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To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way
And the High Soul climbs the High way.
And the Low Soul gropes the Low.
And in between on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way, and a low,
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go.

Jahn Oxenham.

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MY FRIEND THE "LINK."

Ten years ago this month "The Link" and I were introduced to each other as companions for what we thought would be a short trip together. We found each other somewhat trying at first—it seemed to me she demanded a very great deal of time and attention, and then, when she got it, did not always show for the work put on her. What she thought of me, she has been discreet enough never to say. But, as time went on, and we grew more and more accustomed to each other's peculiarities, we travelled along more comfortably and finally quite happily. And now that the time has come to part company we find it a real wrench, and I at least am very sorry our journey together must end.

I know this friend of mine very well, and truth compels me to say she has her weaknesses. She has not always displayed a very good bump of location and persists in often losing her way, which I find very annoying, as do her hostesses. And she has a very marked tendency to lateness. It is always a struggle to get her ready and out in time,—a habit which I have not been able entirely to get rid of, even in ten years.

She has many friends, and really many of them are delightful people, and I now rejoice in their being my friends, too, and do hope they may not entirely forget me when I am separated from her. Of course, as must be true in a wide circle of acquaintances, her friends are not all amiable. There are some of them that both she and I have found it very difficult to get along with, and only our sense of duty has kept us from striking them off our address book. They do not seem to remember that our small friend needs consideration, and that she is by no means rich, and really cannot do everything as she would like to.

But, though she is not rich, it is such a satisfaction to say she always pays her way and does it promptly, too. Even in these days of high cost of living, she has never once run into debt, and has never been late in paying her bills. She really is rather a good manager, for she quite often contrives little extras in the way of adornment, or another dress, or a fuller skirt.

Her taste in the matter of reading is very marked. She is very fond of verse—she is such a practical little person and has so much business on hand that she can rarely have as much as she likes, but she always tries to interlard a little of it. Her one great hobby is letters,—she has an insatiable appetite for them, and especially any that have a foreign postmark. They are really meat and drink to her, and I have often wished her good friends would give her this great pleasure more frequently. She has one queer little fad,—she likes church and college advertisements, and she really never gets enough of them. I have always felt a little sorry for her in this regard, for they would have helped to eke out her income so materially.

I have often wondered what she thinks of me, but the "wise old owl" as she is, she never says. I am sure she thinks I am always in a hurry. I know she dreads the 15th, and the 1st of the month, for I am always trying to make her move more quickly then, and I know she thinks I am something of a slave-driver, for I am always trying to make her carry more than she can, loading her up to capacity, till she has not an inch in which to stretch. But her capacity has increased, she has learned to accept far more than she used to think she could. She thinks, too, that I never let her rest,—that I am always planning new trips for her and sending her to all sorts of outlying places,—on trips near and far. I am afraid it is true, but I know that, when the first difficulty of meeting strangers is over, she will have a chance to make more and more new friends. And that is just what she has done from East to West, and now she is glad as well as I.

But I must say good-bye to her. I shall miss her,—the days and hours I have spent with her are too many to be dropped out without sharp regret. I am so glad

I can feel she is an influence for good wherever she goes, and I hope she may grow in grace, and be more and more so. I hope, too, that the "guide philosopher and friend" who is to travel with her from now on will enjoy her as much as I have. She says she will come to visit me very often, and, though I cannot go to see her, perhaps I may be able to correspond with her once in a while.

And so I say farewell to my friend, and send her on with my good wishes for a prosperous and happy future.

JACQUELINE M. NORTON.

OUR RETIRING EDITOR.

With this number of "The Link" comes the retirement of our editor, Miss Norton, who for ten years has faithfully prepared and sent out each month this little Foreign Mission messenger.

It was with regret that the Board accepted Miss Norton's resignation. She announced that her decision was final, and they felt that in view of her busy life at Moulton College it would be unfair to urge her to carry the burden of "The Link" any longer.

During her years of service Miss Norton has given of her time and thought without stint. One wonders if we who receive the paper month by month begin to realize what it means to have it ready every time. It might be possible for anyone of us to edit a paper for one year, but to keep at it year after year is indeed a task to try the powers of patience and perseverance in the possession of very few.

During all these years there has never been a deficit in Link finances, and every year there has been an increase in the number of subscribers. We all feel grateful to Miss Norton for her faithful work, and for all the interest and devotion she has put into our Foreign Mission paper. The members of the Foreign Mission Board wish to record their appreciation of Miss Norton, and every reader of "The Link" will wish to thank her, too, for the efficient way in which she has always carried on this difficult task.

J. E. Z.

FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

FROM HARRIS BUNGALOW.

Cocanada, India, April 6th, 1919.

My Dear Miss Rogers.—Your letter of Feb. 5th came to me a week ago last evening, March 29th, so it seems as if there is some improvement in transportation facilities. Nowadays there is no regular time for posting home mail as there was before the war, and as we just post our Canadian letters whenever we happen to have them ready, they are apt to be neglected. When we knew that the mail was to go on a certain day, and that our letters must be posted that day, it sort of kept us to the mark.

I wrote you again while on the voyage, on the way across from Singapore, finished up and posted after arriving in Cocanada. Since that time I have done very little writing. Every minute of time out of the regular routine work seems to be taken up. The rains failed last year and the crops failed in all the districts that are not irrigated, and you know the northern section of the Godaveri District is dry; so things look pretty serious in these parts. So many of the poor Christians in the villages are farm laborers and have no work and no food, they look to us for help of course. They seem to think that it is my turn now since I have just come back from Canada, so they are all applying to me. I often have a deputation in the early morning, another when I return from school, sometimes people are waiting to see me before I go out in the afternoons and again when I return from my work in the evenings. I do not have very much time for anything else.

April 20th.—Two weeks since this was started I haven't made much progress with it. Since I began it I have said "good-bye" to Miss Pratt—she left us for Calcutta on Monday morning on her way to New York. It is a fine thing to be able

to get on board a steamer at Calcutta and go through to New York without change. Miss Craig is taking hold nicely with the school. It is nice for her to live so near home that she can see her folks every day. Miss Pratt was wonderfully sustained during the time she was alone with so many extra responsibilities. She was pretty tired when I arrived, and for a few days at first, soon after my arrival, she was not very well, but soon recovered. She has had such a good health record during her second term. I do hope she may have a restful, happy furlough, but she goes to a saddened home this time; her first furlough was without a shadow.

In my visiting among the women I have found many sorrowing ones. I cannot, of course, get round to see all the houses before May, but am going to see the more interested women. In nearly all the homes I have visited someone is missing. Two fine women have lost their husbands; three in fact of those who were rather special friends of mine; others have lost children. Just the other day an ex-pupil of our school was taken. She was always so glad to see us and welcomed us so warmly.

Some new little youngsters have come too; children born after I left for Canada are able to run about.

Did Itell you in my last letter that dear old Mirian had been called home? She had been in pretty old,—she was far from being a young woman when I came to India thirty years ago. She had lived to see a great-grandchild born. I feel that the Bible women were faithful during my absence; most of them are earnest women, interested in their work. One of them, Karre Rachel left town and so is lost to us. I believe she is working as a Bible woman with the C.M.S. in Masulipatam.

There seems nothing but sickness and sorrow and trouble in the world. My sister and niece wrote of the second outbreak of "flu" in Canada. The number of deaths from "flu" in India was 6,000,000,—more died in this country than were killed in the four years of war, in all the countries engaged—it spread away out into the jungles. They say whole villages were wiped out. How strange and mysterious.

AGNES E. BASKERVILLE.

ADVANCEMENT AT VUYURU.

Vuyyura, April 6th, 1919.

Dear Miss Rogers.—They say "all things come to those who wait," and perhaps it is true; only when the waiting is deferred the heart faints. Anyway, after all these years of waiting we have now the assurance of both a proper hospital and a choultry. Perhaps I am premature in regard to the hospital, as at present only the land is ours, no funds as yet for building. The choultry, however, is to materialize. The man who has been promising this for several years actually came with his wife about three weeks ago, bought the land and had it been possible to get materials now, would have commenced the building. As soon as the canals open the work will be commenced. I hope to have the satisfaction of getting things into such a shape that my successor will not have the difficulties to face that we have had. Just now we are putting up a house for our compounder and assistant. The money we have saved out of the money given for medicine fees, etc., it isn't much—about \$500,—but we will be glad of a decent house. Our nurses have rooms in the Bible Women's new house, but our compounder has had only a wretched mud affair. This house is to be large enough to accommodate two families. The conference voted me the help of a Miss Phillips, an Indian girl graduate assistant surgeon. She unfortunately has failed in her exam, and can only be with us less than two months. We are expecting her on Tuesday. She has to return in June and will not be through until September. However, this will give Mary, our head nurse, a chance for a holiday. She hasn't had a day off since 1914. Yesu Das, our compounder, has hardly had more than one month's holiday during all that time. This new house we expect to give to him and to Miss Phillips.

Building is some problem now, with materials scarce and high in price. I am rather glad the new hospital is not on yet, and hope by fall that materials will be easier to get and cheaper. So much for the medical work. Am trying to do some field work, especially among the Christian women. I made out a course of lessons from the study set for our workers' Bible exam. questions and answers, called in

the preachers and teachers wives, went over the lesson with them, and then offered a prize for the best recitation. Last year only four churches took up the course, but an interest has been awakened, and this year I believe all the ten churches will be able to give good examinations. One hopeful sign is that the workers are seeing how much good the Bible study is doing for their Christians.

The Bible Women are touring the field, and doing the best they can, but I fancy much better work would be done if there was some missionary to direct them.

The school work has really been my greatest burden. To get competent teachers and to hold the scholars is not a small problem. One of my best teachers died of fever the 1st of February. I was not able to get another one at that time to take her place. Will have to secure some one for the term beginning in June. We are having very great heat. It is expected the summer will be very trying. Hope to get away to Darjeeling in May and then will write you more.

GERTUDE HULET.

TO LAKSHIMPURAM BY NIGHT.

We had planned to go early in the evening, so as to reach the village by daylight, but a caller at the tent and as usual many other delays were our experience. The car track was rough and quite unfamiliar to us and lay for a distance along the bank of the river where a false step on the part of our trusty ox would have landed the jatta at the bottom and ended the trip. Candle-light was all we had for the jatta, and, in the darkness without a landmark, we went astray. At last we almost despaired of reaching the village when one of our party called out "Oh!" there is the village quite near." Not a dog was to be heard and scarcely a light to be seen, as kerosene oil is very scarce and dear since the war.

But we had a great welcome. There is not a Christian in the whole village, and the evangelistic Sunday School teacher had gone, thinking we were not coming. But the work was there. Immediately we were surrounded by a crowd of heathen children. They were so quick, too, in responding to the questions asked about the Scripture lessons and especially ready with singing of Telugu Christian hymns. Four years ago and not one of them would have anything of the kind in their minds at all, and they would have run away from fright at the sight of a white person. Now they crowded around to welcome us and almost the whole of the village was around in no time, and we had a splendid hearing for the Gospel message.

The work is most encouraging, and we want to thank all who have helped make the work what it is and what it is going to be by sending cards, picture post-cards, pictures, bags and any other kind of shot and shell as it were for this campaign of salvation and light and life from above for the children.

MRS. SCOTT, Tuni.

FROM THE LETTERS.

Chicacole.—Three bright young women were baptized recently. They gave an excellent testimony in word and deed. One is from the Godaveri Delta Mission, one a Sudar from Akidu and another a Maharatti. The son of the latter is an Anglo-Indian. We would like to send him to the Timpany School if anyone will help to pay the Rs.10 required. Who wishes to help this promising boy-called Harry Harding?

MABEL E. ARCHIBALD.

Oocanada.—On Monday morning, the 17th, I was given a very warm and pretty welcome to the Girls' Boarding School. The girls were assembled in their hall when I arrived. Miss Pratt and I were both presented with fans and garlands of beautiful pink roses. After a very good, short programme, the classes in turn entertained me with songs and drills. The headmaster showed me the school apparatus and curricula. I have since been introduced to the boarding department also. I feel that I am very fortunate in having such good helpers as the headmaster and matron, and

also on having been acquainted with them as well as with some of the teachers and pupils. They have all given me such a whole-hearted welcome that I think I shall find my work enjoyable.

Laura J. CRAIG.

Visagapatam.—Every Friday I have been going with the oldest Biblewoman, Mahaluxmi, to the village of Old Waltair. There is a little Hindu boy there whose heart has been touched by Christ. He learned the Bible stories and hymns from his brother, and has taught the little village children. We feel that he is a true little Christian, but his parents are putting everything possible in our way as obstacles. When we go to the village, he has gone away, they tell us. The Biblewoman gives free rein to her imagination and tells them in fluent Telugu what happens to people who put stumbling-blocks in the way of others. The little chap is a very king among boys and has wonderful qualities of leadership. How we do covet him for the Kingdom of God in that village where missionaries have worked, seemingly fruitlessly, for fifty years.

E. BESSIE LOCKHART.

Ocanada (North).—During the quarter just ending ten have been baptized in addition to fourteen girls of the Boarding School, who were baptized by moonlight after the weekly prayer-meeting on March 13th. On the other hand, on revising our church roll we have given letters to many Boarding girls who had returned to their villages at various times. Hence our membership is somewhat less than it was at the end of 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Annett were here during the first days of March. Mr. Annett's sermon on "Jewel" was very interesting and very instructive. Helpful addresses for S.S. teachers were given on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, some in our chapel and some in the McLaurin High School.

JOHN CRAIG.

Ramachandrapuram.—We want everyone to know that all Ramachandrapuram school children, station Christians, field Christians, the workers and especially the missionaries were delighted to welcome back our Dorasani. The Mission bungalow already shows signs of her presence. We are just delighted to have Mrs. Stilwell here. I have been on tour about half the month and have had unusually good times in spite of the heat. Draksaram, a large village about five miles from the station, opened up many new doors on this tour, and some so widely that the Bible women and I feel we must visit it more regularly. The headmaster of the Caste Girls' School and the postmaster of the town are anxious to have me visit the school regularly. The last few days I have been in Kotapilli, and have visited fifteen evangelistic schools in villages at different distances. In these three places we found not only children interested, but adults asking for baptism. Pray for our dispensary and school at Kotapilli, and for the three teachers, all of whom are doing excellent work.

LUCY M. JONES.

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

MISS PRIEST'S TOUR IN THE NORTH.

It was our privilege during the latter part of April to welcome Miss Ellen Priest, our beloved missionary, to the extreme northern Association, and, while it was a long, tedious trip for her, I feel sure the warm welcome she received in each place she visited, helped her to forget any weariness, to say nothing of the help she received from groups of women whom she inspired by her stories of the work that is so near and dear to her heart. Her visit in Hallybury was one long to be remembered. In the afternoon about thirty ladies, members of our Circle, with a small delegation from Englehart and the neighboring pastors' wives, gathered at the Parsonage to have tea with Miss Priest. This was a free and easy time—when everybody felt free to ask all sorts of questions about her work. We will not forget very soon with what patience and kindness Miss Priest answered many questions. In the evening at 8 o'clock we gathered in our chapel, which was filled with people eager to listen to

her message. Some listeners having brothers and friends on fields in India, were glad to have a word with our missionary at the close. The Mission Band helped to make the programme bright, by giving an exercise, "The Light Bearers" and singing "We Are a Missionary Band," great interest was taken in Miss Priest's Trotting Bullocks and Jutka that she hopes to take the place of the worn-out pony. Also in the Bible Woman's Training School we were all overjoyed with the substantial response received at this meeting, our offering reaching nearly forty dollars, and we believe it will be the beginning of greater missionary activities among us. Her visit at New Liskeard was a delightful one and great interest was manifested. During her stay in the Northland she visited and spoke at our extreme Northern Station, Cochrane, and carried to them great inspiration; she also spoke at Cobalt, Sudbury, Nirth Bay and Burk's Falls, and at each place received a right royal welcome. We believe the Board made no mistake sending Miss Priest North and we hope each year to have a returned missionary make a tour of this northern part of our fair Dominion. To God be the glory.

F. F. ELLIOTT, Director.

A WOMAN MISSIONARY'S JOB.

(From Tidings.)

Just what does a missionary do? Oh, quite a number of things. The evangelistic missionary spends most of her time in training native Bible women and touring her district, sowing the good seed of the Word. The medical missionary spends most of her hours doing the work of a good physician—caring for the bodies of men in hospitals, dispensaries and homes in the station and touring in the jungle-buried villages of her district. She also trains native helpers in the use of medicine. The educational missionary puts most of her energy into school work, and the training of native teachers. But no missionary is restricted to a set routine; none lack variety of occupation; all find ample scope for the exercise of their ability and training.

Here is a sample of just what one missionary does:

Five, and sometimes eight hours daily in the school room teaching kindergarten, elementary grades and a training class; a supply-maker—copying the only existing wall map of her district, making reading and number charts, and practically all the school equipment; a match-maker, interviewing widowers and young men who came a-wooing for one of 50 school girls; a dress-maker, making an outfit for a new boarding pupil who arrives with her entire wardrobe on her back—a red sack reaching from under the armpits to the knees or a few inches below; a doctor caring for a boy with tuberculosis of the bone 50 miles from a hospital, or physician, treating a leper with pneumonia, sixty miles from medical aid; a druggist, compounding medicines for a family of fifty; a nurse, caring for a ward of fourteen patients on the floor of the bungalow verandah! a society butterfly, occasionally donning a best gown to sip tea with English lords and ladies of high official position, or while in camp, enjoying the gracious hospitality of a tea planter and his wife; a photographer, snapping shut-in Hindu and Mohammedan ladies, or in the wee morning hours, printing fifty or sixty pictures, to send to friends in the homeland, lest they forget; an architect drawing up plans for new buildings; a sport riding fifty miles on a stretch in the saddle crossing rice-fields on an elephant's back, and riding twenty miles in an ox-cart in ten hours; a merchant, buying food, clothing and school supplies and selling the same to students; an accountant, bending wearily over columns of figures, groaning over most complicated government annual reports, smiling over monthly accounts and progress reports sent to the far-off jungle huts from which the students have come to school; a new gardener, planting four hundred and fifty fruit and shade trees in two hot seasons; a teamster, driving two spicy native ponies back and forth from school, from the bazaar, and out of thirty-eight miles from the station; a barber, buying the friendship of the young men of jungle villages by cutting their wig-grown hair in approved fashion; an undertaker folding the waxen hands of a little English baby, and laying him on a bed of blossoms for his long sleep in a strange country.

In fact, being a missionary is just being a friend; big sister—mother—friend to the family of boarding pupils; winning a welcome in the home of the day pupils; making friends with the postman, dairyman, laundry man, merchant, station-master,

professor, doctor, cabmen, lawyer and tailor; sitting in mud court-yards telling of New York skyscrapers, fireless cookers, electric irons, cold storage, thermos bottles, vacuum cleaners and other new-world wonders. In later years the great war eclipsed all else. Crude maps of Europe were drawn with the tip of a sunshade in many closed-in court-yards. With what eagerness did the simple-minded brown folk follow the tracing of events, and with what unflinching loyalty did they hail news of the brave deeds of their countrymen in the service of King and country on the French front.

And sometimes there is a "purdah party" when the Hindu and Mohammedan women who are confined to their own court-yards from the age of 12 until death, come to the bungalow in the dark of night. Curtains are drawn, and no men are allowed within sight as the women enjoy a horizon-widening evening. The radio-phon brings people and customs of all lands to them, the music-box plays and the hostess and guests take turns singing with the baby organ.

Occasionally there are happy days when one plays hostess to a missionary or tourist—someone of common speech bringing fresh gossip and perchance, fresh styles, from the homeland. On such evenings lights burn late in the mission bungalow, and the visions of the night season, whether sleeping or waking are peoples with home faces, voiced in the old home accent and over, all wave the stars and stripes of Old Glory. On such nights it is not always the humidity that makes moist the pillows in the mission house.

There are red letter days, such as Feb. 12, Easter Monday, July 4th and Dec. 25th, when, if there are children in the mission group, a diversion of some sort is planned for some part of the day. So does the white-faced baby, born in the brown man's country, come to know of the history and traditions of his father's homeland.

These are a few of the tasks that made glad the days and nights of five and a half years for an ordinary missionary of but average ability, and far less than average training and opportunities. One of the college of special training, and of greater native ability, could enjoy a much wider scope of useful service. And one with training in medicine, oh, what could not such a one do in the name and after the fashion of the Great Physician who went about doing good. That is just the ideal, the goal of all who, in foreign lands, amongst strange people, seek to make Christ known. In schools and homes and hospitals, in bazaars and on the highways in social intercourse and business transactions, they seek to do good that the Father in heaven may be glorified.

Do not waste pity upon friends on the firing line of Christ's kingdom. Any slight measure of sacrifice which their separation from home and country might entail, is abundantly compensated by the joy of serving multitudes of Christless ones suffering in body, mind and soul. For in losing themselves in such service their own lives grow and expand, and they find the great joys of life even as their Master promised they should. With great brooding pity the missionary considers the multitudes of teachers, physicians and preachers in the homeland in numbers far, far beyond need of them spending their "money for that which is not bread and "their" labor for that which "satisfieth not," when on every foreign field there are millions suffering for lack of what Christians only can give.

E. MARIE HOLMES, Gauhati, Assam.

HERE AND THERE.

Walkerton Band.—The report of the Band read at the church annual meeting in February was very encouraging, \$52.00 having been sent to Home and Foreign Missions. The Band decorated the church at Thanksgiving time with fruits, vegetables and flowers. These were afterwards sold and proceeds equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. At Christmas time a very successful sale of work was held. Meetings are held twice a month.

PRESIDENT.

Walkerton Circle.—We held our thank-offering this year in the form of a supper, when each member brought an offering and enjoyed the social gathering with visitors from the other churches. The thank-offering amounted to \$52.36. A few weeks later Miss Baskerville gave us an excellent address on our work in India. It being the evening of the Union Prayer Meeting, there was a large gather-

ing to hear her, and all were greatly delighted and inspired by her address, and we follow Miss Bakeryville with our prayers and a deeper interest in the work, having heard her.

KATE McCORMICK, Secretary.

Dalesville, Que.—Our Mission Band, which was organized some time ago, is doing well. The membership now stands at 36. Much interest is manifested by the members, and we hope to do good work now that we have things in full working order.

MRS. G. VICTOR COLLINS, Supt.

Lachute, Que.—We experienced some difficulty in getting the Band organized here, but are glad to report that interest has been aroused, and new members are being added at every meeting. The membership now is 36. The name ought to inspire us, "The Dr. Jessie Allyn Mission Band."

MRS. G. VICTOR COLLINS, Supt.

Canboro.—Mrs. T. Farr, of Canboro, Ont., sends this report: "We have recently come to Canboro field and found the women were doing nothing for missions, so have organized a mission circle in connection with the Ladies' Aid. A Mission Circle combined with the Ladies' Aid was organized on April 29th at Canfield, Ont. President, Mrs. D. Street; missionary treasurer, Mrs. A. Burke. On Monday, May 12th, a Mission Circle combined with the Ladies' Aid was organized at Canboro, Ont. President, Mrs. W. T. Farr; missionary treasurer, Miss J. Carey. Windecker, the third charge on the circuit, will follow later." How glad we are to welcome women of this calibre in our Magara-Hamilton Association.

MRS. J. C. DOHERTY, Director.

Maitland St., London.—This Circle feels glad to report that the work of its Circle has been richly blessed of God this last year, and is at present in a very encouraging condition under its leader, Mrs. Norton. During the past year 25 new members joined the Circle, making a total membership of 50. Money raised was \$112.30, of this sum \$75.30 have been sent to Foreign Mission work, \$37.00 to Home Missions. We feel very grateful to God and pray earnestly that we as a Circle may still continue to serve our blessed Master and accomplish a far greater degree of work this year than we have in the past.

MRS. J. McLOUGHLIN, Secretary.

New Liskeard.—A very encouraging missionary meeting was held in our church on Monday, April 28th, under the auspices of the Women's Mission Circle. Ten girls of the Mission Band gave a very interesting missionary exercise entitled "The Missionary Dollar." Two of them sang a duet very sweetly. Miss Priest of India then gave us a most earnest and instructive talk on her work in that land of darkness and idolatry. We believe that we shall be more prayerfully and practically helpful to the Lord's work abroad because of that address. Two of our ladies sang sweetly an appealing missionayr duet, at the close. The church was full and the offering amounted to \$17.58.

(Mrs.) C. W. ROSS, Secretary.

James St., Hamilton.—One hundred and twenty-five of our young women met at the James Street Church on April 10th, it being the first rally of the Young Women's Circles of Hamilton. It was a most encouraging sight and one could well imagine the wonderful possibilities of consecrated effort along missionary lines, as we looked into the faces of the girls. We were delighted to welcome the girls who came in from Burlington and Dundas. Miss Myrtle Hodd conducted a bright song service, after which Miss Flossie Elder, president of the James Street Young Women's Circle, gave a few words of welcome and led in prayer. Miss Mabel Baker conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. J. C. Doherty, our director, brought to us a timely message, emphasizing afresh the need for girls to find their mission in life. Mrs. H. E. Veals then introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Alma Noble of Buffalo, executive

secretary of the "World-Wide Guild" of young women's work in the United States. Miss Noble, in an inspiring address, gave many suggestions and much food for thought. Mrs. Beck of Burlington closed the meeting with prayer. A social half hour brought to a close a very successful rally.

Woolwich St., Guelph.—The Women's Mission Circle and Young Women's Circle held our thank-offering meeting on March 12th. The chair was taken by Rev. Dr. Gerdon, who, by request of the president, conducted the opening exercises and presided over the meeting. There was a large attendance and good programme. We were greatly favored by getting Miss Priest to come and give an address. This being her first visit to Guelph, many expressed the wish that it might be repeated. The first part of her address was given to the members of the Mission Band, who gave part of the programme. Some of the children were so interested in the stories she told them of the needs of the little hungry ones in India that they are planning to give more of their pennies and dimes than ever before to help support them. The offering amounted to \$37.38, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

M. MATHEWS, Secretary.

Dalesville, Que.—Our Mission Circle held their Thank-offering some time ago in the church. A good programme was rendered, but owing to sickness in many homes the meeting was not as well attended as we had hoped. Offering, \$14.00.

MRS. JOHN CAMPBELL, Lachute, Que.

The thank-offering meeting of our Circle was held in the church on March 4th. The programme was both a pleasure and a profit to us. Offering, \$31.00.

MRS. WM. BALL, Secretary.

Burlington.—The annual meeting of the Circle was held in the church on March 27th, President Mrs. L. Chapman in the chair. The meeting opened with singing by the choir, followed with prayer by Mr. Richards of Fonthill. Scripture reading by the president. The president then introduced Miss Priest a returned missionary from India, who gave a very interesting address on India. The collection, which amounted to \$7.29, including mite boxes, will be devoted to Missions. The president closed with prayer.

K. FIDDAMENT, Secretary.

Swansea.—In January the ladies of the Swansea Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. N. MacKinnon and decided to extend their interests along missionary endeavor. Heretofore they had concentrated all their energies upon Ladies' Aid work. Their decision was to invite ladies who were members of the Home and Foreign Boards to come and address them. This proved so delightful and our love and sympathy were stirred so deeply that when Mrs. C. J. Cameron came to address us on April 23rd we all felt the time had come when we must fully organize into a missionary society. The following are the officers for this year: President, Mrs. L. D. Huxtable; vice-president, Mrs. F. Ball; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James Brady. We ask a deep interest in your sympathy and prayers that this new society will prove a rich blessing and be the means of bringing many souls into the light of the glorious Gospel.

DORA M. MacKINNON,

Mos's River, Que.—It is a long time since our Circle sent a report to the LINK. But our Circle is still alive, and we are still praying "Thy Kingdom come." Still mindful of the great commission, "Go ye into all the world," our Circle held a recruiting meeting at the home of Mrs. P. A. Parsons, March 17th. After the devotional exercises a programme of solos instrumental duets and a dialogue by five young ladies was much enjoyed. After the dainty refreshments were served a paper was passed for new names. One member and seven associate members were added to our list.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

OFFICERS OF YOUNG WOMEN'S UNION, TORONTO.

At the organization meeting of the Young Women's Home and Foreign Mission Union, held in Bloor Street Sunday School on Tuesday, April 29th, 1919, the following officers were elected:

- President—Miss Ethyl Aldridge (Walmer Road).
 Vice-President—Miss Margaret McEwen (Jarvis Street).
 Secretary—Miss Hazel MacDonald (Danforth Avenue).
 Committee—Miss Agnes Slimon (Pape Ave.), Miss E. McEachern (College St.), Mrs. E. J. Bengough (Bloor Street).
 Representative from Home Board—Mrs. D. C. Jones.
 Representative from Foreign Board—Mrs. C. T. Stark.

A WELCOME TO BOON AVENUE CIRCLE.

We are glad to welcome the young women of Boon Avenue Church. We are expecting great things of this newly organized young women's circle. If there is not a Young Women's Mission Circle in your church, you could not do better than follow the example of Boon Avenue. Our Battalion will not be at full strength until your company has joined up.

CONCERNING BOLIVIA.

Last month we prayed about the difficulties, that the weak be made strong, that the faithless become faithful. Poor things! They were born under a system that suppressed the noble and encouraged the ignoble, a system that compelled even the laws of the land to prohibit their learning anything better. Happily, the Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed." With the coming of the missionaries, and the natural springing up in the people's own minds, of a liberal spirit in revolt against oppression, things are changed.

Let us give thanks for the breaking of some of the links in this chain of oppression. Let us be thankful for liberty of worship, and all the freedom that means, as compared to the time when Protestant services had to be held in some small sitting-room not too near the street, so as not to invite disturbances, nor give reason for the authorities to say they were not private, and that they were therefore illegal. Now, Protestant meetings are legal and protected by law.

Now those intrepid missionaries, the Bible colporteurs, can travel in and out of the cities and distribute the Word, with little or no danger of violence or insult, nor is their visit followed by the former inevitable Bible loss fire. Missionaries who pass through towns or villages where there are no mission stations, often find individuals quite familiar with the Scriptures, through having received a copy from a Bible agent. And God's promise is that "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Thankful, too, we must be for the laws limiting the power of the Church and its leaders. Also for the liberal spirit of the people, who favor Protestantism, because they see that the prevailing religion has failed to remedy existing moral conditions. They say that Romanism has had its way too long, and that competition with a pure religion, will purify the lives of those of their own church. Be that as it may, you can see that this gives us a standing and an opportunity to present the Gospel and its regenerating influence. With this Gospel, new character is to be built up, and we must be patient in the building.

Those who have taken on Christ already, are the best testimony to the truth of Protestant Christianity. Missionaries of Latin America work hard and long for

those regenerated ones. You can understand that the true converts are doubly precious, because of the difficulties, for which some have laid down their lives. Be thankful for them, particularly the Christians in the churches of our own three mission stations, La Paz, Orno and Cochabamba, but also for any native Christian wherever he may be found in any part of Bolivia, whose life is a witness for Christ.

L. M. MITCHELL.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

THE LITTLE BOY WHO DIDN'T KNOW HIS OWN FAMILY.

Once upon a time a little boy dreamed that he went to heaven. He had been thinking about heaven during the day, wondering about it, and wishing that he might go there to make a visit, without staying forever, and that very night he made his visit.

When he realized that he was really on the way to heaven, he wondered still more. He supposed that, of course, he would find only the people there who had died, and since he did not know any little boys who had died, he feared that he might be lonesome. Yet no one had ever suggested such a thing as being lonesome in heaven, so he did not really worry about it—he just wondered.

When he arrived, he looked for the great gates which he had heard about. There were several of them, but the most beautiful of all was labeled plainly, "For Children." He had wondered how one entered, but it was all very plain. The gate stood wide open to receive all the little children who were constantly passing in, and no one questioned his entering with the rest.

The Little Boy looked about to find a familiar face, and though he had never seen one of the children there before, everyone looked so friendly that he did not feel at all strange. In fact, he thought to himself: "How nice it is to be among a lot of children of my own kind. At school there were so many poor ones, and dirty ones, and foreigners, and they were so different from me! I'm glad that all of us here are Americans!"

In his pleasure he smiled happily, and a bright-faced boy beside him said, "It is nice here, isn't it?"

"Yes," said our Little Boy. "So much nicer than at home! I mean the boys seem nicer. There are no poor ones here."

"No, we are not poor here," said the other. "But, oh my, you should have seen my home before I came here! The house was almost tumbling down, and we were happy if we had one real meal a day. Father was hurt in the mines, so that he couldn't work, and mother could not always make much money, but, I tell you, she did as much as two ordinary mothers, and we all helped as much as we could. It is nice here!"

It made the Little Boy feel quite strange to find that he had been so friendly with a really poor child, but even now that he knew, the poor boy did not look poor. He seemed just like the Little Boy himself.

He ran on a little farther till another child stopped him—a beautiful little girl this time. "Isn't it nice here?" she smiled. He looked at her to make sure that she was not a poor child, then smiled back. "Yes, there are so many of our own kind here—no dirty ones or poor ones, you know." The little girl looked sober for a minute, then replied: "Of course not here, but at home I was dirty. You see, mother had to work all day long, and just could not look after me as she wanted to, though she always told me to do the best I could myself. She used to do our washing in the night, after her day's work was done. But it surely is nice here, isn't it?"

Again the Little Boy was surprised. How was it that she seemed just like himself! Again he ran farther on, this time stopping in a group of children who beamed at him and said, "Isn't it nice here?" This time there could be no mistake—they were surely of his kind, and the Little Boy smiled back, "Yes, there are so many of our kind here—no foreigners, you know!"

"But do we not all belong here?" asked one.

"What do you mean by foreigners?" asked another.

"Why, you know—foreigners—people from other countries," the Little Boy explained.

"But all of us came from another country," smiled another.

"Oh, yes, to come here, of course!" replied the Little Boy, "but I mean we are all Americans." And the other children laughed aloud.

"But not one of us came from America!" they said. "We were just talking about it when you came. My home was in Japan." And mine was in India! "And mine was Africa!" "I lived in China!" Such a chorus of voices arose that the Little Boy could not distinguish all the countries that were mentioned. "But why don't you look like Japanese and Chinese and Africans?" he asked.

Just then a beautiful angel came to the children, and hearing the Little Boy's question, said gently: "Oh, you poor little American boy! Surely you have just come! Do you not know that here all children are of one loving Father? Do you not know that here you see only what is in the heart? And did you suppose that the great Father gave different kinds of hearts because some of His children were poor, and some lived in one country, and some in another?"

The Little Boy looked and wondered. Then he heard a wonderful choir far away singing:

I think of that day, in the beautiful time,
The sweetest and brightest and best,
When the dear little children of every clime
Shall crowd to His arms and be blest.

Then the Little Boy understood at last. It was because all of these children loved their heavenly Father that they seemed just alike, and he could hardly wait to return to his own home in America, and find some other members of that family whom he had thought different, but whom now he knew to be his own little brothers and sisters.—Fanny L. Kollock, in World-Wide.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT.

A splendid suggestion appeared in "Missions" some time ago. It was this: That each Circle form itself into a sort of circulation library. Let each woman who could do so purchase one missionary book, and then let each read the books in turn. In this way six or seven would have the benefit of six or seven books, and each would only have to purchase one book. A circle meeting occasionally, where there might be an informal discussion for part of the time would be very interesting. Some books that might be helpful are: "The Life of Judson," "Ann of Ava," "Sundaranima," "Mary Slessor," "The Life of J. E. Davis," "Following the Sunrise," "Judson the Pioneer." Remember, too, that the Bureau of Literature, 517 Markham Street, has one hundred and twenty books, any one of which you may borrow if you only send a request, with postage. J. E. Z.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands was held with the church in Walkerville, June 3rd. The meeting opened with a bright devotional service, led by the President, Mrs. G. H. Saunders, of Wallaceburg. Despite the excessive heat a large attendance was present for the opening session.

Mrs. McDiarmid, on behalf of the ladies of Walkerville, welcomed the delegates most heartily, to which Mrs. Cosnell, of Kingsville, briefly replied, expressing our appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the ladies.

The reports of the Circles and Bands were most encouraging, showing keener interest and larger givings.

A conference led by Mrs. Saunders, on plans and methods used in the Circles and Bands, were very interesting and helpful.

The following nominating Committee was appointed:—Mrs. H. V. Cameron, Chatham; Mrs. Everett Wigle, Kingsville; Mrs. Scofield, Windsor; Mrs. A. Toffmire, Walkerville.

Mrs. Bulmer, Walkerville, closed the meeting with prayer.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock by singing and prayer, by Mrs. Wilson, Chatham.

The Directors Report was very gratifying, showing an increase of \$291.00, with a grand total of \$1,864.97.

A general survey of Home Missions and its present opportunities, by Miss Ferguson, Bidgetown, showed us the great work we have in evangelizing these foreigners that are flocking to our shores.

The prayer hour, led by Mrs. Wylie, of Blenheim, was inspiring and helpful to all, when many prayers were offered for Home and Foreign Missions.

A very thrilling and touching address by our beloved missionary, Miss Priest, of India, was enjoyed by all. She told us of the great need of literature, and how much it is appreciated, and what a great help it is to the missionary.

The report of the Nominating Committee brought in by Mrs. H. V. Cameron, of Chatham, expressed considerable regret at Miss Ritchie's resignation as Director, which was final, and expressed, in very warm terms, appreciation for her twenty years of faithful service as Director.

Moved by Mrs. McIntyre, of Harrow, and seconded by Mrs. Holton, of Leamington, that we accept Miss Ritchie's resignation.

Moved by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Brien, of Windsor, that a vote of thanks be given Miss Ritchie for her faithful service as Director of the Western Association.

Moved by Mrs. Wigle, seconded by Mrs. Vincent, of Harrow, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Saunders in appreciation of her work as President of the Circles and Bands.

Moved by Mrs. Bulmer, seconded by Mrs. Lundy, of Windsor, that the Nominating Committee's report be accepted as follows:—President, Mrs. E. C. Cosnell, Kingsville; Vice-President, Mrs. W. R. Fellows, Blenheim; Director, Mrs. J. D. Macgregor, Wheatley; Secretary, Mrs. Wilson Chatham.

The offering amounted to \$14.87.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Wylie.

In the evening we had the very great pleasure of hearing Mrs. C. J. Cameron give her address on "The Aggressiveness of Roman Catholicism in Canada, which was listened to with great attention. She showed that while Protestants slept, the Roman Church was wide awake, and first in new fields, and she gave out the note of warning which it would be well for us to take heed to. It was an eye-opener to many concerning their strength.

IDA MACGREGOR, Secretary.

NIAGARA-HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Niagara-Hamilton Association opened in the Beamsville Baptist Church, Tuesday morning, June 3rd, at 9.45, with the hymn "Ye servants of God, is glory proclaim."

Mrs. T. E. Meldrum welcomed the visiting ladies, drawing attention to the blessings received by all through conference and united efforts in furthering the Missionary enterprise.

The President, Mrs. Veals, Hamilton, used II. Thess. 3, as her theme for the prayer service.

A Home Mission address on "An Answered Prayer" was given by Miss Lillie, Toronto. "The origin of mission work is in the home. Christ is knocking at the door of Quebec. He is almost a stranger in the lumber camps. He wants to reach our great Northwest."

Mrs. Lillie recited a very pathetic poem, illustrating what the Syro-Phoenician woman might have suffered through the sin of her daughter. A strong appeal was made for increased gifts in order that our Home Mission pastors' salaries be increased to \$1,000 a year. Not our gifts alone, but our earnest prayers are needed. All the great things have been accomplished through prayer and faithfulness.

Mrs. Dickinson, St. Catharines, presented "Our Literature." The new books: "A Crusade of Compassion," "Ministers of Mercy," "Mook," are recommended.

The Directors' Report showed, from Circles, an increase in gifts for Home Missions of \$152.41, for Foreign Missions of \$402.04, and, while there was a slight decrease in subscribers to "Visitor," there was an increase for LINK. Young Women's Circles increase \$73.46 to Home Missions, \$40.32, to Foreign Mission Bands report a slight decrease, due to the fact that the money did not all reach the Treasurers in Toronto by April 20. Life Membership was emphasized. To keep pay association expenses at tax of 5c per member was decided upon.

Conferences were held in the Young Women's and Band work, the latter conducted by Mrs. Mills, of London.

Mrs. D. M. Walker, St. Catharines, led the Quiet Hour in the afternoon.

In Mrs. Bennett's "Review of the Past" a synopsis of the meetings of the Niagara-Hamilton Association since the year 1886, when the meeting was held at Fonthill, was given, showing a steady growth, both in interest and membership.

Beamsville was the home of the first Circle, with a membership of 20, in 1887.

After Miss Reeb, Port Colborne, presented the Foreign Mission objective, Mrs. John McLaurin, oronto, referred to the organization of the Foreign Mission Society in Beamsville, the seed which was sown then has now grown to a large tree nurtured and cared for by our Heavenly Father. "The strongest lights send their rays the greatest distance, thus if we are on fire for missions at home, our influence will be felt in foreign lands. In India we have 107 Biblewomen. They have two things to contend with, they are low caste and the majority of them are widows, the most despised of all people in India, but because God has come into their lives and transformed them into loving, sympathetic women, they are gladly received into the homes. They are urgent help to the lady missionaries, because they can teach. When on tour they seek out the Christian women. But these Biblewomen have to be taught to read, to know their Bibles. At present there is a Christian paper published in South India, which has a large circulation. But the great outstanding need in India to-day is a training school for the Biblewomen. An institution of this kind, if it were well equipped, would be one of the most helpful to our work. When we think of the way India gave her men and wealth as our ally, surely we are ready to help her in every possible way.

Mrs. Hendry, Hamilton, urged us to return to our Circles full of enthusiasm for this Biblewomen's Training School. Her motion was carried that we endeavor to give \$860 over and above our regular gifts to help on this work.

"Our Budget of \$3,196.04 was then presented by Mrs. Doherty, which includes a 10 per cent. increase in our regular giving and the apportionment to each organization for the "India Special."

Mrs. Mills, London, conducted a Band exercise on "Our French Work." Some of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church were exposed, and a short sketch of Mme. Feller and the Institute was given, the Beamsville Band assisting. This Band also captured the Poster Prize, and a dear little girl from London sang very sweetly.

The evening was given over to the young women. A missionary sketch, "The Plea of the Nations," was given by Niagara Falls Young Women in costume.

Canada, Japan, China, India, Syria, South America, Persia, Siam, each represented, and their needs given.

Mrs. Bensen was called to the platform. She made a strong plea for recruits for India, to which land she will return in the fall.

A "Rainbow Series" was given by seven Young Women of Hamilton, telling how, when, where shall we send the Gospel, who may go, why should women go, the wherewithal shall all these things be done.

Miss Trotter, Toronto, gave the address of the evening, on "The Call of the King." She pleaded with the Young Women to take time to read, to think of the other girls who are not so fortunate as they, to surrender their lives to the Master's service. Many boys have given their lives for us, are we to be less dauntless than they?

Miss Reta Carey, Hamilton, the soloist of the evening, closed the meeting, singing softly, "Where He leads me I will follow."

The officers for the following year are:

Director—Mrs. J. C. Doherty, St. Catharines.

Assistant-Director—Mrs. J. L. Sloat, Niagara Falls.

President—Mrs. H. F. Veals, Hamilton.

Offering, \$26.65.

MRS. H. SHERK, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION MEETING AT AILSA CRAIG,
JUNE 11, 1919.

Middlesex and Lambton Association meeting at Ailsa Craig, June 11, 1919. Under ideal weather a splendid gathering of Circles and Bands met with the above church.

The afternoon session opened at 1.30, with Mrs. (Rev.) R. R. McKay, of Sarnia, in the chair. After singing a hymn, Mrs. (Rev.) King, of Arkona, read the scripture, afterwards leading in prayer. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. (Dr.) Stewart, of Ailsa Craig, and suitably responded to by Mrs. Read, London. The digest of Circles and bands given by the Director was encouraging, showing increased giving and interest in Missions, Denfield being the Banner Circle, with every woman in the church a Circle member.

Mrs. Barber, of Sarnia, spoke on our Young Women's Work, showing the great need of this work, filling, as it does, the gap between the Band and the Circle, and pointing out the small proportion of Circle members that come from the Band. We fail to connect up, the energy of our young women should be reserved for Mission work.

The "Quiet Hour" was introduced by Mrs. (Rev.) G. A. Leichter, of London, when hearts were drawn towards God in prayer for our work and missionaries.

Mrs. (Rev.) Haverstock, of Strathroy, spoke on our Literature, showing the real need of keeping in touch with our Mission fields, through the medium of the LINK, "Visitor" and Bureau of Literature.

Our Band work was taken up by Mrs. (Rev.) A. A. Fanjoy, of Ailsa Craig, showing how our children may be interested and instructed in the great need of Missions. An interesting discussion followed; work done by the Ptolema Band was also exhibited.

Report of the Nominating Committee as follows: President, Mrs. (Rev.) R. R. McKay, Sarnia; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Mills, London; Director, Mrs. J. Baldwin, London; Assistant Director, Miss Pickett, London.

A duet was very ably rendered by Mrs. and Mrs. Morlain, of Ailsa Craig.

Offering and Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

Evening session opened with a song service, led by Rev. G. A. Teichter, of London.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. Norton reading the Scripture, and Mrs. (Rev.) Yule, of Petrolia, leading in prayer.

Director's annual report showed amount raised for Home Missions, \$965.13; for Foreign Missions, \$1,322.48. Of this amount, \$450.00 was a special offering for Miss Laura Allyn.

Our Bands raised for Home Missions \$332.95, for Foreign \$372.76, making a grand total of \$2,993.32. Number of LINKS taken, 429; "Visitors," 394. Reports were received from 23 Circles, 1 Young Ladies' Circle, 2 Ladies' Aids, 15 Bands. One new Band organized at Mt. Bridges.

Our Foreign Mission address, "Boardening Horizons," was given by Mrs. Cline, of Georgetown, showing the change in the women of India, when Christ comes in. We have given Christianity, we must safeguard them—patriotism has stood the test, Christianity must stand the test also—if we do not give to the work of the Lord, we are slackers and not workers.

A solo was rendered very acceptably by Rev. G. A. Liehliter, also an anthem by the choir.

The Home Mission address was given by Rev. N. S. McKechnie, revealing the fact that Christ's coming was missionary—also His life—if Jesus means all to us, we have our Dynamite for Home and Foreign Missions. The Church must be as Christ—holy, carry religion into the front line, and meet the tide of immigration.

Rev. Robert White, of Brantford, gave a stirring address, which was a fitting close to our Woman's Day.

MRS. J. BALDWIN, Director.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society
of Eastern Ontario and Quebec

BUDGET INDICATOR

Amount required for year, \$4,800.

A TIMELY



WHERE DO WE STAND?

We should stand here

We stand here

The shortage, as will be seen by indicator, at the end of eight months, [from October 1st, 1918 to June 1st, 1919] is \$700.00, or an average shortage of \$88.00 per month. This means that the amount needed by the end of Convention year [Sept. 25.] is \$2300.00.

\$225.00 is still needed to complete Miss Hinman's passage money. If any Circle, Band or Individual, would like to send a special gift for this purpose, it would be very acceptable.

The estimates this year are unusually heavy, owing to the large amount needed for passages.

Will all Circle and Band Treasurers, please send in all available money, as soon as possible, in order that we may be able to pay the \$700.00 now overdue, and make our regular monthly payments? Let us, during the few remaining months of the year, *work more and pray more*, not work without prayer—not pray without work, but the two together—faithful work and fervent prayer. Only in this way can we hope to reach our objective.

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