her heart be rejoiced when Miss Palmer takes up her work there on the Farm.

India—Medical

Dr. Cook's arrival in India will make two Doctors on the Field from our Board, and will strengthen the Medical work which means so much to the Telugu women and children.

Dr. Hulet, in Vuyyuru, has had the trying experiences which accompany all building work in India. But this has not in any way

interfered with the usual work in the hospital, where the inpatients numbered 904, the outpatients 8120, and the treatments given totalled 15,684—all these with herself as the one Doctor, and one Indian Compounder to look after prescriptions. But the results are not only the healing of the body, or the lessening of physical discomfort,—all through that Field of Vuyyuru there are those whose hearts are friendly towards the Missionary and therefore towards the Story she wishes to tell. As Miss Bain, who is caring for the work which Miss Lockhart left when she came on furlough this year, writes: "There is not a village which I have visited where I have not found some one who has been to Dr. Hulet's hospital and has there heard 'the teaching'. One Kamma woman told me, 'I went to the Vuyyuru hospital and the Doctor Missammagaru helped my little girl, so I love her, and all Missammagaru are the same to me.'" And as the touring Missionary goes from place to place, among the many questions asked will be, "How is everything at the hospital, is the new building finished yet?"

The past year we women of Ontario have had a share in supporting the work at Dr. Allyn's hospital in Pithapuram, therefore we may share in the joy of all the work accomplished there, and in the four dispensaries attached to it. Wednesday is the day set apart, each week, for the "car dispensary" which ministers to many patients in its five or six stops in some fifteen miles. Quoting from Dr. Allyn: "After singing a hymn, the driver carries on a preaching service while the Assistant Doctor, the Nurses and I dispense medicines, dress ulcers, extract teeth, etc. Itch ointment, babies' powders, worm powders, calomel and liniment of ammonia are most in demand." You will miss a most interesting account of how they observed their "Baby Welfare Week", appointed by Government for the third week of January, unless you procure a copy of the new "Among the Telugus". Dr. Allyn writes: "Our arrangements were splendid...but we hadn't reckoned on mobs such as we had to deal with. There were hundreds of babies and mothers,—hot, tired, impatient, and nearly all desperately poor and illiterate...At least a beginning was made all over

India, but there is a tremendous amount to be learned by even the best classes of Indians about the care of infants and mothers, and sanitation."

Miss *Laura Allyn* reports seven Seniors, four Intermediates and three Juniors enrolled in the Training School for Nurses. Three girls, not sufficiently educated for further study, were sent out during the year with special certificates granted by their hospital, and two of them are at work and giving satisfaction in our hospitals at Chicacole and Akidu. The course which the students take under Miss Allyn leads to examinations which are prepared and conducted by the South Indian Medical Association.

Among those who come for treatment at the hospital are many children, boys and girls, and it causes the Missionary much rejoicing when relief can be given and a little brightness installed into their lives. The celluloid toys and dolls, sent out by many Mission Bands, in response to a plea, have played an important part in bringing sunshine into sad little hearts,—as for instance, the little one so severely scalded, whose fear of the boric bath was allayed by the doll and swan which floated at her side; the emaciated little lad with tuberculosis whose celluloid bunny was the joy of his heart, but which, alas, a crow later carried away in its talons; and the poor orphan girl with an incurable case of tuberculosis, who at first rarely smiled, but whose family of two dolls have given her an interest in life. And the impressions gained and lessons learned while under the care of these Christian medical women of the hospital are never forgotten, and some day will assuredly bear fruit. Among the many interesting cases, there is space for only one; that of the woman so ill with tuberculosis, that, thinking it was useless to take her inside the ward, she was left outside on the verandah. Later, seeming to be better, she was moved into a private ward and placed on the verandah there,—and she got better. She became deeply interested in the Gospel story, and seemed very near the Kingdom. A relative who went to wait upon her, had to undergo an operation, and she, too, believed. Being a widow, the latter woman is more liable to confess Christ openly and to leave all to follow Him.

In connection with her new work in Pithapuram, to which Miss *McGill* has this year been appointed, she writes: "The large medical work of Pithapuram has so opened the doors that there is little pioneering to be done except that of organizing the workers. So many are the opportunities offered that I find I cannot begin to cope with them unless I can secure the help of a band of trained Bible women."

The work at the Ramachandrapuram Leper Hospital has always been of interest to us because of Miss *Hatch's* connection with it. Now that so many of us have seen Dr. *Joshee*, its consecrated Doctor, it will mean even more to us. Miss *Hatch* writes: "What a joy to know that thirteen of our lepers this Jubilee year have come out into the liberty of the Gospel, as well as five of our Philips Home children." Again she writes of "sorrows as well as joys, but the joys overtake the sorrows, as for instance we were able to send a dear boy home to Vuyuru on parole. It was worth much to see the joy on that boy's face as he went off after a good bath and in his clean clothes fresh from the Dhoby." A Hindu gentleman was taken to visit the Leper Home and was so interested, he said he would give henceforth fifty rupees a year, to their support. As he left, he placed a note for one hundred rupees in Miss *Hatch's* hand,—and thus are raised up from time to time friends for the lepers.

Sometimes we think of our work in India as divided into distinct sections,—medical, educational and evangelistic,—but where are the dividing lines? Our nurses are teachers and evangelistic Missionaries as well; our teachers are learning to dispense medicines to the many who besiege them for relief; our doctors not only attend to their hospital duties, but they build their hospitals and care for schools and train Biblewomen; our Evangelistic missionaries instruct in industrial lines and aid lace-workers to obtain a sale for their wares. Two of our Missionary Nurses are not connected with any hospital, but their ministry is among the people in the villages as they come to them on their tours.

Miss *Munroe* spends much of her touring time in the hill regions around Parlakimedi, at

work among the Savaras to whom she has been especially designated. After two years of work among "her people", she writes: "It is a glorious work. I wouldn't exchange it for any other on earth. The need of the Savaras grips me in a way that I could not shake if I tried." Her medical skill has been tested many times, and because of it, the Savara women who at first were so very timid, had their fears overcome, and their hearts won. Here is a quotation from her report: "The subject of last year's campaign 'Jesus the Great Physician' appealed to all classes, but perhaps more poignantly to the Savaras. They have many ills, but they know no Healer. I have seen the hideous rites they go through trying to propitiate the evil spirits who are, as they suppose, responsible for all their sorrows. The crude, cruel methods of relieving pain by causing a counter-pain beside which the original was mild, would make you wince."

For her one Bible-woman, Sunderamma, she thanks God: "the people welcome her wherever she goes," and "she loves them and spends herself willingly in trying to win them." When we think that this little Telugu woman, accustomed to the heat of the plains, goes with Miss Munroe on her tours up into the hill country where the cold heavy dews of the jungle and grain fields are so hard on her, suffering as she does from neuritis, and yet goes willingly, and cheerfully, we too thank God for her and for all of our other Indian Christian women.

As Miss Selman tours through the thickly populated section of the Akidu Field with its large number of Christians, great opportunities to preach the Gospel are given her. The selling of Gospel portions is always an encouraging feature of her work. In the village schools, numbers of children from non-Christian homes are being taught,—some receiving prizes for reciting the Bible stories. She and her Biblewomen have spent 130 days on tour, have visited 126 Zenanas where Caste women are living in more or less seclusion, and have held 147 services among Christians in villages far and near. But of the labor and weariness all this has entailed we know nothing, and can imagine only a very little. The Association which met in Akidu this year, marked the 25th birthday of their women's society,—first

organized in a cattle shed. The first year's receipts were five rupees and ten annas, this year they were over 275 rupees. This is a true "Aid Society"—it chooses a church on the Akidu Field and aids it until it can carry on by itself, then takes another. When Miss Selman receives back her three young women who are studying in the Bible Training School, she will find her hands greatly strengthened.

The year which is under review has experienced several unusual events. There was the terrible cyclone last November, which swept the coast of the Bay of Bengal, working especial havoc in the northern stations of our field, but also leaving its impress on stations as far south as Cocanada.

There was the Jubilee celebration held in Cocanada in January, which also left its impress on many of the thousand Christians who gathered there. It was something of a revelation to them to take that backward look over the past fifty years,—they had not realized all the difficulties which had been surmounted, or obstacles overcome in the early days. The Head Master of the boys' school in Samalkot, (upon which Miss Robinson poured out so much of her strength, and which is now in the care of Miss Brothers) "an enthusiastic listener at every meeting of the Jubilee, came back to work filled with a new vision of the task awaiting the Telugu Christians. Over and over again he has told the boys, 'In the first fifty years the Missionaries told the Glad Tidings alone. But the achievements of the next fifty years are ours, yours and mine. We must take the responsibility.'"

Then, there was the wedding last January, whereby we lost our beloved Miss Day when she became Mrs. Scott, but our loss is gain for others, and when we read of the welcome she received at her new home in Tunj, we felt glad for the people there. She wrote of "the inspiration of meeting the Tunj people" and of how nice it was "to feel the fine atmosphere of unity and goodwill, and to witness much that surely manifests the Spirit's presence in our midst."

And also this year, we have to record the death of Miss Mary Jane Frith, the very first single lady missionary sent out from Ontario Baptists. She sailed for India in 1882 and

spent five years among the Telugus, when her health failed and she was forced to return home. As she grew stronger she wished to return, but the Board felt it unwise to send her back to India. Her heart, however, was full of the urge to return, so in 1889 she set forth again, and supported by her own family and friends, she worked for over twenty years in Assam, among a tribe to which she not only made known the Gospel by teaching and preaching, but also she gave them portions of the Bible, translated into their own dialect. Since 1922 she has resided with a brother in Winnipeg, and was called to higher service on July 31st.

"For all the Saints who from their labors rest,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest."

Educational

Simpson Memorial Caste Girls' School

Miss Baskerville reports: "The work in the school has been encouraging and the attendance fairly good until Christmas vacation, which is followed by so many Hindu festivals and observances that the girls are very irregular during the remainder of the cool weather, until the approaching examinations spur them up to some extent." As is often the custom among Hindu girls, they drop out of school when they reach the higher classes, just when the Missionary longs most to keep them. Miss Baskerville would be delighted to add another class to her school, (which now goes only to the fifth standard) if the older girls could be induced to attend. We rejoice with her over the changes in the staff which have given her two new Christian women and the prospect of a Christian Headmistress (instead of a Brahmin Headmaster) when another young woman completes her Normal training, and is ready for work in July, 1925. Slow indeed is the task of getting enough trained Christian women to supply the demands in our schools, but we believe each year is bringing our Mission nearer this ideal. Miss Baskerville's work in town and her work in the school are so inter-related one to the other, that it is almost impossible to separate the two, they act and react upon each other. Many former pupils of the school welcome the visits of the Missionary and Biblewomen and open doors into new homes, which would otherwise, perhaps,

remain shut. Touching indeed is the story of the girl, who, through all the changes of the passing years, had cherished her New Testament and hymn book until they were nearly worn out with constant use. A few weeks after her last talk with her Miss Baskerville heard of her death, but nothing can weaken the assurance that Bullelamma is with the Saviour whom she learned to know in the Cocanada Caste Girls' School.

Cocanada Boarding School

From Miss Craig's report we gather that "the Jubilee year of the Mission has been a good year in the school, and we have much for which to be thankful." One cause for gratitude has been the better spirit shown among the Boarding girls and the general good health which has been theirs, their ranks have not been broken this year by death. The older girls took part in the Evangelistic Campaign, going out in the afternoons with the women and returning full of enthusiasm. Sunday afternoons they conduct small Bible schools among children of neighboring hamlets, while for a time several were allowed to go out with their teachers to preach in town. The school walls have been made more cheerful with pictures, which are much appreciated by both the teachers and girls. The interest in physical exercise and marching has been quickened by the purchase of a piano from proceeds of the sale of lace. "It is the tiniest one I have ever seen, as it stands upon a trestle and has only five octaves, but is quite large enough for the drills and marches and for hymns." The religious interest in the school has been encouraging. Fifteen asked for baptism and most of them were received.

High School Girls

There are four studying in the American Baptist High School in Nellore and their reports are all good. A number of girls attend the lower classes of the Boys' High School in Cocanada; if they show they can do the work they will continue the full High School course, while any who are unable to keep up will return to the classes of the elementary school.

College Girls

Two girls are in the Women's Christian College in Madras. Both are bonded students,

receive Mission help and will return to teach in our own Mission schools. Of these two, Miss Craig writes: "They are a great help when they return in April for their holidays."

Next Spring, when Miss Craig comes home to Canada for furlough, it will be a great comfort to her to be able to pass the school back into Miss Pratt's efficient care again. It is a matter of much pleasure to all interested in the school, that Miss Pratt was able this year to make arrangements whereby she might return to India from which she has been absent for five years. As many know, she sailed on November 5th.

Timpany Memorial School

This school with over forty years of history behind it, is for Anglo-Indian children in C-canada. It has had an enrolment of 48 pupils during the year. There are always discouragements connected with such a school, but the encouragements are present too. And when those at its head see hearts touched, lives changed, character growing, and the comprehension of spiritual matters enlarged, they have reason for encouragement. Miss McGill, who again became Principal of this school after her return from furlough in 1922, felt under the necessity to resign the post, and Miss Pearl Scott took charge in January, 1924. Within the few months of her Principalship (her report was written in April) four of the girls had been baptized, and others showed evidence that their hearts had been touched. The Holy Spirit seemed definitely at work among the pupils, and Miss Scott felt there was a vital connection between conversions there in the school and the groups of friends in Canada who, at that very time, had been remembering them in prayer.

With many of us, thoughts of the Timpany School are always associated with thoughts of Miss Folsom, who for forty years was connected with that work. Though she lives at present in Tuni, she is ever in touch with school affairs, and keeps up a correspondence with pupils who have gone out from it. She writes of one of these first pupils, now the wife of a Chaplain to the non-conformists of a Scottish regiment, who "finds her days and evenings filled with opportunities to render help, sympathy and entertainment to the men

and their families," and has also "gathered neglected children from the barracks into a Sunday School class." For this class, Miss Folsom supplies cards, pictures and papers which reach her from Canada. Thus does the influence of the Timpany School go far and wide over India,—yes, and to Burma and even to England, as former pupils, whose lives were given to Christ while at school, travel to various parts of the world.

Evangelistic Schools

This is a phase of our work in India which has yielded great encouragement in the past, and must yield much fruit in God's good time. In our whole Mission, with its twenty Stations, there has been carried on through the past year 276 Evangelistic schools, with a total enrolment of 5,358 pupils. Who can compute what may be the results from such a host of boys and girls who are regularly meeting to learn Bible stories and memorize Bible verses and Christian hymns and who take back into their homes the knowledge of Christ's love and the way of Salvation?

There is no manner of uniformity about these schools or classes. Some are attended by unkempt out-caste boys and girls, under a tree or in the shade of a shed; another will be composed of Brahmin or Mohamedan boys, such as come to Miss Folsom each Sunday afternoon, who "are hungry for something to read in both English and Telugu, and who have almost nothing of their own but stories of their gods and goddesses." In Avanigadda, under the care of Mrs. Cross, with eight schools, over two hundred children are taught of Christ's love. Miss Baskerville had her annual Rally when over 800 boys and girls met together with much enthusiasm.

Bible Training School

This has been a happy year in the Bible Training School in Palkonda. Two years old it is, and graduated its first class, four fine young women and full of promise, returning to their own stations to take up their future work. There were twenty-two young women enrolled this year, some with a good education upon which to build, others who have had to be taught even from the alphabet stage. Some are from Christian homes and have that heri-

tage of example and precept, others only shortly out from Hinduism and from hamlets far from Missionary influence. But God so often uses "the weak things, the things that are naught", and because these are girls and women who have been chosen from among others, by their various Missionaries, because of their spirit and character, we have reason to hope for great things when they have finished their courses in the school.

Miss Eaton, the Principal, gives a little glimpse into methods of training which are used: "A group has gone weekly to Burja, teaching Bible and sewing in the schools there and visiting in the homes; occasional all-day trips have been made to 18 villages, four to eight miles distant, while 16 nearer villages and many homes in Palkonda have been visited more frequently. Beside this we had nearly a fortnight on tour the latter part of January and a week-end later on. It has all been a help to the work of the field as well as splendid experience for the students."

The influence of this body of earnest students upon the people of Palkonda is impossible to estimate. The removal of the school to Tuni will be a great loss to Palkonda, but, proportionately, a great blessing to Tuni. Concerning its new home, Miss Priest writes:—"The Bible Training School buildings are going on apace. The work is in the hands of a contractor who advises with Dr. Smith. He is a fine young man in whom we have been much interested and who, we hope, will decide to come out for Christ. He is taking much interest in the work."

On Furlough

This year only two of our Missionaries are in the home-land. Miss Robinson has been somewhat improved by her stay and the medical treatment received, but it seemed best to keep her yet another year, until her health shall be more firmly established. We feel assured that she herself would join in the request that much earnest prayer should be offered in her behalf, that this year may bring the strength so much desired.

Miss Farnell returned from India this summer and is experiencing the joys of her first furlough, (there never is one just like the first). The last year spent in India was the

most satisfactory to Miss Farnell, in several respects. Her health was better than in the years preceding, and she could enter more heartily and joyously upon her work. Also the work among women and children of Samalkot itself was more congenial, as it was along lines of direct evangelism. With her staff of eleven Biblewomen, she worked in the town of Samalkot and toured the district round about. "Eleven Biblewomen" sound imposing, but it must be remembered that some are elderly, and have not the strength for hard work as in former days, nearly all are uneducated, and all are untrained. There are now two young women in training at the Bible Training School, and from these much can be hoped for in coming years.

It was a great comfort to Miss Farnell, when she started on furlough, to know that her work in Samalkot was to be in the care of such an experienced and efficient Missionary as Miss McLaurin. To her, however, it is indeed "a great change from Avanigadda, the small country-town in the green Divi island-garden, to Samalkot, dry, dusty and hot, the typical railway town with its 12,000 strangers—rough, careless, sophisticated and noisy." But, although she feels, as she expresses it, only another Missamma" in all that crowd of strangers, soon, very soon, the same strong, friendly personality, which won so many down in Avanigadda, will have its influence upon the Samalkot people with whom she comes into contact.

Various phases of work among the women:

Ramachandrapuram

One great joy which has come to Miss Hatch this past year, is the coming out of Subbamma, who, widowed in early girlhood, interested for a time in Christianity, then for years utterly indifferent, has at least "come out into the glorious light of the knowledge of God." Writes Miss Hatch:—"To be baptized, she walked in to Ramachandrapuram, six miles from her village, bringing her friends with her. As she rose from the baptismal waters, the glow upon her face showed how fully she had accepted the great salvation. When a few months later, the Evangelistic campaign was on and all were assuming a

share of the endeavor to bring in 500 souls, I asked Subbamma if she were also ready, and her answering smile again assured me of her bright hope. And truly, by her help in removing the barriers, the Sun's rays have entered the hearts of five others, her grandmother, two former school-mates, and a woman of another caste, whose husband also came. All these had been taught by Bible women and teachers, but I think it was Subbamma's courage that helped them to take the decisive step."

Miss Jones returned to India last Fall, and received a great welcome—indeed it was a series of welcomes. It is to her a cause of thanksgiving to God to find the newly baptized converts joyful in their new faith and, seemingly, intelligently believing. There is a striking contrast between them and the unreached people in nearby villages. Also, the joy of returning to her work in Ramachandrapuram, has been increased by seeing the growth in grace and in usefulness, of some who began work with much weakness and timidity. It would be impossible to mention all, but it is interesting to read of the work in the villages "where Ruth worked so long and with such timidity, which has developed wonderfully, and Ruth has many more houses open to her than she is able to visit regularly. She also has the freedom of the caste school in Tatapudi, and through her friendship with the children, has interested listeners among the mothers. It was a great sight to see the different groups gather one moonlight night to recite the Bible verses and stories which they had learned."

To win 500 souls during this Jubilee year was the goal to which the Missionaries and Christians alike, on the Ramachandrapuram Field, set themselves, and faith, prayer and effort were rewarded amid great rejoicing. In these latter days, when the cable brought the word that God had taken His servant, Dr. J. R. Stillwell, from the work, many in the homeland of Canada, though saddened by this great loss to the work in India, yet rejoiced that he has been permitted to see this wonderful year on the Field to which he had given these many years of wise, careful, progressive leadership. In his year's report, he closed with the sentence: "We have seen great changes, greater ones are bursting upon us."

"The reaping time has come" is the word from Yellamanchili. The joy of harvest has been felt. A halt at a little village on the way home from tour, eight or nine years ago, a little work done, a hymn sung, a few leaflets distributed, at that time it would not seem much to Miss Murray and Miss McLeish. But the words of that hymn remained in the heart of a little Mala boy, who heard that day, went with him to Rangoon whither he later went, and nourished by another young Indian man whom he met there, the determination to become a Christian grew stronger, so that, when he returned to India in 1923, Timothy (as the Missionaries re-named him) was prepared to follow Christ in spite of all obstacles. Later a younger brother also was baptized and the two have been faithful servants of their new God, though ostracized by friends and relatives. On the same day his younger brother was baptized, the rite was also administered to a young Brahmin who, after six years of seeking peace, the first Sunday evening of last December, attended service in the Yellamanchili Chapel, the only stranger there, and at its close announced: "I must become a Christian. I should like you to receive me, but if you do not, I shall go to some other Missionary. I must be a Christian. I have no other business here." And the week following, he, the "high caste" and the Mala boy, the "untouchable" were buried in the baptismal waters, and they became "brothers in Christ."

"We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land;
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand."

"The seed is the Word of God," writes Miss McLeish: "Encouragement and expectancy are the two words which describe our felings this year. Encouragement because of the wonderful reception of the preaching of the Gospel; because of a Missionary Doctor for our field (Dr. Wolverton); because of some bright earnest converts from Brahmin and Shepherd castes and outcastes; because of a fine group of boys and girls in Boarding Schools and two promising young women in the Bible Training School, expectancy that in the near future many will turn to Christ."

"Open doors" is the theme of Miss Priest's

report: open to street preaching where women will sit and listen, open to sympathetic Christian visiting of Biblewomen, open in homes where some member of the family has, as a girl, studied in a Christian school, and "there is no limit to the open doors among the children." As she writes in another place: "The work among the children is full of promise. The harvest time will come." The new car is doing its share toward making it possible to enter many more of the open doors. Trips occupying hours before, now can be made in but a fraction of that time and much other work as well, can be accomplished. Quoting again from Miss Priest's report: "Teaching the Christian women to observe all things that Jesus has commanded is an important work, for as they grow in grace, they bring others to Christ." "As for myself, it seems so wonderful that God has given me the privilege of 30 years' service, and there are greater days ahead, and my heart longs to share in them."

Miss Hellyer has been appointed to the work in Bimlipatam, one of the northern stations, on the Bay of Bengal. As she gains more experience in the work and more confidence in the use of Telugu, she finds herself more and more enthralled by it. A car sent out by the Women's Board of the Maritime Provinces has been left with Miss Hellyer for the present, and she finds it a great satisfaction and help in her work from village to village. Not only does it make more work possible, but she finds the curiosity and interest which it arouses, give her a point of contact with the people, when her Bible women and she settle down to teach. She writes: "The evangelistic work is appealing to me more and more as my work, and I hope I may be able to do it with effectiveness."

Preparing For Work

Two of our young women have been studying the language this year. Miss Scott was doing good work in the Telugu, but the duties which were placed upon her in connection with the Timpany Memorial School, have hindered her from making the progress in study which she could otherwise have made.

Miss Kenyon is doubtless completing her second year of study by taking the dreaded examinations this month. She has found work

to do while studying; from time to time she has taught Bible lessons to some of the classes in the Cocanada Boarding school, and has had charge of the Cocanada branch of the Y.M.C.A., the members of which are of the most part teachers in the Mission schools, and who "are very glad to have this opportunity of hearing English and using it themselves."

Industrial

We have not many reports concerning the lace industry, but we know it is still a great blessing to many Christian women, training them in good habits as well as giving them an opportunity to earn money. In Ramachandrapuram, Miss Hatch took in a great deal during the early summer months, but finding it a little difficult to dispose of, decided to stop the work for two months. Those who have visited our Literature Department, 66 Bloor St., Toronto, have seen products of the work of women from a number of our Stations, and those who purchase have the satisfaction of knowing the proceeds all go back to the Missionaries who superintend the women. Miss Hatch gives interesting glimpses of the way the lace industry is used to further evangelistic effort. "On all our lace workers, I tried to lay the stress that each should strive for one convert, and Subbamma, (the little widow who was baptized, the child of many prayers) took this up in great earnest and in October, brought in two converts, one a Kamma and the other a Kapu (both caste women) and they were baptized amid great rejoicing. Again in December, she brought another Kamma widow. That same day, the Bible-woman of Kaleru, so full of zeal, brought in two other Kamma widows." Miss Jones mentions "a widow who is supporting herself and her children by lace work, at the same time learning to read, has relatives in a small town. Through her occasional visits the relatives became interested. Now they have a little school and twelve or more have been baptized." Miss McLeish also writes of "some widows who are learning to read in our lace class and may make workers some day."

Friends and fellow-workers here in the home land, are not our hearts stirred as we review, even thus briefly, the work of the past year, done by these twenty-one women whom

we have sent as our representatives to Bolivia and India? Why, it is our work too, we have a share in it all! But none of us have realized fully what a great share is ours. As Miss Folsom expresses it, "One privilege is always ours. There is a constant call to prayer; for the workers with their many difficult problems to solve, and their daily need of the Spirit's teaching and guidance; for the weak, and tempted, and persecuted among the Indians; for backsliders; and for those who are continuously seeking to undo our work and to lead Christians into sin."

Our privilege, our work, our duty is two-fold,—to give and to pray. Therefore

Come labor on;

The enemy is watching, night and day,
To sow the tares, to snatch the seed away.

While we, in sleep, our duty have forgot,
He slumbers not.

Respectfully submitted,
Bessie Churchill Stillwell.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF DIRECTORS (FOREIGN)

As we start to write this report we raise our eyes and see a funeral passing. The thought comes "Work for the night is coming when man's work is o'er." The time we have to do anything is so short that we need to make use of every minute.

When I had this written two men came in from playing golf. One is tired and flushed, the other as fresh as when he started to play. One is young, the other has passed the meridian and the twenty-seven holes were a little too much. So it is with many of our members. They cannot stand what they used to. They are getting older, hence the necessity of securing new members with the vigor and buoyancy of youth. Our Young Women's Mission Circles are increasing in numbers and strength. We wish them all success and even if they go beyond us we will not envy them. We trust the girls will get in line and work for something that is worth while, that will last through eternity.

Our Circles take 7183 Links.

This paper becomes more and more interesting and no agent needs to be ashamed

when she reminds her subscribers that the time for renewal has come. 50c will bring this valuable messenger to you. The number of women in our circles is increasing and we have gone over the 50 per cent mark this year, but there is still that woman that you can bring in and no one else can. Yes, it is a trouble to go after them but they will soon get interested, and will in turn be bringing others in. So the circles will grow. Let each woman do her duty.

Only one change has been made in our Directorate. We welcome Mrs. J. N. Rogers who has succeeded Mrs. McAlpine. Judging from the report she gave at the convention this has been a wise selection. Mrs. McAlpine, the former Director, has found another field of usefulness in a sister Association.

The books closed October 10th and by the 13th the reports commenced coming in. The first to arrive was that of Mrs. Dennis, perfectly filled in and as usual a model of neatness. She reported advance in every line. Thunder Bay report came next. The Directors seem to vie with each other in the almost perfect returns that have come in. Toronto Association report with its 48 Circles and 21 Young Women's Circles, deserves special mention. We notice that one woman in one circle in this Association has succeeded in getting 196 women to take the Link. What a work!

The Northern Association has reason to be proud of the Y.W.C. at North Bay. The girls are certainly very generous in their gifts. They gave \$77.40 to Foreign Missions. Mrs. Baldwin's report is full of interesting items. Her circles are in a very healthy condition. The banner circle is still Denfield, giving an average of \$10 per member. Talbot St., London, stands highest in giving, also in the number of Links taken.

Mrs. Day has a new circle to report this year, Glenelg Centre. We notice that the Owen Sound young women are making wonderful progress in missionary endeavor.

Mrs. Macgregor certainly believes missions are worth while and was thrilled to the very soul as she listened to Drs. D'Prager and Joshee at the Jubilee meeting in Massey Hall. That Association is in good hands.

For a comparatively new Director, Miss Van Velzer sent in a very full complete report showing that Elgin Association is holding up its high standard of liberality.

Niagara and Hamilton Association is still under the able supervision of Mrs. Dayfoot. We notice from the returns how well James St., Hamilton, Young Women's Circle has done. May the example of your liberality be followed by others. A large increase in the total giving is also seen in the report of the Treasurer. Oxford-Brant has advanced this year by a slight margin and new circles are being formed.

Walkerton Director missed the great convention and we were sorry she was prevented from coming to Woodstock.

Peterboro, too, has had a banner circle with 25 women in the church and 29 in the circle. Miss Nicholls reports a new circle at Eddystone. May it send out many life boats and keep the lights burning brightly.

Miss Martha Stillwell has now completed one year as director and finds the work very interesting. She is attempting great things and expecting great things: Like Carey, may she have a rich reward. The work has advanced under her wise guidance this year.

Whitby-Lindsay is a small Association but the women are loyal and true to their Master and His last command "Go ye."

To summarize briefly, we have ten Associations that have advanced in their giving to Foreign Missions and five that have gone a little behind. The 269 Circles have contributed \$17,921.81 and the 61 Young Women's Circles \$2582.73, making a total of \$20,504.54. We have 18812 women in our churches and 10164 in our circles.

In closing we would ask you to turn with me to Ecclesiastes 9: 10, and take these words of the wise man for the new year's motto.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Lloyd.

"Thrice blest is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is on the field, when He
Is most invisible."

—F. W. Faber.

REPORT OF MISSION BANDS FOR 1923-24

Total Number of Bands

1924-192, 1923-195

In presenting the Band Report for 1923-24, I ask you to listen to it very leniently. Our Mission Bands suffered a tremendous loss the beginning of this year in the resignation of Mrs. Nathaniel Mills, our very much beloved Band Secretary. Mrs. Mills' heart is still in the work, but circumstances have made it impossible for her to continue her duties. Miss Lanie and Mrs. Baldwin have been helping to answer correspondence, and to Mrs. Baldwin we are indebted for the sending out of all report blanks for Association and Convention.

There are 12 new Bands this year from 6 Associations, besides these a number have been re-organized. Unfortunately 15 Bands have been dropped and 14 others have failed to report! Also from one Association no report has come, although we know the five Bands in it are alive and doing well.

That our Bands do splendid work is evidenced by their giving (a sure indication of interest!) which totalled \$5,745.79. Of this amount, \$3,006.53 was given to Foreign Missions and this included 56 Life Memberships, and \$2,739.26 to Home Missions with 55 Life Memberships. The Band giving was not confined to money for many parcels were sent to India and Bolivia, and our different "Foreign Missions" at home shared in these practical gifts of love.

Now let us hear of each Association separately.

Collingwood

One less Band here than last year. It makes us feel very badly to have such a Band as Bracebridge drop out, for it was on our 1923 honour roll. We hope it will be not only alive but flourishing by our next report. The two Bands with the highest membership reported this year are in this Association—Orillia and Parry Sound—with 66 and 62 members respectively. Thornbury Band sends the unique information that they have more boy members than girls!

Elgin

Stands just as it did last year. In this Association the Gladstone Band record the largest membership and giving, but to 1st Yarmouth Band goes the honour for the highest giving per capita and next to it comes Sparta. Two St. Thomas B.Y.P.U.'s. have also contributed splendidly to our funds. No word from Dutton or Jaffa on this report.

Guelph

With the exception of two sad blanks, the Guelph Association sent in a splendid report. From the Preston Band, we hear that they had the best all-round year in their history, and New Hamburg tells of increase in interest and membership. At Convention, we heard of a new Band at Hespeler.

Middlesex-Lambton

Has dropped from 21 to 17 Bands. Of six new Bands added last year only three report this year. What a pity! One of these three, Wyoming, is the tiniest Band in the convention. It has only 6 members, but they gave \$5 to Home and Foreign Missions and sent a Christmas box too!

Niagara-Hamilton

Has 2 new Bands, both in Hamilton, one at Mt. Hamilton, the other our Polish Mission. We are always so glad to hear of our new Canadian children beginning to think of and work for others. This Association should have 22 instead of 20 Bands, but a couple of Bands seem to have dropped out.

Norfolk

There are 14 Circles in this Association doing very good work. One unfortunately was not heard from. Band leaders could help their directors so much by reporting promptly. Bible study is being particularly stressed in one Band; another has a boy problem; still another reports splendid interest; all seem very much alive.

Northern

All honour to this Association for splendid work done. Three Bands have been re-organized, Cobalt, Thessalon and Sudbury. At Shumacher, a new field near Timmins, manned by Mr. Hall, a student pastor, a Mission

Band has been organized. It has only 9 members, but their leader, Mrs. Aide, says 4 of these were baptized last summer. It is consecrated lives we are looking to our Bands for. At New Liskeard the older members of the Band have formed a Y.W.M.C. This makes the Band giving smaller, but shows how one part of the work helps another.

Owen Sound

To Owen Sound goes the credit of having its report come in first, and a very good report it was too. The little Band at Leith of 10 members leads the Association in per capita giving and they were amongst the number who sent parcels to India.

Oxford Brant

Instead of 23 Bands shown in last year's report, this Association has at present only 20. Jerseyville has disbanded for want of a leader and 16th Line E. Zorra has also been unable to find one. Mrs. Howson, the director, asks that special prayer be made "that God will thrust out into service women in all our churches who will be willing to take up their work, which yields such blessed returns." This Association is taking a keen interest in the new Brantford Polish Mission. Five Bands report contributions already made to it, one has given out mite boxes for this purpose, and still another has every member pledged to give 10c a month to its support. Boxes have been sent to India, S. S. supplies to Miss Maybee, and a Christmas box to the Hamilton Polish Mission. In June at the Association gathering, a shower of hospital supplies was held for India, to which 7 Bands contributed. The gifts were valued at \$87.50. The hospital shower is an idea worth repeating!

Peterboro

Reports 2 more Bands this year. Gilmour Memorial was the only Band in this Association to report its membership, incidentally they complete this Fall 36 years of existence. What a record! Port Hope Band has contributed \$25 to the Jubilee Fund above their regular giving, which was divided evenly between Home and Foreign Missions.

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Report of the Literature Department of W. F. M. B.

For the Year Ending October 15, 1924

There is a little leaflet in our Department on *Missionary Ruts and How to Get Out of Them*. To get out of a rut you must make a sharp turn, a strong pull, a big bump,— and there you are. Now we do not think we are a really old enough business concern to have gotten very deeply into a rut yet, but we have done some strong pulling, and certainly had some delightful bumps this year.

Take the Convention at Toronto a year ago, for instance, where our total receipts were over \$200. That meant some strong pulling, and surely was very delightful in its resultant bump.

And when 700 Glimpses & Gleams were put in our office and we were told we were responsible for selling and what is more, paying for them, we were afraid there was going

to be a dump instead of a bump. But here we are,—*only 5 left, and all paid for*.

Then there was our part in the Jubilee Exhibit in Massey Hall! That was surely the biggest bump! But we got a little room built in the basement, roofed and walled and decorated by the kindly help of friends, and three Telugu women, at least so Dr. Joshee pronounced us, were ready for business, and a good lot of it we did too, especially in the lace Department.

Since then there have been so many bumps there has been no possibility of getting into a rut, and all were very delightful and to the general good.

While we know that statistics are no measure of this, or any other work of this sort, still they are necessary. Our Financial and statistical report is as follows:

Receipts.	
Total cash receipts for year ending	
October 16, 1924	\$ 1013.75
Balance on hand 1923	70.91
	\$1084.66

Disbursements.	
Cash paid out	\$1010.26
Balance, 1924	74.40
	\$1084.66

The detailed statement of this is as follows:

Receipts.	
Literature sales in office	\$ 644.61
Literature Sales Convention	150.86
Literature sales at public meetings.	101.39
Home Bank account 25%	7.77
Supplies sold	19.50
Membership pins sold	54.52
Costumes rental	35.10
Bal. 1923	70.91
	\$1084.66

Disbursements.	
Paid for literature	\$ 633.43
Printing	50.00
Membership pins	70.00
Supplies	48.91
Other office expenses such as stamps, customs, express, etc.	207.92
Balance 1924	74.40
	\$1084.66

It may be interesting to note that of this payment for literature about \$200 was paid to the Baptist Book Room, about \$100 to the General Board, \$30 to the Western Baptist Union, \$70 to Ryrie Bros., and \$56.00 to Goodfellow & Son, so you see it was sort of a family affair, or at least a denominational affair, at any rate.

In the Lace Department our sales this year have been \$441.97, and we have sent back to India \$312.33, leaving a balance in the bank of \$89.65. This was an increase of about 40 per cent. over last year.

So the total amount of cash passing through the office has been \$1455.72 as compared with

\$956.33 last year or an advance of about 55 per cent.

In the amount of business done, the letters received and answered, the leaflets and books sold, papers and books lent, we can report an increase in every line.

So again, asking for your co-operation, for

which we thank so many this past year, and promising our best service to make our Department still more successful this year, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH DALE,

Financial Statement for Year, October 16, 1923, to October 15, 1924.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Total Cash Receipts for year	....\$ 1013.75	Disbursements for year	.....\$ 1010.26
Balance, October, 1923	..... 70.91	Balance, 1924	..... 74.40
	<u>1084.66</u>		<u>1084.66</u>
Audited and found correct.			
October 21, 1924.			

EVA NASMITH.

CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK

Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31 October, 1924

Receipts		Payments.	
Subscriptions	.....\$ 3,559.91	Paper	.....\$ 949.55
Advertising	..... 6.00	Printing, mailing, freight, etc.	..... 2,018.19
Bank Interest	..... 32.49	Cuts, Engraving, etc.	..... 219.88
	<u>\$3,598.40</u>	Superintendent's Salary	..... 150.00
Cash on hand from last year	..... 711.35	Postage, stationery, etc.	..... 121.96
	<u>\$ 4,309.75</u>	Subscriptions to other papers	..... 5.85
			<u>\$ 3,465.43</u>
		Cash in bank 31 October, 1924	..... 844.32
			<u>\$ 4,309.75</u>

Audited and found correct.

V. J. TOWERS,
Auditor.

AUGUSTA A. PETTIT,
Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent of Agents of Link

	1924	1923	
Agents written	..... 944	785	Increase 159
Renewals received this year	..... 5343	5288	Increase 55
Reinstated 255	.....	
Complimentary added this year 11	..... 1312	792	Increase 520
New Subscriptions 1046	.....	
Discontinued	..... 1000	714	Increase 286
Last year's arrears paid	..... 437	83	Increase 354

Total number heard from through subscriptions.....	6865	6070	Increase 795
Total number in arrears 1923 and 1924 85 } 1924 517 }	602	883	Decrease 281
Total number paid in advance.....	6575	6492	Increase 83
Total number on mailing list	7300	6954	Increase 346
Cards written	975	659	Increase 316
Letters written	794	529	Increase 265
Extra Links sent	2205	2151	Increase 54
Expenses	\$ 80.55	\$56.00	Increase \$24.55
Total amount received in subscriptions	\$3559.41	\$3127.22	Increase \$432.19

OUR MAILING LIST

Paid in advance to 1930—	1 subscriber	
“ “ to 1929—	2 “	
“ “ to 1928—	2 “	
“ “ to 1927—	14 “	.....6575
“ “ to 1926—	253 “	
“ “ to 1925—	6303 “	
To be heard from for 1923 and 1924— 85 } 1924—517 }	602	
Complimentary	28	
Missionaries	89	
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Total.....	7300	

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From Brantford, Ont.	1.00
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From Calgary, Alta.	4.00

Total\$8.50

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85 not yet paid for 1923 and 1924.....	\$ 85.00
517 not yet paid for 1924	258.50
311 dropped, as no response when written regarding 1923 arrears	155.50

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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. DOHERTY,

MISSION BAND REPORT

(Continued from page 129)

Thunder Bay

Sends a very interesting report. They have gained a new Band at Schreiber this year (I hope next year will see one at Dryden too). The Fort Frances Band has a membership of 15, nearly all of whom are new Canadians. Let us specially support all leaders of Bands such as this with our very special prayers.

Toronto

Has lost three Bands this year but we have Jordan Church and Woodbine Heights on our Convention report for the first time, and there has also been organized at Moulton College a Mission Band for the younger girls. Walmer Road still leads Toronto Association in giving, but just \$15 below their total comes Miss Maybee's Band, Memorial Institute. The latter gave \$45 to Foreign Missions and \$120 to Home. A great deal of their Home Mission money was turned into the expenses of their own Mission, but the whole big amount came in from small things.

Walkerton

Only four Bands sent in reports this year in this Association, but we heard at Convention of a fifth and also the prospect of reorganization at Listowel. Where are Tiverton and Goderich? It is a joy to see the new Band reported last year at Glamis holding its own so splendidly.

Whitby-Lindsay

Has five Bands, the same as last year, all alive and healthy. Miss Evans told at Convention of the Whitevale Band, which was discontinued and then started again in the summer, holding a meeting each week.

Western

This Association also stands just where it did last year, with 13 Bands. Three of these, Essex, Harrow and Chatham, sent no report. Unless we hear from Bands, it is impossible to tell whether they are alive or dead. Walkerville, in this Association, has a wonderful record—50 members, and an average giving of \$5.23 per capita.

In concluding, I would like to remark on one thing—the number of pastors' wives throughout our convention who are leading Bands. We owe a tremendous amount to these devoted women, and how sad it is when a Band has to be dropped, because the pastor's wife moves, and no one else can be found to take it. May I include in this report a plea to all those of you who are lucky enough to have a Band in your church, that you will support it with all your power, and to those of you for whom the Band has not arrived yet, that you will not rest until your church has made this investment for the future. There is no service that yields bigger returns.

Hildegarde Smith, Asst. Sec'y.

REPORT OF MISSION HOMES COMMITTEE, 1923-24

Another year of precious time has sped on wings, and we must review what has been accomplished in all branches of our work, for the Master.

What more delightful and interesting work could we have than looking after the home comforts of our missionaries during at least part of the time they are in Canada?

The work of this committee is rather spasmodic, sometimes we have a great many things to do in a very short period, and again for several months our duties are very light.

This year for our Muskoka Home we have had no expenses beyond taxes, ice and insurance, however, next year we expect a few repairs will be necessary.

The Timpanys, Miss Farnell, her mother and two young ladies from India occupied the cottage and letters of much appreciation have been received from them.

Perhaps a few lines from Miss Farnell's letter voices the sentiment of them all. She said: "I did so wish to see you to tell you what a lovely place we found the Mission cottage to spend a holiday in. Not much more could be thought of to make us comfortable Over and over again while up there my heart filled with appreciation of the women who have made this possible. Will you please convey to them my heartfelt thanks for our summer there."

I wish there were time to tell you about the busy, happy time we had getting ready for the McLaurins on their arrival from India the last of March. The home they were coming to had been unoccupied all winter, so was not very inviting when the committee looked it over. However when we were through it was clean, warm and homelike, with flowers in every room and through the hearty response of the members of the Board, sufficient supplies in pantry to last a few days. Two members of the committee arose at an early hour and were in the home to receive them and serve breakfast.

This was a complete surprise as they had no idea any preparations were being made until they were met at the station by Dr. and Mrs. Bates, and because it was a surprise they enjoyed it the more, and so did we.

The General Board gave permission for the necessary decorating, painting and repairs, inside and out. Our purchases for the home were material for five pairs of curtains, chintz, drapes for living room and covering for two cushions, besides a number of household articles that were needed. But we are not through yet, the sun room windows need dressing, linen table cloths are scarce, and beds are not comfortable as we would like them to be. Things will wear out.

I wonder if you will be surprised when I tell you that the mission homes are supported almost entirely by some of the Toronto Circles who take an annual special collection for this work and a few generous friends who have the comfort of our missionaries on their hearts. During the last four years we have received help from only five circles outside of Toronto. Surely there are a number of circles who could send at least one dollar a year and in this way have a tangible interest and enable us to add more to the comfort of our missionaries whom we all love so dearly.

Financial Statement

Bal. on hand Nov., 1923	\$55.76
Received from Circles	58.07
Received from Individuals	25.00
From Missionaries for ice (2 yrs.)	25.00
Bank Interest	90

\$164.73

Expense for bungalow	\$27.56
Expense for 103 Ellsworth Ave.	36.02
Expense for 105 Ellsworth Ave.	37.93
Bal. on hand	63.22

\$164.73

On behalf of the Committee, respectfully submitted,

Lillie Senior, Sec. Treas.

REPORT OF FURLOUGH COMMITTEE

After one year of faithful service Mrs. McTavish felt she would be obliged to resign as convener of the Furlough Committee and I was asked to take her place. The year's work has been accomplished in fear and trembling as I realized it was all so new and strange, but thanks to all the kind friends I think every request for a speaker has been met, and the missionaries on furlough have been ably assisted by those who know and love the work. Through the kindness of Dr. J. G. Brown, who was visiting several of the Associations where we had been asked for a speaker, we were able to supply the need as he most graciously consented to speak in the interests of Foreign work. Mrs. Dengate has ever been ready willingly and cheerfully to accede to our wish to address meetings, and to her your committee feel deeply indebted.

Miss Pratt used her time and strength constantly in our interest, and while we rejoice that she has been able to return to the work in India, we shall miss her very much.

Miss Farnell and Miss Robinson are both under medical care and we cannot expect them to do much if any speaking. We appreciate the fact that our missionaries are a great power and help when able to address the different gatherings and associations, but wherever possible local talent should be utilized, as it stimulates and helps the one who speaks, increasing her own knowledge and interest, and enables us to give our missionaries their much needed rest and freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. W. R.) Olive L. Henderson,
Convener of Furlough Committee

42 Heath St., W., Toronto

1923-24

The Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West)

Treasurer's Forty-Eighth Report

COLLINGWOOD ASSOCIATION					East Nissouri				
Director—Mrs. W. C. Dennis, Bracebridge									
	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.					
Barrie	\$112.85	\$12.00	\$86.80		Erin	5.37			18.00
Bracebridge	49.08				Flamboro East	5.30			
Burk's Falls	20.82		18.15		Fullarton	10.00			
Collingwood	70.00				Georgetown	25.74			10.00
Creemore			2.00		Guelph	81.25	18.01		38.00
Gravenhurst	195.80		6.00		Galt	73.00	60.50		7.00
Huntsville				18.00	Hespeler	94.07			
Marchmount	20.00				Hillsburg	19.75			
Minesing	8.10				Kitchener, Benton	122.00	12.50		11.00
Midland	14.87				Kitchener, King St.	96.25	48.15		9.15
Mitchell Square	44.50				New Dundee	64.94			5.00
Orillia	107.20		25.50		New Hamburg	54.00			10.00
Parry Sound	15.05		26.00		Orangeville	15.59			16.50
Stayner	22.00				Freston	87.70			17.75
Thornbury	9.85		6.00		St. Mary's	51.00			9.11
					Snelgrove	4.77			
					Stratford, Memorial	27.00			20.00
					Stratford, Ontario	274.30	81.75		37.25
					Waterloo	22.85			14.00
Association Collection	\$689.42	\$12.00	\$119.45	\$18.00					
Total from Association				\$19.88		\$1229.48	\$239.26	\$231.76	\$84.00
18 Circles, 1 Y. W. Circle, 7 Bands, 1 O. O.				\$368.25	Association Collection				\$8.65
					Total from Association				\$1742.50
					22 Circles, 6 Y. W. Circles, 14 Bands, 2 O. O.				
ELGIN ASSOCIATION					MIDDLESEX & LAMBTON				
Director—Miss Nora Van Velzer, R.R. 1, Dunbrona.					Director—Mrs. Baldwin, 1000 Oxford St., London				
	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.		Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Aldboro Plains	86.00	15.00	12.00	\$2.50	Allan Craig	\$103.00			
Aylmer	17.50	10.00			Calvary	22.17			
Dutton	30.00				Courtwright	3.75			
Pingal	32.00				Denfield	82.00			
Gladstone	47.85		50.80		E. Williams	6.00			
Jaffa	12.87		5.55		Alvinston	24.45			6.95
Lakeview	63.00		8.00		Arkona	39.53			12.25
Malahide-Bayham	93.98		13.00		Brooke	5.95			5.65
New Sarum	19.95				Brooke & Enniskillen	59.85			
Port Burwell	5.00				Forest	70.25			23.25
Rodney	12.00				London, Adelaide	263.00	105.00		26.00
Round Plains			6.50		" Hope	105.73			3.00
Seville			7.00		" K. Park	8.10			6.61
St. Thomas, Broderick	54.28			60.00	Maitland	83.50			68.85
St. Thomas, Centre	168.10	114.35		75.00	Talbot	886.56			25.00
Sheddan	16.00				" Wortley Rd.	91.10			48.31
Sparta	43.09		25.50		Mount Brydges	16.00			5.75
Springfield	20.69				Parkhill	6.00			5.00
West Lorne					" Egerton	97.47	10.00		16.85
Yarmouth, First	85.25		31.54	38.50	Poplar Hill				10.00
					Sarnia, Brook				20.00
Association Collection	\$757.06	\$139.35	\$159.99	\$171.00	Sarnia, Central	198.76			20.40
Total from Association				\$11.80	Strathroy	132.15			37.00
17 Circles, 3 Y. W. Circles, 8 Bands, 4 O. O.				\$1289.00	Watford	16.00			
					Wymong	6.00			
GUELPH ASSOCIATION									
Director—Mrs. E. W. Rogers, 83 Downie St., Stratford.									
	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.					
Acton	\$ 8.05					\$1886.97	\$116.00	\$316.47	\$121.85
Brampton	91.09		27.00		Association Collection				\$17.80
Wheatlanham	28.50				Total from Associations				\$2408.19
					22 Circles; 2 Y. W. Circles, 16 Bands, 4 O. O.				

NIAGARA & HAMILTON ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. P. K. Dayfoot, Pt. Colborne.

	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Beamsville	\$33.50		\$22.00	
Binbrook	15.65		6.75	
Burlington	49.25			
Caletonia	19.90	2.00		30.00
Dundas	24.00			
Dunnville	51.00	19.00		
Flamboro Centre	5.05			
Fonthill	61.50	15.00	15.00	
Freshton			48.25	
Grimshy	74.50			
Hamilton:				
Hughson	21.00			
Immanuel	15.00			
James	159.45	94.15		5.00
Kensington	5.00		4.00	
King	22.50		4.50	
Stanley	162.50	41.00	75.00	
Victoria	196.15	27.50	6.52	
Wentworth	61.74		10.00	
Niagara Falls, Jepson	40.50	37.00	30.00	
Niagara Falls, Main	39.77		10.00	
N. Cayuga	28.00		2.00	
Perry Station	.98			3.44
Port Colborne	15.00	34.50	4.00	
St. Catharines	178.00	61.90	36.45	
Welland	32.20		8.00	
Westover	85.00			
	\$1845.25	\$311.05	\$298.77	\$38.44

Association Collection \$116.00
 Total from Association \$2009.51
 25 Circles, 7 Y. W. Circles, 17 Bands, 3 O. O.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION

Director—Miss M. Stillwell, E. R. 1, Nanticoke

	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Bloomsburg	\$ 18.25		\$11.20	
Boston	58.50		17.50	
Cheapside	15.73			
Courtland	16.00		6.00	
Delhi	84.46		30.00	
Eden	14.00			
Goshen	11.50			
Hagersville	17.25		52.00	
Hartford	20.00		13.00	
Houghton	9.55			
Langton First	33.00		12.00	
Elne Grove	4.90			
Fort Rowan	21.00			
St. Williams	16.15		5.75	
Selkirk				10.00
Simcoe	50.00	33.95	38.86	
Townsend Centre			44.50	
Villa Nova	118.80		15.74	
Victoria	30.90		13.75	8.25
Walsh				
Waterford	69.50		69.00	
	\$618.59	\$38.95	\$383.80	\$18.25
Association Collection				\$12.00
Total from Association				\$1017.89

18 Circles, 1 Y. W. Circle, 13 Bands, 2 O.O.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. Norman Phelps, North Bay.

	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Blind River			\$16.22	
Capreol	5.00			
Cobalt	25.55		12.70	
Cochrane	10.00			
Kemora	19.00			
New Linkard	55.55	3.50	5.55	
North Bay	79.80	77.40	25.75	
S. S. Marie, First	70.00		6.00	
S. S. Marie, Willing'n	24.70			
Thessalon			6.00	
Timmins	15.23		33.51	
	\$802.23	\$98.90	\$106.13	

Association Collection \$2.50
 Total from Association \$491.78
 9 Circles, 2 Y. W. Circles, 7 Bands.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. C. P. Day, Leith, Ont.

	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Bayview	\$ 59.00			
Bentnck	15.50		2.00	
Chealey	12.50			
Daywood & Leith	43.25		8.75	
Durham	86.00			
Fleaherton	6.55			
Glenelg Centre	2.50			
Hanover		22.00	42.90	10.00
Leith			5.35	
Meaford	28.75		27.85	
Morley	30.00			
Owen Sound	56.95	79.25	8.90	24.00
Faisley	39.85		7.55	
Fort Egin	15.00			
Southampton	67.90		10.25	6.00
Strathway	5.00			
Wlarton	53.75	30.00	4.00	
Willacroft	5.00			
Woodford	16.35			
	\$494.95	\$181.25	\$115.75	\$40.00

Assoc. Collection \$13.00
 Total from Association \$794.95
 17 Circles, 3 Y. W. Circles, 9 Bands, 3 O. O.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. T. M. Layman, Tillsonburg

	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Beachville	\$ 55.00		\$5.00	
Brantford				
Calvary	105.25		30.00	30.00
First	510.00			50.00
Immanuel	58.99		29.00	
Park	379.95	16.00	10.85	42.00
Riverdale	25.50		18.50	43.00
Shenstone	32.00		30.95	5.00
Burford	40.33			
Burgessville	48.70		8.15	
Burch	47.00		1.80	51.00
Ingersoll	30.00	9.85	9.40	
Jerseyville	25.00			
Norwich	94.85		14.75	30.00
Otterville	40.50			
Oxford East	17.00			
Oxford West	5.00			
Paris	86.73	5.00	42.00	
St. George	64.83		27.50	
Selford	10.00			
Scotland	100.85			
Springford	44.75		9.30	
Tillsonburg	58.80	41.35	1.25	
Tuscarora	5.00		3.75	
Woodstock, East End	8.25			
Woodstock First	79.04		26.50	
Woodstock Oxford	52.10	10.00	9.00	
Zorra East, 18th Line				24.85
Zorra East 16th Line.				12.00
	\$2022.92	\$181.65	\$271.25	\$239.85

Association Collection \$18.47
 Total from Association \$2684.14
 26 Circles, 8 Y. W. Circles, 16 Bands, 7 O. O.

PETERBORO ASSOCIATION

Director—Miss M. A. Nicholls, 216 McDonnell Street, Peterboro, Ont.

	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Belleville	\$ 71.55		\$20.00	
Campbellford	35.91		6.00	
Cobourg	28.10		7.85	
Colborne	17.80		15.00	
Cramah	24.75		4.90	
Eddyvton	3.50			
Gilmour Memorial	75.00		17.00	
Haldimand	25.00		4.50	
Lakefield	24.55		3.00	

Norwood	28.50	2.50	4.00	
Peterboro, Murray	810.95	89.00	44.85	
Peterboro, Park	29.00			
Pleton	5.00			
Port Hope	182.51		24.75	85.00
Association Collection	\$889.05	\$111.50	\$182.96	\$36.00
Total from Association				\$7.45
18 Circles, 2 Y. W. Circles, 11 Bands, 1 O. O.				\$1165.96

THUNDER BAY ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. E. E. Wood, 809 Myles St., Fort William

Fort William	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Fort Frances	\$ 68.20		\$18.00	
Fort Arthur	12.50			
Westfort	62.50		35.25	20.75
			50.00	
Association Collection	\$142.20	\$ 103.25	\$20.75	
Total from Association				\$57.70
8 Circles, 3 Bands, 1 Other Organization.				\$272.90

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. T. T. McDonald, Wingham, Ont.

Atwood	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Glamis	\$ 8.50			
Goderich	20.00			
Kenilworth	20.00			
Kincardine	20.00			
Listowel	18.30			
Mt. Forest	31.31		3.80	
Palmerston	11.00			
Tiverton	24.75			
Walkerton	81.50		20.00	
Wingham	25.50		20.00	21.00
Association Collection	\$282.86	\$43.80	\$21.00	
Total from Association				\$70.00
11 Circles, 3 Bands, 1 O. O.				\$304.56

WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. J. D. McGregor, Wheatley, Ont.

Bienheim	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Bothwell	\$ 20.50		\$14.40	
Chatham	19.50			
Colchester	171.71		24.28	
Eberts	41.00		37.00	
Essex	22.00			
Essex	42.30			
Essex	68.00		9.50	
Essex	84.70	15.00	24.00	
Kingsville	85.50	203.00	42.00	
Leamington	57.05		21.15	
Ridgetown	4.20			
Thamesville	58.72		167.80	
Walkerville	58.72		4.25	
Wallaceburg	50.78		37.78	
Wheatley	10.30		3.50	
Windsor	195.69		15.00	
Zone Centre	5.00			
Association Collection	\$1018.95	\$218.00	\$890.64	
Total from Association				\$31.23
17 Circles, 2 Y. W. Circles, 12 Bands.				\$1659.82

WHITBY-LINDSAY ASSOCIATION

Director—Miss Sara E. Evans, Claremont, Ont.

Claremont	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Fenelon Falls	\$ 70.00		\$8.00	
Halliburton	45.15		14.00	
Lindsay	7.50		8.12	
Oshawa	96.45		27.00	
Scotch Line	7.50			
Stouffville	14.00			
Uxbridge	40.87		30.70	
	18.00			

Whitby	84.37			
Whitevale	20.00			
Association Collection	\$401.84	\$32.82		
Total from Association				\$6.50
10 Circles, 5 Bands.				\$491.16

TORONTO ASSOCIATION

Director—Mrs. N. L. Crosby, 28 Evans Ave., Toronto.

Aurora	Circles	Y.W.	Bands	O.O.
Birchcliff	\$ 59.01		11.95	
Fairbanks	17.00			
Long Branch	20.00			5.00
Marham, Second	34.30			
Mimico	\$2.70			6.10
Mt. Dennis	17.10			5.50
Toronto—				
Annetta	50.50	15.70	4.00	
Bedford Park	2.50			
Bethany	19.00	6.32	4.00	
Beverley	100.24			
Bloor	633.45	188.06	8.75	10.00
Bloom	95.25		28.92	
Calvary	107.99		9.00	
Castlefield	52.65		5.00	
Central	818.86		56.50	
Century	215.97		35.00	10.00
Christie	45.50			43.75
College	282.90		60.52	
Danforth	119.78		39.10	
Dovercourt	50.02		15.00	1.60
Dufferin	63.36		6.77	
First	117.08		47.70	31.79
High Park	200.25			6.00
Immanuel	144.28		27.90	16.25
Indian Road	142.80		19.65	6.00
Jarvis	747.63		80.82	
Jones	63.00			
Jordan	18.37			5.00
Memorial	48.50		40.00	30.00
Moulton		121.25		160.00
Mt. Pleasant	53.11		5.80	5.00
Oakwood	8.00			
Olivet	115.52		29.12	
Ossington	90.40			
Pape	51.90		8.16	
Parkdale	224.44		112.25	8.27
Rhodes	8.00			18.00
Royce				6.18
Runnymede	16.00			
St. Clair	69.40		25.05	5.70
St. John's Rd.	42.40		7.00	16.16
Silverthorn	15.10			
Walmer	694.05		158.16	70.00
Waverley	113.00			24.00
Woodbine	35.50			8.50
Weston	11.00			
York Mills	95.35			4.15
Association Collection	\$5964.29	\$1060.82	\$279.69	\$264.53
Total from Association				\$35.70
46 Circles, 23 Y. W. Circles, 21 Bands, 12 O. O.				\$7695.93

RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUALS

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*MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Interest from Investments:	
Commercial Cable	\$ 40.00
Rogers' stock	52.80
Dom. of Canada (Mary Shenstone Scholars)	50.00
Dom. of Canada	423.11
Refunds from Missionaries	82.89

Collections	208.60
Bureau of Literature Refund	140.00
Baptist Girls' Camp	10.25
Brantford Y. W. Rally	5.00
Grandview, Manitoba	1.50
Cash from exchange of bonds	719.79
	\$1819.37

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Receipts.

Bal. forward Oct. 16, 1923:		
Regular Work	\$ 5584.19	
Car Fund	101.10	
Special	103.05	
From:—		\$5788.34
269 Circles	\$17,921.81	
61 Y. W. Circles	2,582.73	
162 Bands	3,006.53	
41 Other Organizations	1,017.67	
Individuals	2,608.70	
Miscellaneous	1,819.37	
Association Collections	218.48	
		\$29,170.29

Disbursements.

To General Treasurer:—		
Re regular estimates	\$25,651.00	
Extras and specials	882.00	
Jubilee Fund	1,000.00	
Lepers	154.89	
Garages for Miss Priest	101.10	
School for Missions (contributed)	250.00	
Literature Account	886.24	
Muskoka Homes	58.07	
Advance for Outfits	135.00	
Expense of Missionaries, Speakers	250.00	
and Directors	260.10	
Treasurer's Salary	300.00	
Printing, Postage, etc.	384.09	
		\$30,062.40

Bal. on hand Oct. 15, 1924:

Regular work	4,659.18
Miss McLaurin's car	75.00
Home for Missionaries' Children	100.00
Jubilee Fund	61.96
	\$4,896.14

\$34,958.63

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YELLAMANCHILI HAPPENINGS

"Although your missionary spent comparatively little time on the field during the hot season, yet he spent a good deal of time in writing to the workers, encouraging them and directing the work. Even when I had charge of the big Akidu field with all its workers, I think I did not have so much correspondence with the workers," writes Dr. Wolverton.

"During June our worker in a village called Kumarapalli, a splendid young man with theological training, had a hard experience. Evidently the Gospel work had been progressing and a number were about to confess Christ. So the powers of darkness gathered themselves together to make trouble. The worker and his father were summoned by the

elders of the village to attend and take part in a heathen celebration in honor of a certain Hindu god. They excused themselves saying they were tired after a busy day, and before a second summons came they fled to Yellamanchili in the dark and appealed to the pastor for help. They knew the truculent and angry spirit of the villagers and feared, not without reason, that bodily harm would be done them. The pastor and his wife prayed with them and encouraged them, as did another worker, and in the morning they all went out to the village and talked the matter over with the village elders, who agreed to not require them to take part in any future Hindu festival. On another night the workers were frightened again. But the chief result has been to frighten and intimidate the would-be Chris-

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The Eastern Society

Miss Barker—4136 Dorchester Street,
Westmount, Quebec

The semi-annual Day of Prayer was held in Montreal on Thursday, October 6th, at L'Oratoire, French Baptist Church. Mrs. McCutcheon, of the First Baptist Church, presided. Mrs. Weaver, sister of Miss Lida Pratt, who had sailed for India from this post on the previous day, gave a very suggestive, spiritual Bible reading. In part she spoke of the robes of the High Priest as representing the influence of our Lord and Saviour. At the hem of the gorgeous robe were the little bells which may be taken as a type of the Christian sounding the message of the gospel.

Bells of Warning, uttering "The Wages of Sin is Death!"

Bells of Time—Now is the accepted time!

Bells of Hope and Joy—uttering the sweet invitations.

Bells on the hem—in a lowly place so the Christian must be near the earth but not of it, willing to fill a humble place and do a humble task for our Master.

Bells always there—in the appointed place so we must always abide in Him.

Bells of pure gold—no alloy of sin or self must be permitted to spoil our service.

Mrs. Weaver then directed our intercessory prayers and the Throne of Grace was besought for the superstitious French Catholics of Quebec, for our hard working Home Mission pastors and their lonely and sometimes discouraging work—for our missionaries in Bolivia, pleading for our prayers on their behalf; and lastly, for far off India.

Then we had the great pleasure of hearing from Miss Myers, of Ramachandrapuram, who gave us a word-picture of the beginning and growth of the work of the Gospel in Kotapilly—a little village in the Ramachandrapuram field and a centre of idolatry—a second Benares. In gratitude for being healed by Dr. Joshee, a Hindu secured a lot for the Mission near the sacred tank, a stagnant pool in the centre of the town. Dr. Clement Massey, a Hindu doctor, and his brave wife Jeannette and other helpers, have held the fort

for many years and there is now a church of more than thirty members organized, a Home Mission Church in the Godaverri Association and receiving no Canadian money. Miss Myers then made us realize the yearly evangelistic campaign, showing us the leaflet containing the Bible story, verse and hymn which is memorized by the workers and then sown broadcast all over the Telugu country. We must follow this sowing, with our prayers to the Lord of the harvest for a mighty ingathering as a result. Thus ended our hour of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and our only regret was that not more of our friends were present to participate in the experience.

WHAT ABOUT IT.

YES, what about that copy of the Enterprise you need for your friend's Christmas Gift, or the little stories you need to put the finishing touch to your Circle program, or short biography of one of our Missionaries. Why yes, I have just what you want I believe, how would it be to send me 20 or 30 cents and give me the joy of sending you some. I would give you wonderful value for cash. The list would be too long to publish. I also have pins for Life Members of the Foreign Society and Band members of the same. Why not wear one, 75c. for Seniors and 65c. for Juniors with ten cents for postage. Why have this honor and no one know it? Send for a pin now.

The "Call of our Land," "Telugu Trophies," "Pioneering in Bolivia," "Letters From My Home in India." What a wealth of study in these for your Circle Programme. BUY THEM, READ THEM, LEND THEM, TELL ABOUT THEM. Use your Eastern Literature Department to the full.

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"Tasks in hours of insight willed,
May be in hours of gloom fulfilled."

—Matthew Arnold.

SUPPLIES FOR INDIA

The following parcels are acknowledged from Montreal:

From Tabernacle Mission Band:

- 1 parcel, 206 bags, 2 quilts.
- 1 parcel for Akidu, 3 picture rolls, 450 cards.
- 1 parcel for Vuyyuru, 3 picture rolls, 400 cards, 30 scrap books.
- 1 parcel for Avanigadda, 300 cards.

From Westmount Mission Circle:

- 4 parcels for Akidu containing 8 quilts, 2 cot quilts, 4 draw sheets. Enclosed with these were the two following items.

From Westmount C.G.I.T.:

- 5 extra special dolls for our Missionary families.

From Loula and Adele Lortie, L'Oratoire French Church:

Several scrap books, very nicely made.

From Miss M. Clarke, of Olivet Church:

- 1 parcel, 44 bags and several personal gifts for Vuyyuru Missionaries and staff.

First Church Circle have reported hospital supplies in process of making.

Olivet young women have planned a meeting to discuss practical work. Hospital supplies are needed all the year round, and can be sent any time, also pictures and cards. For Christmas, 1925, a box will most probably be sent from Montreal next June or July. Further notice of this later.

Buckingham, Que.—

The Women's Mission Circle of the Buckingham Baptist Church held their thank-offering meeting in the church on September 24th, when it was our great privilege to have present on that occasion Mrs. Lipinski, of our Polish Mission, Hamilton, as the speaker of the evening; also Mrs. F. Richards, Directress of the Ottawa Association, and Mrs. Blackadar, Supt. of Y. W. Circles.

Mrs. Lipinski, in her very earnest address, told us a little of her parents and of her own earlier life, and of her more recent work in Hamilton among the Poles, many of whom had come out from Roman Catholicism and were now happy devoted followers

of the lowly Nazarene; others were seeking the true light.

Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Blackadar each said a few words which added quite a little to the interest of our meeting.

Greetings were given from Sister Missionary Societies in Buckingham, also from Thurso Mission Circle.

Two recitations entitled, "Don't You Care," and "He's Counting on You," were given during the evening.

The offering amounted to \$34.50. We trust much fruit from this meeting will be seen among us not many days hence.

M. Gillies, Secy.

YELLAMANCHILI HAPPENINGS

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tians. However, the workers are encouraged and are praying as did Peter and John and the Christians (Acts 4:30) for courage to stand steadfast in the face of opposition. We are really encouraged by this opposition of Satan, for we believe it indicates a movement toward Christ among the people.

Promise of Fruit

"The reports of the workers for the hot season indicate village after village where men are inquiring and are really interested, and we feel as workers that, if we can only do regular weekly work in these villages, we shall see fruit soon. A visit to a village some eight miles north of Yellamanchili, where there are no Christians save a worker and his wife on their holidays from the Seminary, shows that all the elders among the Malas are deeply interested and two of them almost ready to confess Christ. If these elders will come, the majority in the hamlet will follow soon. Pray for them.

"One worker reported that a woman, who is probably partly insane, tried to set fire to his house with a burning torch of rags in the night. The thatched houses burn very readily and furiously. He knew nothing about it till next morning, when he found, to his astonishment, that the attempt had been made, and one bamboo rafter had burned through, but the leaves of the thatch had not caught fire. When the villagers saw it they said with astonishment, "Your God is a great God."

EASTERN SOCIETY

LOOKING INTO TREASURY AFFAIRS
ESTIMATES 1924-1925

Akidu Medical:—		
Assistants	\$ 657.00	
Medicines	200.00	
Diets	33.00	
Miss Hinman:—		\$ 890.00
Salary	700.00	
Work	560.00	
Yellamanchili:—		\$ 1260.00
Miss McLeish's Work		588.00
Narsapatnam:—		
Miss Murray, Salary	700.00	
Miss Murray, work	172.00	
Miss Mason, work	470.00	
Vuyyuru: —		\$ 1342.00
Dr. Hulet, work	624.00	
Miss Bain, work	1646.00	
		2270.00
Avanigadda, Mrs. Cross		306.00
Palkonda, Bible Women's Training School		102.50
Hostel at Vizag.		50.00
Vellore Medical School		100.00
National Christian Council		10.00
Bolivia		200.00
Administration		200.00
Specials:—		\$7318.50
Akidu Hospital Latrine	150.00	
Akidu Hospital Well	50.00	
		200.00
Grand Total		\$7518.50

EASTERN WOMEN'S JUBILEE! 1926

Attention is called to the fact that 1926 will be our Jubilee year. At our Annual Convention held recently in Montreal, the recommendation was made that we take as our Jubilee Objective the special estimate of \$4000.00 for new buildings at Vuyyuru. \$1000.00 for the Wall and \$3000.00 for new Dormitories. This decision was accepted by Convention. The Fund will therefore be started shortly. For details of plan and other necessary information WATCH THE "LINK!"

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Miss Laura Craig, 9 mos. salary \$525, work \$4000	4525.00
Miss Folsom	500.00
Miss Farnell, 15 mos. salary \$375, Samalkot work \$480.	1355.00
Miss Hatch, salary \$700, work \$564	1264.00
Miss Hellyer, salary	700.00
Miss Jones, salary \$700, work \$1080	1780.00
Dr. Hulet, salary	700.00
Miss Kenyon, salary	700.00
Miss McGill, salary \$700, work \$264	964.00
Miss McLeish, salary	700.00
Miss Munro	700.00
Miss Pratt, salary	700.00
Miss Priest, salary \$700, work \$594	1294.00
Miss Robinson, 15 mos. salary	875.00
Miss Pearl Scott, salary	700.00
Miss Selman, 9 mos. salary \$525, work \$451	976.00
Miss Booker, salary	700.00
Miss Palmer, salary	300.00
Bible Women's School	512.50
Vellore Medical School (Marjorie Cameron Scholarship)	400.00
Mary Ratnam at Vellore (student)	150.00
Vizag. Hostel for 6 months	250.00
Mistresses' Training School	100.00
National Christian Council	40.00
4 passages from India	2200.00
2 passages to India	1100.00
Ramachandrapuram Boat Repairs	400.00
Furniture for Miss Scott	30.00

Total\$27,778.50