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"The leafy month of June" is here with all its beauty, though scarcely with "the rare days when all nature seems in tune."

Soon many will be enjoying their summer holidays, so that active work in our Societies will be suspended; but let us not forget that the work in India will be going on just the same, and will need our unceasing sympathy and prayers for God's continued blessing.

As usual, there will be no Link published in August, it being the Editor's resting time. After eight years of service, with this issue, the present Editor retires from the editorial chair. The work has been pleasant, and we relinquish it with some regret, but realize that the time has come when it should pass to other hands.

The Board has been exceedingly fortunate in securing Miss Jacqueline M. Norton, B. A., as the future Editor. Miss Norton does not come as a stranger to the work, being well and favorably known as a graduate of McMaster University, an esteemed member of our Foreign Mission Board, and the daughter of Rev. Dr. Norton, our Home Mission Superintendent.

She enters upon her duties the first of July, after which all correspondence and monies should be forwarded to her address; Miss Jacqueline M. Norton, B. A., 50 Howland Ave., Toronto. Postal Notes must be made payable at the Bloor St. P. O., Toronto, instead of Yorkville.

In retiring, we desire to thank those who have so loyally aided and kindly encouraged us in our work, and be-

speak for the new Editor the same sympathy and co-operation that we have enjoyed.

L. L. PORTER.

We are glad to hear of the safe arrival of our missionaries, Misses Priest and Baskerville, and hope it will not be long before we have the pleasure of seeing them. Miss Priest's address will be Grimsby, Miss Baskerville, Dovercourt P. O. Miss Corning was touring with a party of friends, and we presume has not yet reached her home in N. S.

We are glad to have an article from Rev. John Craig about the Sudras, written while resting at Coonoor. His many friends will wish that it has proved beneficial to his health and that he and Mr. Craig will have many years of service in India. We would direct the attention of our readers to an article on the Sudras, by Mr. Brock, partially copied from the Baptist Missionary Magazine.

The sad news of the drowning accident of Miss Zimmerman's brother Melvin, at Shining Tree Lake, New Ontario, while on a prospecting trip, shocked us, and our hearts have gone out in deepest sympathy to our beloved missionary so far from home and friends who would share her sorrow.

Her young brother was very dear to her, and we pray that "The Friend who sticketh closer than a brother," will be her comfort and support in this dark hour.

Mr. Zimmerman had been connected with the West End Y. M. C. A. and was highly esteemed.

THE NEW MOVEMENT AMONG THE SUDRAS.

It is with no small degree of pleasure that I write to you of the new attitude the caste people are holding toward the message we bring and toward the messengers. As you know, the converts in this part of the Telugu Mission have been almost entirely from the non-caste classes and chiefly from one of those classes, the Madigas. These are the hereditary leather workers and are despised on account of their work, as well as for other reasons. They are the scavengers and do all the mean and dirty work of the villages. They are indeed low and mean and dirty. Their hovels are outside of the village proper and they have no place in the village social economy. My blood has boiled within me as I have heard these poor despised creatures driven away from the caste people in some villages.

To such a wretched class the good news of Christ and his salvation came just forty-three years ago, and the first Madiga, Yerraguntla, Pariah was baptized by Dr. Jewett in Ongole. The work spread like wild-fire and soon all India and all Baptist America were thrilled with the news that thousands had turned from dumb idols to serve the living God. This great work has continued until just recently and most of the converts in the centre of the Baptist Telugu Mission are from the Madigas.

At first I think the missionaries were somewhat disappointed that the converts were not from the caste people. The Brahmans and the Sudras rather laughed at the idea of these Madigas becoming Christians and they hinted that as birds of feather flock together, so since these missionaries go so much to the Madigas, they must have been Madigas in their own country. The caste people laughed, then they cursed, and many have been the troubles of these poor despised people since they became Christians.

But a new day has come. It is now six years since I returned to India and in that time some fifty Sudras have been baptized, being more than were baptized during the seventy years preceding in the whole of the Telugu Baptist Mission. I have not the figures to tell just how many have been baptized in the whole mission during the past five years, but I believe it to be as many as two hundred. Yet I do not think that the number of baptisms shows even a slight degree the new attitude of mind of these Sudras toward the work we are doing among them.

Let me be specific. Take the matter of education. The government of India has a school system, which in theory admits all classes equally to the schools, but as a matter of fact the children of the non-caste classes, be they Christians or be they Hindu, are absolutely kept out of the village schools by the caste people. In a few of the larger towns where the missionaries have fought for them the children of the Christians attend some few schools along with the others, but in the villages on my field, which is as large as Rhode Island, not one Christian child attends the government schools. Now comes what is to me of deep interest in this social uplift of a downtrodden class. These very caste people who steadfastly refuse to allow any of the Christian children to attend the government schools are requesting me to send to them Christian teachers to instruct their youths. As there is somewhat of a prejudice to having the non-caste children attend a school in the caste part of the town and as the caste people do not care to send their children to a school in the non-caste part of the place, we have solved the question in several villages by putting up a small house midway between the two and then all classes may attend.

And now we have the sight of a humble Christian teacher from the most despised of India's low caste community instructing the children of probably the proudest class in the world, the Brahman. Most of the caste pupils, however, are from the Sudras. But the surprise is greater that one of our teachers, Ramiah, has

opened up a school right in the village proper and the caste children and the children of the Christians sit side by side and Ramiah's wife Martha teaches all. It is certainly a great change of attitude to have the headmen of two villages come some miles to my home in company with the Christian preacher and the preacher's son and to have them request me to allow the son to be the teacher of their children. When I said that the children of the Christians must also be allowed to attend they consented gladly and to-day there is a small school taught by this lad, attended by the sons of the leading people of the place and some Christian children sit along side of them. They give the teacher all his food.

That these parents will trust their sons to this teacher to come to the bungalow at times to attend the church services indicates a new attitude. There are now some ten such schools on my field and I rejoice more than I can express that this new order has passed away the old fault-finding. You can see that if the Christian young men and women are deemed worthy of instructing the children of the Brahmins, Komaties (the merchants) and the Sudras, they are more highly respected than the raw Madigas.—Mr. Brock, in Baptist Missionary Magazine.

INDIA'S GREATEST NEED.

There are altogether 300,000,000 people in India; of these, about 149,000,000 are women. More than half of this number are blind worshipers of useless gods.

Suppose that you, reader, had a daughter, a sister, a friend, and you were pleased to instill into her mind from her very babyhood that she was no better than the cow in your barn. Suppose, I say, that instead of teaching and training you fed her mind on superstition, taught her to live a vile life. Now that the child is a woman, what is she like? Stop and think for a moment—what would she be like?

There are 149,000,000 women in India and more than half of them have minds that have been dulled and natures that know no self-respect. A child of the slums was brought to me dying of consumption. She had al-

ways lived in a debasing environment. In my compassion I took her into my lovely home, surrounded her with all purity and sweetness. She must associate with only the highest and the best. But, in my anxiety for her surroundings, I forgot her disease. Did I take the wisest course? I owe much to my religion, the religion of Christ. It drew my father out from the ranks of Hinduism; it has moulded my life, I could not live without it. Yet, I say, educate the women of India along with the first teaching of religion, and give them a thorough education while you give them the teachings of Christ. India greatly needs the education of hand and mind and heart, and best schools need not hinder the progress of Christianity.

My father did not change his faith through direct preaching. He had education; he was wont to take the view of the agnostic. During a purely business call upon a missionary, he was impressed by the beauty of the life of that true servant of Jesus Christ, and yet not a word was spoken about religion. Again, India to-day, the awakening, young India, is hostile to the foreign element. Yet I know of a young American, a Christian through and through, who is living among the student body. He makes no show of his religion, but the young men who were at first suspicious of the foreigner now come to him with their troubles, doubts and questions, and he is serving Christ by doing as, I believe, Jesus himself would have done in his place. There are many similar cases which I could cite, but we all know that the truest servant of Christ is one who not only uses the right moment to speak for his Master, but one whose life carries out His precepts.

Send out deeply Christian men and women to India. Let them clear the minds of the men and of the women who have had the smallest chance for education, and when the teachers have lived the right life and have used the opportune moment to speak of their Master, mark what will happen. Not only will hostile India be reconciled, but we shall have intelligent, enthusiastic Christians in the Church of Christ.—Dora M. Maya Das, in "Woman's Work."

Our Work Abroad.

Dear readers of the Link :-

You read about many very sad things in India, but I am going to tell you about another that made my heart sick.

Down here in our village is a little wayside temple where the village goddess, Veeramma resides. She is a little goddess, about two feet high, and is painted in red and green and gay colors and at her right is her husband. She is set up in a little tiny room, without any light or ventilation, and when we went in to see her, the mud floor was wet and sticky, and the air was hot and steamy and smoky from the burning of the candles.

They tell this story about how she became a goddess. Some one hundred or more years ago a woman of the Shepherd caste lived in Vuyuru. She was a pure woman and refused to be led astray by a Brahman priest, who wanted to make her fall into sin. When her husband died, she was in another village and so could not be burned with him, but she had a fire built in her own village and jumped into it and died. So they made her a goddess because she refused to be an adultress, and they built a little temple for her just at the entrance to the village.

Once every year childless women came from all the country for miles around to worship her, and beg a child of her. Miss McLaurin and I went down the day after full moon. We saw about thirty women prostrated before the idol, while crowds of people were coming and going "to see" and men with drums were marching around the temple, escorting each

woman around a certain number of times before she prostrated herself. One man with a drum followed us around everywhere, banging away in our ears. Perhaps he thought we too, had come to worship.

Each woman before she prostrated herself, took a bath in the cold water of the tank near by. She wore only one scanty cloth, wrapped about her body, and let her hair fall about her shoulders. As she came up dripping wet and shivering with cold (you know it is our cold season here in February) her relatives daubed her face and hands all over with yellow powder, and sprinkled her wetquaca with yellow and red powder, used in worship. Then they filled her hands full of fruits and flowers and marched her around the temple, banging away on the drums with the idea of calling the attention of the goddess, I suppose, lest she should not notice that a new person was prostrating herself.

Each woman lay like a corpse, still and stiff, lying flat on the ground, with her hands grasping the offering of fruit and flowers stretched straight above her head, and her every muscle stiff. Those inside the temple, in the first open court and those outside on the shaded side of the wall, shivered with the cold, but their relatives kept throwing more cold water and powder over them. At each woman's head they burnt incense, on a little dish of coal.

These women lay thus for hours, supposedly with their minds fixed upon the goddess, so that they were unconscious of any bodily discomfort. Each one lay thus until she received a vision of the goddess appearing and handing her some token, such as a fruit or flower as a sign of having received favour in her sight.

On the last day of the feast, they attached a basket to a tall palm tree and elevated in it everyone who, during the year, had made any vow to the goddess, and had received his or her request. For instance, those wo-

men who, during the year had received children, were elevated in baskets in the sight of all the people. Others who, at the time of sickness, had besought the goddess to heal them and had afterward been healed (many of them coming to our hospital, for medicine, were in turn hoisted up in the basket. During the feast, our Christians, many of them, went down and distributed tracts and preached when they could get anyone to hear. This is just another instance of the superstition in old India.

You will be glad to know we have a good teacher in our Vuyuru School and that it is more promising than it has been for a year.

Yours sincerely,

JESSIE M. ALLYN.

OUR MISSION FIELDS, INDIA.

Our Telugu Mission field has a total area of 3,920 square miles, and lies in the Kesthia, Godavery and Vizajapatam districts, on the east coast of India. The total population of our field is about 1,500,000 souls, who live in 1,345 towns and villages.

Among these million and a half of people, we have 12 Mission Stations, 161 outstations, 18 Mission houses, (including the Timpany Memorial bungalow and High School), 5 hospitals and 1 industrial plant. The total value of Mission property is now about \$90,000.

Our missionary staff, consists of 14 ordained missionaries, 12 wives of missionaries and 17 single ladies. Of the missionaries, 5 are physicians. The native staff consists of 6 ordained and 34 unordained native preachers, 54 evangelists and 11 medical assistants, or a grand total of 43 European and 313 native workers.

There are 47 native churches, 6,000 members, about 10,000 adherents, 260 meeting places, 98 church buildings and 51 parsonages. Added to these churches in 1908 by baptism 568, by restoration 38.

There are 110 day schools, taught by 134 teachers, with an enrollment of

2,663 scholars, with an average attendance of about 1,800. There are 8 boarding schools with 177 boys and 145 girls, a theological seminary, including Literary, Normal and Theological departments, with an attendance of about 130 boarders, and taught by 13 native teachers. The Timpany Memorial High School, has 44 pupils, a principal, vice-principal and five teachers in the various departments.

There are in the Mission 273 Sunday schools, 371 teachers and about 6,000 scholars. Last, but not least of the institutions of the Missions is the "Ravi"—a Telugu weekly Christian newspaper.—The Bulletin.

PRAY FOR THE SUDRAS.

I wonder if we are as definite in our prayers as we ought to be. For some time past I have been impressed with the thought that we should pray more definitely for the conversion of the Sudras. In the church at Cocanada, there is a man from that class, whose wife and other relations are interested, but they do not come out. We are praying for them. Another man has been attending the services for some years, but has not been baptized because his wife and other relatives object. We are praying for them, that they also may believe and confess their faith. Please join us in these petitions. These are definite requests that we should expect to see granted for the glory of God.

Then when we look at the work carried on by the lady missionaries, how many women are either secret believers or seekers after truth! Many of these are widows with no special ties. Some of them are very much in earnest, and some are said to be very intelligent. It has occurred to me, that the much-needed Biblewomen might well come from the above classes, if the Holy Spirit constrained them to come out on the Lord's side. Should we not pray definitely that the Lord would call some of these women out for his services?

JOHN CRAIG.

12th May, 1909.

Our Work at Home.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands of the Western Association, which met in the church at Palmyra, May 26, 1909.

The session opened at 2.30 p.m., the Vice-President, Mrs. Hatton, of Chatham in the chair.

After the devotional exercises Miss Ritchie named the nominating committee which consisted of the following ladies:— Miss Bosworth and Mrs. Oldershaw, of Chatham, Miss Palmer of Kingsville, Mrs. Smily, of Windsor, Mrs. Campbell of Ridgetown.

A most hearty welcome was then given the delegates and visitors by Mrs. Isaac Orr, Palmyra. This was ably responded to by Mrs. Thompson, of Chatham.

The reports of the Circles and Bands was next on the programme and was listened to with interest, a hopeful note was sounded from the majority of those who reported.

The nominating committee then presented their report. The following ladies were appointed to office for the coming year:—

President—Mrs. M. P. Campbell, Bothwell.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. McDonald, Chatham.

Director—Miss Ritchie, Arner.

Assistant Director—Mrs. L. S. Hughson, Windsor.

After the singing of the hymn, "Saviour, Thy dying love," Mrs. Hatton gave a short talk on systematic giving and also read a paper on the same subject, written by Mrs. Matthews, of Chatham, who was un-

able to be present. There were many thoughts given which ought to make us think seriously of our duty in giving, not only of our substance but of ourselves and our services to our Heavenly Father.

The topic of "Necessity of Service" was to have been presented by Mrs. C. J. McLean, of Blenheim, but in her absence Mrs. Roseborough, of Essex, read her papers. "Every Christian should feel bound to serve for nothing can take the place of service in the Christian life. Physical exercise is necessary for spiritual life. The command 'Go Ye' comprehends more than travels over land and sea, it sends us into the untracked solitudes of the heart. "It is the way the Master went, shall not the steward tread it still."

Mrs. Rock, of Leamington, then presented the subject of "Preparation for Service." "Each one of us makes preparation for our different walks of life, so ought we to prepare for the life to come." The call to entire consecration on our part was very strongly emphasized.

Mrs. Galt, of Kingsville, then gave a paper on "The Reward of Service." "Service to some Christians is drudgery, but there is a reward for work which some fail to realize, every little service rendered by us has its effect, "If any man serve Me, My Father will honor him."

A solo was very acceptably rendered by Miss Grace Fox, of Colchester.

Mrs. Gunton, of Chatham, gave a most interesting talk on "Helps and Hints in Mission Band Work." "The boys and girls of to-day are to be the men and women of to-morrow. Per-

fect organization in the band is necessary, also good live officers, have the work well planned and carried out." Several schemes were suggested which were most practicable and helpful to mission band workers.

The "Link" and "Visitor" were presented by Mrs. L. S. Hughson, of Windsor.

Miss Ritchie, followed with an excellent survey of "Our Fields." She conveyed to us a most comprehensive

the afternoon. The work of the year has been hopeful, circles and bands have been doing good work. The total raised was \$771.92, an increase over last year of \$45.16. The collection for the afternoon amounted to \$11.95.

Miss Selman, our returned missionary, spoke very acceptably at the evening meeting.

MRS. L. S. HUGHSON, Windsor,
Secretary



THE EMMA DAVIES MISSIONARY HOME, TORONTO.

Many of our readers have been interested in, and many have contributed to the comfort of our Missionary Home as above given. Its present occupants are Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Woodburn and family, and the Misses Craig. The House is a double one, and it will be interesting to know that our new Editor, Miss Norton, resides with her parents in the right-hand side of the building, as seen in the picture.

view of the situation of these fields, and told of the excellent work being done on them. Also read a letter from Mr. Harber, of Kenora, in which the Indian, his life, superstition, and needs was most vividly portrayed.

The annual report of the Director, Miss Ritchie, was read at the evening session, as there was no time left in

TORONTO.—The Women's Missionary Meeting of the Toronto Baptist Association, was held on Wednesday afternoon, June 9, 1909, in College St. Baptist Church.

There was a very good attendance; the meeting being opened by the President, Mrs. J. J. Ross, in the chair. Mrs. Lawexby, gave the delegates a

heartily welcome. Mrs. Scott, read the minutes and Mrs. Laird gave a very helpful Bible reading from 1 John IV. 1-10, taking as a text, "As He is, so are we." After which were several earnest prayers for special blessing during the coming year on our work.

The roll being called, 151 delegates reported.

Mrs. Porter, reported for the "Link," 671 taken by Toronto Association, an increase of 95 on last year. Total copies taken, 4480, 512 increase since last convention.

Miss Trotter spoke for the "Visitor," but no special report was given. She expressed the hope that the number taken this year might be increased from 1100 to 1500. Mrs. J. M. Scott, gave an interesting report. Five Circles, two Young Women's Circles and one Band have been added during the year, making 31 Circles, 6 Young Women's Circles, and 11 Bands in this Association. Five churches have full organizations. Eight Circles reported 126 new members. Receipts for '06. From Circles.—Foreign, \$4342.90; Home, \$2653.30. From Y.W. Circles—Foreign, \$116.75, Home, \$62.75. From Bands—Foreign, \$147.55; Home, \$101.14; N. W. Indian's, \$221.65. Total \$7646.04, increase on last year of \$2753.06, the largest amount yet given by this association.

The following officers for the coming year were elected:—President, Mrs. Charles Senior; Vice-President, Mrs. W. T. Graham; Director, Mrs. M. J. Scott; Assistant Director, Mrs. Thomas Urquhart.

Messrs McGillicuddy and Roberts, on behalf of the Association, welcomed the Women's meeting very heartily.

During the afternoon, Miss Davison and Mrs. Delaine, each favored us with a solo.

In Mrs. Woodburn's unavoidable absence, Mrs. Firstbrook gave a very bright and inspiring address on "What manner of women we should be at this and the Foreign Mission work." We must rouse ourselves to the realization of the great privilege of our Christian womanhood, in comparison with those of our less favored sisters in heathen lands; and endeavor to share what Christ has given us so fully to enjoy. Time is indeed short—

let us be more earnest and faithful than ever before, knowing that, for the greater our privileges, the greater responsibilities.

After the singing Mrs. Graham gave a very interesting address on Home Missions, urging an increased interest therein, for Christ's sake, our own sake, and the sake of others. Let us "bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." The condition of "dark" Quebec was graphically described, also the great needs of New Ontario, and the rapidly entering foreign element in the North West. Reference was also made to the sad havoc of the liquor traffic among the poor Indians, and an earnest and eloquent appeal for more money and work.

An exercise by twenty children of the College Street Band, was very prettily rendered.

Mrs. Bengough then opened a conference on Young Women's Mission Work; an interesting discussion followed in which several took part.

Collection, \$20.56.

Miss McDermid gave an excellent address on Foreign Work in our city. Until the coming of Mr. Kolesnikoff, a gifted Russian, 800 Macedonians, 450 Gallicians, over 300 Russians and 500 of other slavie nations, in our city, were in spiritual destitution. Our Home Mission Board was very fortunate in securing the services of such an able and efficient missionary, speaking eight different languages and possessing a wide knowledge of the slavie nations of southern and eastern Europe. After great trial and persecution, steadfastly endured, he came to America, where he had been a great blessing to the foreign people. His work, here, is three-fold, preacher, visitor and interpreter in the night schools. An excellent work is being done among these people; they are rapidly becoming familiar with our language and are able to take part in the services held by Mr. and Mrs. Kolesnikoff, with the lack of faith, and the poverty and opposition to be overcome, the missionary earnestly desires the sympathies, prayers and needed financial support in this noble work.

Meeting closed with prayer.

HILDA DENOVAN,
Secretary.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

AYLMER, May 26.—The silver anniversary of the Elgin meeting of Women's Circles and Bands was held in the Baptist church here yesterday.

A large number of delegates were present and much interest and enthusiasm was shown. The following papers were given:—"The Divine Right of Missions," Mrs. A. S. Rogers. "The Advantages of Circle Work to Individual Members," Mrs. Reekie. "Slavic Work in Toronto," Mrs. John McDiarmid. "Our Bands," Mrs. Buckborough. "Junior B.Y.P.U.," Mrs. Pringle. Historical sketch, Mrs. Albert Cohoon. The evening prayer and praise service was led by Mrs. Upton.

Miss Mary B. Selman, returned missionary from India, gave an address on Foreign Missions, and Dr. J. L. Gilmour on "Our Evangelizing Agencies," which brought to a close one of the best associational meetings in the history of the Circles. The following is a list of officers elected:—President, Mrs. A. S. Doolittle, Sparta; vice-president, Miss L. Chute, Lakeview; director, Mrs. J. H. Binch, St. Thomas; assistant director, Mrs. D. Brown, Iona Station.—The Aylmer Times.

SPRINGFORD.—The Mission Circle held their annual Thank-offering on May 5th, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Brough. Thirty ladies were present. Our president, Mrs. Smith, conducted the devotional exercises and after a vocal solo by Miss Sovereign, and a piano solo by Miss Monk, it was our privilege to listen to an address by Miss (Dr.) Hulet. She told us of her "work among the women," giving us a little glimpse into "things as they are." Our offering amounted to \$17.15, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The ladies of our church as a whole, are more fully appreciating the Circle meetings, as evidenced by a number of new members, and increased attendance, though three of our most faithful members have been called to a higher service, within the past year.

MRS. F. W. VARDON,
Secretary.

DUNNVILLE, Ont.—The monthly meeting of the Women's Mission Circle, was held on May 12th and was well attended. After the regular programme and business were attended to the following officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Mrs. A. Camelford; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. Spence; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. D. Culp; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Franklin; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Rowe; Treasurer, Mrs. Saunders. A committee of four was also appointed to visit the sick and look after the absentees. This committee to report each month. Although not many in number, we have splendid meetings and a deeper interest is manifested from month to month.

MRS. WM. E. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

GUELPH.—The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Circles and Bands was held in Cheltenham, on Tuesday afternoon, June 1st. The President, Mrs. R. D. Lang, of Berlin, conducted a very helpful prayer service, and the opening exercises.

Miss Senior, gave an address on Home Missions. She spoke of the problems of the Home Mission Board—the question of the advisability of supporting rural churches, disabled by the exodus of the population to the West—the failure of the urban churches to accommodate the rapidly growing population, and of the difficulty of the work in New Ontario, owing to the scattered population. Then there was the problem of the foreign speaking people. Miss Senior spoke of the need of a German professor in Brandon College.

Mr. White, of Grande Ligne, sang "Face to Face," in French.

The Director's report, showed a marked increase in contributions of Circles and Bands, but a decrease in the number of both "Links" and "Visitors" taken. Most of the Circles and Bands gave encouraging reports of the work of the year. The Director spoke of the necessity of the prayers of the stronger Circles and Bands for the weaker ones.

Two members of the Brampton Band, which is one of the strongest in the

association, told of their various plans for raising money.

Mrs. Merry, of Stratford, the leader of our only Boys' Band, told of her work among these boys.

Mrs. McLaurin, in her address on Foreign Missions, dealt with Christian work carried on in India, independent of the churches. The Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. as well as other societies are doing a great work there. Homes have been founded for students in the larger cities, leper refuges have been founded—and above all, the Eurasians, a class hitherto neglected, are being reached.

Mrs. R. D. Lang, was elected President; Mrs. Bridgeman, Cheltenham, Vice-President; Miss Dayfoot, Georgetown, Director, and Miss Cummings, Berlin, Assistant Director. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction. The offering was \$7.11.

HAZEL WATSON,

Secretary.

OXFORD-BRANT.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands, was held in Paris, June 2nd. Owing to the President, Mrs. Hawking's removal to another association, the vice-president, Mrs. Doolittle presided.

After singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and the reading of Matt. 23, Rev. Mr. Bowyer led in prayer. A very cordial welcome was given by Mrs. Bingham, of Paris, and jappily responded to by Mrs. McLean, of Ingersoll.

The majority of the verbal reports, from the Circles were encouraging and hopeful, showing a marked increase in growth, and interest, and also very helpful in useful hints. The Band Director, Miss Winter, reported a falling off among Bands and a large decrease in contributions, that for Home Missions being \$109.40, Foreign, \$201.05, total \$310.45. \$51.05 of this being contributed by a small Band of eleven members, which a school teacher organized in Norwich Gore.

The Director's report showed for the Circles, for all purposes, \$2020.20, an increase of \$39.17 over last year. Total from Circles and Bands, \$2380.65. Boxes were sent to Home Mission

Stations by the Circles in West Oxford, First, Park and Immanuel in Brantford.

Mrs. Craig, of Woodstock, gave a very interesting address on "The Christianization of our land." She showed that the vastness of the country made it difficult to reach the many immigrants of various nationalities, who are filling our country. We must impress them with the truth, or they will bring in their own evil customs, thus viciating if not supplanting our own. She spoke of the large number of Jews, and how necessary that these people should be converted to realize their great destiny, as well as to repay them for the gospel debt we owe.

A very helpful prayer service was led by Mrs. Cattel, of Norwich. Mrs. Doolittle then spoke of the care of time; we should realize that every moment comes from God for some purpose, it is blessed to spend time for Him, but fatal not to. We spend much time fitting ourselves for the lower walks of life, but very little for the great Master and Lord.

A very interesting feature of the programme, was a question drawer, conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Barber, of Brantford; a great many questions were ably answered and many difficulties solved. The majority of the questions were on Band work. Solos were given by Mrs. Read, Brantford, and a bright little member of the Paris Mission Band, which were much appreciated.

The evening session opened with a song service, after which devotional exercises were taken by Miss Foster, of Brantford.

Miss Selman, returned missionary, from India, showed a number of curios, and gave a very interesting address on the dress, caste and religious customs of the people. Three hundred millions of people, with fifty-three different societies, working for their conversion, and yet thousands have never heard the word of God. The missionaries are trying to reach them with the gospel, by means of publication, education and medical work.

Last year the Telugu Christians gave \$1400 for their own work.

Through medical missions, fifteen thousand patients were treated last year, and whole villages opened up to the gospel.

Mrs. Saunders, of Scotland, spoke on Home Missions, calling our attention to the fact, that Foreign Missions depend on Home Missions, and that we should be inspired by the martyrdom of the early Christians and encouraged by the ministry of pain and sorrow. Small conceptions of the work is a great drawback, we need to have a larger vision. We should catch the spirit of Jesus Christ in all missions.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Doolittle, Burgessville; Vice-President, Mrs. Saunders, Scotland; Director, Mrs. Nicholson, Brantford; Assistant Director, Mrs. S. G. Read, Brantford; Band Director, Miss A. Winter, Brantford.

Offerings for the day, \$12.70, sale of literature from the Bureau, \$1.82, sale of picture post cards, 85 cents.

J. IMRIE,
Secretary.

BAND REPORTS.

KENMORE.—The Kenmore Willing Workers' Mission Band has had a very prosperous year. Our attendance, throughout the year has been twenty-five. The meetings have been interesting also. We had Miss Dr. Gertrude Huet, of India, with us in the month of October, and we then had an open meeting in the evening, and had our mite and birthday boxes opened. The amount we raised altogether for the different missions was (\$29.00). We support a girl student again this year and give equally to the other missions besides. Every three months we have our mite-boxes opened, the last time we gathered (\$3.33), and hope to do as well throughout the year.

MINNIE E. BROWN,

Secretary of M. B.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from May 16th, 1909 to June 15th, 1909.

(inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

From Circles—

DeCewsville (\$1.00 Christmas gift), \$2.50; Brooklin, \$6.00; Toronto, Dufferin St., .88; Port Elgin, \$5.00; Waterford, \$26.60; Bloomsburg, \$6.50; Toronto, Roncesvalles Ave., \$4.72; Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$98.07, Thank-offering), \$141.04; Springfield, (\$8.57, Thank-offering), \$11.82; Onondaga, Second, \$1.21; Chatham, Wm. St., per Mrs. Mellish for "Chinnamma," \$25.00; Villa Nova, \$12.00; Hamilton, Ferguson Ave., \$3.00; Gladstone, for native preacher, \$30.00; Burgessville, \$8.00; Preston, \$2.50; Atwood, \$2.10; Hartford, Thank-offering, \$5.00; Oshawa, \$3.00; York Mills (\$8.75, special collection), \$16.00; Stelton, \$5.00; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$6.00; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$47.92; Woodstock, First Church, \$10.00; Toronto, Western Y. P., \$4.25; Grimsby, \$4.00; St. Catharines, Queen St., (\$1.80 for Bungalow), \$10.90; Sparta, \$5.65; Toronto, College St., \$19.40; Toronto, Bloor St., \$50.73; Hamilton, Herkimer St., \$5.00; Bethel, \$3.50; Gravenhurst, (\$17.00 for "K. Atchamma), \$22.00; Denfield, sale of post cards, \$2.50; Hamilton, Barton St., \$4.25. Total \$513.98.

From Bands—

Bloomsburg, \$3.00; Hamilton, Wentworth St., sale of post cards, \$5.00; Waterford, (\$5.00 on Life-membership, 91 cents birthday money for lepers, \$5.00 for leper Appana), \$18.02; Springfield, \$6.00; Delhi, \$12.00; Peterboro, Murray St., \$18.63 for "M. Leah," (\$10.00 for lepers from Auto-graph quilt; \$10.00 for Dr. Smith's Hospital), \$40.63; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., for student, \$3.15; Port Colborne, \$5.00; Iona Station, \$4.12; Brantford, Park Church, \$5.00; Brampton, (\$17.00 for student), \$20.00; Toronto, Myrtle Ave., sale of post cards, \$1.30; Oxford, East, for stu-

dent, \$17.00; Burgessville, .58; Caledonia, \$7.75; Hespeler, sale of post cards, \$2.50; Baddow, \$9.00. Total \$160.05.

From Sundries—

Association Collections—Elgin, \$5.00; Western, \$4.47; Niagara and Hamilton, \$7.38; Guelph, \$4.55; Oxford-Brant, \$5.97; Toronto, \$10.28; Friends to the Mission per Mrs. W. H. P., \$2.10; Interest on deposit, \$29.35. Total, \$69.60.

Total receipts during the month, \$743.63.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cheque to General Treasurer, on estimates, \$632.46; Furlough for Miss Selman, \$33.33; Furlough for Dr. Hulet, \$33.33; Furlough for Miss Corning, \$45.33; Extras—For lepers, Toronto, Bloor St. Y. L. Auxiliary per Miss Crittenden, \$2.16; Hamilton, Wentworth St., M. B., \$3.00; Toronto, Eilm. M.C. for Venkamma, \$8.00; Waterford, M. B., (\$5.00 for Appana, 91 cents, birthday money), \$5.91; Peterborough, Murray St. M. B., \$10.00; for Bolivia, Owen Sound Baby Band, \$1.50; for Dr. Smith's Hospital, Peterborough, Murray St. M. B., (Quilt), \$10.00; for Native Preachers, Port Rowan M. B., \$1.00; Gladstone M. C., \$30.00. Total, \$816.52.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

13 pp. in Baptist Year Book, \$38.22; 800 receipts post cards for Treasurer, \$9.75. Total, \$47.97.

Total disbursements during the month, \$864.49; Total receipts since Oct. 20th, 1908, \$6789.01; Total disbursements since Oct. 20th, 1908, \$7569.45.

SARAH J. WEBSTER,

Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St., East, Toronto.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts from March 4th, to June 5th, (inclusive).

From Circles:—Ottawa, McPhail, memorial, \$30.00; Brockville, (\$25.00 to make Mrs. F. E. Fairbairn, life member), \$72.00; Kingston 1st Church (\$3.50 thank-offering), \$23.50; Montreal, Olivet (thank-offering \$7.00), \$46.70; Winchester, \$3.60; Breadal-

bane, \$6.00; North Hatley, \$1.25; Renfrew, \$5.00; Cornwall, \$4.40; Thurso, \$6.02; Rockland, \$10.00; Smith's Falls, \$7.00; Lachute, \$13.00; Dempsey, \$3.04; Perth, \$9.00; Pointe St. Charles, \$10.00; Ottawa French church, \$10.00; Dixville, \$7.00; Quebec, \$34.00; Moes River, 3.00; Grenville, \$5.00; Bulver, \$6.50; Montreal First church, \$30.73; Westmount, \$11.00; Arnprior, \$6.50; Ottawa First Church, \$93.00; Delta, \$9.00; Abbot's Corner, \$6.00; Ormond, \$2.10; Ottawa Fourth Ave. Church, \$12.00; Osgoode, \$25.00; Buckingham, \$6.00; Philipsville, \$6.00; Clarence, \$18.80. Total \$542.14.

From Bands.—Montreal Olivet, Philip and Donald Paterson, support Pramanundam, \$3.00; Brockville, \$2.00; Allan's Mills, support Shetti Brahmatti, \$10.00; Moes River, support Brandilla Sarah, \$12.50; \$12.50; Smith's Falls, support Golta, William, \$17.00; Waterville, \$9.00; Westmount, \$6.00; Olivet Baptist Chapel, \$15.00. Total \$74.50.

From Sundries.—Vanleek Hill Mission Band, proceeds sale of post cards, \$1.50; Balance in India, \$12.43; Collection Union Circle Meeting, Montreal, \$2.12; Mr. Morton, Montreal, \$5.00; Friend for Valluru School, \$78.00; Santerville, proceeds sale of post cards, \$1.75; Montreal 1st Baptist Church S. S. primary department, support Lakshuminaganamma, \$10.00. Total \$110.80.

Summary:—Total from Circles, \$542.14; Total from Bands, \$74.50; Total from Sundries, \$110.80. Total, \$727.44.

JESSIE OHMAN,

Treasurer.

212 Greene Ave. Westmount.

NOTICE.

Will the members of the Circles and Bands of the Eastern Board kindly remember that we need \$1,228.42 to be free of debt at the end of the year. Do your best and send in all you can before Sept. 25th. The Board meeting will be held the 1st Friday in Sept.

MRS. N. OHMAN,

Treasurer.

212 Greene Ave., Westmount.

Young People's Department.



A CLASS OF NATIVE GIRLS.

WILLING WORKERS.

A twelve-year-old secretary, from the Willing Workers' of Brampton, has sent me such an interesting letter. You will be glad to hear of their ways of working. After Sunday School, the "sunshiners" go around to carry comfort to aged and shut-in people, then a flower committee takes flowers to those who are sick. Some of the members have vegetable gardens to help raise money for missions. They held a measuring social not long ago, sending out little silk bags as we do for birthday socials. Two cents a foot for your height, was the request made, and an extra cent for each extra inch! A rubber committee collected old rubbers, which the President sells to help fill the treasury. It must be a Band that earns its name when all are so willing to work. Another Band that interest me, is the "Buds of Promise" of Vanleek Hill. Some of its

members would like to correspond with members of other mission bands to exchange ideas about plans of work. A very good idea, I think, and anyone who wishes may write to the president and arrange for a little correspondent. Her address is, Miss McLaurin, Vanleek Hill, Ont. Another teacher whose boys would not stay to mission band, sent to the Bureau for a package of interesting missionary leaflets, to lend to her class, keeping a record of each one read, by each boy. Pretty soon they began to ask her questions about the leaflets, wanting to hear more about the different countries and people, their beliefs and customs. As a result of the knowledge gained in this way, the boys saved an odd quarter now and then to send to the missionaries. They also asked for books on missions from the library, and now that teacher rejoices to see her boys ready to help in any

mission work. Some band presidents have an experience meeting now and then. The members tell how they raise their money, and also any new plans of work. Another president called for a volunteer meeting, subject to be Africa, and every member to bring an item about that dark land. This is a sample of that meeting: "They eat each other up in Africa, and are called cannon balls," said one little chap. "No, cannibals you mean, or man-eaters; some of the tribes are still numbered among these." The Africans are all negroes," "No, not all, six varieties, the missionary said." "Africa is as large as North and South America together, and contains three hundred million people." "Yes, and so few of them have heard about Jesus." "They believe in witches, and have medicine men to find them out and put them to death." "They wear charms to keep away evil spirits." "The mother's oil their babies instead of washing them, and love to see the little bodies shine after the grease bath." "The American people send 900,000 gallons of rum every year to Africa and so God's messengers and the devil's messengers will have a battle over the African people." "Mother says, that Jesus was in Africa when He was a baby, so that Herod could not kill Him."—This is the way the items came in, almost too fast for the Presidents to think! Then she asked how the Band could help Africa, getting eager replies from each, then they closed with singing, "The Light of the World is Jesus," and earnest prayer for the boys and girls who live in Africa. Other countries could be used in the same way. The children will remember items they have to look up for themselves. My head is full of plans, but my paper is too long now.

SISTER BELLE.

518 McLaren St., Ottawa.

To the Mission Bands of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Vuyyuru, April 28, 1900.

My dear friends:—

I want to thank all the girls and boys, little and big (for I believe there were some big ones too) who helped to fill that interesting barrel of toys, for all the pretty prizes it contained. Two of the little lady dolls had the misfortune to get their heads cracked off in the journey, but all the rest seemed well and happy. Some of them brought their cards along to introduce themselves. There were Lola, Myrtle, Ettie, Edna, Mabel, Eloise and Philip. Some of the others who were given cards may have lost them on the way, but all the dollies arrived here and were a very well-dressed company indeed.

Then there were the scrap-books and as they were made so much alike in only two or three shapes and sizes, they were very specially suited for prizes. The beads and the pieces, and the boxes and baskets were all acceptable. We had two very happy prize givings, one in Valluru and one in Vuyyuru, both in the month of April.

At both schools, five little girls, carrying candles, sang, "Jesus bids us shine," in Telugu, and at Valluru, they had a pretty drill by the bigger girls. At Vuyyuru, ten little girls recited the ten commandments in Telugu, each carrying a flag with her commandment printed on it, and two little girls held a big banner over them with the words, "The ten Commandments" on it. There were action songs, recitations, etc., and then the giving of the prizes, which was the best time of all, for the children. We gave the prettiest dolls to the little girls who received Bible prizes. I think that the third and fourth class girls know the Bible better than most of our Sunday School children at home, for it is a part of their daily lesson at school.

Thanking you all again for the prizes you sent, yours, for the children of the Valluru and Vuyyuru schools.

Sincerely,

JESSIE M. ALLYN.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me."—Jesus said.