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## RETURNING AMBASSADORS.

(Rev. John C. Davis, M.A. and Mrs. Davis.)

On the Lord alone relying,  
Seeking not for earthly fame,  
You went forth unto the dying  
Life's great message to proclaim;  
Now returning,  
You are welcomed in His name.

Through your labor has been granted,  
That which earnest prayer implores;  
Schools and churches have been planted,  
Healing India's wounds and sores:  
Now we bid you  
Welcome to Canadian shores.

Seventeen years in India spending  
You were seeking those that roam;  
Now the ones you sought are sending,  
Light that gleams o'er ocean's foam:  
Their affection  
Cheers you in your childhood's home.

Fellow workers gladly greet you  
As you in their presence stand;  
Faithful friends and kindred meet you,  
And your children hold your hand:  
All are saying,  
Welcome to your native land.

T. WATSON.

Dalesville, Que., 1904.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO CIRCLES AND BANDS.

The Treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that their books should be closed for the Convention Year on October 15th. The amount then on hand for Foreign Missions should be forwarded to me *at once*, as my books only remain open until the 20th. of October. All contributors are therefore urged to make their payments promptly, as funds are needed. The sum of \$2,108 97 is needed before that date to make up the regular work.

The Treasurer reports the sum of \$862.20 received for the "Bungalow Fund" from 65 circles 10 bands and 14 individuals. This amount is less than one half of the \$2000 needed for the erection of our new "Ontario Bungalow" at Vuyyuru, and it is hoped that the balance of \$1137.80 will be sent in before October the 20th. Send all contributions to the Treasurer.

EVA NASMITH,

Treas. W. B. F. M. S. of Ont. West.  
14 Maitland st.

Toronto.

## CONVENTION NOTICES.

**T**HE convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario (west) will be held in the Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9th. and 10th.

The twenty-eight annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on the 9th.

### DELEGATES.

Each circle is entitled to two delegates, for a membership of twenty, or less; for each additional twenty, one delegate.

These delegates must be full members of the society, that is, either life-members, or contributors of at least, one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

### BILLETING.

All delegates requiring entertainment will please send their names to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Avenue, by Oct. 19th.

### CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a first-class, full-rate, (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines, it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway.

These certificates are only good for use, three days after the meetings close, and if the delegates go and return on the same line.

### BOARD MEETING.

The Annual meeting of the Board will be held at Walmer Rd. Church, Tuesday Nov. 8th. at 3 p. m.

A. MOYLE,

Rec. Sec'y.

Friends will be pleased to know of Mrs. J. E. Davis' safe arrival at Woodstock, Ont.

Mr. Davis remained in England for medical treatment. We trust he will soon be able to be with his family at Woodstock.

## Our Work Abroad.

### MR. R. E. SMITH.

Mr. Smith, who in addition to the study of Telugu is pastor of the little Eurasian Baptist Church, Cocanada, writes :—"There have been three conversions in the Eurasian Church



Rev. R. E. Smith.

recently, and I hope there will be baptisms soon, two have already applied and others are only hindered by relatives from applying. I believe the Spirit of God is with us there. I am teaching Matriculation Latin at the Timpany Memorial School twice a week. This takes me down there often, and I have become greatly interested in work amongst those people, and in the school. Our prayer-meetings have become seasons of great blessing. The revival spirit is abroad. Special meetings are being held in the Telugu Church, and a large number have already professed a saving faith in Christ, and twenty-four have been baptized. I have also a class of young Hindu students from the college here, whom I meet on Sunday mornings. They are an interesting and interested set. They know almost nothing of the Bible, but speak good English, and I get along with them very well. They are keen upon having me take the class into the college, but I am afraid that is impossible. Another young fellow, a lawyer here, who has passed his F. A., comes in to read the Bible with me three nights in the week. I have become greatly interested in him, and trust the Lord will lay hold of him. He is but 23 years of age, quick, intelligent, progressive and eager to learn. I cannot get at his heart. It may be a desire to get English or something of the kind, but I rather think it is more than that. At any rate, I trust that the glorious old word of God will be the instrument in the Spirit's hands to bring him to the foot of the Cross. Do not forget to pray for him.

I am hard at Telugu all right, but it ought to be coming a little faster than it is, although the Munshi (native teacher), and I use as much Telugu as English now in our conversation, perhaps a little more."—*F. M. Bulletin.*

In my study of the Telugu language I have made three discoveries which are very significant.

1. There is no word for home. They have a word for house but no word for home. And the absence of the word indicates the absence of the idea.

2. There is no word for thanks, and evidently they have not felt the need of one.

3. The same pronoun is used in speaking of a woman, except when terms of respect are used, and of a thing.

From these things it would appear that heathenism has not given men homes in the full sense of that term, nor the spirit of gratitude, nor a proper conception of the world, and these things the Gospel of Christ is bringing to them now.

RALPH E. SMITH.

### MISS J. F. ROBINSON.



Miss Robinson, supported by the Woman's Board of Manitoba and N. W.

Miss Robinson, whom everybody in India seems to account a splendid addition to our missionary staff there, writes with her accustomed modesty: "My Telugu is certainly coming slowly. I can say a few words after a long period of waiting between

every two and then a sudden jerk when the bright idea comes. They say Mr. Scott is doing famously at it. But I suppose "slow and steady wins the day." And always I know that above all is the sure, strong, controlling power of our Father."—*F. M. Bulletin.*

## VUYURU, KISHNA DISTRICT.

July 23, 1904.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LINK,—

For some time now I have been wanting to send you a letter, to tell you how good it is to be back again at work. In one way I am living on my furlough yet. It was such a lovely holiday,— I don't suppose one could have two such furloughs in one lifetime, but in another way it hardly seems as if I had been away at all. The harness feels so familiar, and the conditions of life so natural, that it is as if it had always been and always would be.

As I came bumping along to Vuyuru in the usual ox-cart, and drew near the village where I had lived for five years; I began to look for the emotion which other people had spoken of in my hearing, as having come to them under similar circumstances, but they seemed strangely absent. What occupied the front place in my consciousness was the very familiar emotion of aching bones and sore muscles, consequent upon the jolting ride of seventy miles in a springless ox-cart. However as I passed one familiar landmark after another, and at last came right into the dusty little town, the very surroundings began to impress very forcibly upon my mind the fact that I had left Canada with all its fairness far, far behind me, and that I was once more in India,—the same old India! Yes, here was the same white, choky dust, the same old glare, the same old smell; the same old squalid-looking wood houses, the same old mangy dogs, the same old temple on the bank of the village tank, reminding me with a dull thud at my heart, of the same old fight to which I had returned. Nothing was sweet or clean or pretty. All was dust, dirt, squalor and sin. Oh! how my heart sank at the prospect of another seven or eight years amidst such surroundings! And I had so lately left the fairest country under the sun. There was not one glint of romance in the whole outlook. All seemed uncompromisingly grey and dull.

But lo! a gleam of comfort, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and the gleam widened and brightened into perfect peace. Better, far better, than any romantic view of the situation, was the sure knowledge and trust that, "The Lord, He it is that doth go with thee."

There was no formal welcome for me in Vuyuru, but an informal one, lengthened out for many

days, even out to the days on tour among the villages, when heathen and Christian friends alike would break into smiles on seeing me and say:—"What a long time since we have seen you!" Some of the women in the villages were very badly mixed, and didn't know whether I was a reincarnation of the very first Missamma (Miss Murray) or The-one-who-had-been-and-gone, or The-one-who-had-come-in-the-meantime. All Missammas look alike to them, and there seemed as many different opinions as there were Missammas, but finally we persuaded them that it was The-one-who-had-been-and-gone. When I got on tour, the little depression of the ox-cart fled—never to return as long as I am in the work; this wonderful work which is a panacea for all ills of the mind and spirit.

We had just as good times as ever, on tour. One young widow whose name means Good Treasure, had heard the Gospel from us several times, and this time she said "You've talked of Jesus Christ over and over again; now tell me how to get hold of him." I was pretty well taken aback, for I thought I always told how to "get hold of him," but evidently she had not understood; probably she thought I could teach her some charm or incantation by which she might invoke the Divine presence, so I read her passage after passage about faith and prayer, and spent another hour trying to tell her the secret of the Lord. When I could say no more she said, "You have answered my question, you have told me what I wanted to know." I was glad of her question, because it showed that she saw a difference between just knowing about Jesus, and having Him as her Saviour.

Some listeners remind me of a deep well. You drop a stone in; the circles widen and there seems to be a difference, but in a little while all is deathly still again, and you never see nor hear anything more of the stone you dropped in; no more than if you had never dropped it.

Some others remind me of a seed sown in good soil. Next time you visit the place there is a difference; there is a tiny sprout. We went to a new part of our field this year, at least it was always there, I am sure, but it wasn't always "Our" field. Down in the delta of the Kishna river where its many mouths join the sea, two of these divided streams form a large island where, a few years ago, the Gospel had, as far as we know, no believers. The Vuyuru field was large enough; we never used to go into this

island. But the people of this island used to go every transplanting season to GUNNANAPUDI, where their relatives lived, to work in the fields and make a little money. There they heard the Gospel and carried the seed about in their hearts for years, till the time came for it to sprout. They expressed a desire to be taught; a teacher was sent them. Just about that time the Spirit had seed sprouting in other villages in that region, and in due time souls were converted and baptized, and a whole new region brought to us. It was "new"—"Some of the yet very much land to be possessed." I had never been away down there before, neither had my bible woman, so we went last February, at the same that Mr. Mr. Stillwell and Mr. Cross did. We saw a whole new region, with more villages, more souls, more responsibilities, more work, added to our already large field. Everywhere you went you got invitations,—nay pleadings—to come to some other village. A man came to my tent and made me promise I'd ask Mr. Stillwell to go to his village. (He had just been to Mr. Stillwell, but he thought to make "assurance doubly sure," if possible.) Men stopped you in the fields and begged you to "come to our village." When I saw the land that had come to us, and saw the villages and all the work there was to be done, I think I would have been utterly discouraged, had it not been that Conference had voted to send Dr. Hulet down to Vuyuru to share in the work. The field had expanded since I went home, and just where the need was greatest, the provision came.

Just think how splendid it will be to have two of us instead of one, at the work. Not that I will be any less busy because there is another Missamma; I have no desire for that; but the work will be better done, it will get more than a smattering, for I always had an unsatisfied longing in my heart to spend more time in a few villages, and not have to hurry on to the others, before really finishing up where I was. I used to feel that I was just giving them a "smattering" of the good news. Now, surely, with another lady, we can plan to somewhat *do* the work. And yet, can two of us thoroughly evangelize the women in three hundred villages? I used to tell you two hundred and fifty, at home, but with this new region, it is at least, three hundred.

I must tell you about the Caste girls' school. It really got started this hot season, not quite a month ago; and has already had quite an exciting career. I started with only a Christian

mistress, though a Caste teacher is usually employed as head master in such schools. All went well, with a good attendance for a few days, until some of the leading men of the town who are opposed to Chistianity on general principles, started a report that we were breaking the little girls' caste, by having them drink water from our hands. So the fiat went forth, "Send no more children" and the attendance went down to *three!* Now, after anxious days, I have engaged a Brahmin as head master, the Christian woman to teach Bible, hymns and, after a while, sewing. The people have begun to send their children again, though the attendance isn't very large or regular yet, and the outlook is somewhat brighter.

It is a pleasure to teach the bright girls about the one true God, and my one desire is to teach them to read for themselves from His wonderful book. But while they are gaining the knowledge to enable them to do this, we also teach them from the Bible, and it is wonderful how quickly they learn, and how simply they receive. No wonder Jesus said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" and "Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Do pray for these little ones, whom the Lord has given to our care, that their teacher may be used of God, to lead them to Himself. And pray for us in all our work, dear friends,—*we cannot do without it.*

K. L. McLAURIN.

#### EDUCATION IN INDIA.

**I**NDIA has no organized, uniform system of schools. There are three kinds of schools, some more or less in unison, but more often entirely independent. Persons in a village wanting to have their boys (not girls) educated, unite and employ a teacher. Sometimes a teacher, fit or unfit, gathers a school, generally of a very primitive and rudimentary kind, in a cow-shed, under a tree, on a veranda, or in a temple. Then the government, or missions establish schools. The public revenue for schools being small, the government seeks to encourage those existing, and to some what unify them, by providing general inspection and examinations, and where desired, granting aid according to their status, or even taking them wholly under their control and support.

Schools conforming to government regulations are called by the people, "English Schools."

English being taught in them, and they being furnished with buildings, inspection, examinations, etc. by the government, which also to them means English.

These schools are the detestation of priests and Orthodox Brahmings, as they disintegrate Hindooism; although no religion is, or is allowed to be taught in them, the government being pledged to strict religious neutrality since the time of the Mutiny.

These schools are properly graded and have duly qualified teachers, and to their establishment generally missionary effort tends.

Mission schools may also be classed under three kinds. Primary schools, beyond which, in view of the difficulties, many never go; schools receiving grants-in-aid from the government; and schools wholly under government control.

Whatever the advantages or disadvantages of these different kinds of schools, there is no difference among missionaries as to the importance of educating the people, and along Christian lines. Indeed, evangelism and education may be called the two arms of mission work, and neither can say of the other, I have no need of thee. In our mission hereafter, education must take a larger place than heretofore, if our native agency are at all adequate to the coming demands. And this needs attending to in the primary, intermediate and higher grades.

The expense of teaching two hundred pupils would be little more than that of a quarter of that number, and such might be had with better equipped and qualified schools. In business, liberality is often the soundest economy. Our

primary boarding schools ought to be raised to lower secondary; but to have teachers qualified for such grade, the Samalcot lower secondary needs to be raised to a High School, teaching up to matriculation, at least. Such changes would attract numbers of Hindoo boys from the upper classes, for whom we have done scarcely anything educationally yet, thus removing the objection of spending so much of our strength on the lower classes. Those Hindoo boys would come under the daily influence of religious teaching, which is one of the most effective ways of reaching these higher classes.

It is encouraging to know in this connection, that, with all the hatred of the Hindoos for christianity, they bear united testimony in praise of what missions have done for their country educationally.

Indeed, they have been forced to this by what they have seen of the uplifting influence of our schools upon the lower classes.

With all the difficulties of error, ignorance and superstition, of mental and moral darkness too to be brought to view, we have brought to a degree of proficiency for their work, some three hundred and twenty nine native helpers, having one hundred and thirty nine schools in operation, with two thousand, four hundred and fifty three pupils, besides the increasing leaven of untold influence from our work.

Not all has been done that we could desire, by far; but much has been done to inspire gratitude and hope. Who will help us?

Yours in work,

July 28th. 1904.

J. E. CHUTE.

## Our Work at Home.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Resolution of Condolence from the Members of the H. and F. Mission Circles of the Perth Baptist Church.

**O**UR Heavenly Father in His all wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst, our well-beloved sister, Mrs. Thos. Scott. She was a most devoted member of our Mission Circles, giving generously of her means and, although living at a distance from the town, was always present at our meetings, when health and circumstances permitted. We desire to tell out our full appreciation of the loving and faithful character and example of our late sister and

to place on record the great loss which we have sustained in her death, but we have comfort and consolation in the abiding assurance that she is in the presence of Him whom she delighteth to honor and serve. Also we wish to extend to her sorrowing husband and family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and our prayer is, that they may realize the presence of Him who alone can bind up the broken heart, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms.

Signed } ANNIE McKELLOCH, Pres. F. M. C.  
          } HANNAH S. LYONS, Pres. H. M. C.

## NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

AYLMER.—The monthly business meeting of the Mission Circle was held at the Church on Thursday, July 7th. The Sunday previous an invitation was given from the pulpit to all the ladies of the Church and congregation to attend this meeting. The meeting opened promptly at three o'clock. After the regular routine of business, Miss Mabel Clark favoured us with a solo. Mrs. Stillwell, wife of the Rev. H. E. Stillwell, our returned missionary from India, addressed the meeting. She spoke principally on the home life of the missionaries and told us of the many unpleasant things they had to endure by not having homes of their own.

Mrs. Booker also gave a short address along the same line and asked us if we had ever stopped to think what it meant to send out single lady missionaries to India, where it was often inconvenient for the mission family to share their home with them, and retarded the work they might accomplish.

A solo was then sang by Miss Alma Clark. A collection was then taken in aid of the Bungalow Fund, the collection amounting to \$71.15, when all rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." After a few remarks from our President, the meeting, closed by singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

M. E. ROGERS, Sec.

CLARENCE.—The annual "Foreign Mission Thank-offering" of our Circle was held on June the 5th, but owing to very inclement weather the attendance was not as large as in former years. Mrs. Erskine, our beloved President, owing to illness was not able to be present, Mr. Vian, French student missionary presided. The Rev. B. W. Merrill, of McPhail Memorial Church, Ottawa, was with us and gave a very able and instructive address, we hope to have him with us at our next annual gathering. We also had short addresses from the Chairman, and by our Pastor, Rev. Mr. Coles; also a recitation by W. D. McLaurin. Music was furnished by the Church choir, Mrs. G. E. Tucker of New York, kindly assisting. Mrs. Tucker's singing was most thoroughly enjoyed by all. The collection amounted to \$81.08. At the close of the program a very enjoyable social hour was spent, during which refreshments was served.

M. G. WILLIAMS, sec.

NORWICH.—That our Circle has not reported through your columns is not due to any lack of interest either in the LINK or in missionary work. Our kind Heavenly Father has sent us many blessings during the past year and we are glad to report a deepened interest in Circle work. The meetings are well attended and we believe that love of missions and faithfulness in service are growing factors among our ladies. Our mission programs are planned and carried out with care and enthusiasm and we do enjoy so much the letters received from those on the

Field. We thank these friends, and we trust that the seed of effort they planted in writing these letters may return in rich harvest of love and loyal work from us to them. At our last meeting Mrs. Guy, Mrs. Scidmore and Mrs. Nethercott, gave very interesting and profitable reports of the Association. Every heart is full of thankfulness at the thought that the Gospel is able to bring liberty and joy to our sisters in dark lands, as it has to us.

MRS. CATTEL, Sec.

ST. MARY'S.—Another Associational year has passed and with it all troubles, cares, and anxieties, and yet how many blessings we have received from God's bountiful hand during that time. As a Mission Circle we have great reason to praise Him for His loving kindness toward us. We are spared as an unbroken Circle to begin another year with His smile resting upon us. Our meetings during the past year, under our genial President, Mrs. C. F. Smith, have been very much enjoyed by all. We have a membership of thirteen, an average attendance of about seven. We have been taking up the "Via Christi Studies." Each member takes a topic alternately and when we get through the topics, then we will have a review of them. We have found them very interesting. Our contributions for Home and Foreign Missions were larger than they have been for the past two or three years. Though we are few in number and feel sometimes that we accomplish so little, yet we feel our efforts are being owned and blessed by God. It is not the amount we do, it is the spirit we do it in. We look hopefully and expectantly into the future, trusting in the might of our Lord and the power of His Gospel. Yours in the work.

MRS. W. J. TATE, Sec.-Treas.

PAISLEY.—At one of our Circle meetings we agreed to try some plan to help on the Bungalow Fund. So we arranged to meet at the home of one of our members and hold a parlor social. Quite a number came and we had a suitable program prepared, singing, music and readings, after which we were served with light refreshments. We spent a very enjoyable evening. At the close we gave our free-will offerings, amounting to \$8, which we sent to help on this important work, trusting that God's blessing would follow it.

MRS. JESSIE BUCHANAN, Sec.

PETERBORO'—PARK ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.—At the regular meeting of the Circle, on June 7th, the following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Mann; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Wright; Organist, Mrs. Tranter; Treas., Mrs. Gillespie; Sec., Mrs. Jewett; Collector, Mrs. Bunton; Visitor Agent, Mrs. Hicks; LINK Agent, Miss Mann. We received a number of new members during the year, and have very good meetings monthly. Yet we know there are still some, who are not interested. But the work is the Lord's. "Let



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#### NEWS FROM BANDS.

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**F**OG and rain greeted the delegates of the W. M. B. U. on the opening day of the Convention, but it could not dampen the spirits or enthusiasm of those who had gathered to carry forward the Master's work. About two hundred delegates responded to their names at roll call, the largest delegation in the history of the Union.

At 10 a.m. our treasurer, Mrs. Smith, took the chair, expressing deep regret at the illness of our beloved president, Mrs. Manning. After singing and prayer, in which our president was specially remembered, the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W.M.B.U. was declared open.

After roll call the reports of the Provincial secretaries were listened to with deep interest. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Cox, the report from New Brunswick was read by Mrs. McIntyre.

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At the close of this report, a resolution of gratitude for Mrs. Cox's faithful work, and regret for her absence was passed.

The report from Nova Scotia was particularly enjoyed. 8 new societies have been formed during the year and 60 life members made, this being 22 more than last year. 8 county secretaries reported and 146 of the 166 Aids. 43

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On motion the reports were adopted, the congregation rising and singing from grateful hearts, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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After the minutes of the morning meeting were read, Mrs. Waring, in behalf of the four societies in Halifax, one of which was formed 34 years ago and one 34 days ago, welcomed

the Convention to Halifax and expressed the hope that all might enjoy their visit and receive much good from the meetings. The reply to this address was by Mrs. Blackadar.

The treasurer's report was followed with intense interest and much satisfaction. The total amount received from all sources during the year \$12,297.57, this being \$2,669.47 more than last year. Of this amount \$8,675 has been paid to foreign missions, \$1,200 to home missions in the Maritime Provinces, \$1,200 to work in the North-West and \$600 to Grand Ligne mission work. The total expenditure for the year amounts to \$11,950.48. Balance on hand \$3,016.56.

Mrs. Martell voiced the feeling of the entire Union when, at the close of this report, she arose and in a few words expressed thankfulness that we had a treasurer who performed her arduous duties so faithfully, and who, so freely, consecrated her time and talent to the work.

The report from our Mission Band treasurer, Mrs. Ida Crandal, showed an increase of \$300 over last year. Amount received from Nova Scotia bands during the year \$1,401.16; from New Brunswick bands \$701.39; from bands in Prince Edward Island, \$113.58. The pleasure and gratitude which this report called forth was evinced by the singing of the Doxology.

Our corresponding secretary, Mrs. Martell, in her report of the Home Management, gave the number of Bands as follows: Nova Scotia 97, New Brunswick 35, Prince Edward Island 11; the number of life members: Nova Scotia 29, New Brunswick 12, Prince Edward Island 8. This report was very encouraging throughout. Helpful missionary meetings have been held at all the associations led by Provincial or county secretaries. Special mention was made of Mrs. Alwood who, after 33 years of faithful service on the executive board, passed away last September. Attention was called to the fact that Miss McDorman, of Truro, had been appointed Superintendent of bureau of literature, in place of Mrs. Harding.

Before the report of the Foreign Department was read, opportunity was given for remarks on the first part of this report. Mrs. McLearn, of Guysborough, spoke of the requisites and duties of County Secretaries. The County Secretary should have knowledge of, love for, and enthusiasm in her work. She should visit all the churches in the county not the societies alone, as

only by visiting the churches can she hope to form new societies.

The report of the Foreign Department was very interesting. Four missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison and Mr. and Mrs. Corcy are home on furlough. Miss Martha Clarke has returned to India and resumed work at Tekkali; Miss Flora Clarke has been sent to Bimli where she now conducts a very prosperous school. There have been 46 baptisms during the year, others are deeply interested but have made no real decisions. There are 7 stations, 8 churches, 17 day schools, 56 evangelistic schools, 10 Sunday schools, 4 boarding schools, 1 hospital and 3 reading rooms, established in the Telugu land. To carry on this work there are 6 men and 9 lady missionaries. The cry of more helpers comes from all the stations. "Whom shall we send and who will go for us?"

Reference was made to Miss Sanford and Miss Churchill who, though not on the missionary staff, are spending their lives in trying to give the light of the gospel to this people.

The address of our absent president, which was read by Miss Hume, dwelt especially upon the work in India. The greatest advancement is seen in the suppression of child marriage. Yet there are to-day 7,000 widows under nine years of age and 4,000 under four years. Religion is the only remedy for this evil, the greatest influence for good in India to-day is that of Christian homes. Attention was called to the way in which missionary interest is often created—by reading missionary books, by mission bands, by home influence. Keep a list of disinterested ones and pray for them daily, try each year to interest someone in mission work.

Greetings were received from sister societies, the Presbyterians being represented by Mrs. McNab, and the Methodists by Mrs. Beck. Mrs. Walter Mitchell replied to these greetings, after which the audience was delighted by a solo from Miss Steadman.

The evening meeting opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. McIntyre, on "The Relation of Home Mission to World Evangelization." The writer showed clearly that the development and multiplication of the home fields means an increase of workers and funds for the foreign work. Many of our missionaries, such as Mr. Corsy and Miss Archibald, are from Home Mission fields. Attention was drawn particularly to our western provinces where there are so

many thousands who know not Christ. These are the people who will carve the Canada of the future. How needful therefore that they should be taught the Way of Life. Let our motto be "Canada for Christ."

Mrs. Corsy, who is home on furlough, after nine years and a half service in India, spoke of the work at Parlakimedi. At this station there are three missionaries to preach the gospel to a people numbering 2,000,000, and speaking four different languages. About nine months of the year are spent in touring, the remaining three at work at the station. If, when touring, the missionaries go in opposite directions they can go over the whole field *once* in the course of a year. If they go together it takes them two years. A strong plea was made for three lady missionaries to go out this fall.

Mr. Gullison spoke of the moral destitution of the people and showed by illustrations how given over the natives are to lying and stealing; the dishonor, so they think, being not in doing these things but in being discovered. All kinds of moral corruption are sanctioned by their religion. There is a saying, "Like priest, like people," but the very *god* of the Hindus are evil. Can our religion do anything for such as these? Yes, in India to-day there are 1,000 Protestant christians living clean, moral lives. Shall we, like the Israelites of old, when menaced by Goliath, put our God to shame by being afraid to fight, or shall we, like David, go forth to victory, knowing that, "The battle is the Lord's."

#### SECOND CONVENTION DAY.

Mrs. J. C. Redding.

After the half hour devotional service, Mrs. Smith again took the chair. A very solemn memorial service was then led by Mrs. Chubbeck, who opened it with the beautiful selection from the Book of Revelation, "I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'" Seventy-one have passed over the line the past year, thinning the ranks. May the Lord press more workers into the field. A solo, beautifully rendered by Miss Steadman, concluded this service.

Following this a paper on "Development in Woman's Mission Work," was read by Mrs. J. C. Redding. Mrs. Bates then gave an account of the work for the LINK, during the past year. Mrs. L. D. Morse conducted a Round Table Talk, on the "Foreign Mission Field." This is one

of the most instructive features of our Conventions. A great amount of useful information was brought out, delegates asking questions which were ably answered by the missionaries present, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, and Dr. Boggs. The annual election of officers closed the morning session, Mrs. J. W. Manning, and Mrs. Mary Smith, were re-elected by acclamation, President and Treasurer, respectively. These ladies have for many years faithfully worked for the Union, their labors are universally appreciated. Very great regret was expressed by many at the resignation of Mrs. Martell, Corresponding Secretary, as the result of ill-health. She has been a signally efficient, faithful and tactful officer, and has done much invaluable work for the Union. Mrs. Maud Chubbeck was elected to the office; Mrs. Ida Crandall, Mission Band Treas.; Mrs. Henry Everett, Recording Sec.; the remaining officers will be found upon another page of the LINK. Adjourned for lunch.

As usual the afternoon service opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Young.

The first routine business taken up, was the reports of Mission Band Superintendents: Mrs. P. R. Foster first took the platform. She reported 20 "Living" Bands. The year has been marked by a disposition to make the support of native pupils in the mission schools the object of work. The Treasurer has received \$300 in excess of that of last year, the banner Band for average amount raised per member, was reported to be the Tabernacle Band, of Halifax.

The report of the Superintendent from P. E. Island, Mrs. A. F. Brown, was next considered. There are 16 Bands, having six Life-members. At the request of the presiding lady, Mrs. Robinson led in prayer for "Mission Band Work," during the coming year.

A solo by Miss Steadman was listened to with delight.

Miss Favia Allen then read a paper on "Work among Juniors, in our Mission Bands." Stress was laid on the vital necessity for the spirit of love for work among the children. Future activity in missions depends upon character building and educating the young. Illustrations of her work among the Bands, Miss Allen passed through the audience, giving the thought that something of kindergarten methods could be used successfully in this work.

Report on "Home Missions," was presented by Mrs. W. King. It was very encouraging. The estimates of \$3,000 have been exceeded by



\$221.46. It was gratifying to learn that there will not be one of the home mission churches that shall not have received more or less pastoral labor during the year, but many golden opportunities are lost for lack of means. No branch of the work has been more wonderfully blessed than that of Grande Ligne. All of the debt on the new wing has been paid, \$56,000. Help is still needed to furnish the rooms. The work in the North West is progressing, 13 churches organized, 12 new buildings. Work is still being carried on among the Indians. A plea for larger gifts the coming year concluded the report.

An open Conference followed, conducted by Mrs. T. A. Blackadar, proved intensely interesting, and was participated in by a number of the ladies. The estimates for the coming year were next considered. It was moved by Mrs. Martell, and seconded by Miss Hume, that the estimate for foreign missions be increased \$300 and home missions be increased \$200, which was carried. Adjourned for lunch.

The evening session, concluding the meeting of the Convention, began promptly at eight o'clock, with a crowded audience. Again the excellent choir of the First Baptist church was presented and added materially to the pleasure of the programme.

The first address was by a representative of Grand Ligne Mission, Rev. Mr. Bosworth. He spoke of the appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to the mission by the Maritime Provinces. Seventy-seven converts were reported for the year, and an interesting account of these conversions was given. It was also stated that the first French-Canadian convert to the mission had made over all that she possessed to be spent in spreading the gospel in connection with Grand Ligne work. In finishing, the speaker earnestly prayed the Union to take the mission yet closer to their hearts. The address was heartily applauded.

The next speaker, Mrs. Gullison, was welcomed with pleasure, and no more effective address than this was given before the Union at this Convention. Mrs. Gullison dwelt especially upon her experience as a worker among the women of India, bringing vividly before our minds causes for thankfulness that we are different than they. The degradations and wrongs of India motherhood and widowhood were strongly pictured. The speaker declared there were no words in the English language strong enough to describe their awful condition, bring-

ing facts forward to prove her statement. The terrible need for more workers, especially lady missionaries, was dwelt upon, the speaker pleading with simple eloquence that was irresistible.

The next speaker, Rev. Mr. Corcy, returned missionary, gave a view of missions not often dwelt upon. He enlarged upon different phrases of the work as showing many hopeful signs of encouragement. Mr. Corcy is certainly an optimist, if this address can be taken as an indication, and it is extremely refreshing to hear such views expressed. "The greatness of the work," he said, assigned to the Maritime Baptists should stimulate to great effort. The easy means of access to the country furnished a second hopeful element in the problem. Again, the means and workers to prosecute the work is encouraging." A bright picture of work accomplished was drawn by the speaker. Another encouraging feature was that the people at home were taking a broader and deeper interest in missions, and by this means a more prosperous condition of work was yet to be realized. A selection by the choir followed, during which the collection was taken.

An address by Dr. Boggs, one of the veterans of the Ontario Board, was listened to with interest. Dr. Boggs spoke with the enthusiasm of a young man of his immediate return to his distant field of labor in which he has already spent thirty fruitful years. May God's richest blessing rest upon him and his wife as they return to their beloved work.

In conclusion the usual passage of resolutions of thanks to the pastor and people of the city for hospitality; of appreciation to the beloved president, Mrs. Manning, absent through illness; to the acting chairman, Mrs. Smith; to the choir; to the returned missionaries; to the press and railroads. The singing of a hymn in Telegu by the missionaries concluded the Convention.

#### CONVENTION ECHOES.

By Mrs. J. I. Bates.

"The evangelization of heathen women and children was the primary object for which these societies were organized, and in the multiplicity of our efforts, we often fail to meditate upon the great needs in this direction and our responsibility to meet them."—Mrs. C. H. Martell.

"One of the greatest needs at present, both at home and abroad, is more workers, and to the

problem of how to secure them, we must continue to devote ourselves.

"It may be of advantage to consider what means awakened an interest in some of them, who have given themselves to the mission work with grand results. Individual effort seems to have won more than anything else. If each member could interest *one* every year, the evangelization of the world would soon be accomplished."—*President's Address*.

"Are we with the Lord Jesus Christ in the evangelization of the world?"—*Dr. Boggs*.

"Our prayers for the evangelization of the world are a little irony, so long as we only give the fragments of our time, strength and influence to this work. 'Be strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work will be rewarded.'"

"Medical missions may be placed in the very front rank of agencies for the world's evangelization."

#### IMPRESSIONS OF MY FIRST W.B.M.U. CONVENTION.

By a New-comer.

Awake, and expecting a repetition of yesterday's sunshine, but what is this? A drizzling, foggy rain. Rather dampening to one's ardour, but a sunshining hostess at breakfast makes the world look some brighter. After a short car ride, we arrive at the First Baptist Church, of old historic Halifax. Going into the auditorium of the Church we think we are very early, only five there. A lady steps up, and in a very business-like tone says, "Have you enrolled, if not step through that door please." which we immediately do. Oh, no! not so early after all, we meet many ladies here, and eagerly scan each face hoping to find a familiar one, but fail. After enrolling, duly decorated with a delegate's badge, and making our way back to the audience room, we spy a friend who gives us a hearty handshake, which obliterates any homesickness that may be lurking about. A lady takes the chair, expressing regret at the illness of the President, Mrs. Manning. Turning to a neighbor, we ask who the lady is.

"Our Treasurer," is the reply.

"Where are the Vice-Presidents, have you none?"

"Oh yes, three, one for each Province."

"Why is one not in the chair? An organ-

ization of this size should have efficient officers ready to fill any emergency, instead of giving additional work to an already hard-worked official. No answer.

Then the Roll Call, we eagerly crane our neck to catch glimpses of faces, whose names are already familiar through the pages of the "*Messenger and Visitor*," "*Link*" or "*Tidings*."

Miss Hume, the earnest Provincial Secretary, of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Cox we were sorry not to see; Ah! Mrs. Foster, Superintendent of Mission Bands, whom our children hear from; Mrs. Blackadar, mother of our Miss Blackadar, at Vizanagram; Mrs. Ida Crandall, who so efficiently cares for the children's pennies; Yes, and Mrs. Martell, the faithful Secretary; Mrs. Gullison whom we have always wanted to see, and Mrs. Corey, too; A glimpse of Mrs. Nalder and other County Secretaries satisfies our curiosity; this to a new-comer is an intensely interesting feature. *Impressions*.—By night the personal pronoun *you* has changed to *we*, *we* belong.

The facility with which business was despatched was amazing, putting to shame general meetings of like nature. Too much material in each program, sometimes quite enough for two, thus not allowing time for the discussion of the different subjects we were expecting, we always had an idea these discussions usually emphasized, broadened and added to the thoughts expressed by the speaker, or perhaps adverse criticism would develop new methods and facts. But little discussion of papers was held, was it a lack?

The earnestness, enthusiasm and interest of each delegate for missions was impressive. All were thinking, talking and praying for the same object—enlargement of Christ's work in the Telegu land. The special thought for prayer to God, and earnest, tender pleading to the people was, more lady missionaries, more families for the Foreign field. May God answer those heartfelt prayers.

It was with a mind and heart filled with renewed zeal that we said "good-bye" to our old friends, and many new ones, all looking forward to a more successful, and by God's blessing more consecrated year's work than ever before.

We congratulate our sisters, of the W.B.M.U., of the Maritime Provinces, on their successful year's work and the very encouraging state of their finances.