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"His Beautiful Way."

He might have set the apple on the bough
Without the rose-white coronal of May;
The corn in rows, the clusters on the vine,
Without the season's alchemy divine—
But it was not His way.

He might have stood the cedars on the hills,
The strong night watchmen by the sounding sea,
Without the tardy growth from slender spires,
To the crowned heads against the sunset fires—
But other plans had He.

He might have placed His children on a height,
Strong men for God, His mission to fulfill,
Without the upward climb, the baffled flight,
The halting step slow mounting toward the
light—
But such was not His will.

It pleased Him that in nature, or in grace,
Seed-germ, or soul, toward Him should all things
grow.

Reaching, aspiring, from beginnings small,
Till the sweet day when Christ is all in all,
And we His will shall know.

—Emma Herrick Weed, in *N. Y. Observer*

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FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

Akidu, Kistna District, January 31, 1919.

Though I have headed this Akidu, I am really on our Mission house-boat, the "Messenger of Truth," or, as the Telugus call it, "Satyaduta." We are travelling along a very pretty canal with beautiful trees along its banks, at the rate of two miles an hour, so there is plenty of time to enjoy the scenery. The boat is pulled by two men, while another man sits on top to guide the rudder. Going up stream we use four men. About every eight or ten miles, we get new coolies, and often have to wait for them to cook their own food before they'll come. Time is no object to anyone in India. I was about 25 miles from home when I started, and it will take me about 36 hours to get there. Our houseboats are very comfortable—we have a nice cabin where we can eat and sleep as we travel along. This time I happen to be all alone, as Mr. Chute was called away to a committee, and I am spending the day writing, writing writing, except when I talked to some people at a village where we stopped for coolies. As far as I know there isn't another white person within miles of me except Miss Selman, who is 15 miles up the canal in her boat. We feel perfectly safe and not the least nervous. Miss Selman said she expected to be out all next month before returning to Akidu. But should she get word that Miss Hinman has secured her passage home, she will return to see her off. Our missionaries due to go home are having much trouble about their passages, and have not yet been able to secure them.

We have just been attending our Association. We have three of them in our Mission. Ours is called "The Kistna," as it is composed of all our churches in the Kistna District, it is the largest as it represents all the Christians south of the Godavery River over 5,000. Then there is the Godavery Association and the Northern.

Shall I tell you about our Association? Well, to begin with, most of our churches except those at the Mission Stations are nothing but little mud chapels or huts and not one of them could accommodate the delegates. But that doesn't matter, every church is eager to have the "big meeting" at least once, so there are many invitations, and to settle the rivalry it is agreed that the Association is to alternate on the three fields—Akidu, Vuyyuru and Avanigadda—and this year it was our turn, and fortunately for the missionaries, it was held at a place where we could live on our house-boats. Mr. Gordon, Mr. Chute, Misses McLaurin and Selman and I represented the missionaries. The entertaining church selected a good, suitable field, laid in a good supply of bamboo poles and palm leaves and then proceeded to build a meeting house. The bamboos of all lengths were stuck into the ground in the shape of a T, other poles were tied on them horizontally, and then roofed over by a network of bamboos. Palm leaves were tied on the top and here and there along the sides, as a protection from the sun, but plenty of light and fresh air filtered through, the ground was covered with straw, and at one end a big platform was made by piling cartloads of earth and pounding it into shape. A table was brought from the chapel for the President; also a chair

and everything was ready. A meeting-place for 300 people and not a nail, hammer or saw was used. Neither was there a pew nor a bench, but plenty of room on the nice clean straw. The delegates were supplied with earthen cooking pots and fuel, and they were at liberty to cook what they liked under a tree, beside the road or in the field. Many of the men slept in the meeting-house, or "pandal," as they call such places, while the women had the privilege of sleeping in a rich merchant's big rice godown and of cooking near it. The meetings were very good indeed and the sermons on Sunday helpful. Our Indian Christians are learning to do things in a businesslike way. Besides the church letters there were addresses on the following subjects,—“A Telugu Christian's responsibility for the Telugu,” “What should be the attitude of a Mission-supported church to Telugu Home Missions?” “Sunday School Work,” “Temperance,” “Home Rule,” “Why Are Christians Boys Educated by Mission Learning, to Work for Government Employment?”

Then there was the women's meeting, where they reported that the women on these three fields had saved over Rs.200 raising chickens and selling eggs, doing crochet, etc.

The Avanigadda and Vuyuru women last year supported a Bible woman and she reported that she had visited 220 villages, been in over 700 houses, spoken to over 5,000 women and children, that many had learned hymns and verses. The Akidu field women have been responsible for a number of years for part of the work in one of our churches. They give to the pastor's salary and help support the teachers in three villages.

We had a good association and trust that it will be a blessing to many.

The attendance was not as good as we could have wished, for many who lived near could neither afford the time or provide the food during the meeting. Each day's wage is eaten up as fast as it is earned. Of all my years in India I have never seen so much distress and poverty among the people as this year. The rains were short, the crops failed, there was no work and war prices prevail. How they are to live until the next harvest only the Lord knows.

Yours in His Service,

PEARL CHUTE.

THE INVESTITURE.

At the Banqueting Hall.—Miss Hatch and the Rajah of Pithapuram.

(“The Madras Mail,” March 25th, 1919.)

The Investiture at the Banqueting Hall last night was very largely attended, and proved a brilliant function. It was held for the purpose of investing H.H. the Rajah of Cochin with the insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire and to confer various decorations on a number of other ladies and gentlemen who had been awarded them. H. E. the Governor arrived in procession at the hall, from Government House, and after robing, walked up to the dais to the strains of the band, accompanied by the Maharajah of Bobbili, K.C.I.E., and the Honorable the Prince of Arcot, K.C.I.E. There were also in attendance on His Excellency the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, the Honorable Mr. C. G. Todhunter, I.C.S., and Mr. E. M. Gawns, I.C.S., Under Secretary in the Political Department, as also the members of His Excellency's personal staff, including Major F. F. Elwes, C.I.E., I.M.S., and Major H. F. Collingridge, Military Secretary. His Excellency having taken his seat on the

dais, the Honorable Mr. C. G. Todhunter, as Master of Ceremonies, opened the function, announcing the business before the assembly in clear ringing tones. He then retired to fetch H.H. the Rajah of Cochin, who came magnificently attired in State robes from one of the ante-rooms, and was escorted by the Honorable Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopalachari, C.I.E., and the Honorable Sir Francis Spring, K.C.I.E., and preceded by Mr. E. M. Gawne, bearing on a velvet cushion the insignia of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire. Two junior Princes of the Cochin Royal Family acted as pages to H.H. the Rajah, who, on reaching the dais, made reverence to H.E. the Governor. The Honorable Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopalachari, receiving the Riband and Order, decorated H.H. the Rajah therewith, after which Sir Francis Spring attached the Star of the Order on the Rajah's breast. H.E. the Governor invested H.H. the Rajah of Cochin with the collar, addressing him as follows:—

"In the name of the King and Emperor of India and by His Imperial Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which most Eminent Order His Imperial Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander."

H.H. the Rajah of Cochin now duly invested a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire then made his reverence to His Excellency and was led by the Honorable Mr. C. G. Todhunter to the seat appointed for him on the dais. The following were then decorated by H.E. the Governor as Companions of the Indian Empire:—Mr. T. E. Moir, I.C.S., Mr. A. H. Deane, V.D., Mr. J. R. Henderson, Dr. C. A. Barber, and the Rev. Dr. W. Skinner. Next followed the presentation of badges to the following:—The badge of the third class of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India to the Honorable Mr. L. E. Buckley; the badge of the third class of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to the Maharajah of Bobbili and the Honorable the Rajah of Pithapuram; the badge of the fourth class of the Order of the British Empire to Mr. F. D. Bennett; the badge of the Companion of the Imperial Service Order to Mr. J. R. Atkinson; the badge of the fifth class of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to Mr. H. R. Bird, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Hemingway, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. R. Narayana Iyer, Mrs. Dora deChazal, Mrs. McCaully Hayes, and Dewan Bahadur A. Parthasarthy Iyengar.

Miss Isabel Hatch and the Rev. Dr. L. R. Scudder were next presented with the Kaiser-i Hind Medal of the first class for public service in India. Dr. (Miss) Macphail was presented with the Bar to the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal of the second class; and Mrs. Drysdale and Mr. H. E. Houghton with the Kaiser-i-Hand Medal of the second class.

There was no further business, and His Excellency withdrew in procession from the Banqueting Hall. The gathering present to witness the Investiture, which was a very impressive ceremony throughout, included the following among others:—H. E. Lady Pentland, the Honorable Sir Alexander and Lady Cardew, the Honorable Mr. Lionel Davidson and Mrs. Davidson, the Honorable Sir John and Lady Wallis, Sir William Beardsell, the consort of H.H. the Rajah of Cochin, the Rajah of Parlakimedi, Sir Bernard Hunter, the Zemindar of Kallikote and Atgoda, the Rev. W. and Mrs. Meston, Mrs. P. Rajagopalachari, the Honorable Mr. C. G. and Mrs. Spencer, the Honorable Sir Gordon and Lady Fraser, the Rev. G. Pittendrigh, Colonel Ellis, R. E., Rao Bahadur T. Sundara Rao, I.S.O., the Honorable Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell, C.I.E., and Mrs. Campbell, Rao Sahib M. C. T. Muthia Chettiar, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Walker, Rao Bahadur T. Vijayaraghavachari,

the Honorable Mr. J. H. Bakewell, the Honorable Mr. W. W. Phillips, the Venerable Archdeacon L. E. Cox, the Honorable the Rajah of Bobbili, the Honorable Mr. R. and Mrs. Littlehales, and the Honorable Dewan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao and Mrs. Ramachandra Rao.

OUR INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Miss Janet F. Robinson.

Our Canadian Baptist Mission Society, at work in the Telugu area in India, carries on general, systematic school work in three departments, viz., village (Elementary), central boarding (Higher Elementary), and High Schools.

Village Schools are started as early as possible in each out village where there are Christians. These schools over all our Mission area now number several hundreds. The teacher is often but poorly educated himself, and in the majority of cases takes the children only as far as Second or Third Standard. The main object is to teach the children of the Christians to read the Bible and to sing Christian hymns. However, it is from these little schools that the brightest and most promising are chosen by the missionary as suitable for being further educated in the boarding schools. The village school is usually carried on in the teacher's house, a small building with walls and floor of mud and roof of grass or palm leaves. It often has two rooms, one for dwelling and one for teaching purposes, though in some of the newer and smaller places one room has to serve the double purpose. These houses are the property of the Mission, and usually have a small patch of ground and a tiny verandah (better termed, perhaps, a place under the eaves), where the custom of the country is followed in doing most of the work outside. Under such circumstances have the majority of our present teachers been started along the road to learning and their present attainments. In most of these schools the teachers hold regular evening prayers, and Sunday services. Here the Christians gather to hear the Bible read and to learn hymns. To the elders, who are mainly illiterate, this is their only way of getting religious instruction, the ear rather than the eye being the medium of learning. To these prayer-meetings often come non-Christians, and here they learn of sin and salvation through Jesus Christ, many by this means being led into the Kingdom. Thus, our village schools, though small, are none the less outposts of Christianity, lights in the darkness, signposts pointing the way towards the Holy City.

The "boarding" schools are located in centres to which children come from their own villages, and in which they are supported at a nominal fee, for about ten months of the year. The Akidu and Vuyuru schools have boarding departments for both boys and girls, the Cocanda and Bobbili schools for girls only, and the Bimlipatam and Samalkot schools for boys only. All these schools are "Higher Elementary," having eight standards, fitting pupils to enter the High Schools, and granting two grades of junior teaching certificates. They follow the rules and outline of studies as laid down by the Educational Department of the Madras Presidency, and are regularly inspected and carefully criticized by the Inspectors. In all these schools the Bible is taught daily in each standard, this subject being additional to arithmetic, Telugu, English, geography, and all the other secular

subjects of study. In addition to the boarders, children from the town attend as day pupils, Hindus, Mohammedans and Christians, caste and non-caste, rich and poor, studying side by side in all the classes. Most of the teachers in these schools are Christians, though occasionally an extra Hindu teacher has to be employed in some particular subject, especially Telugu, which the Brahmans speak more purely and understand more perfectly than the Christians (who come mainly from the non-caste ranks).

The boarding department of such a school is quite an interesting study. A child is supplied with good quarters, food, laundry, medical attention, books, and teaching, in short, everything needful except clothing and dishes (each child comes in bringing a small bundle or box of clothing and one bowl or plate), and all this for a pittance of four annas per month (eight Canadian cents)! Of course, the actual expense is much more than that, but as very few indeed of the Telugu Christians could pay it, kind friends in Canada send it for this purpose. And that is why so many Mission Bands, Sunday School classes and individuals send eighteen dollars a year for the support of students. The result is a slow, gradual increase in the number of Mission workers here—preachers, teachers, Bible-women, medical compounders, nurses and others, and the gradual, imperceptible uplifting of the Indian Christian community generally.

The High Schools of our Mission are two, one in Vizagapatam, and one, the "McLaurin," in Cocanada. The former was taken over by the C. B. Mission from the London Mission in 1911, and the latter, which was the natural outgrowth of the educational work in the southern part of the Mission, was opened in 1912. While the former has an overwhelming majority of Hindu students, the latter has a much larger proportion of Christian boys on its roll, these nearly all being in the boarding department and having come up from the Elementary boarding schools. The High Schools carry the students through the regular course for matriculation. Thus it is possible for a child of illiterate parents to learn to read in a small, outlying village school, and go on up via boarding school and High School, to matriculation. Beyond the High School we have no work, but our Mission has given aid to a very few students attending the Christian College in Madras. In the history of our Mission only one, Mr. Giddi Reuben, has yet succeeded in obtaining his degree in arts.

In addition to all the above, the lady missionaries on a number of our fields have established Caste Girls' Schools, with the express purpose of providing a Christian education for little girls from caste homes. This department of the work has proved a great help in making the acquaintance of caste women, the mothers. Girls in India so early become wives and mothers themselves that a schoolgirl to-day is a matron to-morrow, and if in childhood interested in a Caste Girls' School, will in her own home always have a welcome for the messenger and her message.

Anglo-Indian work is carried on by us in Cocanada only, in the Timpany Memorial School. This has a splendid home under the loving oversight of Miss Folsom, and a full course of study through Higher Elementary work under the direction of Miss McGill. Lack of time and space forbids further treatment of the last two topics, which deserve better handling than the writer, through lack of experience, is capable of giving.

JANET F. ROBINSON.

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

CROCHET LACE INDUSTRY IN INDIA.

For some time past, many individuals here in Canada have received letters from various Indian Christian men in India soliciting orders for lace, of which a sample was usually enclosed. It has been difficult for those receiving such letters to know what to do with these requests, so the Conference in India, being asked for a pronouncement which might aid in dealing with them, sent the following resolution:

"Applications that are made not as philanthropic, but as a matter of business pure and simple, we would not wish to unduly interfere with, only it should be remembered that in such cases the profits go to one individual rather than to the workers themselves, whereas the missionary who deals with the lace gives the workers a fair price, and any profits that may accrue go to direct mission work.

On the other hand, in case of applications that are made on the ground of poverty or distress we would earnestly request our constituency at home that they be sent direct to our Foreign Mission Secretary, Dr. Brown. Then he could forward such to India to be dealt with here, as missionaries here would be in a much better position to judge of the need or of the poverty than any one so far away as Canada.

Moreover, as far as we have been able to learn the great majority of those making such applications do not belong to our Canadian Baptist Mission, but to a neighboring one and we have heard that many of them have been those under discipline by their churches, for which reason their missionaries have refused to take their lace. The taking of lace from such individuals, it will be easily seen, would interfere seriously with the discipline.

We therefore earnestly hope that all who receive applications will take the above recommendations into their kind and careful consideration."

At Dr. Brown's request, a Committee of the Women's Foreign Mission Board has taken this matter in hand, and it might be well to make a few explanations concerning it.

The crochet lace industry was started by our missionaries primarily to give work to women and girls who, being either without any other support or in very poor homes, could in this way help to earn a livelihood for themselves. Many of them, for various reasons, were unable to receive an education. From a very small beginning it has grown to large proportions, and has been the means of helping the women in more ways than just the financial. As the numbers of those making lace for sale has increased, a committee of lady missionaries on the field has been appointed, and this committee has set standards for the quality of the work and a uniform scale for the prices to be given. The women are given the fairest prices possible for their work, after which a small percentage is added to each price, this being the profit which goes into the Mission work and which also provides a fund for the purchase of new material.

Those who desire further information regarding letters which they may receive from Indians, or about the lace, will please correspond with

MRS. H. E. STILLWELL,
5 Woolfrey Avenue, Toronto.

In behalf of the Lace Committee.

HERE AND THERE.

Niagara-Hamilton.—The rally in James Street, Hamilton, on Thursday, and that in Queen Street, St. Catharines, on the following evening were well attended and much enjoyed by the young women who gathered to hear Miss Noble of the World-Wide Guild. The meetings were bright and attractive, and the appeal made to our girls a strong one.

Miss Noble, as executive head of the work among young women for the Northern Baptists of the United States, ably presented to-day's opportunities in missionary fields at home and abroad.

Two hundred and seventy-five girls carrying the message back to their churches should mean much in our endeavors.

MRS. J. C. DOHERTY, Director.

Beamsville.—At their meeting of March 6th, the Beamsville Circle celebrated their 42nd anniversary, thirty members and two visitors being present. After the opening exercises, reminiscences of the first meeting were read and then the president presented life memberships in the Foreign Missionary Society to two of the members, Mrs. J. D. Bennett and Mrs. C. E. Riggins, Mrs. Bennett being a Charter member and Mrs. Riggins joining a short time after. A social time was then spent by the members.

SECRETARY.

... **Adelaide Street (London).**—Our annual thankoffering meeting was held Feb. 27th, with our president, Mrs. Baldwin, presiding. Devotional exercises were taken by Mrs W. H. Watson. Our junior Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. Wm. Pegler, was present with us and sang a chorus, "We are Coming." I am sure it does all our hearts good to see such a band coming on, growing and working for Missions. A little missionary recitation was given by Thelma Short, and we were also favored with a solo by Miss Clark. Our speaker for the evening was Rev. N. S. McKechnie, of the Wortley Road Church, South London, who gave us a splendid address on "What We Owe to Missions." The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Baldwin. Our offering amounted to \$47.20, which is to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

EDNA E. NOEL, Secretary.

Burgessville.—We held our Circle meeting at the home of Mrs. Julius Cohoe, on Thursday, and, although the roads were bad, there were between 45 and 50 per cent., and we all did justice to the splendid dinner prepared. We were very thankful to have our dear president, Mrs. Aaron Dennis, with us again, she having been laid aside with a broken wrist, the result of a fall. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises and business discussed, etc.

Our president then, in a few pleasing words, paid loving tribute to Mrs. Julius Cohoe, who has always been such a help and inspiration to us, and on behalf of the Circle presented her with a life membership of the Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Cohoe very touchingly replied, and presented Mrs. Aaron Dennis (our president) with a life membership of the Home Society. It was delightful to witness the surprise of the recipient. (We all love our president, she is one of His saints.) After expressing her thanks at the gift and honor also, the president said we had now come to a sad part of the meeting—that of saying good-bye to our pastor's wife, Mrs. D. N. Cameron, who is leaving for her new sphere of work at York Mills. Several spoke words of loving appreciation of her work amongst

us, and also expressed deep regret at losing her from our midst. We pray God may richly bless her in her new field of service for the extension of His Kingdom.

Arkona.—In honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Miss Murray's labors in India, the Arkona Mission Band gave an interesting mission evening on April 4th.

As special features illustrated missionary talks were given by Mrs. Dr. Norton (Home) and Miss Murray (Foreign), with musical numbers from the Band members sandwiched in between.

At the close of the evening the oldest member of the Mission Circle (Mrs. McKay) read Miss Murray an address, and the youngest member of the Band (little Vivian Utter) presented her with an engraved silver tray containing new silver quarters symbolic of her years spent in service for the Lord.

We had a crowded house, and they gave well in aid of missions.

COMMITTEE.

THE MISSION BOARD ANNUAL LECTURE.

The annual lecture, under the auspices of the W.B.F.M.S., was held in Jarvis Street Sunday School Monday evening, April 28th. There were two addresses—Mrs. Roberts, mother of Dr. Roberts of the Ludhiana Mission, and Mrs. Archibald, of the Canadian Baptist Mission Board.

Miss Muriel Stark also sang beautifully.

Mrs. Roberts spoke of Ludhiana as a medical college for native Indian women giving the M.P.S. degree. The examinations were Government ones, set equally with those for men in colleges in Northern India. The climate of Ludhiana is delightful in winter. The students come from great distances—some so far they never go home for five years. There are fourteen distinct languages at one time, therefore, instruction is given in English.

Students have poor physical stamina—prefer sitting under a tree to tennis, or any form of exercise, therefore they have a physical instructor who compels them to play and exercise.

During the course the students go out among the people and get practical knowledge of the work they are to do.

Some graduates have successfully performed major operations with only native nurses to help.

But all the nurses that can be turned out are as a drop in the bucket. We must do all we can to advance medical missions for women, especially in the face of India's suffering womanhood.

Mrs. Roberts then told some of her experience, as she visited our field in India. She visited Miss McLaurin and visited Dr. Hulet, who is tireless. Mrs. Roberts was invited to a seat in Conference. Our Conference is a shining light to other missions in amicability.

Mrs. Archibald won the hearts of all who gave her a most sympathetic and interested attention.

"What can I tell you that will be new? Missionaries have been coming home for a generation and telling about the little oasis in the wilderness."

Mrs. Archibald went to India with Mr. and Mrs. Timpany forty years ago. For the first five years Mrs. McLaurin mothered her—and the five or six Maritime Provinces single lady missionaries who crossed over from Burmah to settle in the Canadian Baptist Mission.

In 1875, missionaries went into the northern fields, i.e., Bimlipatam and Chicacole, etc., etc. Mrs. Archibald told of the early work of these pioneers: the disappointments they had at the language, also sickness, death, and discouragements of all sorts—mainly lack of converts. The great revival of 1876 in Serampore and Nellore, i. e., in the American Baptist field, swept northwards, producing lesser revivals in Vuyuru and Akidu and Cocanada. But this influence did not spread very much farther north than Cocanada, and left the most northern fields barren as ever. To this day the converts in the field occupied by missionaries from the Maritime Provinces are much fewer than on those occupied by Ontario and Quebec missionaries. Another reason for this is that the London Mission had been on these northern fields for more than a hundred years. When this Mission sold out to ours there were less than 140 adherents. The reason was largely that the London Mission worked almost exclusively among the caste peoples who, when converted, do not tend to reach others. The Maritime missionaries reap the results of this and the lower and outcastes are very hard to reach now.

Mrs. Archibald gave many instances of the fidelity of caste converts. One, a rajah, was kept drugged for 12 years by his family, to keep him from the Christians. Many caste people lost all they had in becoming Christians—"despised, forsaken."

Mrs. Archibald spoke of the great strength that had come through the union of Maritime and Western (Ontario) Boards, and threw out the suggestion that greater strength might come from union between Canada and Northern U.S.A. Board, or if not complete union, at least union in theological education, enabling us to have more European teachers, and better equipment at less cost to us.

In closing, Mrs. Archibald made a powerful appeal to us, who are fed on Manna, to feed the great unfed in India: "he is fed on ashes and does not know there is a lie in his right hand—"i.e., being fed on ashes instead of manna, he is morally shrivelled.

Famine is terrible, but what is it compared to famine spiritually? Why do we give so largely to feed bodies and neglect souls? What are shrivelled bodies compared to shrivelled souls? They have been feeding on ashes!

Joy of giving manna for outweighs hardships of missionaries' life. "When I see transformed lives, I know there is nothing in the world like Foreign Missionary work."

Forty years of propaganda made the Germany of to-day. Talk Foreign Missions at home always and we will have a host of missionaries in the next generation.

Mrs. Matthews presided and Mr. Shenstone, chairman of the General Board, said a few appropriate words.

The collection was \$34.56.

Comm.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

A YOUNG WOMEN'S MEETING, TORONTO.

The young women of Jarvis Street Church held an interesting and instructive meeting on work in India, the last Friday evening in March. Eleven members of the Circle presented the little Missionary play, "Lighting up India." The room was in darkness, the girls all draped in white, filed slowly on to the platform, singing and passing before the figure with an open Bible in one hand and a lighted candle in the other, lit their own candles from hers. Then each in turn moved forward and told briefly of the work in the Mission Station she represented. As she told of the spreading of the light to her town, she stepped back and lighted a little candle on the large map of India. The last girl carried her unlighted candle and pleaded for the millions who have not yet heard the Gospel of Christ. The march out to the singing of "Speed away! Speed away! on your mission of light," growing fainter in the distance, closed a very effective scene.

This was followed by an address by Dr. Mary Roberts of the Women's Christian Medical College of Ludhiana. She told in a very interesting way of the nature of their labors and the nature of their young Hindu girl pupils, too; of the useful and necessary character of their work, and of some of the promising results attained. Little intimate stories of the everyday life cleverly illustrating her larger profits, made the audience feel that they really wanted to know and help this little army of girl doctors and nurses in training to go out and heal the poor, down-trodden race, and to give them an insight into the meaning of true Christian sisterly kindness.

Miss Zilla Jackson sang, and Miss Margaret McQueen, the president, closed the meeting with prayer. Homemade candy was passed around as "light refreshments."

JANET HOLMES, Secretary.

24 Dunbar Road, Toronto.

WHITBY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Special attention is again called to the exceptional opportunity the Whitby Missionary Conference offers. The Bible study, which is one of the strong features of this Conference, will this season be conducted by Rev. Dr. John MacNeill, of Walmer Road Church. India, China, Japan, Korea, Turkey, Africa and South America, in addition to the Home Land, will be represented by missionaries from those fields. There will be mission study groups under expert leadership and open discussion on methods of promoting missions in the various departments of our Church work and on prayer, stewardship and personal work. The mission fields will be visualized by pageants on the lawn and by addresses by outstanding leaders. The afternoons are given over to outings and various forms of delightful recreation, thus making possible an ideal eight days' vacation.

The Ontario Ladies' College, in which the Conference meets, with the beautiful and spacious lawns, furnishes a delightful home for such a gathering.

The dates are June 30th to July 7th. The expenses are extremely moderate. The rate for entertainment for the entire period is only \$8.00 and the registration fee \$3.00.

Every Circle and particularly every Young Woman's Circle, should be represented. There are doubtless many who, while not able to go themselves, would

gladly, as a fruitful missionary investment, make it possible for some young person to go to whom the Conference might be the means of untold blessing.

All enquiries and applications for registration should be sent to Rev. C. J. Cameron, 223 Church Street, Toronto.

A UNION MEETING.

At eight o'clock on Tuesday evening, April 29th, a union meeting of the Young Women's Home and Foreign Mission Circles of the Baptist Churches of Toronto was held in the schoolroom of Bloor Street Church.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the advisability of organizing a Toronto union, and, if thought advisable to formulate and adopt a constitution and elect officers.

Mrs. John Lillie occupied the chair. After the opening hymn, "Beulah Land," our hearts were led in prayer by Miss Margaret McEwen, of the Jarvis Street Circle.

Miss Nellie Smith, of the Walmer Road Church, gave a most appropriate and helpful Bible reading, directing our thoughts to the word "Able" as found in various passages of scripture. She said: "We are going forth to-night on a forward movement for Christ, and God is able to fill us with power, courage and enthusiasm if we will let Him work in us and through us."

Mrs. Lillie's address followed, giving the purpose of the meeting of the evening, reviewing the beginnings of the Young Women's Work, the progress, achievements and the possibilities. She paid tribute to the contribution made by Mesdames Stark and Levering. The time had come for a Forward Movement, and Miss Ethel Aldridge was requested to give a report of a meeting held in Moulton College, at which plans were discussed and resolutions passed to call a meeting of the Young Women Circles of the city. Miss Aldridge emphasized the fact that the splendid success of the past four years pointed to Divine sanction, guidance and help.

Now He would have us "Go Forward," and the suggested Union presented a practical opportunity.

She also emphasized the necessity of our financial gifts going to the work for which we are responsible, that all "specials" should be "specials" in our own work, and all gifts should pass through our own Home and Foreign treasurers.

She read the constitution of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Union and suggested changes to adapt it to the Young Women's Union.

Mrs. Lillie called upon Miss Cullen to lead in prayer for guidance in taking this forward step.

It was followed by the resolution moved by Miss Cullen and seconded by Miss McEwen:

"Resolved, That the Young Women's Home and Foreign Mission Circles of the Toronto Baptist Churches form a Toronto Union."

This motion was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Albert Matthews spoke briefly upon the constant need of getting and giving information and making it public.

Mrs. C. J. Holman was welcomed upon her return from the South with the singing of the Dextology. She urged the girls to be vigilant in forming Circles and securing all the girls of all organized Bible classes into the Circles. Form Prayer Circles for those who will not come.

M. McDIARMID, Sec. Pro-Tem.

GIRLS AND BOYS

WAS IT YOU?

Someone started the whole day wrong—

Was it you?

Someone robbed the day of its song—

Was it you?

Early this morning someone frowned;

Someone sulked until others scowled,

And soon harsh words were passed around—

Was it you?

Someone started the day aright—

Was it you?

Someone made it happy and bright—

Was it you?

Early this morning, we are told,

Someone smiled, and all through the day

This smile encouraged young and old—

Was it you?

—Stewart I. Long.—Sel.

THE PRIZE-GIVING AT THE CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL, COCANADA.

At Miss Pratt's invitation, I attended the prize-giving at the Caste Girls' School on a very hot afternoon. Even the Telugu children were perspiring, and you would have thought it was much too warm to go to school. But the holidays were over and the little girls were back at their lessons.

The building consists of one long room, running across the front, with a couple of small ones behind it. During the school sessions, a screen divides the room in two, but that day the room was a concert hall, with girls in their prettiest dresses ranged along three sides of the walls. Miss Pratt and I had the seats of honor behind the table, which was piled high with prizes.

The exercises opened with a hymn sung by all the children. And you must remember that these girls come from homes where idols are worshipped and the Father whom Christ loved is not known. After the singing, Miss Pratt led in prayer.

Six tiny girls sang an action song about the crow that dropped stones into a jar of water in order to be able to drink it; and another chorus gave us the story of the dog that let its meat fall into the water, so that it could snatch the shadow. One of the items was a little drill. Near the beginning of the programme there was a dialogue to tell the audience, mostly the girls themselves, why we were gathered there. A big girl, who had just left the school, sang during the dialogue.

After that, Miss Pratt and I were given garlands and bracelets of white, sweet-scented jassmine. In this country the people observe the pretty custom of giving flowers to guests.

The most enjoyable of all was the train-game, which the children played for us. One girl rang the bell, several formed the train, some were passengers with their bundles; one girl carried a doll, which took the place of a baby; another was a

conductor, and a couple carried trays of Indian candies for sale. The girl with the baby came to Miss Pratt to ask about her ticket, and then came running up to ask if she could get a coolie to carry her bundle, as she already had her baby. The children acted it very well, and the noise sounded exactly like that at a railway station in India.

When the children were quiet again we sang the National Anthem in Telugu.

Then came the prize-giving, which was my part of the programme. The children were very much pleased with the prizes, which consisted of hymn books, New Testaments, stories, a Bible to a big girl, lamps, sashs and pictures and dolls which the Mission Bands in Canada had sent out. Most of the prizes were for attendance. To all who had not won any prize for either attendance or promotion, Miss Pratt gave a picture post-card. After the prizes had been distributed, we sat in the centre of the room, Miss Pratt to give each girl a couple of small bananas, and to hand each one a big candy—not like the kind that you eat, but one that I think you would like.

The children had all they could carry and went home very happy. I am sure that they all send salaams to their Canadian cousins who helped to give them a treat.

Laura J. Craig.

Cocanada, India.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

Thunder Bay.—The women's meetings in connection with the Thunder Bay Association will be held at Port Arthur June 18th, at 2 and 8 o'clock. Let women from all the churches be present so if you have no circle or band you will want to go home and organize one.

BARBARA MOULD DENNIS, Acting Director.

Collingwood.—The women's meetings in connection with the Collingwood Association will be held at Parry Sound June 25th, at 2 and 8 o'clock. Let every Circle and Band send delegates, so as to pray and plan together for the work of His Kingdom.

BARBARA MOULD DENNIS, Director.

Grand Ligne (French).—The Association will be held at South Ely P.O. on June 25 and June 26. The women's meeting will be held at 7.30 on June 25.

MISS J. W. SCHAYLTZ, Sec.-Treasurer.

Peterboro.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held with the Haldimand Church on Tuesday, June 16th, at 2 p.m. Home and Foreign Missions will be represented besides, and Bands are requested to send reports with delegates.

M. A. NICHOLLS, Director.

Middlesex-Lambton.—The Middlesex and Lambton Association will meet with the Ailsa Craig Church, June 10-12. June 10 being our women's day, a good programme has been arranged. We want every Circle and Band to send as many delegates as possible. It will be worth while. You cannot afford to miss the inspiration of this gathering. Be much in prayer, then come expecting a rich blessing. Those needing billets kindly write Mr. E. Hughes, Ailsa Craig.

R. BALDWIN, Director.

Elgin.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held at First Yarmouth Church, June 10th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Special speakers: Rev. M. Andoff, "Macedonian-Bulgarian Missions," Toronto; "Medical Missions in India," Dr. E. G. Smith; "Baptist Missions in Africa," Rev. A. J. Shultz (on furlough); Band work, "The Unfolding Life," Miss Lucas, St. Thomas; "Young Women's Opportunities," Mrs. (Rev.) Mitchell, Aylmer.

It is hoped that every Circle and Band will be well represented at this gathering, and bring both difficulties and solutions to the consideration of others present.

MARY B. McCANDLESS, Director.

Eastern.—The Circles and Bands of the Eastern Association will meet at Barnston, Que., Tuesday, June 10, afternoon and evening. An interesting programme is being prepared. Mrs. C. W. White will speak in behalf of Home Missions, and Miss A. C. Murray, our beloved missionary, will give a Foreign Mission address.

Canada Central.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands of June 17th, at 1.45 p.m. Send as many delegates as possible. Pray for our meetings, and plan to be there.

JESSIE H. McLAREN, Director.

Walkerton.—The Walkerton Association will hold their annual meeting with the church in Wingham on June 3rd, 4th and 5th. The meetings for the Circles and Bands will be held on the afternoon and evening of the 3rd. A large number of delegates are hoped for.

Ottawa.—The annual meetings of the Circles and Bands will be held in Van-leeck Hill Baptist Church, Tuesday, June 17th. There will be two meetings this year, an afternoon one, beginning at 2 o'clock, and evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Splendid programmes for both meetings are being arranged. Miss Murray, our own devoted missionary, now home on furlough, will speak on Foreign Missions, and Rev. Mr. Andoff, of Toronto, "The Man From Macedonia," who thrilled the hearts of his hearers when on his recent visit to some of our Eastern churches, will represent Home Missions.

Will the Circles and Bands all send delegates and will they also earnestly pray that these meetings may lead to greatly increased interest in both Home and Foreign Missions.

JANET McL. METCALF, Director.

THE SECRETARY'S WORD.

Dear Link,—The women are coming to the rescue beautifully and we only need three more speakers for our associations. We trust those who have so willingly consented to help in this time of a peculiar shortage of missionaries will be greatly blessed themselves and be the means of doing much good in the gathering they address.

We have only just heard that Scotland Mission Circle gave the wringer that was needed for the Mission Home in Toronto. This was over and above their regular Circle giving.

Mrs. Mitchell watched for a bargain and was able to get a tub as well as a wringer.

Mrs. Chas. Senior has kindly consented to act as secretary of the Muskoka Home Committee, and will be glad to give any information regarding the Home to any who wish to know about it.

Six dollars came in this month towards the running expenses from two members of the Board of the W. F. M. S. We are saving now to purchase a coal-oil stove with an oven.

A Director is now in sight for Thunder Bay Association and the President, Mrs. Cameron, with the help of Mrs. Dennis, of Collingwood Association will be well prepared for the June gathering.

Sincerely yours,

L. LLOYD, Sec. of Director (Foreign).

BUREAU OF LITERATURE

The Bureau of Literature will be closed as usual during July. Order early.

E. A. MOOR.

NOTES FROM QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING.

At the Quarterly Board Meeting, held May 9th, there was an unusually large attendance of the members. Those present from outside Toronto were:—Mrs. H. T. Veals, of Hamilton; Mrs. Jas. Wood, of Peterboro; Miss Moyle, Richmond Hill; Miss G. Alexander, Swansea; Mrs. Madill, Stouffville, and Mrs. W. C. Dennis, Bracebridge.

The High Park Baptist Church, Toronto, of which Miss Muriel Brothers is a member, have assumed her support as their missionary in India, so the Board is able to send out another new missionary this Fall. She is Miss Hannah E. Day, a graduate of the Toronto Normal School, and of Brantford General Hospital. At present she is studying at Dr. White's Bible Training School in New York.

We thank the Peterboro' Association for their special gift towards the passage money of our new missionary.

A union of all the Young Women's Circles in Toronto was organized at a meeting of the Circles in Bloor Street Church on April 20th. The Directors of Associations outside of Toronto will continue to have the oversight of the Young Women's Circles in their respective Associations.

The resignation of Miss J. M. Norton as editor of the "Link" was received, to take effect July 1, 1919. Miss Norton has served faithfully in this office and feels that after ten years of service she would like to be relieved. The Board regretfully accepted her resignation, and placed on record its deep appreciation of all her devoted service in connection with the issuing of the "Link" for so long a period.

Dr. J. H. Farmer presented to the Board an outline of the two-year missionary course which is to be established in McMaster University for those intending to go to the Foreign Field.

The Treasurer reports finances in splendid condition. The rate of giving from Circles, Young Women's Circles and Bands is quite equal to the responsibilities assumed at the beginning of our year.

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Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, of Bolivia, will succeed Mrs. McLaurin for the next three months in conducting "The Lord's Remembrancers" in the "Link."

During the past quarter Bands have been started in four churches—Beachville, Hagersville, Gravenhurst and Indian Road, Toronto.

Thus far this year no invitation has been received from any Circle desiring to entertain the Convention in November.

E. M. INRIG, Rec. Sec.

CIRCLES, ATTENTION.

It has been requested that each Circle take an offering at the June meeting for the needed repairs and up-keep of the Muskoka Rest Home for returned missionaries.

All funds to be sent to the address below.

LILLIE, SENIOR, Sec. Treas.
168 Davenport Road.

THE LORD'S REMEMBRANCES.

Concerning Bolivia.

For the next quarter this corner has been set apart to remind you of the need of Bolivia and why and how you should pray concerning it.

First and foremost, then, remember the difficulties, Bolivia is no easy mission field. The people do not show that they are longing for the Gospel. Many are liberal—oh, yes! are dissatisfied with the preaching religion, but while, in a general way, they recognize that Protestantism is a strong moral force, and would be an improvement on existing conditions, personally, they want no religion—have had enough of it.

Others, especially the women, are truly devoted to the Church, because they know nothing better, and even if they are inwardly hungry, for a more satisfying form of religion, do not dare brave the criticism of Church and society, to listen to those who would show them something better.

Then there are the fanatics, who would fight Protestantism; also those who won't accept it because it requires sacrifice and they are unwilling to give up their vice; and about the worst enemies of the Gospel are those who fool around the missionary and the services, pretending they are interested, but really looking for some material gain or benefit. The easiest to deal with of this latter class are those who frankly say in the beginning, "How much will you pay me to join your society?"

Now, listen! "A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Remember those strong hearts when you pray.

Next, concentrate your prayers on the unreliable character of the native—even often of the native Christian, who is born in an atmosphere of hypocrisy, lies and deceit. This is, you may be sure, discouraging to the missionaries. That these weak ones may watch, stand fast in the faith, quit themselves like men and be strong, do not fail to commend them often to "Him that is able to keep you and them from falling and to prevent you and them faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

L. M. MITCHELL.