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EASTERN SOCIETY

A Prayer Call for Our Treasury

Our Treasury is in need.

Our money is coming in very slowly.

Our Treasurer—for several months—has had to borrow in order to meet the regular monthly payments.

Our obligations call for some Three Thousand Dollars by September 25th, when the books close.

Our faith must rise to this challenge. "Faith is the Victory." This is a call to prayer. Public prayer in your Circle meetings. Private Prayer in your own daily intercession.

Our actions must go "hand-in-hand" with our prayers. Treasurers please send in all available money without delay.

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MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

A large number of our missionaries are now in Canada on furlough. To those recently arrived the Link extends a hearty welcome, and wishes them speedy physical recuperation and great happiness and satisfaction during their stay in the home-land.

These missionaries and others at home are scattered all over Canada, and wherever they go they are sure to greatly quicken the interest in our missionary work. We hope that many of our readers may have an opportunity to come into close touch with some of them.

But let us not work them too soon nor too hard. They are all at home because they need rest, and their opportunity for rest should be carefully guarded.

Instead of inviting the missionary to talk to one Circle, might it not often be possible in the larger places for several Circles to hold a combined meeting, giving the missionary a larger audience and lessening the number of her talks.

The missionaries, of course, should have some months of complete rest.

In Western Ontario, our women missionaries should be invited to speak through the Convener of the Furlough Committee, Mrs. Hendry, 191 Sherman Ave. S., Hamilton.

One important item in connection with the services of our missionaries is sometimes thoughtlessly overlooked. They give freely of their time and strength. They should never be left to pay their own expenses in connection with their work among the churches and Circles. This is not an unnecessary admonition for in the past there has been much carelessness in this regard. Often the price of the railway ticket does not nearly cover the expenses involved in a missionary's trip. In the towns car-fare should always be provided.

Let us think often of our missionaries on furlough, pray often for their health and happiness and for a blessing on their work. They

have many trials and disappointments in the furlough time and perhaps need our prayers as much as when they are on the field.

Among the missionaries recently arrived are Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, with their eleven children, from Bolivia.

Our readers will be interested in the picture on page 464 showing Mrs. Turnbull and the children.

Be sure to notice also the fine picture of Dr. Hulet and her hospital helpers, page 461.

BOLIVIA BOX

Since the notice in the June Link re the Bolivia Box, the General Board have appointed another missionary who will leave for Bolivia in the late fall. We will thus be able to send our box as usual. Parcels for the box to be at 31 Wells St., Toronto, by October 15th:

Frances MacLean.

TREASURER'S CORNER

During the month of May we have received:

From Circles	\$965.80
From Y.W. Circles	343.13
From other sources	99.18

Total

\$1561.03

This was all given for our regular work which includes the student and Biblewoman support, the Pearl Scott Fund and the Laura Allyn Fund. During the month of June our disbursements totalled \$2603.14.

The total receipts for our Convention year up to June 1st, are \$22,449.25; while our disbursements for the same period and including payments due on June 1st, total \$27,308.46. We have paid out all our receipts and all the balance with which we commenced the year (\$4251.95) and have borrowed from the Bank what else we needed to meet all our obligations. We are not in debt at all, to the

General Treasurer, nor to any Missionary. All our bills due June 1st have been paid.

During the summer months I expect to be out of town a great deal. But with me travels almost the entire equipment of the Treasurer's office; so that you can obtain life memberships, or information on a good many matters if you wish such. Address me always at 35 Dunvegan Rd., Toronto 5. All letters are safely and promptly forwarded to me. Make your money orders or cheques payable to me at par in Toronto as usual.

Circle life members for May:—Mrs. Wm. Buck, New Hamburg; Mrs. Baker, Peterboro, Murray St.; Mrs. G. S. Morris, London, Talbot St.; Mrs. J. G. Davis, Woodstock First.

Band Life Members for May:—Wilfred West, Brampton "Willing Workers Band"; Mrs. D. D. McTavish, Toronto, Walmer Rd., "King's Band"; Winifred Mansell and Anna Jean Shipley, Yarmouth First; Mrs. George Cromar, Brantford Park; Marguerite Ann Swain, Ridgeway, and Phylis Taylor, Dundas.

Instead of giving extracts from a number of interesting letters which I have received, I am going to give to you in its entirety the following letter. I think it is the best letter, from every standpoint, that I have ever had from a Missionary Organization. It gives the business details briefly but adequately, then it tells just how a real live Boys' Missionary Band can be run.

470 Albert St. E.,
Salt Ste. Marie, Ont.,
May 18th, 1926.

Dear Friend,—This \$3.00 is from the Boys' Missionary Society of the First Baptist church of this city. We call ourselves the "King's Business Missionary Society." Some very interesting and instructive meetings have been held monthly. Since September the book called "The Call of our own land" was used for the first four months, then "Our Work in India". We hope to start to study Bolivia, D.V., in September. The topics were all discussed by boys of the High School age.

We are divided into two groups, the "red" and "blue," the leader of the "reds" is a young High School teacher, the leader of the "blues" is a young Banker. The reds won the attendance contest, and were entertained by

the blues in January. But this term seems to favor the "blues."

We are just experimenting this year on the separation of boys' and girls' meetings, and have discovered the boys are more active when divided. So much of a programme falls to the girls, and the boys accept it as their duty to sit and listen. So we are looking forward to new interest being awakened in the hearts of our boys by this method.

Yours sincerely,
Kelvin Nicholls,
Secretary-Treasurer.
per F.N.

I wish you all a pleasant holiday.

M. B. Piersol.

Mrs. W. H. Piersol,
35 Dunvegan Rd.,
Toronto 5.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST)

Dear Sisters,—Attention has been called to a misunderstanding as to the nature of Trust Funds and the use a Board may make of them. I have twice been asked within three months what authority our Women's Home Missionary Board had to apply legacy money to make the regular payments? To which I replied that if there were **no restrictions** on a legacy or a special gift which would prevent such action, the Board was at liberty to use the capital money of legacies or special gifts for the general purposes of the Society, but the **Board** must give authority for such action. My answer was fully understood and accepted by those who asked the question. "Restrictions" may be as to principal only, or the use of income derived therefrom, or even to both principal and income; but I am speaking of those gifts which are without "restrictions."

I believe that misunderstanding of these points may not be confined to those who referred to me; hence this letter.

While the donor is alive such action should not be taken even by the Board without formal permission of the giver, in my opinion, and it is in this connection I am writing to the "Link."

Some years ago I gave some bonds to our F.M. Society, the income to be used for the general work. Now the continued high cost of exchange to India and a reduced balance to begin this year (partly from cost of exchange last year) have brought our balance so low that this summer may bring a time when the money due will not be in the bank when payment should be made. Entirely without appeal I have therefore given formal permission to our Foreign Missionary Board, through our Treasurer, Mrs. Piersol, to sell to the limit of my gift, the securities which now represent the original bonds. Of course it is understood that when the funds permit the "principal" shall be replaced. In the meantime the income would be less, and possibly a cheaper method of securing the necessary money may be found, but the Board has full authority to act. As I have given permission before the pressing need has actually arrived it seems reasonable that the Board may delegate authority to the Treasurer "with power to act," should there be occasion in this particular instance. This might come in midsummer, no regular meetings of the Board in July and August, eleven members required to constitute a quorum, and no one may vote by proxy. (In the Home Mission Constitution the quorum is nine).

This is my personal opinion based on some practical knowledge of business, and the action of our F.M. Board, while holding my permission could not be challenged; but this gives an opportunity to publish my opinion in a general way.

Earnestly praying that the Lord, in whose hands are powers which we cannot estimate, may lead us all to a greater appreciation of our privilege as "workers together with Him", and make us willing to do the small thing if we have not the opportunity for a greater service, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
Violet Elliot.

Toronto, June 7, 1926.

WHICH ROAD DO YOU TRAVEL?

There are two roads in life, in all life, and therefore in Mission Circle work, because that is part of life.

One road is called **Ignorance**, and it leads to two Inns, the first of which is **Indifference**. This Inn is filled with a gay careless folk for they live there. They just do not think about worthwhile things. The second Inn you reach on this road is the Inn of **Inefficiency**. It, too, is well filled for people who travel by the Road of Ignorance are generally **Inefficient**.

Now Missions is worth while work, if not the most worthwhile work, for it is the Master's work, so certainly we are not going to travel by the Road of Ignorance about it, leading to these Inns of **Indifference** and **Inefficiency**. While we are thinking of this work we want to travel by the other road,—the Road of **Knowledge**.

Granting the foregoing, here is the plea for Mission Study, for real, right-down earnest Mission Study.

Mission Study will broaden our outlook on the world in general, and as we learn of the conditions of the lives of our sisters, it will be an education to us.

It will increase our knowledge. It will not do in these days to pray "O God bless the heathen" in an aimless un-earnest sort of a way. Our neighbors on the other side of the world might hear us, in these times when the world has become one great whispering gallery, and hearing, what would they think of our prayers? And what does the great Hearer of Prayer think as we pray so carelessly? Isn't He wondering why we do not know more, when Information is lying just under our hand, to be had for the laying hold, by means of study?

And it will develop our prayer life. When we know of the conditions and lives of our sisters, they will form an urgent and insistent call to pray on their behalf, for if we know and enter into the lives of our sisters, and meet those whose problems are so much more difficult than our own, we will want to share our best with them. It seems as though this development of Prayer life is the most important of all results, for it will bring us into closer touch with our wonderful Living Lord, so much so that we will desire, with a great desire, to show Him, not our beliefs or doc-

trines concerning Him, but Him to our sisters who know Him not.

Thus you will come by the Road of Knowledge where are the three Inns of Information, Interest and Inspiration.

On the back of this magazine is a list of books for this purpose. If you do not see listed there the book you want, write the Literature Department.

Do we hear some one saying "Yes, that's all very well, but it cannot be done in our Circle." Why? Have you ever tried? Remember, this is God's work. **The Love of Christ Constraineth Us.** I. D.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE CROSS

By Wilfrid T. Grenfell of Labrador.

The first great lesson we picked up from "going round the world" was this—*what a heap of people there are in it!* How extraordinarily they are alike in heart! When you get through the pachydermatous covering, all are human, all are capable of good and evil, of joy and sorrow. But, above all, all are able to help forward the Kingdom of God if once they grasp the meaning of our stay on earth.

But I am a surgeon. My first job in life has been to do as good work as I can to prolong human existence on earth. I've been discouraged, sometimes, especially when I had to try, at great expense, to send back again to his family the drunken and dangerous animal who has come under my care only because of his own viciousness. But as I was in hospitals all around from New York and London to Peking, I saw men—men like myself, patiently trying to tackle such jobs, and that, not for money,—but because they believed human life was worth it. If they saw as God sees, would they think so?

That's the second great secret—it is because they do see as Christ saw, that they stick to their work. They believe that God needs men—that in Egypt he needs Egyptians—though just as we were going to be guests in Sir Lee Stack's home at Khartum, a lot of half-educated Egyptian boys murdered that noble man. They believe that in India He wants Indians—though we saw thousands of painted, perspiring fanatics, night after night . . . guilty

of every kind of disgusting and imbecile superstition. The same is true of China. In spite of those who perpetuate the bestial cruelties of the Boxers, or the little better negotiations of all human likeness of God in the shambles of Canton, the missionaries still believe that God wants Chinese.

Men and women, young and old, rich and poor . . . are out on the mission fields, simply because they have the true knight's vision, viz.: that the best place from every point of view in which to pass our years on earth, is where the job is hardest and where we are most needed by man and God.

That was a great lesson. I was walking in a city with a missionary—a young university man. We were hunting hand looms. For like Gandhi, whom I met in India, we in Labrador are preaching our gospel in one way, by giving the people industries so that the message of love may come through enabling a mother to feed and clothe her babies rightly. We found in one home a Chinese actually making forty yards of home-spun by hand in one day! I bought that loom at once for Labrador.

"How much will it cost?" I asked.

"Nothing at all," he replied.

"Booh! It will cost quite a lot."

"Not one millem. I've always wanted a hand in your work in Labrador," he said.

"But I can't allow a married man on a missionary salary to do it."

"Well, if you must have it," he said, "I do take a salary and live on it—to be like the rest. But that still leaves me my own income to put into the mission budget here."

He won out. The loom won't cost Labrador one cent! And—well—I got a blessing, not because he told me he believed in anything, fundamental or modern, but just because he showed me he had the same spirit that kept Jesus Christ in Judea till his enemies had crucified Him. That is what is wanted and what exists in the "mission field."

The only force in the world to-day capable of saving the world, is the force of love. Force has proved a failure. We worry over a demonstrated failure. Love—the greatest thing in the world—is the only force that can save the world. It not only can but is doing it.

Our Missionaries' Birthday Corner

"Strong and loving is thy Friend!
Trust Him for the untried year!
He will lead Thee to the end,
Ever gracious, ever near.
As the everlasting hills
Thou shalt find His faithfulness;
As the crystal mountain-rills."

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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| July 3 | Mrs. H. Y. Corey. |
| 5 | Mrs. A. A. Scott |
| 8 | Mrs. E. W. Armstrong. |
| 8 | Dr. J. Hinson West |
| 12 | Mrs. John Hardy. |
| Aug. 1 | Mrs. J. R. Stillwell |
| 5 | Miss Janet F. Robinson |
| 9 | Miss Muriel Brothers |
| 10 | Miss K. S. McLaurin |
| 18 | Miss S. A. Hinman |
| 27 | Miss M. E. Harrison |
| 30 | Miss B. L. Myers. |

It is undermining the middle wall—the wall of convention, of ignorance, of distrust, of superstition; the wall that cannot be knocked down. You see, as you go around the world, who are doing it. It is the men and women who possess not intellectual infallibility, but the living spirit of the Christ, and who possess it *usque ad mortem*. They will have not only the Crown of Life, but theirs is the crown of this life.

I came away from some of these men and women of whom I had never heard before, and I knew I had been in real communion with the living Lord. They are men and women like you and me. . . . That is why God needs human life. That is why it is worth while being a surgeon to repair the physical machines and so enable them to go on serving the man inside, whose service God needs. . . .

What does Christ expect of you and me?

The Missionary Review of the World.

PRISON WORK IN TOKYO

Caroline Macdonald, LL.D.

The prison work is getting very wide in all its ramifications. Prison work is only a point of departure really for all sorts of other things. I was out at a prison the other day when a woman, evidently come to visit someone inside, came into the room where I was waiting. She took a look at me, and with a cry of joy, flung herself into my arms and said: "I've been trying to find you, but didn't know where you went after the earthquake." When she gave me a chance to look at her, I remembered her as the wife of a man whom I had seen in prison, and later when he came out on bail. I had seen her just once. They also had disappeared after the earthquake. (Interlude—After the earthquake when we met by chance any of our friends, our mutual salutation was not, "How do you

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Our Work Abroad

REPORT FROM MISS KATE McLAURIN Powers Awaiting Release.

"We have visited in more of the high caste houses of Cocanada during this quarter than we did in the previous one, and consequently we have become deeply interested in some of the younger women, especially whose powers of intelligence and leadership are so evident that one would fain see them released to serve their day and generation as one feels they were meant to. In one retired Tahsildar's home we met his youngest daughter, a girl of 17, who became so interested in the Biblewoman's lessons that she sought a Bible for herself, reads it and asks questions that take some answering. She is keen and wide-awake, absolutely refuses (so far) to marry. What will be her future? She has a widowed sister, quite young. We did our best to persuade the father to send them both as day pupils to our Boarding School here, under Miss Pratt, for further study. But he says he cannot go against public opinion. One cannot help but feel their powers are going largely to waste for lack of development and use. And not a few others we meet. The higher up in society one goes, the more frequently one meets them, and the more helpless they seem to be to break the bands of custom and live a life of fulness and service. Although even in Cocanada there are fine women who have broken their bands, and who take a more or less public part in civic life and still retain the respect of the public, these seem all unaware of it. Some old prejudice somewhere in the family keeps them back. I feel that I would like to devote myself to them, show them the way out.

Caste Girls' School.

The Caste Girls' School is growing. The number on the roll is 125 now, as against about 85 before the hot season. This growth demands a stronger staff of teachers than I estimated for. Good work is being done. We had a very successful prize-giving and concert before Christmas, when about 300 mothers and other women relatives were present. A very nice program was given by the children. All the arrangements, decorations, preparations, rehearsals, as well as

choice of selections, were taken in hand and successfully carried through by Miss G. Krupavati, our new Headmistress, without any help from me. I hardly gave it a thought. And it all went through without a hitch, perfectly. It is a great comfort, as well as a real strength to our work, to have such a Head-mistress. She is one of our own girls. Her father was a house-servant to the Chutes in Akidu when she was born. Her mother is one of my Biblewomen. Krupavati was educated at our Mission Schools up to matriculation, and then took training at Rajahmundry. She is a jolly, clever, sensible girl of real ability and tact, sincere wholesome piety and interest in all our Mission work as a whole. We could do with a whole tribe of her kind.

Work Among Christian Women.

Our visits to outside villages, this quarter, have been mostly for the purpose of visiting the women of our congregations, in an endeavor to line them up for definite service. One visit does not accomplish much for people who have never thought of themselves in connection with Christian work. But we expect to keep on. In Evangelistic Campaign fortnight, several women volunteered and rendered daily service, both in Cocanada and nearby villages. Six of these volunteers gave their services as part of the fruit of our weekly Bible classes with them at their homes in a Petta (hamlet) close by our compound. This rejoiced my heart."

K. S. McLaurin.

Welcome Home.

A very interesting letter from Miss Farnell, written in March, gives an account of her arrival in Samalkot last November, and of the warm, loving welcome which the missionaries and Christians gave her. The following is a short quotation: "As I left the train, the Biblewomen placed garlands of bright red shoe-flowers and purple everlasting around my neck. You may imagine how well these colors blended with my rather bright pink dress! As we approached the bungalow, we saw the boarding boys, with their masters, lined up from the gate to road, and heard them sing—'Victory, victory, hallelu-

jah; Victory, victory in the name of Jesus.' At the top of the verandah steps we halted, and our Indian pastor offered a short prayer of thanksgiving for my return, the memory of which will remain with me all my life. Next came the bright salaams of all the Christian women and children, and after that, they left us."

Fruit of Labors.

Very anxious was she to get out on tour among the people, but numerous delays and interruptions, hard on her patience, made it impossible to start on any extended trip until January. However, by the help of the car, passed on to her since Miss Baskerville came on furlough, she was able to visit a number of villages near by. Again quoting from her letter:—"In one of these villages lives the non-Christian stepmother of one of our new pastors, who is a graduate of the Ramapatnam Theological Seminary. He is anxious that his stepmother shall be a follower of his Master. She has been visited frequently by the Biblewomen and is now asking for baptism. With her, three young daughters will come under Christian training."

Answers To Prayer.

Miss Farnell again writes:—"You will remember that before I came home, and while at home, I asked for prayers that God would grant us Biblewomen for Samalkot field. He is already answering. I came back to find two fine women here—one a gifted Bible-story teller and teacher. And now He has sent Ruth to us to train. She was the wife of one of Mr. Armstrong's evangelists, whom they called Bartimaeus because he was blind. Last July, while I was in Canada, he died,—one of the first things I heard on my return was of Ruth's bereavement. She has always attracted me because of her sweet face. Last December, God sent her a bright little son to help solace her, and her heart is bound up in the little fellow. We hope she will be able to go to the Bible Women's Training School in Tuni this August, and we have high hopes for her."

New Needs.

Each advance creates fresh needs. It is so in all business, and not less true in Mission work. In answer to prayer, Miss Far-

nell is rejoicing in the new Bible women—now, as she writes, "with more Biblewomen, more money will be needed to pay them. And if I take them on tour, and oh, there is so much need that I should—there ought to be a new tent. The one we have was bought with Miss McLeod's own money, and, when she went to Pithapuram, it was given to me by her for use on this field. But it is at least 25 years old, and very much worn. It is also too small, being only 10x10—too small to accommodate two or three Biblewomen and myself, besides the necessary furniture. It would, however, if carefully mended up, be nice for the women, if I could have another one. But we will have to wait, sure that God will supply all our need."

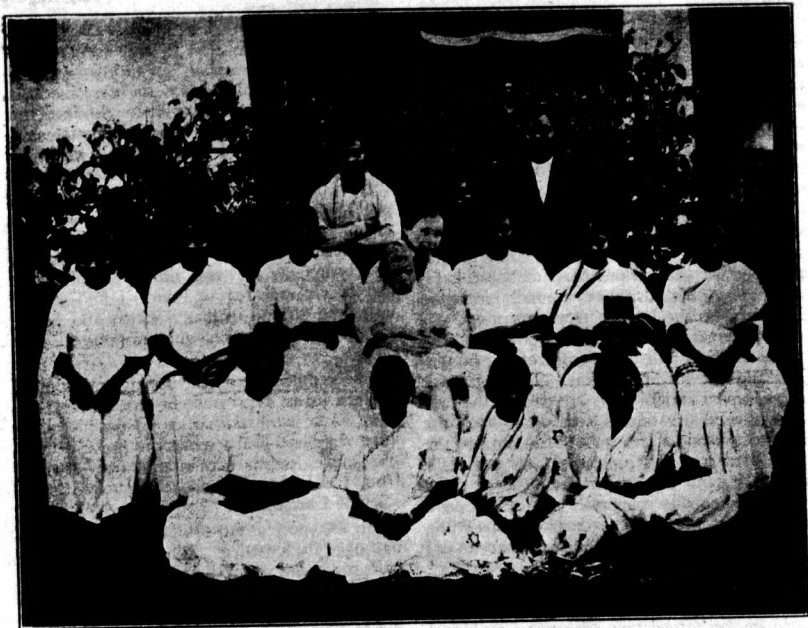
The Automobile at Work.

"I want to speak of the great help the car has been. We went from here to Vadisalara, —21 miles in an hour—a journey which used to mean 5 hours by rickshaw and 10½ hours by ox-cart. Another day we went to a village from camp in 25 minutes, which had formerly taken me seven hours to reach by cart! I remember getting up before 4 a.m. in order to reach that village before the Christians got all away to the harvest fields. Our poor village-Christians, who formerly have had only one visit a year from their Missionary! Now with the car they may have six or more! Can you wonder that I am so glad to have it?"

The Call of the Women.

"You will remember, at the farewell meeting in Walmer Road Church last Fall, that I spoke of the call of the Indian women which was so strong and which was one of the reasons for my returning to India? I have gone out into the villages to find them hungry for the Gospel. One evening, as we were returning from a village, Gnanartnamma remarked, 'How different it is now from what it used to be when Miss McLeod and I used to be touring 25 years ago! Then we had to beg people to hear us—now they come out into the streets begging us to come in and teach.'"

Great are the opportunities opening to our missionaries each day. Let us, here at home, be faithful in our part, and hold them up by our prayers.



DR. HULET AND HER WORKERS

From Left to Right—Prasadam, Yesudas, Soonderamma, Neelavurty, Lucy L.M.P., Dr. Hulet and little Esther, Mary, Santoshamma, Ratnamma, Rani, Leela, Manikyamma, K. Mary.

LETTER FROM MISS BAIN

Dear Link,—I fear I have been very tardy in writing to thank all the kind friends for the boxes and boxes of lovely things that came for the work here—Toronto boxes and Montreal boxes. I was away at Conference when the Montreal box came, and away out on tour when the Toronto box came, hence the delay or at least a part of it, in acknowledging them.

When the Toronto boxes came, Dr. Hulet wrote a note saying, "The Toronto box has come, and there are so many things for you. You won't be able to get into your room when you come in from tour!"—and it was very nearly true.

And such lovely things! Such loving thought and care as they represent. And how our people do appreciate everything—the dolls and bags, the cards and picture-books, the pencils and toys, the beads and necklets, the sewing cases and thimbles—the women and children just love them all.

And our people are so pitifully poor! It is such a joy to have some little things to give them to brighten their lives.

Some of the things have been distributed, but there are plenty left for a good start on the school rallies in the fall. I know it will rejoice Miss Lockhart's heart to come and find

such a good supply on hand for the boys and girls whom she loves.

Yours in loving service,

Laura A. Bain.

Vuyyuru, India,
April 1, 1926.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO TENT WITH ME?

I should like to take you tenting with me for a few days, but you can't come so I go alone with my Indian family. After gathering together the various parts of our collapsible house, it's furniture, a small Literature Department, the Jewelry Department and our own personal belongings, we are ready. The three ox carts pull up in front of the bungalow and the loading begins. The big black earthen pots and lanterns are tied on the outside, the Bible women's beds on top and the rest goes inside. If our pots jam against the limb of a tree, it's nobody's fault but their own, we stand the loss of them. Even these unfortunate beds sometimes get caught in a tree; and if the coaloil from some one's box spills into my box of eatables, what to do! Nothing.

Can't you just see my tent pitched under the shade trees! On my right hand is a little smoke-stained tent where my cook and waterman reign supreme. On my left three bible women dwell in a little larger, cleaner tent. The cooking is done under the trees and how the wood does burn away when the wind is strong, thus the women say.

Up at 5.30 we dress, have our morning devotions, eat our chota and start for a village about 7.00 a.m. In the cool season it is a bit chilly as we start out and how good it is to walk along briskly, but the women of this country don't enjoy such speed so I usually find myself a long ways ahead. Then we come to a branch of the road. Which way to go! Nearly always some one happens along to put us on the right track. Soon we reach the village. The people stare at us and begin running to us with their babies. We say "No, we are not the people who bring medicine for the children, we talk about God and salvation." Perhaps this needs a word of explanation. In these parts the catholic nuns go

about and give medicine to children. When they see my white face they mistake me for a nun.

Finally we find a place to sit; sometimes under a big tree where they conduct the business affairs of the village, sometimes on the tiny verandas of their houses where you almost break your back to get under the roof and on the veranda, not to mention the bang your topee usually receives. If it is a high caste, wealthy home that we enter, I may even receive a chair. I'm not very proficient at crossing my feet and sitting happily on a mat or old sack for an hour. I find myself wriggling around in many shapes and forms so when I see a chair coming my way I never refuse.

The people like to hear us sing and in most villages listen very well. In the villages seldom visited we find that they have forgotten what they had heard when the previous tour was made, which necessitates our starting from the beginning and telling the whole story of Christ's life.

An unexpected rain comes in the night; the tent pegs are loosened. What happens! The bath room end of my tent falls in. I arise to see what can be done about it and find my front room turning into a pond. We lift the rug and decide that nothing more can be done until morning. When I proceed to retire again I find that the tent has caved in over my bed so much that the rain has poured in through the window on half of my bed. Now I have sense enough to close the window, and sleep on the dry half of the bed. That was a joke on me, for I went out to camp without the proper tent pegs. I left the packing of my tent to an experienced servant but he forgot as lots of us do sometimes. We move camp. Everything goes back on the three carts again. Just imagine the folding of the cot, chair tables, the packing of jams, pickles, vegetables, etc.

This time I come into the station for the car as we thought it might be a help in reaching some of the villages. It proved to be little more than a help to the sick so I called it "My Ambulance." First I brought into Bimli one woman with a bad dose of fever. In about a week a messenger came to

tell my cook that his baby was very sick and they were afraid that she was going to die, so I rushed him in, bringing back my bible woman who in the meantime had recovered. My half-deaf waterman didn't make much of a cook but we got along. When some caste people saw him washing my dishes they made a few remarks about it being contrary to caste; but being deaf, he didn't hear and you may be sure I didn't tell him.

Only a few days passed until another woman became quite ill, so then my ambulance rolled in again.

We went to our third touring centre. It was in a lovely mango orchard, so quiet and peaceful with only a few visitors. We were getting along so nicely when the Bible woman who first went down with fever, went down again. Well that time our ambulance rolled in to stay. We were sorry to come but there is no use staying in camp with sick people when no one can work. Thus our tenting days have ended until another cool season comes around.

Now most nice story books don't end that way do they? I wish that I could finish this story differently but a true story can't be changed into a made-up one, can it? It must have been God's plan for us and so we rest content. I hope next year that I can give you a story with a thrilling climax.

Sincerely yours,

Clara B. Hellyer,
Bimlipatam.

FROM MISS FLORA CLARKE

Dear Friends,—

I wish to publicly acknowledge the receipt of parcels that were kindly sent by friends in the home land. I have already written to all whose addresses were given but in case any have been omitted I wish to send this public acknowledgment. Several parcels came by mail. They arrived in good time and in good condition. Then came the parcels in the boxes from British Columbia. My, but it was a surprise to be so generously remembered. So many nice personal gifts, many of them from entire strangers, and clothes, etc., for the children in the orphanage. I wish you could have seen us as we opened the parcels, some

of the older girls assisted me. We got down on the floor and had a great time. Such exclamations of delight as came from the children, and how they admired the pretty clothes and hugged the dolls. I can assure you it was a big surprise to me to get so many nice gifts from the far west. With all my heart I say thank you friends, you did us good. I know it was no small task to prepare all those parcels and boxes. The loving thought and generosity are much appreciated. The boxes came in good time for Christmas and were a great help.

Next came the boxes from Ontario. They were delayed owing to the illness of Mrs. Dengate. We were very sorry to hear of her illness, she is certainly giving herself unsparingly to the work. Again we had a treat and happy surprises. The writer received some very nice personal gifts, from friends known and unknown. It was a great disappointment to find that one parcel had been broken open and that some of the articles given in the list sent by Mrs. Dengate were missing. I am very sorry for the friends who took the trouble to send the gifts, and wish them to know that their loving thought is much appreciated. As names and addresses were not given it was impossible for me to write. I mentioned it in writing Mrs. Dengate. The orphanage children were well remembered. It takes some clothes to keep sixty five going and it is a great help to have a supply on hand.

It is late in the year to talk about Christmas but we had a happy time. Two of the girls in the orphanage were married the afternoon of Christmas day. Both of them acknowledged Jesus as Saviour since coming to the orphanage and were a help in the work. It was a double wedding, they looked very nice in their pretty dresses, white skirts, white muslin quacas over a pretty colored jacket. The church was nicely decorated. At the close of the ceremony all the members of the Christian community came to the home of the writer. The bridal parties were seated in a conspicuous place. The children of the orphanage armed with gifts of one kind and another, came marching from the school, and circling round the brides showered their gifts



**MRS. TURNBULL AND FAMILY
On Furlough From Bolivia.**

upon them. We had wedding cake, of course, and sweets and fruit and coffee. Then we had singing and games. All seemed to enjoy it very much. One of the girls married a teacher in the mission school in Bimli and has moved there with her husband, so she has left us. The other is married to one of our Christian men in Nellamala so we still have her in our church and see her from time to time. Both have done very well and are happy in their new homes.

In January we had the opening of the new church at the Leper Home. It is a beautiful building, large and airy, no walls or doors but wide open arches, so that you get all the breeze that is going. The service was very impressive. At the close of the opening ceremony by Dr. W. V. Higgins, all entered the building and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We do praise Him for all His goodness. This is the ninth large building besides a number of smaller ones that the writer has had the privilege of erecting in connection with the leper work. The next in order is a combined dispensary and store room. Some friends in England have given the money and we hope soon to commence the building. Another ward for men is great-

ly needed as we are over crowded. Government has sanctioned half a grant on the understanding that the mission furnish the other half. They do not see their way clear to do so at present so we will have to wait awhile, but the additional ward is greatly needed.

The task of seeking to win this land of India for the Lord Jesus is a gigantic one. The promise is "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." It is a wonderful work, we are glad to have a share in it. We thank you, our loved partners in the dear home land, for your prayers, your sympathy, your love and your gifts.

Yours lovingly,

Flora Clarke.

Vizianagram, May 11th.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN CO-CANADA, INDIA

A. Arthur Scott, Cor. Secy.

Our Conferences, twice every year, are red-letter days in the missionary calendar. Scattered for the rest of the year over a country four hundred miles long, it is a boon beyond all price to meet together, talk together, gain each other's viewpoint, understand each other's problems, lay all before the Throne, and go forth again with new power, new vision, new over-weights of joy.

God has given us a good year. This is pre-eminently true in the blessings that have crowned his work. It is specially true in his care of the mission family. Some have been laid low, but new strength has been given or is coming day by day. Not one is lacking, but the lives of all, missionaries and children, alike, have been precious in his sight. And out of the seventy-five missionaries now on the field, only eight were, through illness or special duties, unable to be present.

Welcome was given at the opening of Conference to ten, but farewell at the close to eleven. We rejoice in having Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin, Mrs. Stillwell and Miss Farnell once more among us. We welcome with great joy our new recruits, Mr. and Mrs. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Quirk. But the farewells outnumber the welcomes. Mr. and Mrs. Cross are forced to leave us for the homeland, owing to his breakdown

from overstrain in the work; Mr. Benson, Dr. and Mrs. West, Misses Eaton, Knowles, Murray, and Priest, and Mrs. Eaton are leaving our midst this spring.

The evening of New Year's Day was happily spent in social fellowship in the old mission house and on Sunday night a large crowd gathered for a happy time of hymn singing.

Another precious time was the children's hour. Mrs. Chute led in this unique service. Out in the open at the first sunset of the New Year, twenty-seven missionary children were gathered, including four who are themselves missionaries on our staff, and Mr. Gordon Chute, who was with us on his Christmas holidays from the great mission school at Ahmednagar, where he is on the teaching staff. Tidings of the work and welfare of the absent children were heard with keenest interest, and all in India or the homeland were commended in prayer to the Father of us all.

Each forenoon session of Conference opened with a devotional service. The general theme was, "The promises of God—"exceeding great and precious." The promises of life, wisdom, peace, power, suffering, fruitfulness and companionship were considered on as many successive mornings. The whole series was a heartening unfolding of the inexhaustible treasure-houses of our God.

As morning began, so each afternoon ended with a time of waiting before God. In these closing times of prayer we were led in meditation on some of the best loved Psalms—old familiar ground indeed, but like a fountain, perennially fresh and new.

On Sunday morning the usual Telugu services were held and in the evening the Conference sermon was given by Mr. Hart, from the words, "Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus." It was a most helpful and heart-searching message on Christ's ownership of us and his lordship in our lives.

The problem of our undermanned fields remains unalleviated. In the case of Misses Priest, Knowles and Murray, their work will have to be cared for by Mrs. Scott, Misses Elliott and Mason respectively, in addition to their regular work. Mr. and Mrs. Gullison come back to the double burden, Bimlipatam

and Vizianagram. Mr. and Mrs. Hart, set free from this, go to Avanigadda to take up the heavy burden of that great field, where there is no single lady for the women's work. After Miss W. Eaton goes for furlough Miss L. A. Bain will assume charge of the Bible Training School for Women in Tuni. On Mr. Benson's departure Mr. McLaurin will assume charge of the McLaurin High School work of the Bible and Theological classes.

The appeal to the Indian churches for larger givings in support of the work is having its effect. There is definite progress—not as rapid as we could wish—but we recognize that increase in giving comes from development in the spiritual life of the churches. That comes surely but not suddenly. We are profoundly thankful that the Board has taken a great step of faith in passing the estimates in full, and we entreat every Baptist in Canada to stand behind the Board in this act of faith. God expects every one to do his duty and do it now. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." The task demands the strength of every Baptist in Canada and India.

God has given us a great year of ingathering. The numbers are not yet to hand—these will be collated and published in "Among the Telugus." Order it from the Board this coming summer, read it through and see what great things God has done and what greater things he is doing. Enough to say now the mighty tide of blessing widens and deepens as the days go by. Glory to his name!

Evangelism is the very soul and centre and circumference and everything else in this mission. That Evangelism expresses itself now and ever in preaching the Gospel, reaching out the healing and helping hand, building up and training the church of the future. But it is the one soul in all. Our hospitals have had a busy year. The Leper Home in Vizianagram began the year with seventy and ended it with eighty-five inmates. The Leper Mission has given two thousand dollars for a chapel, which is now ready for dedication. The Ramachandrapuram Leper Home began the year with one hundred and seven and ended it with one hundred and twenty inmates. Funds were sometimes low, but no leper was ever turned away and the Lord has provided wonderfully. This past year five

thousand dollars, the largest single gift ever received for the home, was given by a lady in the United States for a residence for the Superintendent.

Children in the Orphanage in Vizianagram now number sixty-five. They are a happy and a very busy little family. Sales of useful articles in great variety made by these orphan children totalled three hundred and twenty-four dollars.

The evangelistic schools, which are our way of preaching to the children, number nine hundred and forty-six, with over twenty thousand pupils. More of these than we can tell are giving their hearts to the Saviour, and two hundred and forty-eight during the past year have openly confessed him in baptism.

Accounts will have reached you of the opening of the Eva Rose York Bible Training School for Women at Tuni. Thirty-five are in attendance and the work has had an excellent start in its new home.

Several practical subjects were discussed during the Conference. "The development of self-support and self-propagation among the churches"; "Ways whereby the missionary may become more of an inspirational force and less of a directing agent," and "The agitation for prohibition of the liquor traffic in India," were topics followed by earnest discussion.

In regard to the last-named, your missionaries feel that the time is most opportune for an emphatic pronouncement from the Conference. The attitude of the British rulers in India is in this respect very disappointing. The revenue and personal liberty arguments are advanced in opposition to any program looking towards national prohibition. On the other hand, the leaders of the Indian peoples, whether Christian, Parsee, Hindu or Moslem, are united in demanding prohibition. In this regard we have to take our stand with the Indian peoples rather than the British government. Our course of action must be more thorough teaching in church and school and home, agitation to rouse each community to banish the traffic from its own locality, as is possible if there is practical unanimity, according to the laws of the land, and to petition our representatives in the Madras Legis-

lative Assembly to strengthen existing temperance legislation.

A circulat letter from Rev. J. H. Rushbrooke, D.D., Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reminded us of our place in the great Baptist World Brotherhood. It is good to feel that each one in his lonely outpost is linked up with the great brotherhood of believers. God make this great brotherhood and every one of us mighty for every task and every test which the coming days may bring. Tuni, January 13th, 1926.

Western Baptist.

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Our Father, by right of creation, by bountiful provision, by gracious adoption.

Which art in Heaven, the throne of thy glory, the temple of thy angels, the portion of thy children.

Hallowed be thy name, by the thoughts of our hearts, by the words of our lips, by the work of our hands.

Thy Kingdom come, of truth to instruct us, of grace to refine us, of glory to crown us.

They will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven, by kindling right affections, by subduing our wills, by over-ruling our mistakes.

Give us this day our daily bread, of food for our bodies, of eternal life for our souls.

Forgive us our trespasses, against the commands of thy laws and the grace of thy gospel.

As we forgive those who trespass against us, by the despoiling of our goods, by injuring our persons, by defaming our character.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, of overwhelming affliction, of errors' seduction, of sinful affections.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, thy Kingdom which rules all, thy Power which subdues all, thy Glory which is over all.

Author Unknown.

Note.—This clipping was sent from India. It may contribute to a more thoughtful use of our Lord's Prayer.—Ed.

Among The Circles

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

Setting The Light in India's Schools

Programme

1. Opening Hymn
2. Prayer
3. Hymn No. 763
4. Scripture reading, Psalm 19
5. Business
6. Hymn and offering of gifts.

Study Period

7. Talk by leader on the connection between Light and Knowledge as brought out in Psalm 19. Suggestions can be found in the Link of Feb. 1925, pgs. 204, 205, which can easily be adapted for a Circle if desired.
8. The need of schools and why they exist. (Helps, Almost any of the later Study Books; Can. Bapt. at work in India," pg. 183; "Missionary Review of the World" July '21.)
9. Some Indian objections to educating girls. (Helps, "The Enterprise, pg. 189).
10. Different kinds of schools. These will just be named. (Helps, Any of the Reports; "Can. Bap. at work in India." ch. 4).
11. In the beginning—The Village Schools: (Helps, Number, how taught, difficulties, "Can. Bap. at work in India", Pgs. 49 and 93; "The Enterprise" pgs. 229, 230; Last reports.)
12. Jeevamoni. (Story illustrating the value of schooling for girls, to be had from the Lit. Dept. 3c).
13. Prayer season, asking especially for this work among the villages of India.
14. Hymn, "The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin."

Note—A good poster to have before your meeting could be made as follows. Sketch a picture of the world to the right side of your blackboard or paper, making the half of it on the right side, black. To the left of this globe draw a candle, lighted, on a Book representing the Bible. The lighted candle is throwing its beams on the half of the world which is light. Over the top, print, "The entrance of Thy word giveth light."

SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF CIRCLE PROGRAMMES

In preparing these programmes some study will be required to obtain the most value. Reference is made in every case to material necessary to each item, and it will be found of immense value for the leader, at least, to read,—

1. "Beacon Lights". Turn to index, section 3, follow through the pages indicated about the different schools.

2. Following this read the last "Among the Telugus" both in the Editor's remarks at the first of book, and then the Report of whichever school one is seeking the information for, thus getting the very latest from the field.

3. "The Enterprise" chs. 9 in second part, chs. 2, 4, 5 in third part.

4. "Canadian Baptists at Work in India" is out of print now, but as many have it on hand, it has been referred to in many cases. The book can surely be borrowed if not possessed. It will be found most valuable and concise.

5. The Reports of the General Board, prepared by Rev. Mr. Stillwell, B.A., are a mine of information. Reference is made to the last two. They are called "Reports" in the references, to save room and time. Also read the reports of our own Corresponding Secretary in the December Links. Don't be afraid of going too far back (nor forward either). These are all wonderfully informing.

6. "Going to School in India" the Mission Band Lessons in Links for February, March, April, May, 1925, will give some suggestions which will be easily adapted to your Circle.

7. "The School as an agency in character building" is the report of an excellent address at the Washington Convention. In fact all these addresses on the Educational work in The Report of the Washington Convention, will add greatly to your fund of information.

And lastly, don't be afraid to read, and prayerfully read, all you can on this subject. It not only adds to your information, but to your inspiration, and enthusiasm, and these will lead to prayer, and who can tell where this will lead?

ASSOCIATIONS OXFORD-BRANT

Women's Day, June 8th

The delegates from Circles and Bands met in the Baptist Church at Norwich at 1.30 p.m.

In the absence from the Association of the president, Mrs. Donald MacIntyre, Mrs. Kendall, of Norwich, the vice-president, occupied the chair.

Mrs. Downing, of Beachville, led in devotional exercises.

Mrs. Young, of Norwich, extended a very gracious welcome, to which Mrs. Mead, of Burgesville, responded happily.

Mrs. Gosnell, Mrs. Janes and Mrs. Bauslaugh were named as a nominating committee, and Mrs. Vardon, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Carr as a committee on resolutions.

The President, in her message, reminded the circles that the key word for the year has been "Evangelism," and that, while faith and prayer carry on the work, it is the bond of love among Christians that overcomes and convinces the heathen, and not only the heathen but those in our own land who know not Christ.

The Director, Mrs. T. M. Layman, reported a total of 34 circles, which is an increase of one, also an increase of \$330 over the giving of last year. There are 1200 women in the circles, and the total giving through Home and Foreign treasurers was \$4409.81.

The reported extras amounted to \$145.27. A generous amount of practical work was also reported.

(Since Association day it has been found that the secretary of the circle of First Church, Brantford, had made a mistake in filling out her report slip. She should have reported \$300 more sent to Home Missions. This would make the total \$4709.81.)

Mrs. Layman also read a letter from Mrs. Matthews, President of the Foreign Board, urging circle women to subscribe for, use, read and enjoy the "Link."

The Band Director, Miss Mash, of Otterville, reported 23 bands, an increase in giving and an increased membership. In an excellent and appealing address Miss Mash urged the importance of band work, and the responsibility of the circles in mothering the bands.

Miss Ellen Widdup, representing the band of First Church, Brantford, received the banner for increase in giving.

The banner for practical work was given to the Burtch band, and received by Mrs. Hartley.

Mrs. Howson, of Scotland, presented next year's special band objective, a gift of \$200 to "The Ladies". The two missionaries who are affectionately so named, have worked without salary in Bolivia for fifteen years, and this gift is to be used for travelling expenses on a trip home. The objective was adopted.

A solo by Mrs. Janes, of Woodstock, was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Reddick, of Toronto, gave an address on Home Missions, which was a real inspiration. She impressed upon us that the interests of Home and Foreign Missions are inextricably linked together and that our responsibility toward them is the same.

Greetings from sister societies in Norwich were expressed by Miss McKee and Mrs. MacWhirter, after which the Norwich Mission Band gave a very entertaining exercise, showing China's need of the gospel to liberate her women from ignorance and oppression.

The evening session opened at 7.30, the devotional period being led by Mrs. Gosnell.

The nominating committee named Mrs. Kendall for President, Mrs. Janes for Vice-President, Mrs. Layman for Director of Circles, and Miss Mash for Band Director.

The resolutions committee brought in a vote of thanks to the Norwich people and a resolution to give unequalled support to the O.T.A. Rev. C. C. McLaurin, of Alberta, spoke of the west, its needs and our responsibility.

Mrs. Reddick discussed the benefit of Moulton College for our girls, our churches and missions.

The Norwich Male Quartette rendered special music which was much appreciated.

Mrs. Dengate, of Toronto, daughter of our veteran missionary, Rev. Jno. Craig, gave the address on Foreign Missions, an outline of the work in India, which was very instructive, and interesting.

Mr. Adamczyk, the pastor of the new Polish Mission in Brantford, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Rev. O. E. Kendall closed with the benediction.

The ladies of the Norwich church and community were cordial and gracious hostesses.

Tables were provided for displays of literature which attracted a number of the delegates.

The Circles of Calvary Church, Brantford, showed large and interesting displays of practical work, which has been prepared for India. The box from the Y.W. Circle is to be sent to Dr. Hulet, whose home is in Norwich.

Anna Layman, Director.

ELGIN

The morning session was opened by a "Prayer and Praise" service led by Mrs. J. H. Rinch, of St. Thomas. Special prayer was offered for consecration, conversions in our Association, Young People who have a vision of the World's need of Jesus, Foreign Missionaries, Home Missionaries, Missionaries home on furlough, Home Mission Stations, especially New Liskeard, Missionaries in out of the way places, and Temperance.

Mrs. W. E. James, of West Lorne, gave a very cordial welcome. Mrs. Byron Marsh, of Gladstone, replied.

Minutes of last year's session read and approved. Committees were appointed and Circle and Band greetings and reports heard. A new Young Women's Circle was organized at Broderick Memorial because the young women felt the need of a work of their own. A total of \$1810.77 given the Home and Foreign Missions from our Circles was a decrease of \$25.11. Besides this several boxes and parcels were sent to needy ones and gifts of money to special work outside our boards. The Bands gave a total of \$447.39 to Home and Foreign Missions, a decrease of \$128.16. Special prayer for the Bands was requested by Mrs. Johnson.

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. J. S. LaFlair, of Aylmer, by reading from Galatians 5 and Matthew 25. "Be not weary in well doing for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." Lack of knowledge, cause of indifference and decreases in our Mission work. "In as much as ye did it not." Many things left undone because of lack of helpers.

Minutes of morning session read and approved. Report of nominating committee re-

sulted in Mrs. J. H. Rinch, St. Thomas, President; Mrs. D. Sommerville, Sparta, Vice-President; Miss Nora Van Velzer, Caltou, Directress of Circles; Mrs. F. S. Johnson, Gladstone, Directress of Bands.

The following resolutions were brought in:

1. To extend a note of sympathy to the bereaved friends of those who have served and been called to higher service.

2. To extend to the ladies of Dutton the hearty thanks of the ladies of Elgin Association for the welcome they have given and the lovely meals which we all enjoyed. He who said: "They that give a cup of cold water in His name shall not lose their reward," will reward you abundantly.

3. Our appreciation of the work of our officers for the splendid work done in the past year.

4. That our Presidents and leaders of the Circles and Bands urge upon their societies the need of increases along every line instead of decreases.

5. That inasmuch as Temperance is not only a legislative problem, but is more fundamentally an educational, moral and religious problem, we call upon our churches, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies to give fuller and more definite instruction based upon scientific knowledge, in regard to the effects of alcohol upon the human body and the economic, social and moral effects of the liquor traffic upon society at large.

Mrs. T. S. Johnson recalled the beginnings of Circle work. As women after filling our obligations as church members we should give gladly to those in India and other lands remembering but for the grace of God we might have been in their places. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Enthroned Jesus Christ in the hearts of men.

The offering was taken and a hymn sung.

Miss Crisp, of St. Thomas, presented the needs of Young Women's Circles. They are a connecting link between the Mission Band and older Women's Circles giving young women a definite work and training them in Christian service. Miss Lucas, also of St. Thomas, told of the benefits of Young Women's Circles. She said a group of girls meeting at church as one family to worship God hear of needs and are led to give their

time, money and, better still, themselves for Christ's work.

Miss Sherry, of Broderick Memorial, sang "Come thou fount."

Miss Selman, in Indian costume, gave an interesting address on the work with children in India. Children are anxious to learn, need very simple equipment and are so pleased with the prizes sent by the boys and girls of Canada.

At 7.45 p.m. Miss Lucas led the song service of the evening session, followed by a scripture reading by Mrs. Rough, of Broderick Memorial, St. Thomas. "We Would See Jesus." Mary's message, "I have seen the Lord," should be the message of every one here.

A duet by Mrs. Leeming and Miss McAlister followed.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Miss Selman again addressed us. India with all its beauties of nature, its many religions, its great wealth, needs Jesus Christ. Still need of missionaries in charge of native workers.

A quartette of St. Thomas ladies sang, "Jesus, the Light of the World."

Mrs. V. J. Towers, of Toronto, concluded the session with an address on Home Missions, telling us there were one million new Canadians, and showing us something of the work our Baptists are doing among them. Prayer by Rev. Mr. James, of Dutton, closed another Association day.

TORONTO

It was with heavy hearts and disappointed hopes that some of us went toward Dovercourt Rd. Church on June 1st, where the W.M.S. of the Toronto Association were meeting. But rainy cold weather, could not dampen the enthusiasm of Toronto women, nor spoil the fine program that had been prepared for us, under the leadership of our President, Mrs. R. J. Marshall. We wish we could tell you about everything, for it was so very worth while, but space forbids.

Of course the reports of work so well done were made interesting, but especially that of Mrs. Kingdon who spoke for the Visitor. She gave her talk in the form of an acrostic, tell-

ing in Scripture of the value of the Visitor. It would be well worth preserving in permanent form.

Mrs. Passmore told us of Western Missions in her own very interesting way, and quoted one missionary who says, "Everywhere I go I see that the people are thirsty for the Gospel, but no one can do it all." Isn't this a challenge for us?

Mrs. Reddick quieted our hearts and led us close to the Master as she spoke from Psalm 51, urging for clean hearts and a renewal of the right spirit, and Mrs. J. G. Brown seemed to continue the thought in her afternoon Bible Reading from Gen. 12, when she reminded us again that it was only through close communion with God that we became strong for service, and our hearts must be right before Him, ere we could do aught for others.

Mrs. Yersak spoke of the Polish work in our City. Seven years ago, she said, there was one man and the missionaries. Now there were three churches, with about sixty members, and asked if we did not think this a good investment. She illustrated the worth-whileness of work among the children by having a little five year old Polish girl sing and repeat the 23rd Psalm for us.

Miss Janet Robinson gave us a most thrilling talk on India's schools.—Our schools, she said. She told us of the constituency from which the pupils of the village schools were gathered, tracing the scholar from them to the Boarding and High Schools, then to the Bible Women's Training School or the Seminary. No one could listen to this really heart to heart talk (by one who knows) without being stirred to more earnest prayer and effort.

The evening worship led by Miss Clark, an address on Home Missions by Mrs. Covenay, and a talk on "Some old women of Bolivia" and how they became trophies of God's grace, by Rev. Mr. Turnbull, our missionary from Bolivia, closed a very delightful session.

But we have left out two very important items. The Director's interesting report, and a bright little talk by Miss Hazel Ricketts of Walmer Rd. King's Mission Band, on "What the Mission Band has done for me." She told us in a charming manner of how this won-

derful Band is managed, and then very briefly of what it had done for her. She had learned to pray in these meetings, to speak in these meetings, to love, honour and reverence her church, and lastly, that we were all workers together with Him.

We have now 53 Circles in Toronto, said our indefatigable Director. These Circles report about 2400 members, but the number of women in the churches is so many more that it forms a challenge of a membership campaign for us. The contributions were over \$15,000 to Missions. One particularly interesting item was where a detailed statement of the giving was made. One Circle had given over \$12 per member, another over \$11, and thus down to the 5 who had given less than \$1 per member. Somehow this makes the \$15,000 look different to some of us.

She told us we now had 29 Y.W. Circles, and 28 Bands. The Circles where there were not Bands were urged to try to organize the children for this work.

The officers for the ensuing year, were: President, Mrs. Percy Roberts; Vice-President, Mrs. M. C. MacLean; Director, Mrs. N. L. Crosby; Band Director, Miss E. Whitham.

Edith Dale.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION

Representatives of Circles and Bands met at Waterford, June 8th, at 10.15. Mrs. Crabb, of Simcoe, led a wonderful prayer service based on consecration, and in the fervent prayers not a phase of our missions was omitted.

A very instructive conference was held on our Circle and Band work, led by our Directors—Miss M. Stillwell, Cheapside, and Mrs. J. Burgess, Villa Nova.

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Geo. Ronson, Courtland, reading and speaking from the 12th of Romans, and several followed in prayer.

Mrs. (Rev.) McLachlan welcomed all to their church and homes, first on behalf of their Circle; second, in a social way, and third, from a spiritual standpoint.

Mrs. (Rev.) Dale replied. Bound together as we are by ties of true fellowship may do greater things for God.

President, Mrs. (Rev.) Lamb, Villa Nova, took as the key thought of her address the little word "Go." 1st. Why God commands us "Go ye therefore"; 2nd. Where—Unto the uttermost parts of the earth, beginning at Jerusalem. 3rd, When—Now, now is the accepted time.

Reports from the different Circles and Bands showed interest taken in the work.

Circle Directors' Report showed an increase in members, Links and Visitors, and in Home Mission offerings. Miss Stillwell asked for comfort boxes for the Home Mission Churches.

Band Directors' Report finds some doubling in finance, while some have a decrease, but both Circles and Bands hope to measure up by time of Convention.

Our Director on Temperance, Mrs. E. D. Heath, gave an inspiring address and appeal for more earnestness in this vital cause.

Mrs. A. Saul, in leading the prayer hour, emphasized the great power of God unto salvation and the power He can bestow upon us if properly linked up with Him. "If you ask I will do." God is our spiritual battery, we the transmitter.

Mrs. Johnston, of Boston, sang sweetly, "My Lord and I," followed by several in prayer.

Miss Duncombe presented the benefits of our bureau of missionary literature.

Mrs. (Rev.) H. C. Newcombe, Simcoe, very ably directed our minds to the real value of our "Link and Visitor". They are gold mines of information for Circles and Bands. Help swell the number of these subscriptions to the 10,000 goal.

Mrs. John Craig from India then gave us very interesting information of the real work of the wife of a missionary. She does as great a work as he.

The evening session was opened by Mrs. Lamb, reading 4th chapter of John, and several offered up supplications for guidance in His work.

Again Mrs. Craig gave an interesting historical outline of work in India from 1885 to the present time, and reminded us of the great need right now of more missionaries.

Choir rendered a splendid anthem.

Dr. Farmer, of Toronto, appealed to the

Christians here for more consecrated workers. All Christians who have been buried in Baptism and rose again to newness of life are sent or left here "to be about My Father's business." We are all missionaries beginning at Jerusalem, Judea and the uttermost parts of the earth. Great need for help in our cities, New Ontario, etc.

Vittoria Circle presented perfectly "The Challenge of the Cross."

Rev. S. H. Lamb pronounced the benediction.

Collection for the day, \$37.

(Mrs.) H. H. Schuyler, Secy.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION

The Circles and Bands of the Walkerton Association held their thirty-ninth annual meeting with the church at Goderich on June 1st, 1926, the President, Mrs. J. Anderson, presiding. After the devotional service, interesting reports were given by Circles and Bands in response to the Roll Call. We are glad to be able to report an increase both in membership and giving. We are also glad to report the organization of three new Y. W. Circles. These are in Goderich, Monck and Walkerton, and with the Listowel Y. W. organized some time past, have a membership of 52.

Our Circles contributed this year to Home Missions \$309.85; to Foreign Missions, \$335.40; specials raised, \$28.95. Total, \$674.20. This is an increase over last year of \$29.22.

Amount contributed by Mission Bands for Home Missions, \$52.82; to Foreign Missions, \$62.00. Total, \$114.82. This is also an increase over last year of \$29.22.

We have 10 Women's Circles and 4 Y. W. Circles with a membership of 220. We have 5 Mission Bands with a membership of 118. Number of "Visitors" taken, 144; "Links" 88.

The Missionary programme both afternoon and evening was well attended. Miss Whiteside, of Moulton College, was present with us and gave an interesting account of the work done among the girls attending the College.

Mrs. (Rev.) Chas. King, of Walkerton, gave the Home Mission address, using the Home Mission map, making it very interesting and informing.

We were so fortunate in being able to have with us our beloved missionary, Mrs. John

Craig, of Toronto. She spoke for a short time at our afternoon meeting, telling us many interesting things about the missionaries' wives and their work in India. At our evening open meeting she spoke of the work done by the lady missionaries. We learned many things and were made to feel how much we owe them for their untiring service rendered to others on our behalf. The Willing Workers' Mission Band delighted us with a exercise called "Ten Little Indians," also a chorus; a recitation by little Willie Joe Johnson, of Goderich and reading by Miss Akam, of Clinton, were given. Solos given by Mrs. (Rev.) F. C. Elliott and Mrs. Gunton were very much enjoyed by all. The offering for the day was \$13.00, which is equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Hon. President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Mount Forest; President, Mrs. John Anderson, Wingham; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) A. Atkinson, Goderich; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. C. Mack, Palmerston; Director, Mrs. T. T. MacDonald, Wingham; Asst. Director, Miss Edna McKechnie, Walkerton.

Mrs. T. T. MacDonald,

Director.

PETERBORO ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands of the Peterboro Association was held with the Cramahe Church, on June 8th. Mrs. Scott, the President, and Miss Nicholls, the Directress, presided over the session in their own helpful way, and appreciation of their years of service was expressed when they were re-elected.

Many expressions of appreciation were heard of the warm welcome given the delegates by the entertaining Church. A large tent was erected on the lawn where most tempting meals were served, and it was a popular and attractive spot.

Interesting items on the programme were:

The reports of our Directresses, Miss Nicholls and Mrs. Young;

The introduction of one of our earliest Band Leaders, Mrs. Turney, of Colborne. One had to but see her face and hear her speak to know that her interest in Band work had

nèver abated since 1890, when the first Band was organized;

A solo by Mrs. Palmer, of Cramahe; a most inspiring Home Mission address by Miss Stratton, of Peterboro;

A Foreign Mission address by Miss Hume, of Port Hope, and in the evening the General Session listened with pleasure to Miss White-side, of Moulton College.

Joy C. McKechnie, Secy.

290 Anne St., Belleville, Ont.

EGERTON ST., LONDON

On the evening of April 15th the Egerton St. Women's Mission Circle held its Laura Allyn meeting with our honorary men members in charge. After a splendid programme given by the men members and a few prayers by some of our Circle ladies the meeting was given over to Mr. Rough of St. Thomas, who gave a most interesting talk about his travels in China, illustrated by slides. We not only enjoyed seeing the pictures but all left the meeting greatly inspired by his earnest message.

Our offering amounted to \$40.00. We thank our Heavenly Father for all the blessing which comes to us through our Women's Mission Circle, as we meet from time to time. We are especially thankful for the Open Board letters.

Mrs. Arniel, Secretary.

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PRISON WORK IN TOKIO

do?" but "Where do you live?" Two-thirds of the population you know moved on the day of the earthquake! She has no money, is struggling to keep her boy in school for the year her husband is in prison, and we have to hunt work for her, and get her moved to a house which she can have free of rent. Also we must visit the husband in prison and put the fear of God in him before he comes out. Do not think that it is principally men's work I am doing—it is the women who suffer.

One of my ex-pirates called the other day, a boy of only twenty-two or twenty-three. He and thirty others took an expedition up north two or three years ago to find gold (read R. L. Stevenson's Treasure Island!), but in de-

fault of gold, they rigged up a pirate ship and did some damage to Russians on the high seas. It sounds very romantic when you read it in a novel—it was not nearly so romantic when they all got into jail! The one who came to see me was my first pirate friend, but not my last. He had hair down to his shoulders when I first saw him, and looked every inch a pirate. He has finished his sentence, and is a serious Christian youth now. I am sure he will do well.

The man whom I first saw in prison, on a case of which he was later acquitted, came to see me to-day. He said, "If you had not visited me in prison, and given me a Bible to read, I'd have been an anarchist to-day." He is one of the labor leaders in Japan now, a working man himself, and I wish you could see him steady men during a strike and preaching the futility of force.

There is a woman in prison whom I am visiting. She has a long list of frauds and forgeries to her account, and is, therefore, a woman of considerable brains. She weeps when I see her, and says her husband is so angry that he will not come to see her. So I have sent him word that if he does not want her worse when she comes out, he would do well to swallow his anger, and give her some encouragement for the future. Of course, it is rather a disgrace to have your wife in prison, but it is a worse disgrace if she gets in again, which she certainly will if she has no home to go to.

We have a great deal of work finding employment for men and women when they come out. Fortunately, Mr. Yamada is now helping with the prison work and takes much of the responsibility off my shoulders. You remember I told you of the wonderful way in which this man's release came before I went home, and how it was through him I first came in contact with prison work.

The settlement work is also growing apace, with the night school for factory girls leading in importance. One hundred girls are enrolled. We have received 700 yen from three departments of governments lately on a public holiday, February 11, when such things are given.—The Missionary Monthly.

The Young Women

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

While reading the page allotted to our "Canadian Girls in Training" in the June issue of the Link, my attention was arrested by this phrase, "The gardens of girls" are continually growing.

Do not our Young Women's Circles remind us of a beautiful garden, each Circle a flower bed, the members are in the full glory of blossom time—not only promising abundant fruit for the future, but rejoicing all our hearts with their joy and beauty in the present. Some of these flower beds are well established; others are small and bearing their first blossoms this year. In the centre of each is a mass of golden tulips, an emblem of your gifts in money to our work at Home and Abroad, and some beds have more golden tulips than others, but all have some and they are cultivated in many ways. Some by special gifts have increased their golden centre. Do not fail to read page four of the May "Visitor," also the front page of the June "Link," and you will receive suggestions how to cultivate your flowers.

In a few of the well kept Circle beds we find a glorious red rose, a type of the royal gift of a life in service to the Master Gardener, He who walks in the garden watching your development. Oh! that He might find more roses. As the different seeds draw their life from the same soil and develop according to the principle within them, so may every one of us, drawing our life from the one Great Life, develop what He has planted within us and add glory and beauty to His garden.

Not only does he notice the roses, but he sees the blighted plants, the neglected parts of the garden, and I am sure He sees the love that planted and watered and weeded, for not only what we accomplish, but what we attempt in His name He accepts.

He looks, too, at the places where many more Circle beds might be blooming, and He calls to us to help. Will you not respond and make glad the heart of the Master Gardener, so that when we come up to Convention in the Fall there may be no waste places?

QUESTION BOX

Are the agents for the "Link" and "Visitor" on the Executive?

Yes. Let me quote from Article 5 from our Constitution: "The officers of this Circle shall be members in good standing of a regular Baptist Church, and shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and Agent for the "Visitor" and "Link" to be elected annually."

Why is it so difficult to get the different members in our Circle to pray?

I will attempt to answer this question in the July issue of the "Visitor."

What is included in our educational work among the Telugus?

"Our educational work falls under three heads: Village schools, boarding schools, and the higher schools, including the Theological Seminary."

Ada Veals,

Mrs. H. F. Veals,
33 Strathcona Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.

ONLY ONE.

One stitch dropped, as the weaver drove
His nimble shuttle to and fro,
In and out, beneath, above,
Till the pattern seemed to bud and grow,
As if the fairies had working been—
One small stitch which could scarce be seen;
But one stitch pulled the next one out,
And a weak spot grew in the fabric stout;
And the perfect plan was marred for aye
By the one small stitch that was dropped that day.

One small life, in God's great plan,
How futile it seems, as the ages roll;
Do what it may, or strive how it can
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole!
A single stitch in the endless web—
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb!
But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost,
Or marred where the tangled threads have
crossed—

And each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that the Master meant.

—Selected.

Canadian Girls in Training

"TO GIVE IS TO LIVE"

Canadian Girls In Training

In training—what for?—to be an athlete or a mere intellectual, or a goody-goody, or a social butterfly?

No. "As a Canadian Girl in Training, under the leadership of Jesus, it is my purpose to cherish health; seek truth; know God; serve others, and thus, with His help, become the girl God would have me be." In other words, we are in training to live the fourfold life as Jesus lived it—to live life at its best.

But, the poet says, "To Give is To Live." John 3:16 says, "God so loved—that He gave—that we might live." Another writer says: "The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served."

Somehow, it seems impossible to separate living from giving. If we would really live we must give.

If this be so, in these years of training, learning to give must have a large place in our lives. But, you say, what have Canadian Girls in Training to give? Are they not spending money but not making it?

How strange that our thoughts always turn to money, when we speak of giving! What a sad day it would be for us, if we had nothing to give but money! James Whitcomb Riley says: "They's nothin' much patheticker'n jes' a-bein' rich."

But we know that there are many things to give that are worth much more than money. You will remember that Peter said to the lame man outside the temple, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee." Such as we have—yes, that is what God expects us to give.

Now, what have we to give?

I read a story a few days ago about one of the missionaries of our Church taking his nurse and going to a lonely home a long way from the hospital, to help bring a wee babe into the world on Christmas day. When they looked around for some clothes for the baby, there was nothing but a piece of woolen cloth. I wonder if you girls would not enjoy making layettes and other hospital supplies and sending them to our missionaries for just such needy cases. Then, you are not so old that you have forgoten how to dress dolls.

Our missionaries, in foreign lands, tell us that our dolls are especially prized by the children. When they get some dolls from Canada they have to pass them around and give every child a chance to nurse them. Wouldn't it be lovely if there could be a doll for every little mother-heart?

Did you ever think of learning a missionary story really well and then offering to tell it in mission band, or Sunday School or in your Canadian Girls in Training meeting? Who knows but someone might become interested in missions, or better still, decide to be a missionary, just because of the story you told? And what if that someone should be you?

Perhaps some of you have a gift for making posters. Older folks, as well as younger, are often attracted to a well-made poster and learn missionary facts that they would not trouble to learn in any other way. Posters are something like sugar-coated pills, you know—easy medicine to take, but they cure the disease. Just prepare some doses of this kind and place them in the entry of your church on different occasions. When a missionary diet is served in a palatable form, it is sure to strengthen the appetite for missions among your church members.

Pageantry is something that all girls love. Why not use your talent for dramatics to aid the cause of missions? You will not only learn a great deal of interest and benefit to yourselves, but you will be able to present the wonders and needs of the Mission field to others in a very acceptable and telling way.

And you may have some money to give. Most girls have a little, some have more. Now that the wonderful Eastertide is approaching, shall we not plan to give a Thank Offering for the One who gave Himself that not only we, but all women and girls the wide world over, might live?

I am sure that, by now, you are just bubbling over with your own ideas for giving. Girls have such variety of talent to use for others. But, whatever you plan, always remember to give yourself with your gift.

"Not what we give but what we share,

For the gift without the giver is bare."

Truly, giving is living.

Mrs. J. H. Rush, —The Missionary Monthly

CAMP MEMORIES

Anne Warner.

There lies by me a letter, but it is more than a letter. It is a bridge, spanning a gulf of years in a girl's life. The writer and I were C.G.I.T. campers, not so many years ago. It seems that way now, although at that time it appeared a long journey ahead to the writing of a B.A. at the end of one's name. We await "Commencement," and we fear, and delight in, plan for, and thrill to the wander of life, but, the same time the heart is touched with misgiving, and we wish "school-girl-days" were not so nearly over. We want it all back, not just the college days, but the days which preceded them. We think of the time when we made our first venture from home, when we made our first outside affiliations, and formed our first friendships.

These desires bring a vision of that first Camp we went to. It was **great**—no other word expresses it. There was the train journey, the motorbus, the boat. You looked at these girls you did not know, you wondered who they were, where they lived, and whether you should like them when you did know them. You speculated about the leaders, and you tried to imagine how you would spend your time. Then, when you arrived, you found there was no time to speculate about anything, you must just keep going. Great fun, that first evening, wasn't it? You pinned your name upon yourself and set forth to get acquainted. Then to bed, and everyone so excited that sleep became an impossibility. There was no danger of sleeping through the 7.30 gong the next morning, though it was a thing quite possible afterward. "Morning Watch" seemed to come instinctively beneath these tall sentinels of the out-of-door cathedral. Then came saluting the dawn, setting-up the physical, and then a mad rush for the water! It was the only way to do, for "she who hesitates is lost," and "virtue has its own reward."

Your cheeks glowed, your blood tingled, you were a "dripping-mess" and—you were desperately hungry.

The days passed. Yes, they just galloped by. There was so much to do, a goodly

amount to learn, a lot of things to help along, and always the opportunity of doing your "bit." Happy, busy days, but it was for the evening, most of all, that we seemed to live.

There was "Sunset Rock" and there was "The Grotto." Each had its special charm. There was the building of the fire. Some could build, and some could not, but when two who could, did, it was a work of art, a thing to be remembered.

One particular evening comes now vividly to mind. The sun had sunk to rest in a glory of crimson and gold. The shadows had fallen, and the low, sweet whispers of the evening were heard in the silence. We were Indian tribes, sitting in groups, each about our little fire, tending it carefully, guarding it as we carried it in procession to the great central stack that each might contribute its little flame to the kindling of a magnificent common blaze.

The great fire burns. The campers gather around with song and story, each provoking the other to comradeship and gaiety, making the woods ring, and the waters echo back the melody. Gradually theme and tone change. A spirit sweeter and more serious steals o'er the group. The fiery flame of an hour ago has sunk to glowing embers in which pictures form before the eyes of the gazers. Individual pictures they seem, some distinct, others scarcely more than a suggestion. In the quiet fire light, a voice is heard, and the Tale of A Garden is told, the garden that was beautiful, but so small and so carefully walled. Within there was light and love and comfort; without there was darkness, loneliness and desolation.

As time went on the wall began to crumble and gaps appeared. Flowers began to grow in the outer waste, and the weeds of the wilderness menaced the beauty of the favored plot. People, some of them, began to see that this old idea was not God's idea. He wanted all His world to be a **garden**, and all His children to share in the best. He was calling for helpers, for co-workers, in the perfecting of His plan, and the making of "the Wilderness to blossom as the rose." The first duty was the cultivation of the plot about each individual door, the making of a garden in

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Our Mission Bands

WHAT CAN A LITTLE CHAP DO?

What can a little chap do
For his country and for you?
What Can a little chap do?

He can play a straight game all through;
That's one good thing he can do.

He can fight like a Knight
For the truth and the Right;
That's another good thing he can do.

He can shun all that's mean,
He can keep himself clean,
Both without and within;—
That's a very fine thing he can do.

His soul he can brace
Against everything base,
And the trace will be seen
All his life in his face;—
That's an excellent thing he can do.

He can look to the Light,
He can keep his thought white,
He can fight the great fight,
He can do with his might
What is good in God's sight;—
Those are truly great things he can do.

Though his years be but few,
If he keeps himself true
He can march in the queue
Of the Good and the Great,
Who battled with fate
And won through;—
That's a wonderful thing he can do.

And—in each little thing
He can follow The King,
Yes—in each smallest thing
He can follow The King,—
He can follow The Christ, The King.
—John Oxenham.

MISSION BAND LEADERS

Be sure to read the Treasurer's Corner on pages 454 and 455. Note the fine letter she quotes from a Mission Band boy. It pays to enlist the boys in missionary service.—Ed.

THE ESSAY COMPETITION

A good number of essays have been received. The Editor regrets that she cannot now announce the result of the competition. It has not been feasible to arrange yet for the proper judging of the essays. That will be done soon and an announcement will be made in the September Link.

In the meantime the Editor would like to thank all those who wrote the essays and the Band leaders who encouraged them to write.

The names of all who sent in essays will be given in the Band Section of the Link.

MIMICO

The Mimico Mission Band held their annual opening meeting on Thursday evening, April 27th. Miss Elliott and several members of Robinson St. Band had supper with our Band at six thirty. A short song service was held while the parents were gathering for the programme. A very interesting programme was given by Miss Elliott and her Band.

Mr. Elliott, our pastor, spoke a few words of encouragement to the Bands. The secretary gave a report of the mite boxes, which were opened, the amount being \$22.63.

The Band is grateful to Miss Elliott and her Band who added greatly to the success of the meeting. Our Band wishes to thank all the friends who supported them by attending our meeting and thus showed their interest in our work.

Ralph Wood, Secretary.

M. Atkinson, Leader.

FROM MRS. WITHROW

38 Albany Ave., Toronto 4.

To all who are interested in Mission Bands:

Many of the letters that come to me from those interested in Mission Bands lament the difficulty of securing efficient leaders. It seems to me if some of our earnest younger women would definitely commit themselves to the work, much of what they feel they lack would come with experience.

I am thinking just now of one frail little lady who has worked indefatigably as a Band Leader in spite of great physical weakness. The time came when she was obliged to temp-

orarily relinquish her beloved work. Two bright young girls who had been her helpers agreed to carry on for the time. The Leader's illness has been so prolonged that these girls have given themselves definitely to the Band Leadership. The invalid believes that her illness has been a blessing in disguise to her girls for they have quite lived up to their responsibility.

We are anxious to help all Leaders and prospective Leaders. With this in view, we have planned a series of programmes on our Home Mission Work. The first will appear in the July-August issue of the Visitor. These will run for probably five months. This will be followed by a series of our Foreign Missions in the Link. Each programme will be complete in itself and will represent one phase of our work.

By the time we meet at Convention, you will be able to tell us whether these programmes are proving helpful and you may be able to tell us too how the succeeding ones may be made more helpful.

And by the way! Have your thinking-caps working towards Convention. And above all, plan to be there. We are counting on a large registration of Band Leaders.

Yours very sincerely,

Maude H. Withrow.
Band Secretary.

CAMP MEMORIES

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which the Father God shall delight to walk in the cool of the day. Wonderful camp days and nights! For us they live in memory, but for the Canadian Girl in Training they are still reality, and in a few short months will be here in very truth.

May the camps of 1926 give her a real delight in the present, and leave a memory that shall inspire to a womanhood of the finest!

—Missionary Monthly.

I THINK HE WAS A BLITHESOME BOY

I think He was a blithesome boy.

I think His words were clear and free.

I think He was as straight and brown
As some young tree.

I think His laugh ran down the wind.

I think he tossed His tumbled hair
And flung a snatch of simple song
Upon the air.

I think He lingered on the hills,

And learned the magic in the grass:
And knew the heart of every tree,
That saw Him pass.

And heard upon the mountain top

The distant singing in the sun,
From cedar branches blowing green
On Lebanon.

I think He came to Mary's door

With eager homeward-running feet,
And to His hungry, human mouth,
Her bread was sweet.

Yet He Himself was bread, and wine,

And olive branch, and cedar tree,
And grass and star, and shining depths
Of Galilee.

Oh, He was laughter and delight.

And He was pain and tears and death
And every suffering and joy
Of Nazareth.

He was all silence, and all song;

He was a cross; a diadem;
The Man of Sorrows; and the lovely Babe
Of Bethlehem.

—Barbara Young in the *New York Times*.

—The Missionary Monthly.

The Western Page

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The Baptist women of Manitoba gathered in their annual missionary convention in the Broadway church, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, June 1st. The sessions were most helpful and encouraging. The reports of the different phases of our work showed that progress had been made all along the line and that our offerings for missions had increased, a determined effort had been made by our Circles to send in one twelfth of the year's apportionment each month and some of them succeeded splendidly in achieving this ideal.

Our Mission Bands took up with enthusiasm the study book for the year "Brave Adventures" and an essay competition on "Carey the Cobbler." was entered by a number of contestants. The senior prize went to a member of the Rapid City Band and the junior prize to a member of the Emmanuel Band, of Winnipeg. The Missionary offering of the Bands was \$234.94 in excess of last year.

The report of the Missionary Reading contest was very interesting, showing that the women of our Circles are eager for Missionary literature.

The pageant "There pray" was effectively put on and made a strong appeal.

Special features of the convention were addresses by our returned missionaries, Miss Annie Munro, R.N., and Dr. Jessie Allyn. It was a great joy to welcome home Miss Munro of Parlakimedi, who reached the city that morning and took the opportunity of placing before us in a very graphic way the needs of the people to whom she ministers, and the open door for medical and evangelistic work. Dr. Allyn, who had brought a message to some of our cities early in the season, stirred our hearts to the depths as she told of the medical work and the opportunity afforded for the spread of the gospel message. The personal touch of these missionaries meant much to our gathering and the response of our women to their messages indicated the feeling that our missionary doctors and nurses are worthy of the best we can give them in the way of equipment in order that they may carry on their two-fold ministry.

MISSION CIRCLE FIRST CHURCH CALGARY, ALTA.

The Mission Circle reports for the first quarter as follows: "This year we have ten groups at work. We have fixed our budget at eighteen hundred dollars for the year, and are aiming to raise an extra amount to cover our share of the exchange on this budget. All of this we hope to do by free will offering. Each group is assuming the responsibility of raising at least one hundred dollars plus the exchange. When we closed the books for March we had given in to the provincial Treasurer four hundred dollars.

At an executive meeting held just before our regular meeting in March we planned an extra offering to be collected and given in the following manner, viz., each member of the Circle is to take it upon herself to interest at least four people who know little about our work and who give little or nothing to missions. She is to collect at least twenty-five cents from each of those to whom she has been talking about missions. By so doing she will collect a dollar. Then a reception is to be given at the home of the president, when this money will be turned in. We hope to raise \$150 in this way.

Our Mission Circle meetings so far this year have been very interesting. Dr. Jessie Allyn spoke to us at our February meeting. We have had an average attendance of over sixty and the interest with which each one takes her part both in the program and the budget makes our circle a live wire in the church life.

On February 19th the other Baptist Circles joined us and together we held an all day prayer meeting for our missionaries and their work both at home and abroad. Short talks were given on the different phases of the work and each missionary was prayed for by name."

EDMONTON. FIRST CHURCH.

The thirty-fourth anniversary of the Mission Circle was held in the Church on Tuesday, May 15th. Five past presidents of the Circle were present and contributed some part to the program.

The Eastern Society

Miss M. E. Barker, 4136 Dorchester St., Westmount, Que.

BOARD MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Board of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held in the first Church on Friday, June 17th. The President, Mrs. H. H. Ayr, took the chair. The usual routine of business was followed.

The Treasurer's report for the quarter was heard and on motion adopted.

Total receipts for the quarter\$2299.53
Expenditure\$2122.83
Total receipts since October\$5089.00
Expenditure\$6280.00

The method of gathering the money for our Treasury was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that we urge all Circles and Bands to adopt a system of **regular free will offerings** "as the Lord hath prospered."

The following names were proposed and accepted as Life Members:

Miss Christine McDonald Robertson, of Perth; Mrs. George Wadsworth Hollister, Cornwall; Mrs. M. Devlin, McPhail Memorial, Ottawa; Mrs. Maud Mattock, Almonte; Mrs. W. B. Newsome, Plum Hollow; Mrs. Thos. Guest, Brockville; Miss Rae Leith, of Temple, Montreal.

Life Members of Bands — Allan White, Delta; F. W. Iveson, First Church, Ottawa; Arthur Howard MacCarthy, First Church, Ottawa; Miss Florence E. Marjerrison, McPhail Memorial, Ottawa.

Notice was given as to vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board occasioned by the removal of Mrs. G. Maguire to the United States and to Vancouver of Mrs. Loudon who has been a faithful member of the Board for many years. The Board has lost by death a faithful friend and out-of-town member, Mrs. Scammell, of Ottawa; who was Cor.-Secretary of the Home Mission Board, ever ready in all good work. In the passing away of Mrs. Murdock Mackenzie (Miss Rue Parker) who was Directress of the Eastern Association for many years and who was always deeply interested in and identified with the work of the Society the Board has sustained a further loss of an old and valued friend.

Mrs. A. Paterson and Mrs. Jas. Walker reported visits paid to Circles in Montreal with the object of making them acquainted with the work and needs of the Board. It was recognized that this was a great service and hopes were expressed that this work might be done more extensively in the future.

The Board was informed that the work of packing the boxes for India in the Eastern Association was completed and that five cases containing 45 parcels and weighing 541 lbs. were ready for shipping. The present plan of having one general Superintendent of Supplies, a Sec.-Treasurer and one Representative in each Association has proved so satisfactory that it was agreed that it be adopted permanently and that Mrs. R. H. Findlay, General Superintendent, Miss E. Bentley, Sec.-Treasurer, Miss Eleanor Muir, Representative Eastern Ontario Association, Mrs. A. M. Kennedy, Representative Ottawa Association, Mrs. A. L. Farquharson, Representative Canada Central Association, be asked to continue their splendid work in another year.

A letter was read from the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Board of Ontario West in regard to the "Marjorie Cameron" Professorship in Vellore Medical College to which our Board contributes, suggesting that Dr. Jessie Findlay, who is already on the staff of that College, should be appointed as representative of the three contributing Canadian Boards. This would be a very happy arrangement in many ways, putting Dr. Findlay in very close connection with the Canadian Baptist Missionary work and giving to our Boards a more definite and intimate interest in the work of Vellore Medical College. This suggestion met with the unanimous approval of our Board.

Letters were read from our missionaries. One from Miss Murray was from Marseilles and reported a safe and happy journey that far and expressed her intention of sailing to Canada on the S.S. Minnedosa on June 17. She will be greeted on her arrival by many warm and loving hearts.

The meeting closed with a season of prayer.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE

1926

of the
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Eastern Ontario and Quebec

The Last Call!

Good News!

The two-thirds mark on our JUBILEE FUND has been reached! All depends now on the final instalment. The last call is sounding, cheerfully—but urgently! . . . This third and last payment on the instalment plan will be

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Will you please co-operate in this final call by making prompt payments? Remember the fund closes September 1st. "A strong pull, and a pull all together!"—and success is assured.

Associational Directors

This third and last instalment should be in the hands of the Board Treasurer on SEPTEMBER 1—not a day later, please.

Bands

Please keep working on the "Cross-Word Puzzle." We are counting on your help.

Our Slogan

"Every woman a worker—every woman a builder!" Are you? Now is the time we need YOU! Even if you haven't enlisted yet. Hear the call; "Lend a hand! Everybody together! Shoulder to shoulder! Success is just ahead! One last push—everybody, please!"

Take advantage of this special

LAST MINUTE SCHEDULE

(for July and August)

\$1.00 equals 10 hours work at 10c. per hour

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(If you have no Jubilee Woman in your Circle, send direct to your own Associational Director).

DO IT TO-DAY—NOW—THIS IS THE HOUR OF OPPORTUNITY

"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year; it shall be a Jubilee unto you";

JUBILEE CONVENTION, 1926

"Thou shalt cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound."

To the Women and Young Women's Circles of Eastern Ontario and Quebec:

"A Jubilee shall the fiftieth year be unto you." Is the tide of triumphant thanksgiving and holy purpose beginning to flow up into our hearts and lives and will it be at its height when we assemble in Convention in Westmount Baptist Church, Montreal, on October 12th, 13th, 14th? It is most earnestly desired that every Circle be represented by one or more delegates to participate in the joy and inspiration of this unique occasion.

Notice. The opening meeting of the Convention will be on Tuesday evening, Oct. 12. A prayer service will be followed by the report of Young Women's Circles and a Pageant will be presented.

Several of our missionaries are to give addresses during the Convention. Will not all our readers pray during these summer months for a Pentecostal blessing on the Convention of 1926.

**DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES
BOXES FOR INDIA**

We are able to announce to our readers that the work of filling the cases with gifts for the work of our missionaries in India is completed. A quite arduous but joyful task it has been.

The Westmount Baptist Church was selected as the best place to do the packing of the gifts received from the Circles of the Eastern Association. Oh that every contributor could have seen the total result of the united efforts of the Women's Circles, Young Women's Circles and Bands! So much variety and ingenuity displayed and such an evident spirit of love and interest and care for the needs of our representatives in India. Similar work has been done for the Ottawa Association in Ottawa and for the Canada Central in Brockville. A full account will be given in the annual report.

"A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

On the 27th of September, 1876, the Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario

and Quebec was organized in St. Catherine Street Baptist Church, Montreal, by Rev. A. V. Timpany and the Circles are asked to observe this day as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

A MISSIONARY WOMAN'S COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt remember the missionary meeting day, to keep it free, and not absent thyself without good cause.

II. Thou shalt on the first day of the week lay by in store as God hath prospered thee, that there be no mad scrambling at the end of the year for something to give.

III. Thou shalt learn the joy of doing things well, and to that end be willing to serve on committees.

IV. Thou shalt give of thy talents literature, musical or artistic, for the benefit of the society, knowing that she who giveth is more blessed than she who receiveth.

V. Thou shalt subscribe for and read the church papers, that thou mayest know of thy Mission work.

VI. Thou shalt study our Missionary literature, that thou mayest have a deep and broad intelligence.

VII. Thou shalt be ever ready to give of thy time and strength in work for the cause of missions.

VIII. Thou shalt be watchful to engage the young women of thy church in Missionary service, and lead them to join thy Aid Society.

IX. Thou shalt not neglect the children within thy borders, but shalt form them into Mission Bands that they may early learn to love Missions.

X. Above all, thou shalt pray daily and believingly that God Himself will do those things that are beyond our power, and will guide and bless our efforts in His service. —Tidings. The Missionary Monthly.

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MOSLEM WOMEN (60c) by A. E. and S. M. Zwemer. No persons are better fitted as authors of this book than Dr. and Mrs. Zwemer, who have given their lives to this work, and therefore are thoroughly acquainted with it. So well is it written that it almost makes us see our Moslem sisters, and the condition of their lives in these lands, and under this religion.

THE REVOLUTION IN THE MOSLEM WORLD (60c.) by W. Wilson Cash, is the other book. It is a bit heavier than the former, and written from an entirely different standpoint, but is equally interesting.

These books will be found especially interesting to us, as there are many Mohammedans in India, and an earnest study of these books will impel us to prayer on their behalf. The first named book is recommended as being more suitable for the use of our Circles, as it is written especially for women and girls.

INDIA

If any Circle wishes India, there are the books so often advertised, on our own work, **BEACON LIGHTS (10c)** and **THE ENTERPRISE (\$1)** with which, together with the latest reports, and the last, "**AMONG THE TELUGUS,**" your list will be quite complete as far as our own work goes. The new **AMONG THE TELUGUS** will be here early in November, and everyone is advised to place their order early, as they are usually sold quickly on arrival (30c.).

BUILDING WITH INDIA (60c.) by Dr. D. J. Flemming, has come out in a new edition, and it is just as readable and illuminating as ever. It is well worth your study. The chapter headings are as follows:—India's Heritage; Handicaps to Progress; Striving and Aspiration; Co-operation of the Christian West; The Distinctive Opportunity in India and The Indian Church.

THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD (\$1) is a comparatively new book by Dr. Stanley Jones. It will be new in every way to us, as it is written from his experience with the Brahmins and students, and wonderful experiences they are, too. It makes one think, and that is said to be the evidence of a good book,—oh, but you must read it for yourself—send for it. It will make good reading for your holidays and equally good for your Circle.

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