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## WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Nov. 11th and 12th.

Foreign Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 1908.

### MORNING SESSION.

Hymn—The Church's one foundation.

Scripture Reading.

Prayer.

Address of Welcome—Miss Martha Rogers.

Reply to Address of Welcome—Mrs. J. Mullock. St. Catharines.

### Annual Reports:—

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Hymn—Thou whose almighty word.

Associational Directors' Reports.

Open discussion of Band Work—Mrs. Burt.

Owen Sound.

Prayer.

Address—Miss Gertrude Hulet, M.D., Vuyyura, India.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

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Minutes of Morning Session.

Election of officers.

Hymn.

President's Address—Mrs. Firstbrook.

Corresponding Sec. Report—Mrs. Angus.

Prayer.

Address—Miss Selman.

Solo.

Paper on Crusade Work—Mrs. W. L. Newton.

Durham.

Address—Ramabal's Work—Mrs. Nalder.

Hymn—Lord thy servants forth are going.

Prayer for out-going missionaries.

Bible Reading—Mrs. Eva Rose York, Toronto.

### EVENING SESSION.

Hymn—Ye servants of God.

Scripture Reading—Rev. W. A. Cameron.

Prayer.

Minutes of Afternoon Session.

Address—Dr. Woodburne, India.

Music by Choir.

Address—Miss Armstrong, Burmah.

Our Foreign Mission Board is very thankful that in response to the "Appeal," they are enabled to send out our three lady missionaries, Miss Findlay, Miss Zimmerman and Miss Ryesse. They expect to sail with Mr. and Mrs. Craig and the two new couples from London, about Nov. 6th, by the S.S. India of the Peninsular and Oriental Line, and are due in Bombay about Nov. 25th. Many prayers will attend that journeying mercies may attend them.

## NOTICE TO DELEGATES TO THE W. B. H. AND FOREIGN SOCIETIES.

In the October number of the "Link" attention was called to an increase in the railway rates. THIS WAS INCORRECT. The change concerns American lines of railway only and does not in any way affect the delegates to the Woman's Convention to be held in Bloor St. Baptist Church, on November 11th and 12th. The rates are the same as heretofore. Delegates will purchase single fare tickets, get certificate at starting point and will be returned at one-third fare as usual. A fee of twenty-five cents will be charged by the agent at the church to vise certificates.

M. C. STARK.

## NOTICES.

Delegates will take the Yonge St. car to the corner of Yonge and Bloor Sts., and walk two blocks west to the church, at the corner of Bloor and North Sts., or transfer to the Belt Line going west, which passes the door.

The Billeting Committee will be at the church all day on Tuesday to receive delegates and direct them to the various homes in which they will be entertained.

The friends of Mrs. Eva Rose York, who had the privilege of getting a copy of "Eventide Light" in memoriam of her mother, Mrs. Fitch, found encouragement to faith and inspiration in reading the life of this brave, true Christian woman.

Mrs. York has some copies left and kindly offers to send one to any Circle desiring it by addressing her at 54 Augusta Ave., Toronto.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.



HIS Society held its 32nd Annual Meeting in the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Ottawa, on Oct. 6th inst.

The President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, in her address, gave as the key-note for the year, "Go forward unto victory." The reports from all branches show advance along all lines. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand, and the appropriations for the ensuing year gave an increase for all branches of the work.

Miss Murray returns on furlough in 1910, and an additional \$500 will be required in order to enable her to come, and the Board also hopes to send a new missionary shortly to take Miss Murray's place. Dr. Gertrude Hulet was received with pleasure by the Convention. She spoke of the work in India and its results in the hearts and lives of the people. The advantage of education proved itself in the recent wonderful revival, where the most lasting results were observed in those who were best taught, that is amongst our students.

At the open evening session Dr. Gertrude Hulet again addressed the assembly and by request took medical work as her subject, giving many instances of the manner in which the surgical work done by her and other missionaries opens the doors to the hearts of the people, giving many opportunities of teaching the Gospel. The fear of defilement from contact with the Christians is gradually dying out, and the work amongst the Caste women, so difficult to accomplish, is now one of the chief sources of joy.

Dr. J. Sullivan, Montreal, gave a stirring address, his subject being Home Missions.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Madam President and Ladies:—

As we stand upon the threshold of a new year, and look back upon the work of the past, we see very much to gladden and encourage us, while we are not unmindful that there have been a few discouraging features as well.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father, for the way in which He has led us through rather

an anxious and difficult year. "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight. Then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success."

We realize that these promises have most assuredly, been fulfilled to us.

On the other hand, we experience a little disappointment that we were not able to accomplish all we had planned, at our last annual meeting, and that the appeal from India in March, that we should join in the forward movement, and send out a new missionary this fall, had to be met with a refusal.

However, as the Treasurer's statement will show we have no cause to be downcast, and when we realize that our denomination is growing, new Circles are being formed, and, we hope, old Circles increasing in membership, shall we not thank God and take courage, as we pledge ourselves to the promise of preparing for another representative in India next fall? Let us commit this important matter to our Heavenly Father, and pray that He guide and direct us, and show us very clearly what is His will in this regard.

When we meet in convention next, we will be talking of welcoming our devoted Miss Murray for her well-earned furlough—but must we not, at the same time, provide some one to take her place, lest the lamp of the Lord burn dim in her absence. "For how shall they hear without a preacher?"

### ASSOCIATIONS.

There have been several changes among the Directresses this year. Mrs. Edwin Smart, Brockville, succeeds Mrs. Beal in the Canada Central; Mrs. Gregoire, South Ely, is Directress for Grande Ligne, while Miss Chandler, Coaticook, has taken up the Eastern. We understand a Circle has been formed at Bulwer in this Association. We are glad to welcome these new workers and hope their coming among us will be a source of mutual blessing.

The reports have not been as full as they might be, and we would suggest that the Directresses devise some means of getting into touch with their Circles, so that the blank forms sent out may be of real service to us. Without those returns, it is impossible to know

where we are, as a Society, whether we are advancing or standing still. There are 108 churches in our Convention, and we have had between 55 and 60 Circles, but at the present time, only 42 have been heard from. Is there no way of tracing the other 18 or so and ascertaining if they are still in existence.

#### BANDS.

We are sorry to lose our efficient Band Superintendent, but the press of other work in the Society has made it necessary for Miss Chandler to resign her position. We trust that the new leader will find much to encourage her as she enters upon this interesting and important branch of our Society.

#### INDIA.

The year in India has been characterized by steady faithful sowing, on the part of our missionaries, and a general increase and expansion of the work. Consequently there is a great need for more workers, and through all the reports, the cry is reiterated, "Pray for more workers, enrol native workers," efficient teachers for the schools, and trained, educated Bible women, who will realize their privilege and responsibility in seeking to win "India for Christ through the agency of the Indians."

The outstanding events have been the completion of the Akidu Bungalow and the much talked-of Dormitories. (The latter at a cost of \$600 raised entirely by this Society). The placing of Miss Morrow at Narsapatnam, thus relieving Miss Murray of that field, and the transference of our Vuyvuru and Vallur schools to the care of Dr. Allyn, during Dr. Hulet's furlough.

The climatic conditions have been extremely trying this year, the hot season beginning so much earlier than usual, while the rains kept off until the middle of August. The country was full of chicken-pox, small-pox and the inevitable cholera with the usual result that many of the native Christians relapsed into their heathen practises of seeking to appease the cholera goddess to obtain relief from this terror.

There are still ugly rumours of the political unrest, and we hear of dates being set for the massacre of Christians. A recent letter tells of a brutal assault upon lady missionaries near Poona, done in revenge for some action of the Government. One missionary writes: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be, pray that we be found faithful unto death if need be.

#### YELLAMANCHILI.

Miss Murray's letters come to us so teeming with interest that it is indeed difficult to know just where to begin in telling you of her work, nor how much to omit.

Instant in season and out of season, seems to have been the keynote of this busy year, whose varied interests have brought our missionaries into touch with many rich experiences, and which has seen the foundation work of what we expect will become strong, living forces, in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in India.

The coming of Miss Morrow to take charge of the Narsapatnam work has been a great relief to Miss Murray, who writes as follows: "To me and to all who have visited it, Narsapatnam is a field full of interest and promise, the women are lovable, intelligent, and ready for the Gospel, and many are the prayers that have been offered that God would soon supply the necessary workers. You will be able to understand, therefore, the gratitude that Miss Morrow has come to work here. I have thanked God over and over again, not merely that I shall be relieved of touring in that distant field but that one is coming who can devote her whole time to the development of that most interesting place."

We are glad to hear of a delightful holiday among the hills at Coonoor, which Miss Murray says was the best she ever had in India in that it was a time of spiritual refreshment. Daily intercourse with congenial spirits and the fellowship with God's people at a convention for the deepening of spiritual life, united in making this season one of lasting inspiration and help.

On her return, there was held a gathering of Christian workers, in Yellamanchili, for a time of self-examination and confession. Several very difficult cases were wonderfully cleared up by the confession of sin by those in the wrong. We have been greatly encouraged to continue resisting the evil one. God intends to give us the victory—it is ours to gain it.

Under the inspiration received at the Samulcot Jubilee, all the available forces were enlisted in a Gospel campaign against the strongholds of idolatry which lasted till the Christmas season. The burden of our message was: "Thou shalt have no other God but me." Before the end of the quarter, old and young alike, gave evidence of conviction of sin.

Through Dr. Woodburne's work our missionary is able to enter many a home, otherwise closed to her, and minister not only to diseased bodies, but to the souls within, and tells of several high caste women, with whom she visits, who are being lifted out of their seclusion and ignorance, and tasting the freedom and joy of the Christian religion.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The ten Sunday schools are still kept up by the Christian workers. They love their work and real progress is being made by the children who study the life of Christ. On Rally Day over 120 children of different castes attended—it was a pleasure to examine them—they knew something. The children's evangelist, Krupandram, left early in the year to study theology at the Seminary and until his place is filled this work is practically at a standstill. It is impossible to estimate the value of this department. Entering a village the other day where the work had been short lived, the children, instead of being shy and suspicious, came to me as to a friend and listened attentively to all I had to say.

One little girl told the evangelist she had thrown down and refused to carry the offering to the temple of the village goddess, since he had taught her about Jesus.

Caste Girls' School.—We are glad to report continued prosperity in the Caste school, now meeting in the new chapel. This building, so airy and spacious, with its congenial surroundings, makes an ideal school-room. While it may not be the most desirable use for the chapel still it has its effect on the lives of the children, many of whom remain to the services and witness the worship of the true God. Two little girls, one in the Infant Department, refused to take part in the idol worship in their homes—may it come to pass that through these little ones the parents shall be shown the truth—"and a little child shall lead them."

A new teacher has been placed here, Lihamma, a clever, educated Christian girl, who taught five years in Madras, and she is proving a treasure indeed. One of her characteristics is a love for God's word. She is very devout. We had a most enjoyable prize-giving in April, when our Chapel was filled with Brahmin and other caste women. It was a pretty sight and Lily conducted an interesting programme; there were prizes of dolls, etc., for the children, also a treat of fruit. The

whole affair was very happy and afforded the Hindu women and children a couple of hours of pure pleasure. Sarah is with us still, so sweet and loving, while only of ordinary ability as a teacher her piety is real and her love for Jesus deep.

Bible Women.—The staff of Bible Women has been much depleted, and the need here, as elsewhere, is for trained and educated women to give themselves to this need. Since Blandinamma left the work has been carried on by native Christians, who though much cumbered with family cares, give their time voluntarily. I feel very grateful for the spirit of these women, their enthusiasm is contagious and their zeal beautiful to see.

Salome's heart has been cheered by the baptism of two women from her village. She herself is improving greatly. I am more pleased with her than ever before. Nookamma is young and cannot go about much alone, but I find she spoke with real unction on a recent tour. I am glad you are praying at home, for more Bible Women and think the Lord is answering your prayers—on my way home from the hills a lady offered me her two women, with support paid, while she is on furlough. I am waiting to see if this be the Lord's will.

Old Rachel passed to her reward last February and her place has been filled, temporarily, by C. Annamma, who was Miss Selman's right hand. She is a strong capable woman, and was great help to me on tour, but at the end of the year she returns to Akidu where she is badly needed.

Miss Murray asks for special prayers for two very promising young girls, who, through peculiar circumstances have recently been placed under her guardianship, after causing much anxiety and many prayers. Their story is unusual, too long to repeat here—they have been exposed to very strong evil influence and although now legally under the protection of our missionary and placed in a Christian school, the danger is not over. "For we wrestle against the rulers of the darkness of this world." The interference of the relatives is causing a little trouble just now—pray that much wisdom and grace be granted those who are watching over the souls of these two girls.

In her last letter Miss Murray lifts the veil which reveals some of the dark and discouraging aspects of the work in India. Two stories that are heart-breaking in the depths of sin they display were related, too long and com-

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placated to bring before you here, but indicate to us the peculiar difficulties our missionaries have to contend with, and help us to understand why they so often and so earnestly beg for our persistent and united prayers. In these cases, particularly, nothing can be done, but pray, and sometimes it would seem as though matters were beyond relief, but is anything too hard for the Lord?"

On the other hand, our hearts thrill with gladness as we hear of the beautiful faith and loyalty of a Brahmin convert, whose story reads almost like fiction in its intense interest. Briefly, his conversion and desire for baptism met with bitter opposition on the part of his relatives, he suffered much for Christ's sake, but witnessed a good confession. Having been persecuted and even beaten, he decided to wait no longer and going to Cocanada, was baptized. His wife, hearing of a plan to abduct and hide her, escaped over a 9 feet wall, to join her husband and will doubtless be baptized soon.

"And so the fight goes on! Pray that we shall be satisfied with naught but victory for Jesus."

### SAMULCOTTA.

The semi-jubilee was the leading feature of the year at the Seminary when over four hundred friends and old students assembled to commemorate the event. A general retrospect of the work did much to arouse interest and enthusiasm, among former students, many of whom realized, as never before, their indebtedness to the Seminary, and are ready to contribute more to its support. A number of baptisms have taken place as the result of special meetings and the general outlook is very promising.

### AKIDU.

Miss Robinson's letters are unusually interesting this year, as it has fallen to her lot to report on the two new buildings—the Jennie McArthur Bungalow and the Dormitories. The former as you know, was finished last October when Miss Robinson and Miss Selman took possession of their new home with great delight. Could you read their letters bubbling over with joy and gratitude as they tell of the comfort of having a home to themselves, you would feel amply repaid for your share of the expenditure. Again in her last letter, Miss Robinson, after describing a day's work, says:

"As I stepped into my lovely, clean, beauti-

ful home, it all came over me again, how good the Lord was to give me this comfort, and oh, how I appreciated a few minutes rest on the verandah, watching the rain pouring down, and feeling the weariness gradually wear away."

So you see what it may mean to the occupants of this house for years and years to come—rest, privacy, the feeling of being in one's own home, independent and secure, and always the thought of the love and sympathetic support of friends in the far-away homeland. Oh, yes, we enjoy the Bungalow.

Girls' Boarding School.—The report, this year, is rather unusual, as the girls were only in school one term. The fall term of 1907 was the time chosen to tear away this old building and erect the present fine, commodious stone house, which we hope will be for years to come, the home of many successive classes of girls, and we know you will join us in prayer that it may be a centre from which may radiate the knowledge of the love and salvation of God to many hearts, homes and villages, all over our field. Could the ladies of your Society clearly grasp the difference between the old house, and the new they would praise the Lord for the heaven-given privilege, which was theirs of bettering the condition and increasing the facilities of education of this community of their Telugu sisters. In the old house the roof leaked badly, the walls, of sun-dried brick were so unsafe that portions of the inside wall were continually falling down; the earthen floor was very uneven and full of holes from which snakes might enter the room, the cook house and what was called the store-room, were such that they would not have been tolerated in the meanest out-house in connection with a Canadian home. During each term we had a horror of some fatality occurring, and breathed freely only when the girls went to their villages at vacation times. The new house is a source of great pride, as well as joy and comfort to the girls. Roof, walls, floor, place, all are of the best, and those who bring in their daughters leave them with us joyfully knowing they are safe and comfortable. The last term in the old house we had only eleven, the first term in the new house we had thirty girls in residence. Now it is a pleasure for the girls to keep their house clean and tidy, and, so, they poor children, who nearly all come from the poorest homes may learn habits of cleanliness and good housewifery. Fifty or sixty girls could easily be

accommodated in the new quarters, and the time may not be far distant when we shall have them. The report would not be complete without a word concerning the work in the class room. It would be a shame could we not say that the whole condition of this part of the work is much superior to that of two or three years ago.

Continuous, vigorous oversight and co-operation in the class-room, as in any other sphere has a salutary effect. Our teachers are of better standing than those of any other school, Hindu or Mohammedan, in the town; the classification of the pupils is no mere nominal thing; the discipline is steadily improving, teachers and pupils alike are taking more interest and show more joy in the daily work. Our home supporters will be glad to know that our school has a good name, not only among inspecting officials, but among the people of our town and neighborhood. During the year a Fourth Standard girl, B. Sarah, supported by the Moe's River Band, was baptized, after giving satisfactory evidence of conversion and faith in Christ. We hope and pray that the year to come will be a fruitful one in this regard for we realize that good housewifery and mental acquirements, though desirable, do not compensate for the one thing needful. Will our sisters of the Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec join us in systematic prayer for genuine conversion of souls in our Akidu school this year.

#### COCANADA.

Zenana Work.—Toiling, rejoicing, sometimes sorrowing, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs, continue to visit these shut in sisters, and though often dismayed and cast-down, they write, "we have much to be grateful for, in the enlarging and decided increase of our work.

Miss Gibson reports having made 553 visits, reaching about three hundred women—the past year seems to have been a testing time, among these people. A "false prouhet" visited the town and was the means of deluding many of these weak sisters into having their shoulders branded with a hot iron, to insure forgiveness of sins, and an entrance into heaven. Many denied having been influenced, many confessed with shame that they had done wrong and begged me to plead with God for forgiveness, while a few stood firm to their faith in Jesus, warning and reproofing those who were led astray. One woman on seeing the mark on her

mother's shoulder, exclaimed: "How has Satan deceived you?" It is difficult for us to understand how much these women have to contend against in their struggles to become true followers of the Lord, isolated as they are in their homes, steeped in ignorance and superstition of all kinds, often enduring bitter persecution from their relatives, is it small wonder that even after ten and twelve year's teaching they are still babes in Christ and require the utmost patience and tenderness on the part of the Missionary. This experience has been the means of showing us just how matters stand for many of these women will declare they have forsaken every other idol and are wholly believing in Christ, yet when strong influence is brought to bear, they fall back into their heathen practices. But there seems to be a growing unrest among many, a wearying of the useless forms and ceremonies of their religion; they complain that they are tired of making offerings and paying tribute to their many gods and receiving no benefit. One day during the missionary's visit, the idol was brought round for worship: "Take her away," they said, "we cannot attend to her now—we are always making offerings and they do us no good.

One house entered was full of interest, the women listened so attentively, and one testified that she had long given up idols, and was believing in the Saviour. How did you know about Him." "Long ago," she replied, "in another house you told us the message." This was encouraging, showing that the seed is not always sown in vain. Miss Beggs' visits bring her into contact with nearly 900 women, and she is constantly being asked to enter new houses, sometimes out of idle curiosity, sometimes from a sincere desire to hear the Gospel. She gives a number of instances showing how many of these women are eager to hear the message and beg to be taught more. One dear woman seemed to drink in every word of the good tidings, and received it as faithfully and simply as a little child. "Oh, Missamma," she says, "do you think I shall ever get on so that I can read it for myself?"

One said: "I feel so happy when I hear the precious words from your book. I quite forget my troubles and long to fly away to Heaven." Another told how she had long wanted the missionary to visit her, but her relatives would not consent: "To-day I had the opportunity of coming to you myself and hearing the words

but of your mouth; your religion is excellent, our religion deceives us.' Many of these are secret followers of the Lord, pray that they be given strength and grace to confess Him openly.

#### VUYURU.

Girls' Boarding School—Mrs. Cross reports a very successful year's work, a large number of students having stood their examinations well and passed on to the Seminary; eight girls were baptized and joined the church.

A new teacher for the higher forms has been installed, who has introduced drawing and from whom the children are gaining a better grounding in English, which they find very difficult to learn. "We feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for the way in which the children have been preserved in health, during the last two years, in spite of the fever, chicken-pox and smallpox that are prevalent. Mrs. Cross writes that she is longing to come into closer touch with these children, that she may surround them with an atmosphere of love, so that they may be led to higher thinking, and to realize how much they owe to the loving friends who support them and who minister to their needs. We are asked to unite in prayer that the workers be clearly shown, who among these children, shall be the chosen vessels of the Lord in this place.

Vallurn Caste Girls' School.—This little school is one of the bright spots of our work in India and seems to be growing in favor with God and man. There are seventy scholars on the roll and now that the cholera is subsiding an average attendance of over forty. Dr. Hulet sends a most interesting account of the exercises in connection with the prize-giving last January. Many of the leading Brahmins in the town take special interest in this school, and come with no little trouble to themselves, to attend these public gatherings. For this event, the Rajah himself lent a large room in his house, which was filled with interested spectators of high and low caste. One noticeable feature was the attendance of many Brahmin women, who put aside all caste feeling, for the time, and crowded about us at the close, expressing by their words and looks their keen enjoyment of all they had seen and heard. The meeting was presided over by the native gentleman who had been so anxious to have the school started, and his wife, a very beautiful woman had been educated in a girls' school, distributed the prizes to the children.

This was a great concession for besides the Rani, no woman, of her class, had ever appeared publicly in that place before. The programme consisted of songs and recitations, and strangest of all in that land of suppressed womanhood, a dialogue was given by two little Hindu girls on the advantages of female education.

The chairman addressed the audience on necessary reforms for his country, after which the scholars sang a farewell hymn which had been composed by Agnes, the head teacher.

At the opening of the school we were sorry to note that our most promising scholar, Subuthamma, was missing—she had given such evidence in her home of her belief in Christ that she was not allowed to return. However, our Bible woman, Hookamma, who helps Agnes in the school has been able to visit the girl in her home. We ask special prayer for this one, that, though kept among heathen relatives, her faith may not fail her, and she may find Christ a very present help in trouble. We also ask prayer for three other girls, daughters of Valluru's leading citizens, who also may be removed from the school and to impress this need upon us, Dr. Hulet gives their names, Kamalanda, Cola, Veeramma, Venkala Lukshamma—pray definitely for them, that the lessons learned may never be forgotten, no matter what adverse experiences may come. Ratnamma, our assistant, who caused us considerable anxiety for awhile, we were obliged to dismiss. In her place is a young man, a Brahmin, but we would much prefer a Christian woman. Remember this need in prayer.

In contrast to the bright and hopeful tone of this report we are sorry to hear rather discouraging news from the Vuyuru Caste Girls' School. Dr. Allyn, who has taken Dr. Hulet's work, writes: "For the welfare of the school it was deemed necessary to change the Brahmin headmaster for one more advanced, who could teach higher classes, and a Christian girl was found to fill the position, with the result that when school opened only twelve girls returned out of twenty-six. The trouble is, of course, caste. The objection is not the Christian teaching, but the defiling touch of the two Christian teachers. We believe that the school will be more useful under the present staff and we trust that the falling off is only a temporary thing. Dr. Allyn says: "We very much need your prayers, for this work.

We have done all that we can, there is nothing to do now but pray, and wait. And remember the head-master who has left. He has been much persecuted for his refusal to take part in worship of the cholera goddess. The people have set fire to his house and even threatened his life. Pray that he may find the light and the truth."

Vuyvure Work among the women and children:—

Miss McLaurin writes: "Since I have been relieved of the Caste schools and Zenana work, I have been able to devote all my time to touring, which is such a vast work and so exacting. We have nearly three hundred villages, and the women therein are my 'parish,' and represent a very pressing need. I have toured among most of them now for ten years and in almost all of them, interest has increased and our opportunity now is great. The caste women are listening as never before and express great regret that we cannot come oftener than once a year. They say if they could only have regular frequent teaching, they would stand a better chance of learning about Christ, which is very true. You cannot expect much from women who only hear the Gospel once or twice a year. If I had twelve women, I would put them out in pairs, all over the field in the important centres to visit and teach the interested ones once a week, and give them regular definite teaching which would make God's blessing form a foundation for belief. But instead of twelve, I have only two. I have appealed for more workers in India, but have received no re-inforcements, as every mission field wants more than they can get.

Ameliamma, supported by Ottawa First Church Sunday School, is still here in Vuyuru and toured with me all last season. She was a great help, worked hard and faithfully.

Katakshamma, the young widow I trained, has been taking Jane's place in Bordagunta. She is very much beloved there by all. She is a lovely girl, and a very valuable worker. She has been ill, more or less for some time and grew very much worse lately. Dr. Allyn has taken her to a Woman's Hospital in Guntur, belonging to an American Mission. She will get good and kind treatment and I hope that our dear girl will soon come back to us well and strong.

Old Mariamma is living in Vuyuru on reduced pay, just doing what she can. She has been very ill a good part of the time for a

year and, indeed, we cannot count on her for any real work.

I have a new woman, Nagamma, not well trained, but helpful nevertheless. She is a widow, a convert from one of the higher castes. Her history is quite interesting, as she came from Hyderabad to Madras two days and a night by rail, looking for a church and a missionary, for she had been told they would befriend her, and they did and had her taught sewing, reading and writing. She soon became converted and is a consistent Christian, most anxious to serve her Master. Although not suitable for touring, she is very helpful, visiting the homes of the caste women, reading the Bible and testifying of what Christ has done for her. Her word is clear and convincing and her walk and manner so consistent and lovable, that she is a great help. Her home is in Vallur with Agnes, whom she helps in the Caste School.

We have had good times on tour, seeing some new villages where we were well received. We cannot help feeling that hearts are being truly awakened, and are getting ready for some new step, some new experience. Some of our old listeners, who have not abated one whit in interest, seem to have come so near to the kingdom, that there is but a step between them and Jesus. Oh, that He, the kind and merciful would reveal himself to them.

Now seems to be the time to undertake the extension of this work. Never before have we had such a strong impression that the Lord is really working in the hearts of the castewomen. The truth at last seems to be laying hold of them. Christ's call seems at last to be reaching them "o'er the tumult of their lives wide restless sea."

And now, dear sisters, do we too not hear the call—is there not some message for us, in all this? When we hear of the self-sacrifice and whole-souled devotion of our missionaries, does the question not arise—Have we done our share? Have we done all that we could? Have we given as the Lord has prospered us?

"For the ministration of this service not only fillet up the measure of the wants of the Saints, but above debt also through many thanksgivings unto God for the liberality of your contributions unto them and unto all."

"Now therefore be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord."

"For the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,  
HELENA MOTLEY,

Cor. Secretary.

Westmount, October, 1908.

## RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There have been five meetings of the Executive Board of this Society during the past year, four regular, at which the attendance averaged fourteen, and one special, convened for the purpose of appointing a treasurer. We had to regretfully accept the resignation of our newly appointed treasurer, Mrs. J. Hale Ramsay, while recording our heartfelt sympathy with her in the death of her husband, Mrs. Ohman was then appointed in her place, and has since held the office. The only other change in the personnel of the Board during the year has been caused by the removal of Mrs. J. W. Ealton from Montreal.

In spite of the disturbances and unrest in India we have to be thankful that these clouds have not hung over our mission fields as yet, although the latest letters spoke of the fear of that famine which has since been reported as so wide-reaching, carrying much distress to our people. The reports have regularly shown the work proceeding under much the same encouragements and difficulties that have marked other years. Our representatives on the fighting line are very faithful in keeping us continually advised of their work in detail. They never forget our share in their work. Are we always careful to remember them?

Both the Girls' Dormitories and the new Bungalow for the single lady missionaries at Akidu have this year been completed and occupied. Payment is now quite finished on both in spite of the fact that an extra \$100.00 has been called for on the Dormitories, which was not included in the estimate on which we based this year's appropriations.

The two great needs of the field have been constantly voiced in the letters, viz., native workers and a new single lady missionary. This latter need has been a source of special anxiety to the Board, as its consideration seems at present impossible. The need is fully realized, more particularly in view of Miss Murray's return on furlough in 1910, but the Circles must be heartily at the back of any such move to increase our expenditure so greatly.

The Days of Prayer have been regularly observed and Board prayer meetings have also been held.

We are glad to welcome the eleven new members of which three are from Ottawa, while Rockland and Smith's Falls have also each given two.

Respectfully submitted,  
ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,  
Recording Secretary.

The Circles of the Eastern Convention are earnestly requested to observe November 5th as the Day of Prayer appointed by the Boards of the Home and Foreign Societies. As this date occurs in the week previous to that set apart for Crusade work, it is especially desirable that our sisters be much in prayer for blessings to follow this work at home, as

well as all the different branches of work in the foreign field.

HELENA MOTLEY,  
Cor. Secretary.

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From October 1st, 1907, to Sept. 30th, 1908.

## RECEIPTS—EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Abbott's Corners.....	\$ 10 00		\$ 10 00
Barnston.....		4 45	2 45
Beebe Plain.....	17 00		17 00
Coaticooke.....	18 00	10 00	28 00
Dixville.....	7 75		7 75
Moes River.....	7 00	16 00	23 00
Montreal, Olivet.....	78 78	15 00	93 78
"    First Church.....	137 13		137 13
"    Westmount.....	102 77	27 00	129 77
"    Point St. Charles.....	10 00	16 00	26 00
"    Tabernacle.....	10 00		10 00
North Hatley.....	2 50		2 50
Sawyerhill.....	14 20	8 40	22 60
Sherbrooke.....			
Quebec.....	65 00	31 00	96 00
	\$450 13	\$125 85	\$605 98

## RECEIPTS—OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Breadalbane.....	\$ 23 00		\$ 23 00
Buckingham.....	5 00		5 00
Clarence.....	22 95	\$ 3 20	26 15
Cornwall.....	44 50		44 50
Dale'sville.....	7 00		7 00
Dempsey.....	9 00		9 00
Dominionville.....	18 00		18 00
Grenville.....	21 00	2 00	23 00
Hawkesbury.....			
Kemptville.....	4 00	17 00	21 00
Kenmore.....	9 00	17 00	26 00
Lachute.....	22 00		22 00
Maxville.....	48 00		48 00
Ormond.....	32 00		32 00
Osgoode.....	63 55	15 00	78 55
Osnabrock.....	9 00		9 00
Ottawa, First Church.....	298 52	18 00	316 52
"    McPhail Memorial.....	85 00	17 00	102 00
"    Fourth Avenue.....	25 00	5 00	30 00
Rockland.....	107 00	15 00	122 00
Thurso.....	12 92		12 92
Vankleek Hill.....		5 75	5 75
Manchester.....	36 85		36 85
St. Andrew's East.....	3 90		3 90
	\$907 26	\$114 95	\$1022 20

RECEIPTS—CANADA CENTRAL  
ASSOCIATION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Algonquin			
Allan's Mills		\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00
Almonte	\$ 7 00		7 00
Arnprior	6 70		6 70
Brockville	132 55	5 50	138 05
Carlton Place			
Delta	18 00	5 00	23 00
Drumond	9 00		9 00
Kingston, First Church	75 25		75 25
" Union Street	23 75		23 75
Lanark			
Perth	20 75	15 00	35 75
Pembroke	2 00		2 00
Philipville	17 00		17 00
Plum Hollow	10 00		10 00
Renfrew	18 50	5 00	23 50
Smith's Falls	67 00		67 00
Westport		1 50	1 50
	\$407 50	\$ 52 00	\$459 50

## RECEIPTS—GRANDE-LIGNE MISSION.

NAME	Circles	Bands	Totals
Grande-Ligne	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 35	\$ 9 35
Montreal, French Church	7 00		7 00
Ottawa	5 00		5 00
Roxtop Pond	10 00	12 00	22 00
	\$ 27 00	\$ 16 35	\$ 43 35

## Summary.

Balance on hand Sept. 25, 1907	\$ 37.32
Total from Circles	1821.88
" Bands	309.15
" Sundries	471.63
Balance due Treasurer	37.82
	\$2677.80
Disbursements	\$2975.40
Balance in Treasury	2.40
	\$2677.80

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE OHMAN.

Audited and found correct,

ALFRED WALFORD, Auditor.

Montreal, Oct. 1st, 1908.

## RECEIPTS.

Sundries—	
Collections taken at Convention, Montreal	\$36.59
Collections taken at E. Asso.	4.40
" " Ottawa Asso.	2.08

" " Can. Cen. Asso.	2.85
" " Union Meeting of Circles, Montreal	1.45
Westmount Sabbath School	30.00
Refund from sale of "Among the Telugus"	90
	\$ 78.27

## Individual and other Contributions—

Miss McCullum, Vankleek Hill	\$ 15.00
Master Gordon McCullum, Vankleek Hill	15.00
Estate Miss Jennie McArthur	69.15
Mr. Morton, Montreal	5.00
"A Friend" of Valluru School	156.00
Proceeds Banquet, Laymen's Missionary Movement	10.50
Proceeds sale of Post Cards	40.93
"Katherine," Quebec	20.00
"The Muir Children," Mon- treal	15.00
Mrs. G. Hopton, Montreal	30.00
The Stewart family, in memory of Katie A. Stewart	15.00
Mrs. J. H. Coles	1.00
Interest	.78
	\$393.36
	78.27
	\$ 471.63

## DISBURSEMENTS.

## Appropriations—

Miss Murray's salary	\$500.00
Miss Murray's work among women and children	220.00
Miss McLaurin's work, Vuyuru.	184.00
Dr. Hulet's work, Vuyuru	337.00
Miss Morrow's work, Narsaput- nam	112.00
Vuyuru Boarding School	175.00
Akidu Boarding School	200.00
Cocanada Zenanas	200.00
Samulcotta Seminary	100.00
Bolivia	50.00
	\$2078.00

## Special—

Akidu Dormitories	\$221.00
Bible-Woman's Houses	24.00
Dr. Smith's Hospital	50.00
Leper Work	11.00
Refund to Miss S. Webster for Miss Jones' salary	7.00
Balance on appropriations, 1906- 1907	191.00
	\$ 504.00

## Expense Account—

Speakers' Expenses to Conven- tion	\$ 25.00
Express charges on Year Books	.40
Currie & Hinds	13.00
	\$ 38.40

## Printing and Stationery—

D. Bentley & Co.	\$ 5.00
Printing in Link	21.00

Morton, Phillips & Co. ....	8.25
Report in Year Book .....	16.45
Postage .....	4.30
	\$ 55.00
Total .....	\$2675.40

## Life-Members—

Mrs. A. Campbell, Rockland.  
 Mrs. J. Pushman, Rockland.  
 Mrs. R. A. Sprule, Ottawa.  
 Mrs. E. Washburn, Smith's Falls.  
 Mrs. Ogle Carss, Smith's Falls.  
 Mrs. S. Sheldon, Cornwall.  
 Mrs. F. Leslie, Montreal.  
 Mrs. G. Carrier, Maxwell.  
 Mrs. E. Frith, Winchester.  
 Mrs. D. McMartin, Ottawa.  
 Mrs. C. Bird, Ottawa.

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

Receipts from Sept. 16th, 1908, to Oct. 15th, 1908,  
 (inclusive)

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Langton, \$5; Toronto, Jarvis St., (50c. Thank-off.), \$15.65; Aurora, \$4; Paisley, \$1.40; St. Mary's, \$4.85; Belleville, \$5; Peterboro', Park St., \$6.50; Salford, \$2.20; Colborne, \$4; Fullarton, \$10; Wingham, \$2.50; Binbrook, (\$2.10 for bungalow), \$5.60; Georgetown, \$4.50; East Toronto, \$8; Tiverton, \$6.50; Kenora, \$3.50; Ingersoll, \$7; Campbellford, \$3.75; Orillia, (\$8 Thank-off.), \$16.80; West Toronto Junction, \$8.65; Forest, \$2.80; Markham, Second, \$5.40; Gilmour Memorial, \$9.50; Burlington, \$1.25; Toronto, Century, \$8.40; Shedden, \$4; Listowel, \$6.10; Brooke, \$2.08; Hamilton, Herkimer St., \$25; Toronto, Church, \$10; Plympton, \$2; East Toronto, \$6; Iona Station, \$2.75; Blenheim, \$5; Selkirk, \$2.35; Wilkesport, \$2.10; Calton, \$15; Calvary, \$9.50; Hamilton, Barton St., per Miss McLeod, for native teacher, \$30; York Mills, \$3.75; Oxford East, \$8; Peterboro' Murray St., \$25 for Dr. Hulet, \$39.50; Toronto, Parliament St., \$3; Thornbury, \$3; Stouffville, \$5.10; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$60; Chester, \$6.50; Barrie, \$5.65; Brampton, \$7.30; Whitby, \$2.25; Guelph, First Ch., \$7.50; Toronto, Dovercourt Road, (\$12 from mite boxes), \$22; Chatham, Central, (\$25 for Bible-woman), \$32.50; New Sarum, \$3; Toronto, Bloor St., \$4.84; Arkona, (\$7.34 Thank-off., \$2 special), \$13.06; Bethel, \$4; Fort William, (\$5.50 Thank-off.), \$6.75; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$6.05; Haliburton, \$5.50; Beamsville, (\$7 for extra Bible-woman), \$13; Wiarton, (\$1.50 Thank-off.), \$5.50; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., \$9.44; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$5; Leamington, \$4; Hamilton, Barton St., \$4.32; Wheatly,

\$4.30; Cramahe, \$3; Orangeville, \$3.15; Stratford, \$14.75; Southampton, \$6.90; St. George, (\$24.74 for Dr. Hulet), \$32.84; St. George, Y.L., (\$7.50 for bungalow), \$8.50; Hailebury, \$7.32; Dryden, \$5; Alvinston, \$4.10; Galt, \$2; Norwich, \$7; Malahide and Bayham, \$5; London, Maitland St., Y. L., \$3.50; London, Egerton St., \$7.35; St. Catharines, (95c. for bungalow), \$5.75; Toronto, Beverley St., \$7.92; London, Adelaide St., Y. L., \$11.35; Lindsay, (\$25 for Bible-woman), \$32.80; Port Hope, \$21; Hartford, \$2.50; Owen Sound, (\$7.25 Thank-off.), \$12.25; Brantford, Immanuel, (Gleaner for Bible-woman), \$12; Lakeshore, Calvary, \$13.30; Fonthill, \$5.25; Fingal, \$1; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$1.75; Niagara Falls South, \$5.50; Springford, \$6.75; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$5; Acton, \$2.15; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$112.73; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$10; Freelon, \$4.30; Port Perry, \$5; Parry Sound, \$2.75; Toronto, Olivet, \$5.64; Onondaga, First, \$3.20; Walkerton, (\$9.52 Thank-off.), \$13.67; Gladstone, \$3.45; Brooklin, \$13.50; Sarnia, \$9; London, Maitland St., (\$7 Thank-off.), \$11; Aylmer, (\$32.50 on Life-membership fees), \$56.50; Niagara Falls, \$2.50; Vittoria, \$6.02; St. Thomas, Y.L., \$4; Burgessville, \$11.30; Toronto, College St., \$5.45; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$7.50; Keady, \$5.50; Dutton, \$3.50; Ailsa Craig, \$4.10; Wyoming, \$2; Snelgrove, \$3; Total, \$1,310.67.

FOR NEW MISSIONARY FUND.—Hamilton, Barton St., \$2.50; Malahide and Bayham, \$20.30; Brantford, Immanuel, add. 50c.; London, South, add. \$7; Simcoe, Y. L., \$4; Bloomsburg, \$6.50; London, Talbot St., \$72.50; Oxford, East, \$5; Listowel, \$4; Binbrook, \$3.86; Gilmour Memorial, \$2.50; Simcoe, \$4; Hamilton, Herkimer St., add. \$4; Toronto College St., add. \$2.25; Hespeler, add. 50c.; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial, \$2; Peterborough, Murray St., \$1; London, Adelaide St., add. \$20; Acton, \$1.10; Wyoming, \$2; Total, \$165.51.

FROM BANDS. Port Arthur, for student, \$4.25; St. Mary's, for "K. Mary," \$10; Blenheim, \$3; Giammis, \$4.50; Meaford, \$1.50; Jaffa, \$2; Lakefield, \$7.25; Ridgetown for "A Appama," \$15; Peterboro, Park St., for Bible-woman, \$25; London South, for two students, \$34; Forest, \$1.85; Niagara Falls, \$2; Stratford, Y.L., \$3; London, South, sale of post cards, \$2.50; Langton, \$4; New Sarum, \$1; Orangeville, \$3.50; Brantford, Park, \$9; Springford, \$2.50; London, Talbot St., \$6; Toronto, Beverley St., \$2; Hartford, \$3; Caledonia, \$2.15; Guelph, First Ch., \$3.20; Lakeshore, Calvary, (\$1.05 Thank-off., \$1.30 sale of post cards, \$1.65 on Life-membership), \$3; Gladstone, \$6.40; Sarnia, Brock St., (holiday and birthday money for Famine Fund), \$7.50; Total, \$170.10.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. W. A. King, Toronto, Life-membership fee, \$25; Fort Franco, B.Y.P.U., \$9.25; "F. and A.," (\$1 for lepers, \$10 for Bible-woman), \$11; Investment Miss Davies' gift, \$10; Investment Miss Selman's gift, \$8.75; Hamilton, Wentworth St., "Sunshine" Club, for Mary of Tuni, \$5; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., Jr. B.Y.P.U., for A. Ruby, \$17; Mrs. C. Machley, St. Clair, Mich., \$1; Mrs. B. Tisdale, per Mrs. Porter, \$5; Mrs. James Wood, Peterboro' \$30; Total, \$122.00.

FOR NEW MISSIONARY FUND.—Manilla, women of church, \$2.50; Miss Mabel C. McDonald, Woodstock, \$9; Mrs. Jas. Wood, Peterboro, \$20; Mrs.

John Hume, Port Hope, \$5; Miss Florence Phillips, 50c.; Mrs. R. J. Edmonds, \$1; St. Williams Church, \$2.75; "D.M." 20c.; Belfountain "Ladies' Aid, \$10; Toronto, Ossington Ave., Y. P. S., \$10; Popular Hill Church, \$2; Miss May E. Davies, \$10; Miss Ada Sutherland, \$1. Total, \$73.95.

Total receipts during the month (including \$239.46 for New Missionary Fund), - - - \$1,842.23

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on estimates for India, \$655.16; December's salary and Munst; for Misses Findlay, Ryerse and Zimmerman, \$143.75; Advance on passages for Misses Baskerville, Corning and Priest, \$525; Furlough allowance for Misses Selman and Hulet, \$50. *Extras*, For lepers, London, Harding Hall College, M.C., \$7.60; Grandma Robinson's "Curiosity Box," \$3.40; "F. and A" \$1. Total, \$1,385.91.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Fifty post cards for Recording Sec., 50c.; Special for November LINK, \$65. Total, \$65.50.

Total disbursements during the month, - \$1,451.41

Total receipts from Oct 21st, 1907, to  
Oct. 15th, 1908 - - - - - \$13,009.06

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1907,  
to Oct. 15th, 1908 - - - - - \$12,103.84

SARAH J. WEBSTER,

Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

#### CIRCLE REPORTS.

WESTMOUNT.—The Westmount Mission Circle, the Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates in the chair, held their annual Thanksgiving service in September. Mr. Greig, on the eve of his return to his labors under the American Board, gave a most interesting address on Burmah, his mission field, which was illustrated by Mrs. Greig with lantern slides. A short programme of sacred music was also provided. Refreshments followed and a social half hour was enjoyed. The offering to missions was very liberal, amounting to \$101.52.

VILLA NOVA.—The Mission Circle held a very successful meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Woodley, on Sept. 22nd. An invitation had been given to the ladies of the Waterford Circle to meet with us and a number came down. The programme opened with a prayer and Praise service, led by our President, Mrs. Neir, who also spoke a few words of welcome to the sisters of visiting Circles, to which Mrs. Lutes and Mrs. Alway replied. Two very interesting papers, one by Mrs. Pierce of Waterford, on "Praise," and one by Miss Kitchen on "A Woman's Work," were given and much appreciated by all. Miss Hamilton sang a solo "Saved to Serve." An offering was taken amounting to four dollars, which is to go toward making a Life Member of the Home Society. Refreshments were served at the close on the lawn and an hour spent in social intercourse. May God bless this one more effort to help on His work.

COLLINGWOOD.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Mission Circle was held in the church on Wednesday evening, Oct. 7th. The Circle prepared a good programme of music, readings and dialogues of a missionary character. Rev. Mr. Duland gave an address on the Grand Ligne Mission and its work. A very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent. The Thank-offering amounted to thirteen dollars. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The Circle is encouraged in its work.

M. OLIVE CAMERON, President.

BURLINGTON.—The readers of the Link will be glad to hear that our women have taken heart, and again made an effort to sustain a Mission Circle. We began in June, and have held our meetings in connection with our Ladies' Aid, with separate officers, but decided at our last meeting to have the Circle separate so as to have more time to devote to readings and talks on mission work. President, Mrs. A. Carr; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Moyle. We have ten names on our list, and hope to keep those we have, as well as to increase our number. We take four Links and eight Visitors.

PARIS.—Our annual Thank-offering meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday Oct. 1st. At the request of our president, the pastor, Rev. H. H. Bingham, in his own happy manner, acted as chairman. We were very much pleased to have with us his father, mother and two brothers. Mrs. Bingham, sen., gave us an enjoyable and instructive talk on mission work, and Mrs. Morrow read a paper on the life of Jno. G. Paton, the sainted missionary to the New Hebrides, interspersed with music. Miss Stewart sang a beautiful solo. The thank-offering amounted to \$21.95.

MRS. A. V. S. DADSON, Secretary.

AYLMER.—Our Thank-offering was taken on Thursday evening, October 8th. This was the occasion of saying farewell to two of our young people, Rev. and Mrs. Clark Timpany, who leave shortly for Mission work in India. Tea was served in the basement of the church by the ladies, during which a plate was passed and an offering of \$48.00 taken. This will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. All then repaired to the audience room of the church, where an excellent program was carried out. Dr. Cross of McMaster University being the chief speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Timpany also took part. Mrs. Timpany told us that she attributed to our Mission Band her first thought of going to India, a very encouraging fact for all our Mission Bands. Later she became president of the Band, and now, the prayers of both young and old will follow these dear ones as they obey the call of the great Lord of the harvest.

M. E. ROGERS,

Secretary.

# Youth's Department.

## ONLY A HEATHEN LASSIE.

(A True Incident.)

Only a heathen lassie  
With skin and eyes of brown;  
Only a heathen lassie  
Without hat or shoes or gown.  
She had never heard of the Bible,  
Or of God and His Son of love,  
Of goodness and truth and kindness,  
Of the happy home above.

Yet the heart of this heathen lassie  
Was the heart of a little child;  
She was hungry for love and kindness,  
For a word that was tender and mild.

One day a missionary  
Came at his Master's call,  
To tell the people of Jesus  
And His love for one and all.

In the crowd was the little lassie  
With hungry, upturned face;  
And by her side another,  
Younger but full of grace.

The preacher saw them standing,  
And his great heart filled with love;  
He longed to caress them and tell them  
Of Jesus, the Friend above.

So out of the basket he carried,  
The preacher drew forth a bun  
To attract the timid children,  
But 'twas only enough for one.

The eyes of the heathen lassie  
Grew eager with longing then;  
She started, took one step forward,  
But afraid, drew back again.

Yet the bun was still inviting,  
The preacher's arm reached wide,  
She ran and snatched it and hurried  
Back to her sister's side.

She was only a heathen lassie  
And 'twas only a little bun;  
She could eat it all in a hurry,  
For 'twas hardly enough for one.

She never had heard of sharing,  
So she gave her sister the whole;  
The sister divided it 'twixt them,  
These sisters each had a soul.

Oh, children in Christian countries,  
Who have so much to spare,  
Your pennies, your dimes, your nickels,  
Your quarters, will you not share?

You have the Bible stories,  
You know of Jesus' care;  
But countless heathen children  
Of these have not a share.

Your money will buy them Bibles,  
Will help build churches too;  
Oh, share with the heathen children  
What God has given to you.

—Around the World.

## A BIRTHDAY PARTY.



We have had one in Ottawa this week, for two sisters who love each other so much that they like to go hand-in-hand whenever they can. One of them is thirty-two years old and the other nineteen. They are engaged in the same work under different names. Some of your mothers and older sisters were at this party. We all met in the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Ottawa, beautiful, comfortable and well fitted for christian work. Here we spent two days this week trying to learn how we could make next year happier and more useful. Have you guessed the names of the two sisters? Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, the first born thirty-two years ago, and the other nineteen. There are older brothers in the family who are always ready to help their sisters in every good work. Some other pen will give you a proper report of our meetings, but I want to tell you the news that pleased me. One of our Bands last year planted potatoes for the Lord, and in spite of the poor crops the farmers tell of, they had a fine harvest. A special meeting is soon to be held to sell these potatoes, and then the secretary of this Band at Rockland is going to write telling you how much money was gained.

Just watch for her letter, boys and girls! Now, I want to tell you of another such meeting held in China some time ago, the first "Woman's Convention" ever held in that great empire as far as the missionary who described it knew. 160 small churches were each asked to send two of their women (the best ones to carry reports home), to meet for ten days in Wei Hsien, and discuss a list of twenty subjects, which was printed like our programmes were. Did the women come? Yes, indeed!

The men brought them, and came back for them when the meetings were over. How fast they would talk on the journey home! They all came a day too soon so they might get their sight-seeing and visiting their friends over before the convention began, so as not to miss one session. It was easier to provide beds for these delegates than it is in Canada sometimes. The Wei Hsien people spread clean straw over the floor of their hospital, then put nice new mats over the straw, and the beds were ready. All were pleased with this arrangement and no doubt had happy dreams of future meetings. Bible women, pastors' wives, girls from the mission schools, wives of students who intended preaching Christ to be their life work, besides mothers and sisters who wanted to help their own home folks—these were the delegates who came to this Conference. At our party in Ottawa we had some of the wise brethren to help us interest the strangers who crowded the church at our public meeting. Over in China the women did the same. One named Elder Chang was the favorite, and helped as much as the minister, who was born in Ireland, helped us. Each day was begun by a prayer meeting at half past six, three hours earlier than their Canadian sisters could meet. As in the Wales revival (of which these Chinese had never heard), several prayed at once, no waiting for somebody else, but nobody seemed disturbed. They were each praying to God, and not to their neighbors at this convention. The church held comfortably about 650, and it was well filled at each session. No men were allowed unless one was asked to open the discussion on some subject. Leaders had been chosen six weeks before, and were all well prepared. In 1885, there were only four or five christian women in the district of Wei Hsien, so twenty-three years of sowing the Bible truths had brought a great harvest.

I wish I had room to tell you the subjects talked about with profit to all, but the Link is too full for many of them. "Our duty to consecrate our children to God." "Be just to the girls; love your boys and girls alike." "School children should also labor with their hands." (A Chinese student likes to wear fine clothes, let his finger-nails grow long, and have his family do the hard work.) "Duties of a Christian mother-in-law," "Beware of long tongues and soft ears," (A good definition of believing and repeating gossip.) Discussion on this theme

waxed warm. Two or three of the pastors gave such grave warnings that the faces of the sisters grew red, and their eyes began to look dangerous. The third chapter of James had been faithfully applied when Elder Chang came forward to pour oil on the troubled waters by reminding them of the first two words of this chapter and advising the pastors to read them, "This chapter is certainly addressed to the brethren, Do any of you know a chapter written to the sisters on this subject?" After a hearty cheer had been given him, he said, soberly and earnestly, "Yes, sisters, it is a sad fact that we men have long tongues, too, but evil speaking is a thing for every one to beware of," etc.

This is just a glimpse at the subjects discussed at this Chinese Convention.

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### BRENKING HER IDOLS.

A pretty story is told of Dr. Anandabai Joshee, the first unconverted high-caste Hindu woman who had left her country. She came to America in 1883, and three years later was graduated from the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia. Then she returned to her own country, and was elected physician in charge of the female ward of the Albert Edward Hospital at Kulpahar, but died shortly after her arrival.

Yamuna, as Dr. Joshee was called in her childhood, was the daughter of a wealthy and cultured Hindu. Her father owned many villages, and for the benefit of servants and peasantry, kept a household priest to offer sacrifices, instruct the people, and keep clean the shrines and sacred images.

One day, when Yamuna was very young, she was playing with her dolls near the priest, who was setting in order a shrine. The little girl watched the old man as he washed the little images of jade or metal, oiled them carefully and set them back in their places. Suddenly it flashed across her mind that there was no difference between those images and her dolls. They did not move, neither did they cry out when they were rubbed so hard. She questioned her father about it.

"Father, how can a god bear to have his face washed by a man?" she asked.

"Those images are not gods," he replied. "They are made to hold the thoughts of men when they pray. Some represent love, some the justice of God. My little daughter, can you pray to God without looking at any of these images?"

"Yes, indeed!" exclaimed Yamuna.

"Then they will be of no use to you. You need never think of them again."

"And I never did," said Anandabai Joshee, in telling the story.—Selected.