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M. W. D.

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No. 1.

**V**ACATION time has passed and with renewed energy we would take up the duties that were laid aside during the summer months. September comes with its golden harvest and the call comes for more reapers from the great fields of Manitoba and the North-West, so the cry comes from India, "The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few." We rejoice that our missionary staff is to be strengthened by the going out of Mr. Woodburne, and that he will not go to bear his burdens alone. Our Women's societies are especially thankful that we are sending out Miss Jessie Allyn, M.D., for we know what an important factor Medical Missions is in gaining access to the people. To meet the requirements of our Board for carrying on new work, it is necessary that a special effort should be made to increase our funds and that all money should be in the hands of our Treasurer as soon as possible.

There is great cause for thankfulness that the work is being blessed on all our fields. Our missionaries are praying and expecting a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power on their fields, such as they are experiencing in other parts of India. It is our privilege to unite with them:

"Though sundered far by faith we meet,  
Around one common mercy seat."

We are sorry that "Sister Belle" is unable through illness to write for the Young People this month. I am sure you will all unite in praying that her health may soon be restored.

It is gratifying to know that our mission at Bolivia is also being re-inforced. It is cause for gratitude that Mrs. Mitchell's health has been restored and that she has returned to join her husband in his work. Mr. and Mrs. Reekie sail in September, accompanied by Miss Carmichael, a Scotch lady, who worked five years with the China Inland Mission and now feels that God is leading her to Bolivia. Walmer Road Mission

Circle expects to have her speak to them September 6th, at 3 p.m. Members of other Circles are cordially invited to meet her.

We regret exceedingly to hear that Miss Murray is laid aside at Yellimanchilli with typhoid fever. Under Dr. Woodburne's skillful treatment we hope soon to her of her recovery.

We would have been glad to have reports from the Women's Boards of Manitoba and B. C. We are pleased to know the work of the past year has been encouraging and that both Boards closed their books without a deficit.

We would draw attention to a mistake in the cut designated "The Old Baptist Church" in the last number of the LINK. It should have been the Telegu Church. We regret that we have not a cut of the old English Church, but those who have seen it in "Among the Telegus" will realize how great the necessity was for a new building.

THE Maratha Mission has lost a most valued worker in Mrs. Bissel, of whom it may be said: She rests from her labor and her works do follow her." With her husband she enjoyed a long period of service, and after his death she continued at her loved work till she had nearly completed a term of fifty-five years, the longest of any American in India.

MISS McLAURIN wrote from Vuyuru on July 7th: "I suppose you heard of our dreadful hot season. For some three weeks it was between 102 and 106 in our room every afternoon; and for several more weeks it was from 98 to 100. It is over 90 now all the time, but it is such a relief that we are quite content. We have had splendid rains, better than for ten years, they say. Everything is getting green of course."

## REVIVAL.

THE India Prayer Circular for July has the following news from Rev. W. I. Elmore, of Podili, in the American Baptist Mission: "The Revival has come to Podili. Our quarterly meeting for workers is in session, and last night about 10 o'clock we were about to close the meeting. While one man was praying another fell to the ground and began to confess his sins and cry to God for mercy. From then on till past midnight one after another, and sometimes several at a time were smitten down in the same way. One man saw a vision of Christ; others trembled, so that they could not sit still, stolen money was returned fourfold by two. A quarrel of nineteen years standing was settled. The people who were first affected were, with one exception, those who had no knowledge, so far as I know, of the demonstrations of the Spirit in other places. To-day is to be given up to prayer and confession as we may be led. Whether there are any more such striking manifestations or not, there is not a Podili or Darsi worker present, who is untouched, although with some the work is far from complete. I should say that although the subject of our meeting was "Revival," this is not a man affair. For myself I had just told the leader that it was best to close the meeting. He with more faith perhaps waited a minute, and one brother began to pray; then the break came, but if my word had been followed the Revival would not have come last night."

Mrs. McLaurin writing on July 11th, says: "My best news is that Revival has come. In Podili a great, deep, and glorious work has been done. Now in Ongole the Revival is going on; and a telegram just received by Mr. Bowden says that the Spirit is working mightily in the Narsapur Mission. It is truly inspiring to hear of the work that is going on."

The Narsapur Mission is in the Godavari District, chiefly between our Akidu and Ramachandrapuram fields. Let us pray and believe for a great work of the Spirit in our Mission also.

J. C.

## INDUSTRIAL MISSIONS.

The Industrial Evangelistic Mission of Northern India, founded by Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Lawson, experienced missionaries in India, is proving to their complete satisfaction, that missions run on the Industrial sys-

ten can succeed. Many have held that this was impossible. Their bakeries are doing so well, and such fine bread is being made that the heathen are coming in crowds hoping to secure employment. They want to find out the secrets, but this privilege is for the Christians who, outcasted for Christ's sake, are consequently suffering terribly. Other industries are shaping rapidly and bid fair to be as successful as those already proved. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson count it a great honor to be classed among the bread makers and bread winners. All must agree that lazy Christians can not be holy Christians. It is to give the Christians an opportunity to build up a sturdy Christian character, and to make it possible to open up mission stations in hundreds of places, that this work has been started. Instead of sending money to support the missionaries, materials are sent to start the industries. Missionaries, of the Industrial Evangelistic type, go out to teach the native Christians how to work; in so doing earn their own living, and together preach the Gospel on this self-supporting plan.

A gracious revival has recently taken place in two of the stations, resulting in the regeneration of many and the sanctification of others. In Pilibhit only eight of the seventy-nine orphans are unsaved. The Holy Spirit was outpoured upon them after ten days of prayer; the orphans now know how to pray for others, nothing daunts them. As someone said: "They can pray through a stone wall."

Those wishing to hear more of this Mission can do so by writing to Mr. H. F. Kletzing, 151 Washington St., Chicago, or to Miss Mary Middleton, 76 Hayter St., Toronto, Honorary Secretaries of the I. E. M. in the U. S. and Canada.

## THE INDO-CHINESE OPIUM TRADE.

Everyone who loves righteousness, and every true friend of Britain, will rejoice at the action recently taken by the House of Commons in regard to the trade in opium between India and China. The following resolution was adopted unanimously: "This House re-affirms its conviction that the Indo-Chinese opium trade is morally indefensible, and requests His Majesty's Government to take such steps as may be necessary for bringing it to a speedy close."

The agitation against this traffic has been carried on for so many years, and some of God's children have for so long a time confessed the sin of it with shame, that it is a cause for profound gratitude to know that the end seems near.

The revenue from this trade has varied during the past twenty years. At one time it was as high as five million pounds; gradually it went down to three millions, and last year it was only £2,295,000. It is a cause for

gratitude that Great Britain is acting in the matter while the revenue is still large enough to make its loss felt. The wisdom of this action may be easily seen even by those who do not fear the righteous anger of God for continuance in such a crime. The enmity of a rising power like China is to be avoided, and her goodwill is to be sought. Action even at this late date may accomplish much toward this end, and may also serve to cement the ties that already bind Japan and Britain. And may we not hope that British Missionaries and their message will receive a warmer welcome in those two great empires? Let us not cease to pray for Britain and India and China and Japan!"—John Craig, in *Canadian Baptist*.

"It will cost the British Government much to forego the revenue derived from this source, but it will immensely help her prestige, not only in China, but throughout the world, if it takes this high stand. But the second fact corresponding to this action in Great Britain is that the viceroy who is most influential in all China—Yuan Shih Kai—has memorialized the throne to give instructions to viceroys and governors to put a stop to opium smoking amongst the official classes in the literati. The task of carrying such an edict into effect is doubtless beyond the power of any government, but the effort in this direction on the part of the most capable official of the government betokens a spirit which may lead to widespread reform. At present the opium curse is the most appalling under which China suffers. May God grant her deliverance!"—*Missionary Herald*.

### FIFTY YEARS HENCE.

A Vision of the Future in China.

The great speech of Dr. Griffith John on the occasion of the celebration of his jubilee by the Chinese Christians was concluded in the following words, for the report of which we are indebted to Dr. Wolfendale:

"And now I want to assume the role of a prophet. Another fifty years, and there will be no idols in China! Fifty years, and there will be no Buddhist or Taoist priests; or, if there are, they will be neglected and poverty-stricken—their craft vanished. In fifty (or shall we say a hundred?) years, I do not think there will be any foreign pastors in China. Why? Because the Chinese Church will have its own pastors in great numbers!

"There may be no medical missionaries, because the students they are educating to-day may surpass their teachers in skill and consecration!

"There will be a New China. If indeed the Church needs a foreign guide, then it will be for the Church to invite a pastor to come amongst them, and not for the Church at home to send any missionary to China.

"China will be all changed. We older brethren will not see this sight in life, but we shall look down on it from heaven, and the little ones here to-night will see it and play their part in it."—*The Chronicle*, L. M. S.

### DAY BEAMS.

"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; or, with outward show; or, so as to be observed by the inquisitive outsider, or onlooker.

As Mrs. Lathrop said many years ago in Brantford, concerning the Temperance movement: "It is like the unobservable mellowing of the great ice fields by the warm breath of spring, till by and by the tidal waters uplift and bear them outward, leaving an open sea."

No widespread, sudden flash, startles the world by turning the midnight darkness into day; but the morning dawneth, and the purpling tinges are appearing in every land.

In darkest Africa industrial missionary work is beginning to tell upon the habits and character of its people; while the native missionary spirit is giving impulse to the wider and more rapid spread of Christianity.

In China the long bound feet of womanhood are being loosed to bear not only the light of secular, but the more precious light of Christian knowledge to their darkened sisterhood.

"The Peking Woman of To-day," by Miss Bertha P. Reed, in "Life and Light for Women," August, 1906, gives a beautifully inspiring glimpse of the dawning of the day on Chinese womanhood.

And then what marvels of Christian advancement among that people are portended in such a life as that of Pastor Shi. A few such men ought soon, under God, revolutionize whole provinces.

In India, what may we not expect from that newly organized combination of Christian natives for the diffusion and spread of Christianity.

And in Japan; how the heart glows to think of the immense possibilities, by God's blessing, of the marshalling of those heroic and dauntless people under the one banner of King Jesus for a united campaign against the self-denying valor exhibited recently in those powers of darkness. Think of the bravery and conflicts and victories at which "all the world wondered"; and then think of those qualities turned in another direction and consecrated to the extension and establishment of Christ's kingdom. Hope bends her glance with eagerness and waits expectant, as she scans again the prophecy (albeit having probably another forecast), "In that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them."

Christendom has had some wonderful lessons from Christians in heathendom already; perhaps the greatest yet is to be, the tremendous augmentation of power for spiritual warfare in Christian unity.

## Our Work Abroad.

### NARSAPATNAM, INDIA.

IN the entire length of the Coromandel littoral of India there is no more beautiful spot than that where the little foothills of the Eastern Ghats bear down upon the restless waters of the Bay of Bengal and break, not only the monotonous surf line with jutting crags of rock, but the uniform stretch of shady beach, fringed by palmyra palms, with a picturesque outline of bluff and boulder. That beauty spot is midway between India's two great eastern seaports, Madras, with a population of half a million, and Calcutta, fully twice that size. So little is the commerce between these two great metropolitan centres that there was not, till fifteen years ago, any other than a slow connection by coasting and other lines of steamers. Then the great East Coast line of railway was begun and finally completed in 1900, binding with a belt of steel, one thousand miles in length, these two cities and all the intervening towns together. This road runs midway between the mountains and the sea, and from ten to forty miles from the latter, reaching by spurs the important seaports of Cocanada and Vizagapatam. At the latter place the line is divided exactly in its centre, the Calcutta half being managed by the Bengal Nagpur system, and the Madras end by the Madras Railway. Vizagapatam, a thriving city of 40,000, with great possibilities of expansion, is of great historic interest from a missionary standpoint, as the first mission station opened amongst the Telugus, a people of twenty millions and the third greatest language in all India, which has in all over 200 different tongues. There, just one hundred years since, the missionaries of the London Mission, now a Congregational body, landed and began the work of subjugating those vast millions to the mild yoke of the Prince of Peace. There in 1836 Samuel Day, himself a Canadian, and the first American Baptist Missionary to the Telugus, first landed and began that work, which was later transferred to the south. In its early days it was so fruitless, that at the end of thirty years' effort there were only 183 gathered into the Mission, and so discouraging that at three different times the people of America were on the verge of

abandoning the work. Yet then a mighty revival of God's grace spread over it and continued, so that now at the end of seventy years of effort the three Telugu Baptist Missions include within their church membership a total of 68,400 converts, and a working force of 1,873 native agents. The barrenness that characterized the early years of the American Baptist work still continues in all the district that has Vizagapatam for a capital. At the end of a hundred years of effort there are not more than that number of communicants in the London Mission there. On the other hand, their Mission 600 miles south, amongst the same people, is most fruitful in results. The three stations of the Maritime Baptists in this same district, at the end of 31 years of tireless evangelism, comprise only 268 members.

On this stronghold of caste prejudice and heathen hardness the first missionary of the Ontario and Quebec Baptists advanced in the person of the late devoted Currie, who found in the year 1881 a lone family of Christians, and at once engaged the wife and mother as a Bible woman. There, for a quarter of a century, she has held aloft, often very feebly, the lamp of Gospel truth, the one permanent agent amidst many transitories. After the fall of Currie at his post, J. R. Stillwell took up the cry and issued an appeal for Ellavaram that touched the hearts of many in the home land. He also wrote that pathetic and powerful appeal, "The Unfulfilled Commission," with Narsapatnam, under another name, as the scene of what, in the light of subsequent events, proved to be a very tragic prophecy. Just then, in 1890, I established the first station of the Ontario and Quebec Baptist Mission in that district, at Yellamanchili. At that time, in the area covered by my field, had I been able to take my stand at the very centre and describe a circle thirty miles in diameter, that circumference would have included a population of half a million, of whom only eight were Christians. Burdens are laid on Christians to drive them to prayer, and this unbearable burden of these peoples' great spiritual destitution bent me and others in persistent intercession at the throne of Grace. God heard our prayer and into this great need, to divide with ready sympathy and care, He sent his chosen servant.

**THE MISSION HOUSE, NARSAPATNAM.**

The centre of interest and the home of every good influence in the place during its occupancy by the Barrows in 1892-94, and the McLeods in 1902, was the Mission House. Its walls have rang with the song of Christians and re-echoed with the cry of the lost under conviction and seeking the Saviour. Here Mrs. Barrow received the sick and the afflicted with warm heart and nursed them back to health. All were welcome there and all treated with the greatest kindness. Here for only too short a space the McLeods took up neglected and broken threads and urged the work ahead. Here he stirred the hearts of his men with those thrilling expositions of the Word of God that sent them forth fired with a desire to give as they had received of the inspiring message. Here Mrs. McLeod organized that fine Sunday School effort, of which she is a most successful and devoted exponent, and

wrought on when others urged her to take a much needed furlough, saying that she would stay as long as she could do five hours good work a day.

The house was not adapted for a residence and is now much in need of repairs, and will



Narsapatnam Mission House—The McLeods—1902.

then answer as a chapel. Narsapatnam now calls for a missionary and his wife, and two single ladies to carry the Gospel to 250,000 people in the 200 villages of that field. The sum of \$2,000 will pay the passage of that mission

family to India and prepare them for the work; \$2,500 will supply them a home, and \$500 will fit this old house for a chapel. The two ladies will be able to go out and after a year at the language be ready for work for the sum of \$2,200. An additional sum of \$1,800 will give them a good home. Four missionaries and \$9,000 to open this fine station presents an opportunity compared with which no gold mine or wheat



Artificial Lake, Narsapatnam, India—Mr. and Mrs. McLeod.

lands can possibly compare as an investment. For the last forty years or more Narsapatnam has been the residence of three English officials in the Revenue, Police and Medical service of the Government. It is one of the most beautiful stations in all that part of India. Right in the heart of a rich valley surrounded by mountains, one of which, that to the right in the picture, rises to an altitude of 5,000 feet. It is dotted with great tanks or irrigating reservoirs and grows abundant crops of rice, sugar cane, tobacco, cotton, millet, indigo, corn, beans, bananas and oranges. The people await the Gospel and the Gospel awaits the messenger.

J. F. LAFLAMME.

(To be continued.)

#### EXTRACTS OF LETTERS FROM MISS PRIEST.

Birkett Lodge, Kodaikanal,

May 7, 1906.

Miss Priest writes: "How quickly time slips past. It is hard to realize that I am on my fourth year of my second term. So much to praise Him for. How good of Him to let me be here in India. So often the consciousness of my unworthiness of this great privilege comes to me. But He who called understood all, and He has a part for all.

"As you see, I am on the hills. Left Tuni April 30th to be away for May and June. It was pretty hot before I left, and on account of the failure of the rains last year times are very hard. There are so many who are finding it a great problem to get food, and they come to us. Its a problem to us to know how to help them. Sometimes I wonder what new questions or problems in human life can arise and be brought to us. And yet, while these make a constant demand upon our sympathy, yet there is a joy in being a channel through which He can manifest His love and care. Oh to be clean and free from all hindrance that the life also of Jesus may be manifest in our mortal bodies.

"The missionary fellowship is so delightful up here. We seem like one big family. And the English services in the American church! Well, I think it's hard for you who enjoy services in your own tongue every Sunday to realize the joy and inspiration these are to us who do not have them the rest of the year. The church was packed on Sunday, and oh, the singing of the hymns! My, but it was a treat. Then the message the Lord gave us through

His servant on 'The Touch of Jesus' was one that brought Him very near, and a message that can never be forgotten. 'And Jesus came and touched them,' was the text.

"The convention for the deepening of spiritual life will be held this week for three days, and we are praying that He will come and touch us, cleansing, quickening us and filling us with courage as the consciousness of His presence possesses our souls. We need this so very much, for the forces of evil are so real and strong.

"Pray for us that His great purpose in bringing us to live amongst this people may be fulfilled, and may our people at home realize more and more their great share in this work."

#### LETTER FROM MISS McLAURIN, VUYURA.

"Our work in Vuyura is growing and expanding all the time. Cholera has been bad in certain parts of our field lately, and the natives always get panic-stricken when cholera comes to their village. They know nothing of the natural causes of cholera, and always attribute it to satanic influence. It is hard to root that idea out of our Christians, and to induce them to believe it is caused by a wise and loving Father for His good, if mysterious, purposes. Not many Christians have died, but some new Christians, not yet 'rooted and grounded,' overcome by their old fears and superstitions, have yielded, in their panic of fright, to temptation, and have recommenced idol worship—the worship of the cholera goddess. Mr. Cross has just returned to-day from a tour to the villages where these new frightened Christians live. He has held meetings with them to encourage them to return and try to show them their folly of unbelief in forsaking Christ. Some good has been done and I am sure more still will result in future.

"These are some of our heart-breaks, but even these bring us into 'the fellowship of His sufferings,' and that is precious."

#### EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM MISS SELMAN

Akidu, Kistna District, India,

June 5th, 1906.

"Since I came to Akidu in January the time has gone very quickly indeed. The first three months were taken up with touring, Miss Marrow and I together, until it was time for her to go home, then I toured alone until the end of March. Have not yet visited nearly half of



the field, and feel that I am only beginning to get acquainted with the work and workers. From April 1st it has not only been too hot to tour, but there has been no water in the canals. Although I have spent several hot seasons on the plains I have not experienced such excessive heat before. From May 20 to 31st temperature ranged from 108 to 113 every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and some evenings was still 103 at 9 p.m. We shut all doors and windows early to keep out hot winds, but in our sleeping room at the noon resting time temperature would be 102. We poured water on the floors, fastened wet towels to punkahs and put wet cloths on our heads, and thus were able to rest. Several times I began to shiver with the heat, and then would apply wet cloths or pour water. During those ten days God was graciously with us, and Miss Robinson and I were left each day in health and strength.

Just now cholera is raging in many villages round about Akidu, scores are dying daily. Water is so scarce, very filthy water is being used and no doubt a great deal of sickness is from carelessness. The boarding school

children and teachers, all in the compound, as well as ourselves, have been kept well. Mr. and Mrs. Chute and the children are in Kodai-kanal, Mrs. Scott in Coonoor, is now recovering from her serious illness and, as far as I know, at present all are well.

"During April and up to May 20th my Biblewomen and I were able to keep up our work in the village. Several interesting children's classes have been regularly taught. 'Am sure you would be pleased to hear the caste children recite the Commandments and sing Christian hymns. I have felt much encouraged in work among children.

"When during the last ten days the heat was too great to go out safely, the Biblewomen have been meeting with me each afternoon for Bible study. Indeed, there has been a deep interest among all the Christian women. Lately they meet at the bungalow three times a week to pray for a revival in our midst. Some of them have had definite experiences, and say they have faith to believe that God will pour out his spirit upon us before long."

MARY B. B. SELMAN.

## Our Work at Home.

### CONVENTION NOTICES.

**T**HE Annual Convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, will be held at Thurso, Que., Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd and 3rd, 1906.

The 30th. Annual Meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. A Union Platform Meeting will be held the same evening, at which one of our missionaries now on furlough will give an address on the Foreign work.

### DELEGATES.

Circles are requested to appoint delegates as follows:—for a membership of 20 or less, 2 delegates; for each additional 20, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is, either life members, or contributors of at least one dollar a year. Each Band shall have the right to send one delegate over 15 years of age.

### BILLETING.

All requiring billets will please send their names as soon as possible to Mrs. Hamlyn G. Torney, Thurso, Que.

### PROGRAMME.

Foreign Mission Day—Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. 1906.

9.30 to 10.00. Prayer Service.

10.00 Introduction of Pages and Election of Convention Reporter.

Address of Welcome.

Reply.

Roll Call.

10.30 Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting, unfinished business (\*change in Constitution.)

Report of Recording Secretary,

Miss E. M. Crossley.

11.00 Association Reports:—

Eastern, Mrs. N. Ohman, Westmont.

Canada Central, Mrs. James Kellock,  
Perth.

Ottawa, Mrs. D. McLaurin, Metcalfe.

11.30 Election of Officers and Executive Board. Appointment of Committees on Appropriations and Resolutions.

"The Link" Miss Marjorie Muir,  
Westmount.

Prayer. Adjournment.

- Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.
- 2.00 Object Lesson, "How a Missionary Meeting ought *not* to be."  
Discussion.
- 2.30 Hymn, Scripture, Prayer.  
Minutes of Morning Session.  
President's Address, Mrs. S. J. Claxton.
- 3.00 Report of Corresponding Secretary,  
Mrs. H. Hubbard Ayer.  
Prayer for special requests of our missionaries in India.
- 3.30 Report of Treasurer,  
Mrs. W. Gordon Rickert.  
Report of Committee on Appropriations.  
Discussion.  
Address, Methods of work among young People and Children.  
Miss P. M. Chandler, Coaticook.  
Missionary Experience, Question, "What first led you to take an interest in the work of Foreign Missions? led by Mrs. Halkett, Ottawa.  
Prayer. Adjournment.

\*Notice of motion was given at the last Annual Meeting that Article VI of the Constitution (clause relating to delegates) be amended to read as follows:—Each Band shall have the right to send one delegate. All are invited to attend the meeting and may take part in the discussion, but only delegates, life members and the officers who are members of regular Baptist Churches shall be entitled to vote.

That Article X be added to the Constitution, reading as follows:—The Officers shall compose an executive committee to transact business that may require attention between the regular meetings. Three members of this committee shall constitute a quorum."

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

Circle and Band Treasurers are reminded that the books of the Society close on *Sept. 25th.* instead of Sept. 30th. as formerly. This is in accordance with the resolution passed at the Union Board Meeting held in Ottawa last October, at which it was also suggested that the Circles should close their books on Sept. 20th.

This change has been made in order to give the Treasurers of our Societies a few days in which to make up, audit and print their re-

ports before Convention, instead of crowding so much work into a day as has sometimes been necessary. All money on hand for Foreign Missions should be sent to Mrs W. A. Rickert, 60 Bruce Ave., Westmount, before 25th, in order to be credited to this year's account.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS.

##### OWEN SOUND.

The Owen Sound Association met this year in Meaford, June 12th, 13th and 14th.

On Wednesday morning the ladies held their annual business meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian church.

After devotional exercises and reading of the minutes, the reports from the various circles and bands were presented. This was followed by the appointment of officers for the year: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Pineo, Bentick; Director, Mrs. (Rev.) Newton, Durham; Secretary, Miss Mayne Hainer, Clarksburg.

At 2 o'clock the public meeting of the ladies was held in the church. Mrs. (Rev.) Watson presided. After devotional exercises Mrs. Walker, Director, gave a clear and concise statement of the women's work in this Association, showing that there are 19 Circles, containing 582 members, contributing during the year \$126.00 to Foreign Missions, \$160.10 to Home Missions, and \$29.58 to Ind. and Gal. Fund; total, \$315.68. There are 270 Visitors and 72 Links taken.

There are six Mission Bands. These have contributed \$15.80 to Home Missions, \$59.31 to Foreign Missions; total \$75.11.

Mrs. (Rev.) Newton, of Durham, gave an interesting and helpful address on Foreign Missions, giving us an idea of the work done by our missionaries, Misses Simpson, Hatch and Murray.

Their life is one of continual sacrifice and labor for their Master. Will we not do all in our power to help our missionaries, by giving our money and offering our prayers.

A splendid paper was then read by Miss Irving, of Owen Sound, on "How to Interest Young People in Circle Work."

Mrs. Tillie gave a splendid address on Home Missions. Mrs. Day then read a paper on "Prayer, Its Place and Power in Circle Work."

A very interesting part of the meeting was the Question Drawer conducted by Mrs. Tillie. The music was provided by Miss Irving, of Owen Sound, Mrs. Newton, of Durham, Misses

Grierson and Haines, of Thornbury, and members of the Meaford choir.

The offering amounted to \$7.50.

MAYNE HAINES,  
Secretary.

Clarksburg.

#### WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Circles and Bands of the Western Association met, in the church at Kingsville, on Tuesday, June 5th. A prayer service, led by Mrs. Hoyt, of Chatham, was held at eleven o'clock.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock. After devotional exercises the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. J. W. Hoyt, Chatham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. P. Campbell, Bothwell; Dir., Miss Ritchie, Colchester; Asst. Dir., Mrs. W. A. Gunton, Wallaceburg; Sec., Mrs. W. T. Roberts, Leamington.

A hearty address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. W. Gregory, and was responded to by Mrs. Mellish, of Chatham.

Reports from the different Circles and Bands were listened to with interest. After the singing of the "Glory Song," Mrs. Hoyt gave an account of the convention at Waterford, which was very impressive. Miss Marcotte, of Leamington, sang sweetly, "The Heavenly Song," after which Miss Dougherty, of Leamington, read an interesting paper on Miss Hatch's leper work. Miss Louisbury, of Chatham, dealt with Mission Bands and suggested methods of work. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. W. T. Roberts presented the claims of Moulton College. Greetings were extended by the Methodist W. M. S. and by the W.C.T.U., of Kingsville. The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Cornell, of Wheatley.

The evening session began at eight o'clock, Mrs. M. P. Campbell presiding. After the usual opening exercises, a paper on the "Consciousness of Our Opportunity," by Mrs. M. A. Dancy, in her absence, was read by Mrs. Campbell. The annual report, presented by the Directress, Miss Ritchie, showed a substantial amount raised during the year.

Mrs. John Tillie, of Toronto, gave a most helpful and instructive address on "Home Missions," which was listened to with undivided attention. Rev. A. B. Reekie, Bolivia, spoke on "Foreign Missions," depicting the moral and religious condition of the people of Bolivia and showed the great opportunity for work there.

The evening programme was brightened by the singing of Mrs. McKay, Miss Wigle, and

Miss Vigard, of Kingsville. The collections, not including the expenses of the Association, amounted to \$11.15. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. W. A. Gunton.

E. ALBERTA ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

#### NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

The meeting opened with a prayer service led by Mrs. Haydon, of Fort William, who spoke of God's protecting care, from Psalms 46 and 91. In the absence of Mrs. Bingham, President, Miss Sibbald, Barrie, filled the chair. Mrs. J. Shaw, of Collingwood, welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Hess, of Midland, responded. Miss Gillespie, Stayner, assisted in reading reports of Circles and Bands. The officers elected for 1907 were: Pres., Mrs. Bingham, Burks Falls; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Haydon, Fort William; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss Gillespie, Stayner; Director, Mrs. Cummer, Parry Sound. After a hymn and prayer, the meeting adjourned till evening.

The evening session opened with a song service, led by the Collingwood choir. After devotional exercises came the Director's report, which showed an increase in the offerings of \$116.91. Mr. Reekie gave a stirring account of his work in Bolivia, also Miss Senior, a teacher from Grande Ligne, on the work there.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Collingwood friends for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir for their ever efficient services.

During the evening music was furnished by the Collingwood choir in a well rendered anthem, and by Miss Dawe and Mrs. Hunter in a very sweetly sung duet.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," Pastor Cameron closed this most inspiring and helpful session with prayer.

R. CUMMER,  
Director.

#### NORFOLK.

Minutes of the Annual Women's Meeting of the Norfolk Association, held June 12th, at Port Rowan. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Briggs, of Vittoria, Mrs. Doolittle, president, took the chair.

An address of welcome was heartily given the delegates and visitors from the Port Rowan church by Mrs. Victor Brown, to which Mrs. Doolittle responded.

Fourteen Circles and 15 Bands gave one minute reports. The Director's report showed an

increase in the money raised this year and in the Visitors and Links taken.

Papers given by Mrs. Dayfoot of Simcoe; Mrs. Lutes, Waterloo, and Mrs. Birdsall, Delhi, were both helpful and interesting from discussions following each paper.

Officers appointed were: Mrs. Davis, Simcoe, Director; Mrs. Dayfoot, Simcoe, Asst. Director and President, and Mrs. Allen, Boston, Vice-President.

The evening session opened at 7.30, with the President in the chair.

Rev. F. C. Elliott gave an address on Home Missions, and Rev. Mr. Priest, of Georgetown, on Foreign Missions, both of which were intensely interesting. Offering amounted to \$10.09.

MRS. CATCHPOOL,  
Recording Secretary.

#### NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands met in the Sherbrooke Church on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, June 5th. A prayer service was led by Mrs. Wm. Myers, of Sherbrooke, Mrs. Rogers, of St. Catharines, and Mrs. Damude, of Niagara Falls, assisting. Mrs. Julius Root, of Sherbrooke, extended a very cordial welcome to the delegates—over thirty being in attendance, and Mrs. Forrester, of Dunnville, responded. The very spiritual and helpful thoughts in these addresses proved a fitting opening of the session.

The reports from Circles and Bands were bright and interesting, and the Director's report showed an increase over last year of nearly \$150. Fifteen Circles and thirteen Bands reported, one Circle and two Bands having been organized during the year, and one Band dropped. The total amount contributed was \$1,059.96, of which the Circles raised \$870.91 and the Bands \$189.05. Total for Foreign Missions, \$536.54; Home Missions, \$452.56, and Specials, \$50.86.

Franklin Legg, a Mission Band boy, of St. Catharines, gave a paper entitled "From Our Side," full of suggestions as to what boys like in a meeting. Miss Cross, of Port Colborne, told us of the good work going on at Grande Ligne, and Mrs. Best, of Hamilton, gave a helpful Bible reading on "Prayer." Miss Copp, of Hamilton, made an earnest appeal for more consecration in our offerings to the Lord. God does not require our money, but for us to cultivate the grace of giving. Mrs. Bennett, of Hamilton, led us in prayer. Mrs. Mulock, of St. Catharines, conducted a question drawer, and very ably answered the questions proposed.

Mrs. Hendry was re-elected as Director, and Mrs. Biggins, of Beamsville, was elected President. A pleasant and profitable session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Balfour, of Hamilton.

In the evening, addresses were given by Mrs. Mulock on Foreign Missions, and Rev. A. L. Huddleston, of Hamilton, on Home Missions. Miss Waters, of Hamilton, gave an interesting account of the Students' Volunteer Movement

held in Nashville, Tennessee. The collection, amounting to \$8.40, was divided between the Home and Foreign Missions.

R. HENDRY, Director.

#### GUELPH.

The Women's meeting of Guelph Association opened on Wednesday, June 6th, p.m., with devotional exercises by Pres. Mrs. D. Inglewood. After a short season of prayer, the President spoke of our duty in soul winning, as giving in the great commission. Giving our money is not fulfilling our obligation to send the Gospel to a lost world. It includes doing the thing next to us.

A hearty welcome to Hespeler church and homes was extended by Mrs. C. W. Cook, to which Mrs. E. J. Zavitz, Guelph, responded.

Encouraging reports were presented by delegates of Circles and Bands.

The presence of our Band Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Barber, added much to the interest of our meeting. Questions on Band work had been forwarded, difficulties were explained and many valuable hints given to Band leaders. Any who could not attend may have a digest of these points by sending to the Director, and thus receive some of the help and inspiration lost by absence. Mrs. Barber strongly commended teaching about our own mission fields, and commended the "Baptist," "Link," and "Visitor."

We were very pleased to hear Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, lately from Cochabamba, Bolivia, speak on the women of that country. If the three classes the "gente decente," the Cholos and Indians, the middle class are most approachable by our missionaries. Some have come to the light, and present a great contrast between their old life of lying, stealing and immorality, and their new life in Christ. At the close of the address, Wallace Mitchell, in Indian costume, sang a hymn in Spanish.

At the close of a short report, the Director spoke of points of interest in our home work, and requested on behalf of the Board continued prayer for whatever funds might be needed for new work, and wisdom in planning so that existing work might not suffer.

Music was furnished by members of Hespeler choir and Mission Band.

Officers appointed: President, Mrs. G. J. Zavitz, Guelph; Director, Miss M. M. Evans, Guelph; and Assistant, Miss Joyce, were re-appointed.

A joint evening meeting was held, addressed by Rev. J. Craig, India, on "contrast between old and new India." Rev. P. A. McEwen spoke on "the vital relation between Home missions and other work."

Rev. H. A. Speller, Guelph, was listened to with deep interest on "Bible school work—a readjustment."

Miss Brock, Hespeler, and Mr. Andrews, Berlin, favored the meeting with musical selections.

Offerings amounted to \$12.53, to be divided between Home and Foreign work, the expenses having been met by special offerings from Circles.

ALICE M. EVANS, Director.

## CIRCLE REPORTS.

ST. CATHARINES, QUEEN ST. CIRCLE.—On the evening of June 28th. our Circle held an open meeting in the S. School rooms, the President, Mrs. D. M. Walker presiding. After singing a hymn Mrs. J. W. Young read the scripture, and the pastor Rev. Dr. Bates led in prayer. A good programme was rendered.

Mrs. Triesche sang a solo entitled "Out of the Deep," Mrs. Dr. Mulock reported for the afternoon meeting of the Association held at Sherbrooke. Mrs. H. M. Rogers reported for the evening meeting. Mrs. D. D. McTavish and Mrs. Jas. Parnell sang a duet very feelingly entitled "There is no love like His love for Me." Bessie and Grace Legg, two little girl members of the Mission Band, sang "Count your blessings." As a Circle we are having very interesting meetings and are truly gathering in new members. While we have cause for encouragement, yet we deplore the fact that not more of the women of the Church are interested in Mission Work. The work of Missions is great in itself because it is near to the heart of Christ. Let us keep near the heart of our Master and listen to Him as He speaks to us.

Yours in His service,

F. E. WISMER, Sec'y.

WOODSTOCK, FIRST CHURCH.—This last year the work of our Circle has been carried on with growing interest. Thirteen new names have been added to the roll, and fourteen young ladies enrolled as an auxiliary to the regular Circle, with a membership fee of twenty-five cents.

At every meeting it has been noticeable that much study has been given to the preparation of the papers, and the meetings have proved both instructive and interesting. In fact, any programme might be repeated again with-profit.

One lady gleaner is appointed to select items of interest in the various Mission fields and to present them summarized at each meeting of the Circle. These gleanings have come to be looked forward to as a very interesting part of the programme.

In addition to the regular study of Home and Foreign Mission work, a new feature was introduced this year, the study of the great religions. New interest and variety has been secured by holding the evening meeting especially for the young ladies and conducted by them. Frequently there is special music and occasionally at the close a few moments of social intercourse.

The Oxford St and First Church Circles hold union meetings twice a year, one to hear Convention reports, and the other associational reports, each entertaining alternately. These meetings are always well attended and very interesting.

ALICE N. MAHON, Sec.

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

Receipts from June 16th, 1906, to July 15th, 1906 (inclusive).

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Bloor St., \$23.90; Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$25 for bungalow), \$45.85; London, Talbot St., Y. L. M. C., for Bible-woman, \$25; Kingsville, \$5; Oxford, East, \$7.90; Toronto, Century, \$5.60; Markham, Second, \$7; Thamesville, \$2.30; Toronto, Western, (\$4 spec. for lepers) \$14.23; Milberta, \$1.50; Windsor, Bruce Ave., for Bolivia, \$7; Kenora, \$4.50; Toronto, Bloor St., Y. W. Aux., \$7.30; Burgessville, \$5; Chatham, William St., \$8.65; St Catharines, Queen Street (\$6.80 for bungalow), \$13.03; Colchester, (\$1 for bungalow), \$3.02; Salford, \$8.10; Petrolia, \$5.12; Toronto, Kenilworth Ave., (\$2.25 spec. for bungalow), \$12.65; Hespeler, \$6.70; Sturgeon Falls, \$2.10; Galt, \$3.70; Woodstock, First Ch., \$6; Burk's Falls, \$5.40; Peterboro', Murray St., \$6.40; York Mills, \$5.50; Brantford, Immanuel, Gleaner Circle, for Bible-woman, \$12.50; Listowel, \$3.05; Toronto, Beverley St., \$6.80; London, Maitland St., \$7; Beachville, \$2.70; Ingersoll, \$3; Uxbridge, \$5; Parry Sound, \$3; Sarnia, \$6.95; Bethel, \$2.25; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$3.15; Toronto, Parliament St., \$5.95; Brantford, Calvary, \$8; Port Elgin, \$2.25; Glammis, (\$3 for bungalow), \$7; London, South, \$4.50; Toronto, Jarvis St., for Bible-women, \$50; Toronto, Immanuel, \$6.05; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$6; Wilkesport, \$2.25; Arkona, \$2.50. Total, \$399.44.

FROM BANDS.—London, Maitland St., \$3; Lakefield, for Bungalow, \$4; Toronto, College St., for "Korati Yesudas," \$6; Woodstock, Oxford St., for N. Mary, \$18; Forestville, \$6.10; Simcoe, \$6; Iona Station, for T. Krupanna, \$10; Brantford, First Ch., (\$17 for Govadi Mary), \$20; Wilkesport, for B. Miriam, \$25; Dunnville, \$5; Brampton, for K. Santamma, \$7; Toronto, Century, \$1.16; Listowel, 80 c.; Port Arthur, for "deficit," \$7. Total, \$119.06.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Association Collections: Owen Sound, \$3.75; Oxford-Brant, \$10; Norfolk, \$3.50; Peterboro', \$1.40; Guelph, \$7.25; Whitby and Lindsay, \$5; Northern, \$2.27; Miss Rhoda E. Massecar, for M. Sarah, \$25; Peterboro', Murray St., Phillethea S. S. Class, for Dr. Allyn's medical outfit, \$2; Windsor, Bruce Ave., B. Y. P. U., for Bolivia, \$1.50; Per M. F., for Dr. Allyn, \$10; Mrs. R. W. Elliot, (\$50 for Dr. Allyn's outgoing, \$100 for Dr. Hulet's support, \$100 for Miss Corning), \$250; "An aged widow," \$2; Interest on Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown, for V. Annama, \$5; Mrs. A. B. Alexander for bungalow, \$5; A friend, for bungalow, \$5. Total, \$348.73. Total receipts during the month - - - \$867.23

DISBURSEMENTS.—By Cheque to General Treasurer, on regular estimates, \$641.57. *Extras*, for Native Preacher, \$30; Dr. Hulet's Hospital Fund, \$12.50; Famine Fund, \$5; Lepers, \$4; Bolivia, \$8.50. Total, \$701.57.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Directors' expenses: Peterboro, Assoc., 75cts; Northern, Assoc., \$2.50; Towards expenses of speaker at Norfolk Assoc., \$3.40. Total, \$6.65.

Total disbursements during the month - \$708 22

Total Receipts from Oct 21st, 1905, to July 15th, 1906 - \$8,198 92

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1905, to July 15th, 1906 - \$8,323 47

*Receipts from July 16th, 1906, to Aug. 15th, 1906.*

FROM CIRCLES.—Cheltenham, for Bible-woman, \$7; Wheatley, \$3.45; Toronto, Bloor St., \$7.78; Wingham, \$3.50; Tupperville Union, for Dr. Hulet, \$6.25; Otterville, \$2.80; Mount Forest, (\$2 special), \$7.54; Cramahe, \$2.40; Grimsby, \$5.75; Watford, \$2; London, Talbot St. (\$5 for lepers), \$30.50; Brantford, Park Ch., \$7; St. Thomas (\$8 Thank-offering toward Life-membership), \$17.20; Brantford, Immanuel, \$8; Walkerton, \$2.50; Hamilton, James St., \$3.35; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$3.75; First, Lobo, \$6; London, Adelaide St., \$11.55; East Toronto, \$4; Boston, (\$1 Thank-offering toward Life-membership), \$4; Iona Station, \$10; Hamilton, Herkimer, (\$2.25 for bungalow), \$7.25; Westover, for Bible-woman, \$16; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$4.75; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial, \$9.10. Total, \$193.42.

FROM BANDS.—Cheltenham, \$2.14; Peterboro, Murray St. (\$2.50 for Bungalow, \$2.50 for Dr. Allyn's medical outfit, spec.), (\$7.65 for Mr. Leah), \$15.05; Green River, \$3.50; Caistor, for Bungalow, \$2.00; Leamington, \$1.91; Guelph First, \$15.00; Total, \$39.60.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. E. E. Barrow, Worcester, Eng., for "K. Annamma" (L2), \$9.74; Mrs. W. J. Robinson, \$2.00; Grandma Robinson's "Curiosity Box" for lepers, \$1.00; "Holiday Gift" for Dr. Allyn's outgoing, \$5.00; M. C. Chisholm, for Bungalow, \$5.00; Northern Association Collection, (add) 87c. Total, \$23.61.

Total receipts during the month - \$256 63

DISBURSEMENTS.—By Cheque to General Treasurer, on regular estimates, \$641.56; *Extras* for lepers, \$6.00; Total, \$647.56.

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1905, to Aug. 15th, 1906 - \$8,455 55

Total Disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1905 to Aug. 15th, 1906 - \$8,071 03

SARAH J. WEBSTER,  
Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO CIRCLES AND BANDS.

The Treasurers of Circles and of Bands are reminded that their books should close for the Convention Year on October 15th. The amount then on hand for *Foreign Missions* should be forwarded to me at once, as my books only remain open until *October 20th*.

All contributors are therefore urged to make their payments promptly, as funds are needed.

SARAH J. WEBSTER, *Treas.*

### TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

*Receipts from Dec. 8th, 1905, to June 8th, 1906, inclusive.*

CIRCLES.—Westmount, \$7; Thurso, \$7.10; Ottawa French Mission, \$5; Kingston, for bungalow, \$11; Brockville, \$15; Algonquin, \$10; Arnprior, \$3; Osnabruck, \$9; Hawkesbury, \$3; Montreal, Olivet, (Thank-offering \$16.30, tent, \$1.25), \$38.55; Lachute, \$14; Montreal, Tabernacle, \$5; Westmount, \$25.25; Lanark, \$2.25; Ormont, \$3.55; Winchester, \$2; Dominionville, \$5.50; Ottawa, First Ch., \$13.25; Montreal, Point St. Charles, \$5; Quebec, (\$25 for student, \$5 for Bolivia), \$50; Phillipsville, \$7; Kingston, First Church, \$5; Osgoode, \$30; Pembroke, \$4; Ottawa, First Church, for Bible-woman, \$30; Abbots Corners, \$9; Grenville, \$5; Cornwall, \$1; Rockland, \$12; Montreal, First Church, \$23.32; Montreal, Olivet, \$25.75; Westmount, \$2; Almonte, \$3; Smith's Falls, \$14; Plum Hollow, \$5; Dixville, \$3; Kingston, First Church, \$20; Clarence, \$45.75; Pembroke, (in memory of Alison Inglis Bone), \$10; Dixville, \$4; Drummond, \$5; Rockland, Thank-offering \$42, (\$25 to make Mrs. Wm. Erskin a Life-member), \$50; Grande Ligne, \$5; Brockville, \$10; Winchester, \$3.64; Cornwall, \$1.35; Smith's Falls \$23; Montreal, First Church (\$25 to make Miss F. Russell a life member, \$10.18 Bungalow), \$47; Ottawa, 4th Avenue, \$8; Buckingham, \$8; Nashville, (\$25 to make Mrs. Lothian a Life-member), \$30; Dempsey, \$3; Delta, \$10; Ottawa, McPhail Mem., \$30; Perth, \$12; Carleton Place, (Thank-offering, \$3.25), \$7; Quebec, (for Bolivia, \$2.50), \$5; Ottawa, First Church, (\$30 of this amount Mrs. Woods annual subscription), \$60; Thurso, \$4.48; Kingston, First Church, \$5; Ormond, \$6.30; Vankeek Hill (to make Mrs. N. McCallum a Life-member), \$25. Total, \$853.04.

BANDS.—Perth "Young Helpers," \$15; Westport, \$2; Westmount for "Pearl Mercy," \$8; Ottawa, First Church, \$18; Quebec, "Willing Workers," (\$5 for lepers, \$3 for bungalow), \$25; Allans' Mills, \$10; Delta, \$15; Westmount, \$5; Ottawa, 4th Avenue, \$4; Clarence, \$2.75; Smith's Falls, \$17; Rockland, \$7; Clarence, \$2; Renfrew, \$5; Buckingham, \$1.25; Westmount, \$7. Total, \$144.

SUNDRIES.—Elim Circle, for Blandmami and child, \$20; Mr. Morton, Montreal, \$5; Union Circle meeting, Montreal, Famine Fund, \$2.50; A friend of Missions, for "Salome," Vellamanchilli, \$25; Miss J. McArthur Estate, interest, \$6.49. Total, \$58.99.

Total from Circles - \$853 04  
" " Bands - 144 00  
" " Sundries - 58 99

Total - \$1,056 03

MARGARET C. RICKERT,  
Treasurer.

## Youths' Department.

### AN INDIAN PRINCESS' WEDDING.

(Mrs. Corey in Tidings.)

**J**ust across the road from the mission house there is a fine up-stairs house, the home of a Rajah; it is surrounded by a high wall, the height of which always attracts the attention of an English person, for the wall is so high that only the upper story of the house can be seen from the street.

This Rajah has several children, among them a grown up daughter (for to the credit of the rajah caste be it said they do not give their girls in marriage till they are fifteen or sixteen years of age.)

Soon after we moved here (at the beginning of the year,) rumor said that this daughter was soon to be married to a young prince from Tuni, (one of the stations of the Ontario Board.)

Sure enough in April, we began to see signs of the approaching wedding. Leaves were strung together and hung over the entrance to the grounds, and a large open shed thatched with palm leaves was erected.

Finally one day in May the guests began to arrive. First, came a procession bringing a messenger from the Tuni Rajah to this Rajah, he came all the way (more than a hundred miles) in a palanquin borne by relays of men. The journey took several days when it would have been only a matter of a few hours by rail, and much less expensive, but that mode of travelling to a wedding is the custom among the rajahs.

In front and behind him were long lines of men carrying loads of bananas, mangoes, coconuts, and jack fruit for the wedding feast.

It was said that two hundred bandies came by road at the same time from Tuni, bringing wedding guests.

The bridegroom also came, but instead of going at once to the palace, he staid until the wedding (for two days) in a tent provided by the rajah, half a mile away.

The day of his arrival in town, the wedding music began, and the following day a huge elephant gaily caparisoned in scarlet stood at the entrance to the palace to bring the bridegroom.

All that day the street near the Rajah's was full of people, and the next morning even more came; such a crowd, of men, women, and child-

ren, all happy as little folks at home during a holiday celebration.

I wish you could have seen what a picturesque scene they made with their bright clothes and smiling faces.

As usual that morning I was helping the children with their lessons, and as the music had been the same for two days and the people had told us so many times that the elephant was gone and the Prince was coming, we paid no attention to what was going on, until glancing up, we saw the procession was really in front of the palace; then we hurried out to see it. The Prince dressed in purple velvet, and seated on the back of the elephant, in a beautiful howdah of filigree silver, headed the procession. On either side and in front of him were four attendants richly dressed, while directly behind, was another who held over him a white umbrella.

Next to the Prince came an open, empty palanquin covered with scarlet, and as usual with the front shaped like an elephant's trunk. It contained two seats facing each other. Ordinarily, the bride and groom would have been carried in it, but in this case, the bride being of the rajah caste could not appear in public (as the Rajah women are always kept in seclusion.)

Behind the palanquin was a line of men, then came a relative in a covered palanquin.

As I said before, the procession halted at the entrance to the palace, then at the signal it passed under the large arch at the gate into the grounds where only the immediate relatives, friends, and brahmins were allowed to go. The marriage ceremony took place an hour afterwards, and was followed by a great feast for the assembled company.

Later on the Rajah sent us at different times two large trays of sweetmeats.

Day after day he gave food to the villages around, among others, the Christian village across the way was feasted.

For a week, the music was kept up during the day, and a good part of the night.

Each night from ten o'clock till the early morning hours fire works were set off. Some of them were very pretty, especially the bright colored rockets and the different colored lights which illuminated the whole palace and the grounds around it.

One evening, they let a small balloon ascend. Away it went sailing over the lawn, finally it descended and was found by one of the Christians.

A few days afterwards he and some of the others decorated it with the motto "God is Love," and started it off on another flight.

It seemed sad to us that the bride could take no part in the festivities, and only see the fire-works through some crack where she could not be seen.



So strictly in seclusion is she kept that on her return from a visit to her husband's relatives (ten days after her wedding,) she was brought from the rail station to the house in a closed palanquin with an armed guard in attendance.

Until their marriage the bride and groom had never seen each other, though he had seen her photograph.

Coaticook, Aug. 14., 1906.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS—

Several months, too many indeed, have elapsed since I paid you a visit through the columns of the Visitor. I then promised you I would next address you through the LINK. In my first letter I asked that many of you would write me nice informal letters, that I might in a friendly way get better acquainted with the Bands under my charge. Thanks to those who kindly responded—may I hear from many more of you.

Summer days are drawing all too quickly to a close. Many of you have been having happy times on the farm, by the lakes, among the woods, reading, writing, boating, bathing, or possibly in real earnest putting your shoulders to the wheel, trying to earn a little money to take you back to school in the fall, or for other purposes. But now the long days are growing shorter; a chill is creeping into the evening air and you begin to hear the martial tread of the stern commander who is about to call a "halt" upon your holiday season and bid you return once more to the sterner duties of life. I am sure you will agree with me that while you may somewhat dread the thought of giving up your full and easy life of the past two months there is real satisfaction in settling down to earnest, purposeful work which will develop the faculties within you and better fit you for life's service. By the way, have you drawn up your time table for the next ten months? So much time for study, so much for music, so much for recreation, and your expenditure list, so much for the gratification of this desire, so much for that. If you are about to do so now do not let the words of this hymn prove true in your case.

"Room for business, room for pleasure

But for Christ the crucified,

Not a place that he can enter

In the heart for which he died".

Life is no longer moving on to the tread of the old ox team. Steamships, railroad cars, automobiles, telegraphs and telephones have set the world in motion and we are speeding on—to what?

We are drawing nearer, ever nearer to an event greater than the world has ever yet seen. When Jesus went away he said he would come again—not in humility as before, but in glory and great power.

Let those who will still bear the Gospel in the old ox cart, but thank God of his servants are using the best methods, the most aggressive

means to forward the blessed message, and truly our mission work is speeding on at a marvelous rate. Dear boys and girls, catch the spirit of the times, Jesus is coming, we shall surely meet him face to face. Shall we be among the number of those who may bring in the golden sheaves of redeemed lives to lay as trophies at his feet? At our Convention we shall soon be reviewing the work for another year. Are you satisfied with yours? Let us all enter into this work with much earnestness and with real joy gather together the fragments of our efforts. And when the Lord of the harvest comes let not one of us be ashamed at His appearing.

Your loving friend,

PRISCILLA M. CHANDLER,

Supt. of Band for E. O. and Q.

Vuyyuru, Kindna Dist., July 10., 1906.

MY DEAR LINK.

This little letter is for your children—the girls and boys in Sunday Schools and Mission Bands—and I am going to begin first by saying, as so many of our native callers say—"I have a request." This is it—I am almost out of those little Bible lesson picture cards, which so many of you have sent me. You know the ones I mean—those colored Sunday School lesson cards. They have been so useful and have helped me in my work a good deal. On the last Sunday of every month the little girls in my Caste Sunday School here in Vuyyuru, look eagerly for the cards as a reward for having attended every Sunday during the month. There are only a few left, and if some more don't come flying in on the wings of Home Mail pretty soon I know some little faces which will look very disappointed.

And now I have two Caste Girls' Sunday Schools to be supplied, for one new school in Valluru is started and over thirty girls are coming, so I shall need more cards than ever before, not to mention the children's meetings I have on tour, and my other Sunday School in the outcaste part of Vuyyuru. All these girls and boys look for cards occasionally. Last week I received some nice clean, well preserved cards from the Pt. St. Charles Mission Band. Thank you, Pt. St. Charles, your cards are very nice, and so are the S. S. papers. By the way, your old Christmas and birthday cards will do almost as well. We can't tell a little story about them, but they will attract some who would otherwise not come.

Now, I will close, for I am afraid if I keep on asking I may be buried in the floods of cards that will be sure to come! Goodbye, girls and boys, we like you to send cards, they are important; but we want you to pray for us, even more, Don't forget a single day.

Your sincere friend,

K. S. Mc LAURIN.