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Much difficulty has been experienced on account of delay in receiving "Link" subscriptions. The paper is sent out at so small a price, and so very little above the actual cost of publication, that every unpaid subscription means a distinct loss. It will readily be understood therefore that if this be so, when only one subscriber is several months in arrears, it becomes much more so when many are, as has been the case for years. The financial difficulty occasioned by this has been so serious that it is felt that some remedy must be sought immediately.

It has been thought that the payment of subscriptions might be more easily kept up to date if all subscriptions fell due at the same time of the year. The Board, therefore, has decided that in the future all subscriptions to the "Link" shall expire with the month of December each year, and all money be in the Editor's hands by the first of January.

With old subscribers having paid in advance this matter will have to be adjusted gradually. All advance payments will be honored, but as soon as possible the change will be effected and all subscriptions brought due the first of January. For new subscribers obtained during any month of the year other than December the rate will be 5 cents for 2 months and 3 cents per copy for the odd months.

Henceforth, therefore, the rule will be that all subscriptions to the "Link" will fall due January 1st, and it is hoped that both agents and subscribers will aid in adjusting all irregularities as quickly as possible.

On behalf of the Women's Foreign Mission Board,

LIZZIE LLOYD,

JACQUILINE M. NORTON.

As it has been thought advisable to change the form of the "Link," it therefore comes to you in its new dress at the commencement of the year. Thanking our subscribers for the many appreciative words we have received we hope the paper will continue to be as welcome in your homes as in the past. We are encouraged by a large number of new subscribers and hope the New Year will be one of increased prosperity in our work.

## A NEW YEAR'S GARLAND.

Another friendly greeting from our loved ones far and near,  
Another chance to wish them all a Bright and Happy Year!

Another page of history our memories repeat,  
Another tale is ended with its Finis-mark complete.

Another set of lessons fresh our Master now will give,  
Another book He opens up to teach us how to live;

Another pure unspotted page for us to write with care,  
Another chance of adding deeds which His approval bear.

Another garland we may wear with flowers of beauty's realm,  
Another voyage o'er life's tide, our Pilot at the helm,

Another stage upon the route to regions fair on high,  
Another milestone telling us the journey end draws nigh.

H. E. P.

## Our Work Abroad.

Miss Jessie Findlay was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, in Nov., 1884. The greater part of her childhood days were spent in Toronto, where she gained her earlier education.

Her parents and older brothers and sisters were members of the Dovercourt Rd. church, and it was here she first gave herself to Christ and received her first missionary enthusiasm. At the age of twelve she removed to Winnipeg. Here she took her collegiate and college training, graduating in the spring of 1907. After graduation she completed her normal training and spent eight months in teaching.

As a child she was always interested in foreign missions and the missionary life was her ideal. She came in contact with a number of missionaries in her home and college life and these friends strengthened her desire to devote her life to this great cause.

On his visit to Winnipeg last winter Mr. Laflamme had a talk with her and in his bright enthusiastic way advised her to write at once to Mr. Brown asking for work under the Board. She did so and application forms were sent at once.

Her life and especially in regard to her entry into the mission field seems to be an illustration of the Divine words, "All things work together for good to those who love God," for the way has been opened up step by step for our sister, and it seems as though the Master has been preparing the work and the worker at the same time. Pray that she may be used of Him in this work to which He has called her.

Miss Ida J. Ryerse was born at the old homestead at Port Ryerse, Ont. There the childhood years were spent

in play, study, and work until her fifteenth year which was memorable for three things.

When attending some Special Services at Simcoe she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, and a few Sundays afterwards was baptized and received into church membership by the Rev. D. Dack. Up to this time Victoria had been her church home, but during this summer the family removed to Simcoe. That summer also marked the passing from the Public to the High School.

Under Mr. Dack's careful pastorate Miss Ryerse gradually grew into various phases of church work, holding different offices in the several church organizations, but the calling of Sunday School teacher was ever most highly prized.

It was while listening to one of Mr. Dack's sermons that the call for service in India came to her soul and was heeded. From that time on during the years of study and of teaching the purpose of work on the Foreign field was more or less prominent in her thought and exercised a greater or less controlling force in her daily life. In '06 Miss Ryerse graduated from the London Normal School and continued teaching until the end of June, 1908.

In June, through the Women's Board, came their request to "go forward" and preparations were joyfully made for going to India. The secret of this life purpose may be found in the prayers of a godly mother and grandmother.

Miss Zimmerman was born in Listowel, Ont., April 22nd, 1877, daughter of William S. and Margaret Zimmerman, who moved to Oil Springs



MISS I. J. RYERSE



MISS JESSIE FINDLAY, (B.A.)



MISS CARRIE ZIMMERMAN

in 1883, and there with her brother and sisters, spent the happy days of childhood and girlhood.

At the age of nineteen she left home to train for a nurse, after graduating in 1900 went to Sault Ste Marie to practice her profession, remaining there for nearly five years, then going with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tapscott, to Victoria, B.C. She was there 2½ years. At the age of fourteen she became a member of the Methodist church in Oil Springs, having ten, as she thought fully surrendered her life to the Saviour. For a year she was happy, three months of doubt followed, when God alone knows the hungry longing for a deeper knowledge of Him, for a purer life, a life of which Christ would not be ashamed.

Under the ministry of Rev. F. J. Tapscott she was led to know Christ as never before, and under his teaching was led to search God's word. Although educated in a Methodist home and family she became a Baptist from a study of the Bible. From the hour of baptism she felt that God was fitting her for a wider sphere of service for special work somewhere.

During the year 1906 she first felt that God was preparing her for service on the foreign field.

After months of mental and physical suffering she became at last willing to go where Jesus led, so after a complete recovery from a long and severe illness, during which time her thoughts were constantly turning to the one great subject of Missions, she was led to offer herself to the Women's Board in Toronto, feeling that whatever the answer might be it would be an answer to prayer. The answer came in March, 1908, that the Board had appointed her as their missionary to India. Since that time she

has had no reason to doubt that this is God's plan for her and her heart rejoices. We can only thank Him who has counted her worthy to serve Him there.

#### SOME NEW EXPERIENCES.

Dear Readers of the Link,—Although Miss Jones may write herself about her first tour, I also would like to add my word about our experiences, new, chiefly because they have been shared by one whose work is to be here and we together are to have a part in the joys and sorrows, comforts and burdens, singing and sighing. The work at the station had been glanced at, the Sunday School work there had been undertaken, and so after a month of steady pegging at Telugu, we thought it not unwise that a sort of a bird's eye view of the whole work be taken and a little Telugu put into practical use as well. But more than this, interest would be deepened, prayers stimulated and questions concerning the problems of the work could be discussed more practically.

Our first visit was Chilluru, and some idea of the magnitude of the work begins to dawn when we find that although after nine preaching places, in each of which not only the women of the house but the neighboring women would gather, yet the village had only been touched. I stood in the "Elizabeth," and had audiences there, but G. Martha, our very energetic and capable Bible Woman, led all these services, assisted by our new little Bible woman, Mutyalamma, whom we are taking for the first time. The next day the gentle Mary took the active Martha's place and the Kaleru Pastor's wife, Dinamma, joined them and they saw two villages, one of which has special interest because of the Komuru and—Kapo

women so interested there. Narsamma, our Christian convert, was at her daughter's at Mendapetta, and there the women gathered to about 50 in number and listened or sang themselves during the whole afternoon. Then the great day Sunday was at Kaleru, just across the canal from these villages. I remember so well twelve or fourteen years ago at my first visit to this village, the preachers who were with me gathered a crowd together in the Mala Palle; some one gave me a rice mortar to sit down on, and the others some mats, and we found there some inquirers only, no Christians. To-day we are to assemble in a well-built church albeit of somewhat cheap material, we are to listen to the pastor of a church of over one hundred members preach such a sermon on the growth of the kingdom of David, as a type of Christ's Kingdom, with such power and such unction that many a man at home, notwithstanding all his greater attainments, might envy. He certainly has found inspiration in the company that has come together. In answer to their many prayers for her coming and later for her recovery, Miss Jones has come, from Kurmapuram, the head-man and well-to-do farmer, has led here a band of interesting Christians. The Madamur christians came with Abraham the deacon who comes forward and takes a seat on the bench near the table. With the women is a little blind girl gifted with memory and with song, and they sitting together in a group sing so sweetly together a paraphrase of the 139th Psalm, led by this same blind girl. None of these can read. The blind girl we hear has been teaching these same hymns and paraphrases to christians and others in more distant villages, and has come home to-day because we were to be there. She is simply a marvel. The Kamuru and

Kapoo women of Wadlammeru have come too, and are sitting apart, one for the first time, one in whom we have long been interested, a beautiful young widow with one little daughter, whose future welfare seems to be the only hindrance to her coming out boldly as a Christian. She is certainly believing and has turned from idols to serve the living and true God. The Kaleru members have appeared in full numbers, the church is just about full and yet some fifty heathen crowd themselves in and stand at the back to see and hear all they can. I noticed our convert Narsamma slip a piece of money into the blind girl's hand so that she would not be without collection when the plate was passed around. I thought that was so nice and thoughtful of her. The new missionary was given a most hearty welcome by both pastor and people. To this Miss Jones replied in a few well-chosen words in Telugu and in English, further illustrated the discourse on the Kingdom of David's Greater Son, which I interpreted in Telugu. She must have rejoiced at seeing so many christians for in one of the villages she saw on Friday, there was only one Christian and she a leper, and in another also, only one, and she blind, and her husband had died a leper. The Kemma women came to the boat on their way back and we had another long talk with them, and our new widow promised to come and see us at the bungalow as soon as we returned from tour. This was the first time she had appeared since her husband died over a year ago. Shall I close my letter here? No, this is only three day's work. I think, my readers, I must take you to Kulla with us, and tell you a little or much of our visit there. We have done work at the Lock and at two villages, and we approach Kulla one afternoon. It is



a most picturesque village stretching itself along the bank of the winding canal, and extending back to some distance. Always here and there between the thatched roofs of the different houses are trees of various kinds in view; sometimes houses are seen grouped around a beautiful immense spreading shade tree. These are passed, gum-arabic orchards are passed, then further inland we come to large cocanut gardens and graft mango topes walled in by high walls on either side of the road, and either in front of or behind these gardens, the houses of the wealthy land-owners, with their women walled in by still higher and greater walls, impregnable they seem to be, these surrounding walls being some ten feet or more high, having a gable tiled roof along the full length of them. It is to these houses we are going. We have been before to some of them and are pretty sure of a welcome.

Satyavedam is our Bible woman now, and she has gone ahead to let them know. This is not an easy task, for there are walls within walls, and the gate in the outside wall may be a long way from any one within hearing. The front verandah with one door may open to the road, but the men are probably there. However a way is found and just as we enter the gate in the wall, we meet one of the men of the house coming from the front part. He speaks respectfully and we sympathize with him in the death of his mother, of which we have just heard. He gives us a few particulars. Then we pass in through a long lane between two high walls till we emerge again in an open space, pass through another door and find ourselves near a back verandah, which is to our right. There we find seats have been placed for us, and the daughters-in-law of the house came

one by one, most of them bringing gifts of either fruit or flowers. The approach to the verandah from the inside is from an enclosed garden, where some of the more precious fruits are nurtured. One very happy thought I had here was that the dear old lady who had passed away had been so specially interested in our message the last time we were there. It is long since I began visiting here, and before my former visit a long, long time had elapsed, as I had thought them rather indifferent, but I thought I had better come again. How glad I was that I had come that time last December, for the old lady had listened so gladly, wanted to know so particularly just how she could be saved, and had us have prayer with her before we left. May we not hope that she is with the redeemed in Paradise? Yes, I think we may.

I have just been reading Van Dyke's "The Art of Leaving Off," so though I have so much more to say, I must stop before I get wearisome in telling you of all this new experience, of having a continual companion with me in my work. I have had others come to see our work, and one to bear the burden in my furlough leave, but dear Miss Jones has come to stay. She is to be here, and she is so hearty, so wholesome, so companionable and so good, and she belongs here, right here, so our hearts are very full of thankfulness and gratitude for this wonderful new experience.

Yours, as ever,

S. ISABEL HATCH.

#### LETTER FROM MISS PRIEST

Tuni, Godaveri District,

India, Sept. 7, 1908.

Dear Link,—The rain is pouring down just now! What a welcome sound. It makes me feel like laughing



for joy, for every drop speaks of our Heavenly Father's mercy. Some has been coming now and then, but the rice fields must have so much to make them wet enough for the little rice shoots to sprout in. To the south of us, the fields have been transplanted some time ago, but our people have had to wait because our river did not come down and the Godavery canals do not come this far. A number of the smaller grains have been planted and will soon be ready to cut, but the seed beds of rice have had to be kept wet, in the hope that the rains would pour down among the hills and send the river in flood, so that the fields could be flooded and these little shoots transplanted. We have been praying our Father about it and looking for it and yesterday word came that the river was coming more than it had yet, and now this grand rain to-day, we hope will mean much help to the many poor.

Two weeks ago such a surprise came to me. The Father had touched some one's heart, and prompted them to send some money to me with which to help the poor. Just a few days before that, I had asked Our Father if He wanted to help through me to make it possible, and while I was asking it was on the way. Praise Him! It is bringing precious experiences to me, as, asking Him to guide me to spend it as He desires it to be spent. I have been led to help a little here and there without being asked and then found that a very pressing need had thus been met. It would make this too long to tell all, but one or two cases will show. I found out that some of our Christians had no food and the children were coming to school fasting. They did not come to me and through some one else, some rice was sent to them. Not knowing that I had sent it, one of the

older ones said to me with tears in his eyes, "Amna, God gave us such good help to-day. I came to school without any food and did not expect any on going home, and there was a good meal ready. God had sent us some rice." Another evening, as a small boy passed me, I was led to call him and put a rupee in his little hand, telling him to hold it tight and run and give it to his father, who has been unfit for work for nearly a year. His wife told that when he got it, he cried and sent at once for some rice. They have known such real distress, but have not come to me, and this very fact, made the help more timely and helped them to realize that our Father was thinking about them.

I am writing this with the hope that the one who sent this gift of love will see it and join in prayer that wisdom may be given in dispensing it, so that every cent of it may fulfil our Father's loving thought, and help strengthen some of His weak ones.

Yours lovingly in His service,

ELLEN PRIEST.

A letter has just been received from Miss Zimmerman. On arriving at New York they were met by Mr. La Flamme, who greatly cheered them on their way. Seven days on the Atlantic were spent in resting and becoming acquainted with each other. Five busy days in London shopping and sight-seeing, then, via Dover and Calais, to Paris for only a day; on to Marseilles, and after a few hours, on the Mediterranean. Here they experienced a storm at sea, and with thankful hearts they entered the harbor of Port Said. Leaving Port Said, a pleasant trip through the Suez Canal brought them to the Red Sea. Arriving at Aden they were gladdened by greetings from our missionaries in India. Sunday, Nov. 29th, they entered Colombo, and a week later a cable informed us of their safe arrival in India.

## Our Work at Home.

### CIRCLE REPORTS.

**NORWICH.**—The Annual Thank-offering meeting was held on the evening of October 27th. The President, Mrs. Arden Cameron, presided. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Gertrude Hulet, who delivered an address on the work in India, which was extremely interesting and appreciated by all. Suitable music was provided, and an offering was taken amounting to \$13.75.

MRS. C. H. HULET,  
Sec.-Treas.

**DUNNVILLE.**—The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Dunnville Baptist church, held their annual thank-offering meeting in the basement of the church. Early in September we expected to have with us Dr. Gertrude Hulet, but she was unavoidably detained on account of sickness in the family. In her absence an impromptu programme was given, which was very helpful and much enjoyed by all. Our Free-Will offering amounted to \$12.00, which was equally divided between home and foreign missions. We can also report three new members this year. The missionary spirit is increasing in our church and God is ever adding new members to his church below.

Yours in the work,  
MRS. WM. FRANKLIN,  
Secretary.

**CHATHAM.**—William Street—The quarterly meeting of the Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Munteer, on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, fifty being present. The mite boxes were opened, contents amounting to ten dollars (\$10.00), which will go toward making our President, Mrs. H. Mc-

Donald a life member of Home Mission Society. We were pleased to have with us Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Bensen, who will leave shortly for India. Mrs. Bensen gave a very touching and interesting address. She said she first thought of being a missionary when a little girl in the Mission Band, and that thought was strengthened when at Nashville, Tenn., and if she had two lives to live, she would want them both to be spent on the foreign field. Mr. Bensen congratulated the Circle on what they were doing, and prayed the good work begun would continue, and that as a Circle we would remember them at the throne of grace. He believed that the minds of the heathen were being enlightened through the scriptures, and a new era dawning for that dark land. A number of sweet solos were sung, refreshments served and a social hour enjoyed. Our annual meeting was held on Nov. 10th. This year our work has proved very encouraging. Our meetings have been well attended and very interesting and helpful. We appreciate the work of our President, Mrs. McDonald, who has been untiring in her efforts to make the meetings so pleasant. We have taken Africa, as our study for the year, Miss L. Geen having charge. We have a box well filled with new quilts and warm clothing ready to ship to some needy persons; the ladies have been faithful in the work along this line. Fourteen members have been added and a greater interest in Missions is manifest. We have raised \$168.35 during the year. God has indeed been good to us during this year. May we be faithful in well-doing.

MRS. H. V. CAMERON,  
Cor. Sec.

**SIMCOE.**—On Monday evening, Oct. 12th, there was held a most impressive service, the memory of which will long remain with those who were present. It was the farewell to Miss Ida Ryerse, who is now on her way to India. All the Protestant ministers of the town were present, and each took some part in the service. Rev. J. M. Smith, of Port Rowan, Moderator of the Norfolk Association, in his address, emphasised the thought, that God, in calling another from Simcoe, to work in the foreign field, is bestowing, not only upon our church, but upon the whole Norfolk Association, a very great honor. An address was read by Dr. A. W. Smith, father of Rev. Ralph Smith, and a purse of gold presented to Miss Ryerse, by Mrs. Geo. Davis, directress of the Association. Miss Ryerse is a good speaker, and in her reply touched many of our hearts. She told of her long desire to go to India, attributing it to her mother's prayers and consecration, and to the seed sown by Rev. D. Dack, her pastor during the most impressionable years of her life. While there was a note of sadness in the address, the thought that impressed one most was the spirit of joy and gladness, and the feeling of gratitude to God for his goodness in opening her way for service in India.

E. S., Sec.

**ROCKLAND.** — The Semi-annual Thank-offering service was held in the Baptist Church, on the evening of Oct. 16th. Our President, Mrs. Erskine, occupied the chair and told in a few well chosen words the object of open meeting and reported an earnest missionary spirit from regular monthly meetings. Programme consisted of a couple of anthems, a duet, a violin obligato and two splendid and helpful addresses on mission work; one from our pastor, Rev. L. H. Coles, and one from Deacon Jno. Pushman. The collection taken amounted to \$57.00, to be sent in aid of Foreign Missions. After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," all went to the basement where supper was served and a social time enjoyed.

MAGGIE KNOX,

Secretary.

**MIDLAND.**—Our Annual Thank-offering service was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hacker, Oct. 20th, about 95 persons being present. After opening the service by singing a hymn, reading of scripture and prayer by Rev. E. A. Brownlee, a splendid programme was carried out. Our pastor, Rev. E. A. Brownlee, gave us a short talk on, "The great number of unseen things for which we should be thankful." An offering was taken amounting to \$12.80. After the serving of refreshments and a social hour had been spent the company dispersed while several young people sang "God be with you till we meet again." This will be the last social function of this kind that we will have our pastor, and his esteemed wife, Mrs. Brownlee with us, as they have given themselves for service as missionaries, and expect to enter upon their work in China early in the New Year. Our prayer is that God will bless them as they go to this new field of labor and give them many, many souls for their hire.

MRS. L. W. HARPER,

Secretary.

**WALKERTON.**—The Annual Thank-offering meeting of the Ladies' Mission Circle, was held on Monday evening, Oct. 5th, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Warner, in the chair. After the opening hymn and prayer, the chairman spoke a few words, expressing his interest in the work of the Circle, and the pleasure he felt in looking forward to their usual thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Warner then favored us with a solo, "If I were a voice, etc." This was followed by a very interesting and helpful reading, entitled, "The Story of a Dime," by Miss M. Sinclair; a solo by Mr. Stephen followed, and then a recitation by Mrs. Warner, "How we built our church at Key-hose bar," was very well given. The offering was then taken and the inclosed texts of scripture read by Rev. Mr. Warner. The offering amounted to eighteen dollars and five cents, one dollar since received making it nineteen dollars and five cents. A solo by Miss Albright brought the programme to a close.

BELLE McKINNON,

Secretary.

DENFIELD.—On Sept. 28th, our Circle held a very successful Thank-offering service. Our pastor, Rev. W. F. Spidell occupied the chair. Dr. Menzies, a Presbyterian missionary, from China, gave a most interesting account of his work in that country, especially the medical work. The collection, amounting to \$9.00 was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable social hour spent.

MARY ROSSER,  
Secretary.

LYON, P. E. I.—The M. B. W. M. A. of A., Lyoo, P. E. I., Society held their annual thank-offering service on thanksgiving evening, with a short programme of singing, recitations and readings, and an address from the pastor, which was very helpful to all. We had a large congregation, also a big collection, amounting to \$57.00, which is to be equally divided between Foreign and Home Missions.

AVONDALE, NEWPORT.—The W. B. M. A. Society of Avondale, Newport, held a very successful Thank-offering meeting at the home of the secretary, Oct. 6th. After the opening exercises a short programme was rendered, consisting of music, readings and recitations, and a sweet solo by Miss Winnie Dill. The thank-offering envelopes were then opened, and the choice texts of scripture and pieces of poetry enclosed read by the secretary. There were 32 offerings handed in, 17 from members of Aid, and 15 from our Baby Band. Their little offerings amounted to \$4.10. God bless the little ones. The offerings in all amounted to \$38.00; \$25.00 for Home Missions; \$5.67 for Grand Ligne and \$6.76 for Foreign. We also had the pleasure of welcoming three new members into our Society. We now have 17 members. We feel deeply thankful to God, that he has permitted us in a small way to be workers together with Him. And may He help us to do this year what we can to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have it not, both on the Home and Foreign field.

ADELIA PARKER,  
Secretary.

TORONTO, CHESTER ST.—Thursday, October 22nd, 1908, our Women's Mission Circle held its second annual meeting, reports from the various committees being most encouraging. The secretary's report showed a large increase in new members, and a larger attendance at our regular monthly meetings. Our treasurer reported nearly eighty dollars having been sent to our Home and Foreign Treasurers, a most marked increase over last year. As a Society we are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings. We are very hopeful for the future. Our prayer is, that we may be used more and more in helping to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ in all the world.

EMMA BODLEY,  
Secretary.

#### BOARD MEETING.

The regular quarterly board meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, was held on Friday, December 11.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Rickert took the chair.

In addition to the customary reports the members were pleased to receive from the directress of the Canada Central Association, her report, made in accordance with the suggestion given at the meeting of the United Boards during the recent convention. Another matter of particular note was a discussion over the making of life members. It was felt that it was not generally understood by the circles that the money collected for the purpose of making life members must go to the general fund of the Society, not be designated for any particular object.

The officers were appointed a committee to see about securing new copies of the constitution in which shall be incorporated all changes made in it since the last printing.

The officers and board appointed at the late convention for the current year

are:—President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton; 1st. Vice President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; 2nd. Vice President, Mrs. M. C. Rickert; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley; Recording Secretary, Miss E. M. Crossley; Superintendent of Mission Bands, Mrs. J. Hale Ramsay. Members of the executive:—Mesdames Therrien, Lester, McKergow, Utting, Bentley, Radford, McLaren, Sims, Gates, Muir, Baker, Gordon, Watt, Wood, Griffith, King, Ede, London, Paterson, and Halkett, and the Misses Barker, Cramp, Russell, Allen, and Clarke.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Beginning Convention Year 1908-1909.

Receipts from Oct. 21st, 1908, to Nov. 15th, 1908. (inclusive).

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Burtch, \$4.00; Markham, First, \$3.00; Collingwood, \$10.00; East Zorra, \$6.00; Toronto, First Ave., \$20.12; Ridgetown, \$6.35; Toronto, Western Y.P., \$5.25; Woodford, \$4.00; Norwich Thank-off., \$9.00; Hamilton, Herkimer St., for new missionary fund, \$1.00; Parry Sound (\$3.60 Thank-off.), \$6.50; London, Adelaide St., for new missionary fund, \$2.00; Sarnia Township, \$6.00; Bothwell, Thank-offering, \$3.50; Toronto, College St. (\$9.83 Thank-off.), \$10.83; Toronto, Century Ch., \$15.85; Kincardine, Thank-offering, \$5.25; Toronto, Elim, for Leper "Venkamma," \$9.00; Midland, \$15.00; Haldimand, \$3.00. Total, \$146.65.

FROM BANDS.—Selkirk, \$1.00; Middleton South, \$1.75; Toronto, College St., \$5.00; Whitevale, \$2.00; Sarnia, Central (\$2.50 sale of post cards), \$3.80; Welland, per Mrs. G. W. B., \$1.73; Ingersoll, for lepers, \$4.45; London, Egerton St., \$15.55; Forestville, per Mrs. Geo. Davis, .83. Total, \$36.11.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. H. Selman, Dutton, for Bible woman, \$25.00; Berlin, King St., Ladies' Aid, \$7.10; Miss A. E. Steer, for "Sayamma," \$10.00; Mrs. T. Boon, for lepers, \$2.00; Miss D. Boon, for lepers, \$1.00; Miss Maggie Boon, for lepers, \$25.00; A Friend, Onondaga, for Bible woman, \$30.00; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Senior, \$25.00; A Friend, for Bungalow, \$5.00; Convention Collection, Toronto, Bloor St. Ch., \$92.21. Total, \$222.31.

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1908, to Nov. 15th, 1908, \$407.07.

DISBURSEMENTS. — By General Treasurer, on estimates for India, \$798.91; furlough allowances for Misses Selman and Hulet, \$50.00. Total \$848.91.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Association Directors' expenses: Oxford-Brant, \$3.00; Northern, \$3.00; Elgin, .75; Middlesex and Lambton, \$4.00; Norfolk, \$3.75; Owen Sound, \$4.50; Western, \$6.09; Whitby and Lindsay, \$2.00; Niagara and Hamilton, \$5.00; convention speakers' expenses, Miss Selman, \$5.00; balance due on salary to Oct. 31st, 1908, for "Link" Editor, \$58.00. Total, \$95.09.

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1908, to Nov. 15th, 1908, \$944.00.

Receipts from Nov. 16th, 1908, to Dec. 15th, 1908, (inclusive).

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Immanuel Ch. Y.L., \$2.25; Toronto, Jarvis St. (\$2.00 for Bungalow), \$184.98; Mount Forest Thank-off., \$4.50; Courtland, \$2.50; Shedden Thank-off., \$1.50; Brantford, Park Ch. Thank-off., \$24.00; York Mills Thank-off., \$16.36; Southampton Thank-off., \$6.54; Sault Ste. Marie, \$5.80; Preston Thank-off., \$5.00; Gilmour Memorial (\$6.65 thank-off.) \$8.00; Plympton, \$7.00; Galt Thank-off., \$6.25; Salford Thank-off., \$7.15; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$25.00; Toronto, Parliament

St., \$9.65 Thank-off., \$25.00 for life membership, Mrs. James Hyde, \$38.75; Hamilton, Herkimer St. (\$1.75 for bungalow), \$14.35; Lakefield, \$6.00; Hespeler Thank-offering, \$4.00; Woodstock, First Ch. Thank-off., \$7.25; St. Catharines, Queen St. (\$1.20 for bungalow, \$14.40 Thank-off.) \$20.50; Toronto, Western Ch. (\$10.65 Thank-off.), \$25.07; Toronto, Beverley St., life membership fee for Mrs. Martha Davis, \$25.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd. (\$40.50 Thank-off.), \$53.08; London, Talbot St. (\$17.35 for new missionary fund), \$39.60; Port Arthur, Thank-off., \$9.50; Tiverton (\$5.00 Thank-off.), \$9.50; Windsor, Bruce Ave., \$5.00; Denfield Thank-off., \$8.75. Total, \$572.46.

FROM BANDS.—Scotland, \$3.90; Lakeshore, Calvary, on life membership, \$5.50; Chatham, William St., for "B. Nilavati," \$4.25; Vittoria, for new missionary fund, \$13.85; Hamilton, Herkimer St., for "G. Mabel," \$25.00; Toronto, College St., \$5.00. Total, \$57.50.

FROM SUNDRIES.—"Mary Shensstone Fund" for students, \$50.00; Hamilton, James St. S.S. Philathea Class for Dr. Allyn's school prizes, \$5.00; "A Friend," for "N. Isaac," \$17.00; "A Friend," sale of "The White Letter," \$5; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown, for "B. Joan," \$5.00; Mrs. R. W. Elliott, for "Harris Bungalow furniture," \$53.00; interest on deposit, \$41.01; Mrs. G. B. Hendry for Leper "Koduru Naisiah," \$20.00. Total, \$191.86.

Total receipts during the month, \$821.82.

DISBURSEMENTS. — By General Treasurer, on estimates for India, \$773.91; furlough allowances with adjustment for Misses Selman and Hullet, \$83.32; furniture for Harris bungalow, Mrs. R. W. Elliot, \$53.00; extras, for lepers: Mrs. T. Boon, \$2.00; for lepers, Miss D. Boon, \$1.00; Miss Maggie Boon, \$25.00; Ingersoll M. B., \$4.45; Toronto, Elim M.C. for "Venkamma," \$9.00; for Dr. Allyn's Xmas prizes in school work, \$5.00. Total, \$96.08.

-EXPENSE ACCOUNT. — Association Directors' expenses: Peterborough, \$1.40; Toronto, \$2.47; 300 copies of Treasurer's statement, \$3.00; 300 copies Foreign Secretary's statement, \$3.00; stationery and postage for Recording Secretary, \$5.00; four extra pages in December Link, \$21.00; one-half cost of 1,000 Convention programmes, \$3.90. Total, \$39.77.

Total disbursements during the month, \$996.45.

Total receipts from Oct. 21st to Dec. 15th, 1908, \$1,228.89.

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st to Dec. 15th, 1908, \$1,940.45.

SARAH J. WEBSTER,

Treasurer.

...324 Gerrard St. East, Toronto.

### Treasurer's Statement

W.B.F.M.S. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Receipts from Sept. 25th. to Dec. 11th., inclusive.

CIRCLES.—Brockville, \$8.00; St. Arnprior, \$3.80; Maxville, \$4.00; Phi-\$3.00; Waterville, \$2.00; Delta, \$5.00; Kenmore, \$7.00; Ormond, \$5.35; Kingston 1st. Church, \$6.00; Perth, \$6.45; Atnprior, \$3.80; Maxville, \$4.00; Phillipsville, \$10.00; Rockland, \$57.00; Point St. Charles, \$10.00; Grande Ligne, \$5.00; Plum Hollow, \$5.00; Total, \$139.80.

BANDS.—Grande Ligne, \$4.04; Grenville, \$8.00; Moses River support, Bandilla Sarah, \$6.00; Kenmore Support, Siddle Deenamma, \$17.00; West-Total, \$41.04.

SUNDRIES.—Collections taken at convention, Ottawa, \$19.25; Dalesville Sale, post cards, \$1.50; Collection taken at Union Prayer Meeting, Montreal, \$1.20; A friend for Vulluru School, \$78.00; Total, \$99.96.

Total from Circles, \$139.80; Total from Bands, \$41.04; Total from Sundries, \$99.96; Total, \$280.80.

JESSIE OHMAN,

Treasurer.

## Young People's Department.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IN RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

October seems to be a month of religious festivals. We have lately had the elephant Feast, when a manufactured life-sized elephant was adorned with magnificent trappings, and carried to all parts of the town accompanied by musicians and little girl singers, and a torch-light procession. The celebration lasted from dark until daylight. Then yesterday and to-day I have been reminded of Queen's Birthday or Dominion Day in Canada. As our bungalow is somewhat apart from the village, I have seen nothing, but am continually hearing some explosion. Were I at home I would expect to see some sky-rockets. This feast is in celebration of the destruction of a great giant by their God Krishna in one of his incarnations.

Well, last Sunday, October 18th, we had a religious festival, too,—a Christian Sunday School Rally Day. I must tell you that besides our main Sunday School which meets in the Church on Sunday afternoons, we have little Sunday Schools on Sunday mornings in different parts of the town. You know the people here are of different castes or classes. There is the Dhobi caste, the Goldsmith's caste, the Farmer caste, the Madiga, or out-caste, and others. These different castes live in little villages by themselves and will not eat or meet together in any way. So we are obliged to have different schools for them if they are to hear the Gospel story. We have six grown-up teachers, the other six schools are taught by boys of thirteen or fourteen, with younger boys to assist in the singing, etc. Two of our schools are Caste Girls'

Schools. These are also day-schools. Their teachers are Veeramma and Monikyamma, and very fine young women they are.

The schools have been preparing for this Rally Day for some time. They have each been learning a hymn and a Bible verse. Two weeks ago the church gave each teacher two annas, that is four cents, to make a genda, or banner. (Try to make a pretty one for four cents). Then we had some prayer-meetings asking God to make it a happy day.

Sunday morning about ten o'clock, the schools began to come. The teachers had gone early to bring them. I had my little organ at the church, and played while the children gathered. How they did enjoy the music. The benches were placed against the walls for the visitors and older people, and the children sat on the floor in the centre. The two caste-girls' schools sat in front, and very pretty they looked. The teachers had made their banners of shiny dark blue paper, had shaped them prettily, and put in Telugu these mottoes in gilt letters,—on one "God is Love," on the other, "I am the Life." For the little ones of their schools they had made pretty colored paper collarettes, on the front of each they had pasted a large letter, and arranged the children so as to spell out a sentence:

Though the other schools were not dressed so prettily, and though the teachers had not been able to deck them out so finely, they too had succeeded in making quite a respectable and artistic looking zendas, on which were such mottoes as: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving," "My grace is sufficient for thee," "Fear



God," "God is our Refuge," "I am the Good Shepherd," "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," etc.

Is it not a pleasure to think that such mottoes as these have been carried through a heathen town, accompanied in some cases by the singing of a gospel hymn?

Besides the town schools, five other Sunday schools belonging to villages, some two to six miles distant, also came so that the church was well-filled. About two hundred and fifty children, thirty teachers, and seventy adult visitors were present.

Our programme consisted of a short sermonette on "Foundations," by Mr. Stillwell, a bright and interesting black-board talk by Pastor Prakashum, and an object lesson by our happy chairman, Dr. Joshee. The General Superintendent gave an interesting report of the year's work. The black-board talk showed that Jesus was the ladder from earth to heaven, and that the three steps which we must take were Repentance, Faith and Obedience. Dr. Joshee used a bottle of dirty water for his object lesson. He covered it up with a pretty cloth, but it still remained as dirty as before. He washed the outside of the bottle thoroughly, dipping the bottle right into the water. Afterwards he put a label on the bottle, naming it "Clean Water," but it remained the same inside. At last he opened the bottle and poured in clean water until all the dirty water had gone, and the clean had taken its place. I wonder how many of you can see what this teaches about our hearts, outside appearance, baptism, calling ourselves Christians and salvation by God's grace.

In between these different talks, we heard the different schools say their verse, and sing their hymn. It was

hard to keep one's face straight as some of them sang, "What tune were they singing? Which boy or girl would finish first?" It was very amusing. However some of the schools sang beautifully. The Cast Girls' Schools sang English tunes with the organ, "Come to Jesus," "Sound His Praises," "Tell the Story," and Veeramma's school sang "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" in English. Every Sunday a little picture paper is given to those who learn and repeat a Bible verse. As each school took their part in the Rally exercises, the scholars who had thirty of these little papers were given a picture from the Picture Rolls, which some of you have sent. (Send as many more as you can, we can find use for them all.) After the service was over, the children marched out to the tune of "At the Cross." On the road at one side, the representatives of the Leper Sunday School with their banners were waiting, and sang for us. The children marched to our bungalow, and seated themselves on the verandah. Then we gave each of them two plantains, and they went away singing, after a very happy time. I need not tell you that the order was not perfect. You will know that so many children of so many kinds, many or most of whom do not go to any day-school, could not sit perfectly still for two hours. But (let me whisper it to the children) it was no worse, perhaps even better than the order I have seen in some Sunday Schools at home.

So ended a gathering, the results of which we shall not know until we see "The King in His Beauty," and gather together with the redeemed of Canada, China, Japan, and all lands. Pray that at least in some hearts the seed may bear fruit to life everlasting.

LUCY K. JONES.

Oct. 28, 1908.