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O, the little birds sang east,
And the little birds sang west,
And I said in underbreath—
All our life is mixed with death,
And who knoweth which is best?

O, the little birds sang east,
And the little birds sang west,
And I smiled to think God's greatness
Flowed around our incompleteness,
Round our restlessness, His rest.

—Mrs. Browning.

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MISSIONARY NEWS.

The head of the Y.M.C.A. in China tells us that Christianity is facing a new situation there. The literati—the million men of the educated class, the men who have really ruled China—have always presented an unbroken wall of indifference to Christianity. But in some way a marvellous change has taken place, and now these men are eagerly and exhaustively studying Christianity. They claim to have tried everything to make China a strong nation—militarism, education, republican forms—have failed of their purpose, and are now claiming that it must be Christianity—the power of personal religion—that makes western nations what they are. Therefore their change of attitude. When Mr. Eddy visited China, the President of the Republic received him, and the Vice-President arranged a meeting in his own house for him. But all this, while a great encouragement, is also a great challenge. There is no doubt that the Christian religion can stand the test; but there is not the same assurance that the followers of the Christian religion will rise to the opportunities afforded them.

“Missions” gives this note: “One of Abraham Lincoln’s wise sayings was: ‘If you cannot remove an obstacle, plow around it.’ That is what missionary information is doing with the huge boulders of indifference in the church fields.”

The Finance Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. is facing the possibility, and almost probability, of a reduction in estimates for foreign work of \$100,000. That

will involve no new missionaries being sent, none on furlough being allowed to return, no building of any sort erected, a cut of 18 per cent. on estimates for each missionary’s work, and a reduction of 10 per cent. on estimates for Europe.

There has been a movement in operation, somewhat strongly supported, attempting to co-operate mission work in Mexico—to establish one national church, to be known as the Evangelical Church of Mexico—to combine different church journals into one, to create one large training school for Christian workers from the union of those of different denominations now at work, and to divide the country into a number of districts, allotting one to each of the denominations. The Baptist Home Mission Society has been obliged to approve of these plans only in part. They cannot accept the name, which implies a national church, since we know only the local church. Neither can they approve of the interchange of church members, since adult baptism, and that immersion, is a necessary condition of membership in our churches. Nevertheless, they wish to co-operate in all possible matters, and look for some practical outcome of the conference.

Mr. Fetler has written from his exile in Sweden of the causes of his exile and the state of religious liberty in Russia. Accusations were made by the clerical party that the Baptists and others were German sects; that Bismarck gave them an immense sum of money to propagate German ideas in Russia; that the German Emperor is publishing, at his own expense, a Russian Baptist journal;

and also that he gave Mr. Fetler \$300,000 for his church in Petrograd. On these charges Mr. Fetler was exiled for the whole period of the war, and not only so, but eleven other ministers have been banished, ten of them to Siberia, and six churches closed. It is a time of great trial, but Mr. Fetler pleads for bitterness of spirit to be kept out of it, and for the opening "of our prayer window towards Jerusalem, "from whence cometh our help."

A remarkable revival is in progress in Finland. One of the ministers writes that it is the greatest they have ever had, and six of the ministers are working together in it.

Our Theological Seminary in Sweden has been having quite a struggle since war began. One-third of the students are away all the time doing military duty, taking a month and a half at a time. The people are making great sacrifices to maintain the work, however, and though prices have increased and wages have decreased, the contributions towards the educational work have reached almost the normal amount.

German Home Missions is suffering fearfully. They appropriate to needy churches each year 46,000 marks (\$11,500), but have sent out word that none of that can be sent out this year. What that means to the home missionaries and the mission churches can scarcely be imagined.

One of our Austrian Baptist ministers is among the prisoners of Russia. He has been sent to Siberia, but seems quite contented, and has started evangelistic work in his place of detention.

Our text-book for this year, "The Child in the Midst," has had a remarkable sale. The first edition of 100,000 was exhausted in October, and the second of 50,000 is selling well. This book

will be as good for Circle study next year as this. Next year's book is to be "The King's Highway."

The Waldensian Church, in Italy, is another religious enterprise in desperate straits because of the war. \$50,000 has usually come to them from Britain, Germany and other European countries. Lacking this now, the preachers, teachers and colporteurs are in danger of actual starvation.

A marvellous revival has been taking place among our British soldiers in England. Chapman and Alexander have been working among them, and 10,000 have joined the Pocket Testament League, and 3,000 have been converted. One of the notable things about it is that private soldiers, in many cases, are leading their officers into the light.

Self-exiled Canadians do not forget our soldiers. Methodist missionaries living in West China have sent \$150 back here to help in buying comforts for our Canadian soldiers.

August 1, 1914, the day of the declaration of war, was the 2,500th anniversary of the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Jews.

Do the readers of "Twice-Born Men" remember "The Light Handful"? He has just rejoined his regiment, with the rank of corporal, and is probably at the front now. His father was in the famous charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava.

The Mohammedan University of El Azhar, in Egypt, the oldest and largest one, has surely caught the progressive spirit of the age. The authorities have just decreed that all students who have been studying there 17 years must leave if they do not pass their next examination!

MISS McLAURIN'S HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

Jane Buchan Bungalow,
Vuyyuru, Kistna Dist.,
Feb. 3, 1915.

Dear LINK Readers:

Many times on the way out I thought of you, and thought of sending you a message. But not until now have I set myself to it. As the long, peaceful steamer days went by it seemed as if the wisest and most natural thing to do was to take full advantage of the opportunity to rest and shed all cares and responsibilities, and just enjoy the perfect days the Father sent us. We had a beautiful trip all the way through, and so free from any alarms, that no one would dream that a world-shaking conflict was taking place, in which our own country was involved. From San Francisco we sailed on Nov. 21st for Hong Kong, calling en route at beautiful, balmy Honolulu; lovely, petite Japan, and dreamy, half-Spanish Manila. All these places were beautiful and interesting, and as our ship made good long stays to discharge and take on cargo, we had time to go ashore and investigate. Exploring the wonders of the aquarium in Honolulu, the curio shops in Japan, old Spanish cathedrals in Manila was fascinating business.

Until we got out of range of Honolulu on our way to Japan, we got daily wireless news of the war. But after that, Japanese and British censorship cut off news, and perhaps you can imagine how eagerly we bought and read newspapers at the ports. Red tape at ports, in the shape of "inspection" by police officials, an occasional cruiser (no Germans) or torpedo-boat at sea—this is all we felt of the dreaded war. We were kept in perfect peace. We found Kyoto (Japan) all hung with British and Japanese flags to celebrate the victory at the FALKLAND ISLANDS. But we never heard a gun. Beautiful, balmy days of

golden sunshine, blue sky and deep-blue seas rolled by—and so we came to Hong Kong. The splendid city is built on the shore of a great harbor. We had to wait here a week for our steamer to India, and a week was all too short wherein to explore the wonders of the Chinese shops and streets and watch the people. The English section is impressive and beautiful as to architecture and plan. But oh! the Chinese streets! One wants to stand, or stroll, and stare! And the great harbor! Japanese and British men-of-war came and went; great searchlights swept its area every night, and the lights at the signal stations winked their messages across and across. Here you felt that there was war, somewhere. And Britain—"Greater Britain"—was watching ever; while we each night "laid ourselves down in peace and slept, for Thou, Lord, made us to dwell in safety."

We left Hong Kong Dec. 30th (after getting a "permit" from the military authorities) for Colombo, which we reached on Jan. 13th, after another beautiful trip. This part of the journey was warmer than the other, but just as calm and peaceful and pleasant. Almost every man on board was "going home to fight," as they said; hastening home from the ends of the world—Siam, Malay Peninsula, China and Java—to fight our battles for us; and we had on board 30 Japanese Red Cross nurses and four surgeons, going to France to the front. We called at Singapore, Malacca and Penang, real Oriental cities, swarming with Oriental folk, a great many of whom were from India. The foliage is magnificent, owing to the moisture of the climate and excessive rainfall. It is a regular paradise for ferns, orchids, palms and a great variety of blossoming shrubs. From Colombo we crossed over to India on the new "ferry system," by which

you are on the water only two hours, instead of all night, and on to Madras, Bezvada and—Vuyyuru. At Bezvada my brother met me and escorted me in to Vuyyuru.

We visited all the way in, and had a great deal of news to exchange; for remember that it was now Jan. 18th, and two months to a day since I had left Canada, or had any word from either the India or Canada side of the world.

So we wheeled along over the last few miles between Brantford and Vuyyuru. And when we got to Veeramma's temple, on the outskirts of the town, my friends began to meet me. First, I saw the well-known faces of the missionaries and met the warm grasp of their hands. Then Biblewomen, pastors, preachers, friends, children—oh, what a lot of friends!

The Kistna Association was in full swing, meeting in the new Claxton Memorial, so the Akidu and Avani-gadda friends were here, too. They took me straight to the beautiful new church, and how lovely it seemed to be back, with them all crowding around me, wanting me to see how their babies had grown; asking me if I remembered them, and exclaiming how grey my hair was! They gave me a cordial welcome meeting right there, and said and sang nice things, not one word of which I can remember now, for I was having a little praise-service all to myself most of the time, admiring the church, trying to recognize the babies in the front row, and saying over and over to myself, "Am I really here?"

Then, for the next few days, followed reunions, curry-and-riee dinners at Pastor Samuel's, and on our own front verandah with workers, a concert, and so much visiting back and forth that it seemed like Christmas every day. Dr. Hulet's little hospital had been added to and much improved, until it seems

like new; the compound at the Jane Buchan bungalow is improved and beautified, Miss Zimmerman being a wizard at making things grow; there was a new pony; there were new Biblewomen; and always and best of all, the new Claxton Memorial. If all the dear women who planned, and prayed, and collected, and sewed, and gave, and sacrificed to build that church could only see it now! It is so well built and well finished, and roomy and airy and light and well proportioned! Surely Mr. Bensen and the women of the Eastern Convention make a great team! And the missionaries and Indian Christians and workers might well express their feelings in the words of Mary, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Now I just want to send a particular message to a dear sister, whose name and address I do not know. But I do know that she is a faithful and fruitful reader of the LINK, and so she will get this message. Away last winter, when I was working on the LINK, she sent me a contribution for Miss Priest's bungalow, and said she was praying that I might have the joy of seeing the whole amount asked for that year, viz., \$1,500, come in during my year as editor. And I want her to know that \$1,800 came in, and was sent on to India! "Above what we could ask."

Now, I could write on and on; but the Editor may have other plans, and I must stay my pen until another time. You do not seem far away. Getting back to the work is SO GOOD. And I feel that God has led in a wonderful way, and brought me back for a very high and serious purpose. Pray with me, that you and I may not fail to "apprehend that for which we were apprehended."

Yours as ever,

K. S. McLAURIN.

A Second Treasury Page.

Six months of our year are now past, and we ought to have provided half of our estimates: \$250 for Bolivia, \$750 for expansion estimate and \$6,503 for regular work, and part at least of Dr. Cameron's estimate. Where do we stand?

- I. Bolivia, \$230. We are not quite up to the mark.
- II. Expansion Estimate, \$150. What is the trouble? Have the people forgotten Tuni Bungalow? Have the special calls due to the unusual times dropped out of mind? \$600 behind.
- III. For Dr. Marjorie Cameron, \$178. Dr. Cameron has not been able to go thus far, but is expecting to leave in the late summer. The call will not be for total amount of \$575, but for passage money and salary for the balance of the year. We are probably safe here.
- IV. The Regular Work, about \$5,964 instead of \$6,503—a serious falling off. Moreover, we must remember that during this second half of the year, if we are to reach our estimate, we must not only make up the amount we are behind, but forsake the slackened giving of this last six months and return to our old standards.

"OUR PURDAH SISTERS."

Within our mission area we have many thousands of these dear sisters who need Jesus, and so, through the columns of THE MISSIONARY LINK, we will try and bring this need before you.

Among the better classes in India, women can only be reached by women. The male missionary can never, except by hearsay, gain any knowledge of the women kept in purdah. "Purdah" means curtain, and the idea is that the women are retained in concealment or secrecy. These women are never seen, for when they go out to drive it is in carriages, with venetian blinds hanging at the door or window; or perhaps in a bullock cart, over the frame of which a heavy blanket or quilt has been hung.

Let us take a glimpse into a fairly well-to-do Mohammedan's home. From the street, the house looks small. It was built of mud or sun-dried brick, and whitewashed on the outside, with a verandah extending along the front. Here the men sit and business is transacted, besides plenty of visiting and gossiping. The missionary lady, when she visits the house, passes through a small entrance, approached by a little alley, at the end of which hangs a coarse curtain of sackcloth. It is lifted, and we find ourselves in a small yard; on two sides are narrow verandahs; on the third a high wall, and along the fourth a shed for the cow, the calf, the buffalo, the goats and the chickens; so that we are practically in the stable, with all its odors. On a stifling morning these surroundings are anything but agreeable. But we remember Him whose first earthly home was a similar place, and, with a silent prayer that these environments will not decrease our love for these people or our desire for their salvation, we sit down among them.

Within a courtyard, as the above is usually called, many women and chil-

dren will be found; but it is extremely difficult, without undue questioning, to find out who the various inmates are. But, as a rule, the true explanation will be that the head of the house has many sons, each of whom has brought his wife into his old home, and all live in strict obedience to the mother-in-law. Oh, how much depends upon the mother-in-law! When she is a kindly, peaceable woman, things go fairly smoothly; but terrible things happen in homes when the mother-in-law is harsh and severe. And who can tell what dark deeds are occasionally done in these secluded homes. Yet, it is a system to which those who apparently suffer from it most, cling the most closely. The secluded women themselves look upon it as an honor and a proof of the value set upon them. Though individual women will often speak of their many troubles, they rarely mention their isolation, and truly pity those of other nations who are not taken equal care of. Often this separation from the outside world is life-long. A girl bride of ten or eleven years came to a little mud and brick house and never left it again until she was a grandmother. Then the rains one summer beat it down so badly that her husband was obliged to secure another, in which she now lives. Probably she will never go out of it until carried to sleep in a still smaller one in the Mohammedan cemetery outside the city.

Some women of the upper class live in Oriental splendor, having fine furnishings, rich clothes, and quantities of costly jewelry. But these women spend their days in what would be to their Western sisters an elegant prison. Others, whose husbands believe in reform, can go about a little, but have no worthy interests, no taste for knowledge, and lead empty, selfish lives.

It can be readily seen that while living in such isolation the minds cannot be otherwise than empty, and under such conditions how can a strong, healthy manhood be given to a nation, for "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." With education, this aspect of affairs will change; but when we remember that only three Mohammedan women out of every thousand can read or write their own names, we are led to cry out, "How long, oh how

long shall such ignorance be allowed to continue?"

There is only one way of helping these poor secluded sisters, and that is by spreading amongst them the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. "I am come that they might have life."

Life! life! eternal life!

Jesus alone is the Giver.

Life! life! abundant life!

Glory to Jesus for ever.

Let us remember Miss Selman of our missionary staff, who has passed the Hindustani language examination, as she endeavors to reach the Mohammedan women on her field. Let us also think of those 40,000,000 of women in India who live behind the purdah, and whose greatest need is Jesus Christ.

BARBARA MOULD.

THE COLLEGE LETTER.

Clark Hall, Brandon College.

Clark Hall is more than a residence of lady students enrolled in Brandon College. It is a Christian home, where in the person of Christ permeates all study and recreation with His enlarging and ennobling spirit of truth and charity. Those who are privileged to dwell within it find therein not only an earnest and industrious quest after truth that satisfies the intellect, but also that deeper, more abiding yearning after the truth revealed in Jesus Christ, which, if one truly knows and lives, he shall be free indeed. Various organizations are utilized to learn and practise this better way of truth and life. The Y.W.C.A. meeting weekly, usually by itself and occasionally in union with the College Y.M.C.A., is one of these. The girls in turn preside over and conduct these meetings. The subjects considered cover a wide range, the aim in all being to broaden the sympathies and to strengthen the character of the members.

Among the things considered this year were the following: "Strangers to most of us," "College Friendships," "Dangerous Tendencies in College Life," "The Real Christmas Spirit."

The missionary spirit fostered in these gatherings finds expression in the maintenance of a boy in India.

The spirit of intercession and devotion is fostered daily by the morning Prayer Circle of students alone, and the evening Vespers, conducted by the teachers.

The Word of God is given its proper place as "The Book," and in Bible Class is earnestly studied by students and instructors.

The mission of Christ, which is for every creature, and the responsibility of each girl in relation to it is kept before the minds and on the hearts of the students by the Sabbath Morning Mission Study Class, and under the enthusiastic and inspiring leadership of Miss Skillen (acting Lady Principal) herself a Student Volunteer, the world vision of Christ has been revealed to all.

The heathen countries studied were Africa, India and China. Some of the questions discussed were: "What changes have taken place during the past century which constitute the resources of the Church in its present effort to finish the task of evangelization?" "What is the Old Testament teaching with regard to value of heathen religions?" while missions in general were studied under the following heads: "Conception," "Conviction," "Comprehension," "Conflict," "Conquest," "Courage," "Consecration."

No one could attend these meetings without becoming conscious of the presence of the Master making His incessant call to let Him reign within our hearts and do His gracious work through us for all mankind.

In considering our life within the Hall during the year, our feeling is that it has been "good for us to be here," and our invitation to all contemplating a college course would be, "Come with us and we will do you good."

JEAN MacLAREN.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH.

Our travellers, the Misses Clarke and McLaurin, reached Japan early in December. The SS. Co gave a free trip to any of the passengers who wished to go by rail from Yokohama to Kobe, where they could rejoin the boat on the third day. This made a pleasant change, and allowed of an interesting peep at the country. "We first ran out to Kamakura, only three-quarters of an hour's ride from Yokohama. It is interesting on account of its history, its beauty and its temples. It was for eleven centuries the capital of Japan. Although it was winter, and the nights cold, the trees were green and the flowers blooming, and the little town a regular bower. Each temple is in a sort of park, very pretty and picturesque. They go in for landscape gardening, you know—lakes, rivers, bridges, etc., all along amongst the clumps of trees, and all on such a diminutive scale. Maples and firs were the commonest trees. The leaves of the former are smaller than the Canadian maple, but they turn red and stood out in high relief against the dark firs.

Early next morning we took the train to Kyoto. The trains are perfectly clean and comfortable, meals fairly good and very reasonable. It was an all-day trip, but the country was beautiful all the way—undulating, and the little hills were either thickly wooded or terraced right up to the top, growing rice, which was at the time being harvested.

The best feature of all was the wonderful views we got of the sacred mountain of Japan, Fujiyama. It really is a very impressive sight, so shapely, perfectly bare and symmetrical, and covered with snow. When the sun shines it gleams like burnished silver, and all alone as it is, apart altogether from any other hills, it stands out against the blue sky, 14,000 feet high,

really quite celestial in aspect. One cannot wonder at the veneration of the people. It doesn't look like anything earthly at all. I think its solitariness adds much to its impressive grandeur. It rises alone out of a gently undulating plain.

Arrived at Kyoto, we were soon whirled away in our rickshaws. There is a guide at every considerable station who speaks a little English, gets your rickshaw, tells you what to pay, and there is never any trouble."

In January, Miss Hatch writes from Ramachandrapuram as follows:

"We praise God for two more caste converts baptized, both well-to-do, well read and well acquainted with the Word. Our visit to Vuyyuru was a delight—the very beautiful Claxton Memorial Chapel—the growth in grace among the women, where besides all the self-supporting churches they have on that side, the women's Societies had raised Rs. 300 in the one year, the very large hospital where some 60 or 70 patients a day are treated—all we saw was interesting and inspiring."

Of Dr. Hulet's work at Vuyyuru we hear: "She has the District Munsiff's wife as a patient in the Hospital. She has quite a little retinue with her. They come to the house every afternoon for a long talk, and seem very interested. They are very nice women. This is quite a feature of the Doctor's work, the caste women patients and their friends coming to her for instruction. Last night they stayed till bell rang for prayer meeting, which they attended, and listened intently. Being educated women, they were able to follow the singing in the books we gave them, and seemed to enjoy it. The pastor's remarks were based on 1st Psalm. We were glad to have such a nice church to receive them in. The floor is of stone flags, walls well finished and white, good doors and windows and

high ceiling. It certainly reflects great credit on Mr. Bensen."

We will never forget that this fine Claxton Memorial Church is the special gift of the Women's Society of the East.

From Avanigadda, the baby station of the mission, Mr. McLaurin writes. "Last Sunday I was at K. again. I like that place. It is remarkable for the way the women turn out, quite as many as the men. They are a good class of people, steady and intelligent. Some of the Christians at C. have been shut up in jail for weeks, without trial, through the deceit of the Police Inspector and the stupidity of their pleader. I held a service with them this evening and cheered them up a bit. There is a good deal of sneaking injustice got away with in this country, but with God's help we'll stop it in these parts."

As Mr. McLaurin has been a life member of the W. F. M. Society since the second year of his life (made so by the Mission Band of Woodstock), it seems quite in order that the LINK should know something about his work, does it not?

Do the readers of THE LINK know that Mrs. Dr. Barber has been very seriously ill for some weeks past? Expert medical care and skilful nursing have been in attendance, and a great wealth of prayer has been going up to God on her behalf, that her valuable life might be spared. Now she is recovering, but slowly. For this we are thankful, and hope grows confident that before many months our loved and efficient Band Secretary will be restored to her own large place in our work.

SOUTH AMERICA.

"The dark horse among the continents."

Twice the area of Canada.

Absorbing immigrants by the hundred thousand.

Foreign commerce doubled in the last ten years.

Possible growth staggers prophecy.

MRS. CHUTE'S PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS.

The following letter was written by Mrs. Chute for the Wychwood, Toronto, Mission Circle, of which she is a member, and so is somewhat personal in character. It gives, however, such an interesting glimpse into Akidu doings that we are sure many readers will enjoy it.—Ed.

I wonder if you at Wychwood would like to hear what we are going to do for Christmas.

This year our Missionary Conference is to meet on Dec. 30th at Vizianagram, in the northern part of our mission, and as we have to go for the Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, at Waltair, have invited us Chutes to come and spend Christmas Day with them. They are Nova Scotia missionaries. So as we will not be home for Christmas Day, we are having our celebrations this week.

To-morrow we are having a big curry and rice dinner party for all our Akidu workers, the preachers and teachers. They came here to-day for the regular Bible meetings, which are held for three days about every six weeks, and when we invited them to a feast for to-morrow night they all clapped their hands like a crowd of boys. Shall I tell you how we prepare for them, and what we are going to have—just a simple meal of curry and rice, served in the most simple style.

We have bought a bushel of rice and a sheep, some onions, salt, oil, tamarind, dhol, and made some curry powder. To-morrow the rice will be boiled in big earthen pots, strained and put out on mats to cool. The mutton, onions, salt, tamarind, oil, dhol and curry powder will all be made into a good curry. At five o'clock our guests will be seated on

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We were also favored to have Miss Philpott, of Hamilton, to address our March Thankoffering meeting. The offering was \$20.70. She gave us a glimpse of India life, which was inspiring and instructive. At the close a social time was spent.

MRS. J. FORRESTER, Sec.

Kingsville.—On Jan. 13th we held our annual business meeting, and this year were delightfully entertained to dinner at the home of Mrs. Everett Wigle. Sleighing being good, her husband came into town and took a sleigh load of the members out to her home on the farm.

The forenoon was occupied in sewing, the proceeds to pay for our Programmes for the year, the latter of which, by the way, we may say are very chaste and neat, and prove very helpful in distributing, especially to those whom we invite and try to win into the Circle.

In the afternoon the business meeting was held, the officers elected for the year being: Mrs. John Vissard, Pres.; Mrs. Everett Wigle, Vice-Pres.; Miss Palmer, Secy.; Mrs. Ebersole, Treas.; Visiting Committee, Miss Ritchie, Mrs. Collis and Mrs. C. Elliott. A number of new members were welcomed.

The past year has been one of the most encouraging in the life of the Circle, and part of its work was the organization of a Mission Band. The amount sent to Missions was \$69.38.

JANE RITCHIE.

Jerseyville.—We want you to know what a splendid time we had in our Band last Sunday. (For some time we had been quite discouraged over conditions in that special department of the work here. Recently we reorganized, having as our president a bright young Christian, Mrs. Charles Shaver, who takes an enthusiastic interest along these lines. And our membership is now about thirty, both boys and girls. Special meetings have been held in the church for the last two weeks, and upwards of thirty-five have professed conversion, the majority of whom are in our Band.) When a season of prayer was asked for, several young converts took part, also in the testimonies which followed. Then Mrs. Priest, our pastor's wife, came to the front and introduced herself as an educated Hindu, who had become interested in the missionaries' belief through the work of Dr. Jessie Allyn. She told something of that doctor's work in India, and spoke of the special interest aroused over the gifts of the Rajah and Ranees of Pithapuram. And now she had come to their meeting, had listened to their singing, recitations, scripture reading and prayers, and she wanted to ask questions, and have them explain to her about their God. Some of the answers were particularly clear, and the exercise proved helpful as well as interesting.

JEAN PRIEST, Supt.

Stratford.—The Mission Circle here are glad to report a deepened interest in the work of the Circle, and interesting and better-attended meetings. The January meeting took the form of a consecration service. The president gave a Bible reading from the 12th chapter of Romans. Thoughtful papers on consecration by Mrs. Merry and Mrs. J. McDonald were read, after which the president conducted a most helpful prayer service, and we re-dedicated our-

selves to the work of furthering Christ's Kingdom on earth. At a recent meeting we decided to augment our funds by each member earning a dollar or more before the September meeting, when the money is to be brought in, together with an original piece of poetry, telling how it was earned.

NELLIE MACDONALD, Sec.

Fenelon Falls.—On Saturday afternoon, March 27th, the Mission Band here held a Bazaar, at which refreshments were also served.

The efforts of the children were well rewarded, the net proceeds amounting to \$12.51.

IRENE BROWN, Sec.

ASSOCIATION NOTICES.

Western.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands will be held with the church at Harrow on Wednesday, May 26th, at 1.45 p.m. Miss Mould, our missionary from India, will be with us and will speak in the interest of Foreign Missions. The programme will appear in the Baptist later on.

Will all Circles and Bands send as many delegates as possible, and bring full report of year's work.

Come praying for great things and expecting great things.

JANE RITCHIE, Director.

Eastern.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Eastern Association will be held in Coaticook on Tuesday, June 8th, at 2 p.m.

An interesting programme is being arranged.

CATHERINE POLLOCK, Direc.

Middlesex and Lambton.—The Circles and Bands will hold their annual meeting with the Church at Forest on June 8, beginning at 10 o'clock sharp. Will every Circle and Band kindly send delegates. A good programme has been arranged. Be much in prayer for God's blessing upon our meetings.

MRS. J. G. TAYLOR, Director.

Owen Sound Association.—The Mission Circles and Bands of the Owen Sound Association will meet in Chealey on Wednesday, June 9th.

MRS. GEO. S. BURK, Director.

MISSION CIRCLE PROGRAMME.

Programme IV.

Study Book for 1914-15. The Child in the Midst. Chapter IV. The Child at School.

Bible Reading—Teaching the Children. Deut. 11: 18-21, with II. Tim. 1: 5, and 3: 14-17.

President's Address—"We are to discuss to-day one of the most important topics in our study of the child, for on the child's susceptibility to training rests the hope of the world's advance. Our age is laying great emphasis on education; the whole world is awakening as never before to its importance, to the realization also that free and compulsory education is a by-product of Christianity. China has done away with the old educational regime, and is patterning her new system after those of Christian lands. Japan has within a few years evolved a wonderful public school system. India is demanding government schools for both boys and girls. In view of all this and much more in the same line, it may be the honest conviction of many that the time has come when the matter of education can be left in the hands of the awakening East, and that there is no further need for mission schools or for pushing missionary educational work. Let us study this question and see what are the actual facts."

Paper or talk on "Is Missionary educational work still needed in the awakening East?" (Material on pages 138-145.)

Reading—"Who will open the door for Ling Ti?" (Bureau of Literature.)

Paper or talk on "Christian Kindergartens." (Material on pages 146-151.)

Peeps into some of our Telugu Mission Schools' (Miss Philpott's fine article, "Our Educational Work in India," in THE LINK for February, will furnish material for a series of words

pictures, or letters or reports from our teacher missionaries may be used.)

Of the 316,000,000 people of India over 90 per cent. are illiterate. Only one-fifth of the children of school age are in school; 100,000 girls in school out of a possible thirty millions. China has 16,000 girls in school out of a possible forty-one millions.

Reading of excerpts from study book. (A number of Circle members following each other quickly can take part in this.)

Excerpt I.—'A little six-year-old Greek boy, etc.' (page 165).

Excerpt II.—'A scholar in one of our schools, etc.' (page 165).

Excerpt III.—'One of our school girls, etc.' (page 166).

Excerpt IV.—'Education Bulu tribe, Africa' (page 170).

Excerpt V.—'A little Mohammedan girl, etc.' (page 167).

Close meeting with prayer for the children gathered in Christian schools.

E. C. Cline.

BOLIVIA.

"The roof garden of the continent."

The highest inhabited country in the Western Hemisphere.

Only ten degrees from equator, but colder than New Brunswick.

Its area sixty times that of Belgium.

Its population one-third of Belgium's.

Its stores of tin bringing in foreigners and foreign capital in a flood.

The Americans are holding a "Daughters' Day" this year, and are meeting with gratifying interest—a day in which all girls' organizations unite in reception meetings and in providing and enjoying a good time generally. Young Women's Circles, Sewing Societies, organized Sunday School Classes—everything of which the membership is girls—are to join in this Daughters' Day. Why not in Canada, too?

WESTERN CANADA NOTES.

When the Baptist Churches of Western Canada held their annual meeting in Brandon in March last, the Board of Women's Work presented its first annual report. Just a few notes from it.

The year has been most successful. More money has been raised than was asked for, the number of Circles has been increased, and number of members in Circles also.

In work among the children, the Secretary exalts the ideal of training the children to give to the work in general, and urges that we do not allow ourselves to take the easier path of simply interesting them in some definite person or object.

In speaking of the work of Circles, she writes:—

"The work of the Mission Circles and Bands, however, is not limited to the raising of funds and the expenditure of the same. That is only one part, and we have no hesitation in declaring it to be the smaller and the lower part of our work. We realize that, if the other part be carried on earnestly and conscientiously, the raising of funds comes as a matter of course. The main object of our work comprises the deepening of the spiritual life of the women of our churches, the broadening of their outlook on the world, the spreading of the knowledge of the needs of the mission fields, the education of the children in matters relating to missions, their training along lines of self-sacrifice and service, the bringing home, in short, to all the members of our churches and Sunday Schools whatever relates to our responsibility in carrying out the Great Commission."

Manitoba reports 31 Circles and 14 Bands. One Circle and five Bands organized last year.

Saskatchewan reports 22 Circles and 5 Bands. No new ones during the past year.

Alberta has 24 Circles and 13 Bands, two being new this last year.

British Columbia has 34 Circles and 9 Bands, four Circles being additions in 1914.

British Columbia reports a forward movement in the forming of Young Girls' Auxiliaries.

Alberta feels the need of using the Bureau of Literature more freely. They have issued a very popular Prayer Calendar for the Circles.

Saskatchewan has its chief difficulty in the long distances to be traveled. "Circulating manuscripts" have been started to help these isolated workers.

Manitoba observed a Crusade Day with gratifying results, and has made use of missionary conferences at different points to create and maintain interest.

This Secretary of this Women's Board, which serves the purpose of our two Home and Foreign Boards, is Mrs. E. L. Hill, formerly of Ontario, now of Edmonton, Alta.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

Goderich, \$5.00; Hatchley, \$2.00; North Bay, \$3.50; Bracebridge, \$5.50; Atwood, \$1.90; Ingersoll, \$5.00; Hillsburg, \$6.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$38.55; Toronto, Ossington Ave., \$20.35; York Mills, \$5.15; Watford, \$3.00; Waterford, \$20.30; Toronto, Jarvis, \$35.73; Whitby, \$9.50; Langton, \$6.00; Chesley, \$2.75; Toronto, Dufferin St., \$6.00; Toronto, Indian Rd. (M. Venkiah), \$9.00; Biblewoman 30c, \$11.55; Lakeview (Biblewoman \$25.00), \$37.70; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial,

\$10.00; Mt. Forest, \$2.75; Hamilton, James St. Y. L., \$2.55; Walkerton, \$4.00; New Liskeard, \$2.30; Tillsonburg, \$4.00; Ailsa Craig, \$8.26; Toronto, College, \$15.20; New Sarum, \$3.25; Lakeview, \$1.00; Toronto, Immanuel Y. L., \$5.00; Bentinck, \$4.02; Burford, \$2.00; London, Maitland, \$6.00; Cheltenham, \$7.00; Gilmour Memorial (\$5.00 for new medical missionary), \$12.00; Memorial Institute (thank-offering \$3.50), Burlington, \$14.75; Toronto, First Ave. Y. L., \$10.00; Chatham, William St. (Biblewoman \$25.00), \$40.00; Fort William (special \$15.90), \$24.65; Haileybury, \$8.07; Markham, Second, \$11.20; London, Maitland St. (Biblewoman), \$25.00; Weston, \$4.10; Hamilton, James St., thank-offering, \$52.75; Wheatley, \$3.88; Toronto, Bloor St. Y. L., \$11.00; Colborne, \$5.25; Wheatley, \$3.78; Tiverton, \$4.00; Beachville, \$3.45; Toronto, Roncesvalles, \$15.00; Guelph, \$2.80; Toronto, Ossington (Tuni \$5.00), \$6.37; Meaford, \$4.15; Oshawa, \$4.00; Toronto, Bloor St., \$73.32; Brook and Enniskillen (student \$17.00), \$18.70; Burk's Falls, \$4.20; London, Talbot St., \$29.25; Acton, \$6.00; Hamilton, Stanley Ave., \$7.40; Collingwood, \$5.00. Total from Circles, \$715.38.

From Bands—

Hartford, \$3.00; Welland (for student), \$17.00; Hamilton, Park, \$5.00; Ailsa Craig, \$1.74; Peterboro, Murray St., \$5.05; New Sarum, \$2.00; Woodstock, First, \$7.25; Brantford, First, \$23.10; Lindsay, \$9.00; London, Egerston, \$2.50; Wheatley (for T. Grace), \$3.00; London, Maitland, \$3.50. Total from Bands, \$82.14.

From Sundries—

Toronto, Roncesvalles S. S., Primary (K. Narasamma), \$6.00; Enniskillen, Union S. S., 12th Line (D. Mary), \$17.00; Mrs. H. W. Wall (Tuni), \$10.00; Brook and Enniskillen, S. S., Y. M.,

Baracca (student), \$17.00; Toronto, Century, W. A. B. Cl. (student), \$17.00; Brantford, First Ch. Phil. Class (C. Mary), \$17.00; Markham, First, Y. P. (student), \$17.00. Friends of Reaboro Ch. (student), \$17.00; Mrs. Geo. Burke, \$3.00. Total from sundries, \$121.00.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To General Treasurer on regular estimates, \$980.33; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; pages in Year Book, \$21.00.

Total receipts for March, \$918.52; total disbursements for March, \$1,022.16.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1914, \$5,607.52; total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1914, \$5,479.97.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

MRS. GLENN H. CAMPBELL,
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

A KOREAN BOY.

There was a wee boy only six years old, who lived away off in Korea. How many of you know where that country is, and how wonderfully God has blessed its people? Well, this six-year-old laddie heard his father and mother, besides all the neighbors, talking about denying themselves and giving their earnings for some days to buy Bibles and build churches. How he wished that he were a great big boy—big enough to earn money for the preacher, too! At last he came to his father with eyes shining so brightly, and said: "I know how I can help in this good work. Will you let me give my dinner on the first Sunday of each month for one year? I will not mind being hungry one bit, if you will put the money my dinner would cost into the treasury of our church." In that country the people only eat two meals a day, instead of the three meals we have in Canada. One boy, a little younger than this hero, said to me once very earnestly: "Mamma, I am never not hungry!" Growing boys are much the same in that respect all the world over, no matter what color their skin is, so it really was quite a sacrifice to promise to give up his Sunday dinner once a month for a year.

I can just imagine how full of gladness he would be to walk up to the table in the church and lay down his money just like the big people did. Jesus knows all about the sacrifices we make for Him, and I know He would say of the little boy in Korea, "He has

done what he could." Wonder if any of our boys and girls who read THE LINK have ever denied themselves for their missionary money! If not, why not? Sister Belle.

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WHOSE BOX AM I?

Clean, bright and happy here I live
Upon a mantle shelf—
And feel so cheerful all the day
With every thought of self.

A real thank-offering box am I,
And joyous days have been,
"For copper, silver, yea and gold
Within my walls have been."

But now, these gifts are doing good
In many needy lands,
While here I wait for richer gifts
Given by willing hands.

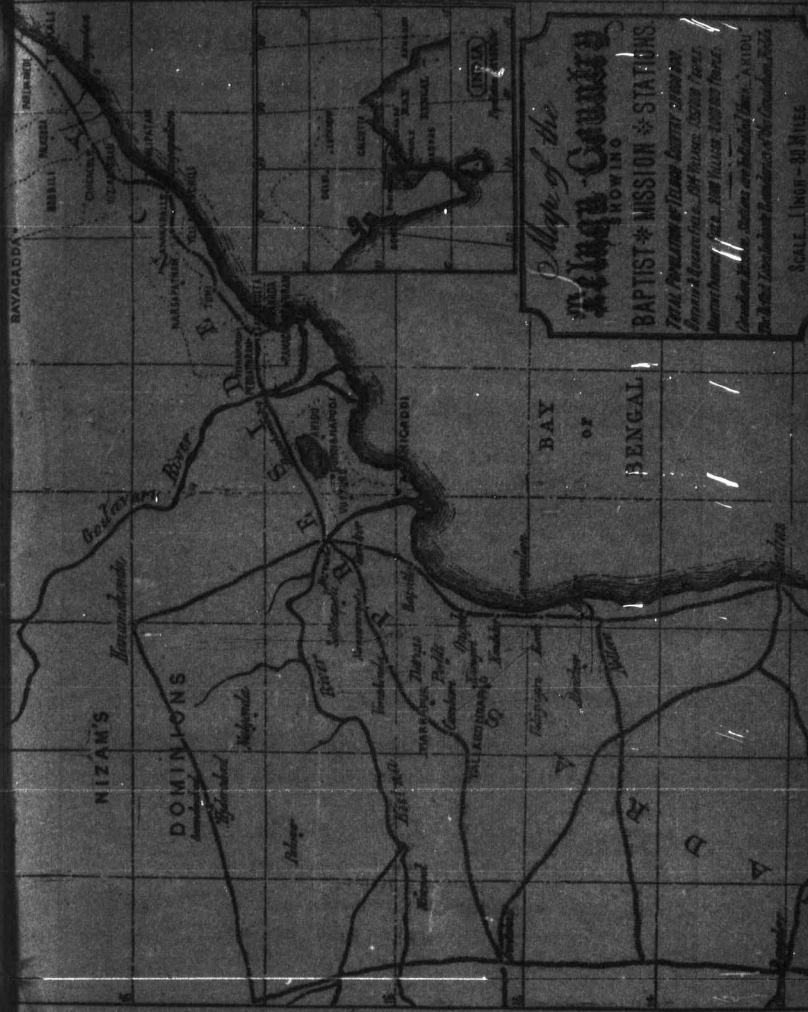
My owner loves her Lord so well
And all her neighbors too,
She gives me something day by day
To spread the gospel true.

She handles me with care, because
I fill my mission well.
I'm always here for eyes to see
And of God's love to tell.

When others take me up and read
The message that I give,
They stop and think of Him whose love
And blessings help them live.

And then in gratitude they place
Their gifts within my walls,
Where they are safely kept until
"Ingathering Day" next Fall."

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