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Prayer.

" Lord what a change within us, one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make,
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power.
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong
Or others — that we are not always strong?
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled; when with us is prayer
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!

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THE LORD'S REMEMBRANCERS.

We are all, no doubt, feeling very thankful that such a large number of missionaries are sailing for India very soon, and we shall send them off with much enthusiasm, and follow them with our prayers on their long journey.

Another reason for thanksgiving is the fact that a direct effort along evangelistic lines in our mission in India has been the means of winning many souls for Christ. At the Conference last July the missionaries reported that nearly 1,200 baptisms had taken place between July 1, 1918, and June 30, 1919, the largest number in the history of the mission.

Some of you may be surprised, then, at the suggestion that we shall take as a special subject for prayer this month the great need of men on our mission fields in India. Of the eighteen missionaries going out this Fall, eight are single women, four of these new recruits. Of the five married couples, one couple only is going out for the first time.

The Boards have been able to send out women every year, but owing to the war, no new men could be sent out after 1915 until last Fall. Missionaries were coming home every year, but not all of them returned to India, so that the staff there is very much depleted. Seven stations are now without a missionary family, and as four families must come home next Spring, the situation will be much as it is now, in spite of the reinforcements.

Our lady missionaries have done noble work, some of them having lived alone at a station, doing their own special work and trying to look after the general work, as well. Some of the men have the oversight of one of the vacant fields, in addition to their own, so almost all are overworked, a very serious matter in that climate.

It seems very plain from this that more men are urgently needed, so mingled with our thanksgiving let us "pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Let us pray that our young men may be as ready to offer themselves for service abroad under the banner of the King of Kings, as they were to enlist in the service of our earthly King.

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

E. F.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

Northern American Baptists, at their convention held in May, adopted a wonderful programme, involving the raising of \$100,000,000 during the next five years, for denominational objects.

In relation to Foreign Missions, their aim is before April 1st, 1924,

1. To send out 228 new missionary families.
2. To send out 176 new single women missionaries.
3. To erect 188 new missionary residences.
4. To build 241 new schools.
5. To build 76 school dormitories.
6. To erect 75 church buildings.
7. To establish 5 industrial schools.
8. To erect 19 new hospitals.
9. To purchase 75 automobiles.

Whitby, July, 1919.

The Ontario Ladies' College was the scene of a happy and enthusiastic gathering when over two hundred delegates met together for eight days at the 14th annual Missionary Conference in that historic building.

Dr. Gunn presided as our genial and gracious chairman, and Mr. Priest, the untiring and efficient secretary, looked after the comfort and welfare of all.

Mr. Will Senior led us in the service of song, beginning with a prayer meeting at 7.10 a.m. It was an inspiration to be led in such hymns as "Faith of Our Fathers, holy faith, we will be true to Thee till death"; "Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord," etc. This well-rendered service added much to the success of our singing as we realized, when one day, Mr. Senior was called to the city and we were left to struggle alone.

Dr. John MacNeill, in his masterly way, led us in studies on the Book of Psalms, and Dr. Mallott brought to us many valuable truths in his studies on "Stewardship."

In the Mission study classes we learned with interest of the work being done in far-away lands, also the need for workers, money and earnest prayer. A demonstration given toward the close of the Conference in well-arranged pageants, under the direction of the missionaries and leaders, was enjoyed by all, including a number of visitors from the town.

The outdoor-life physical drill, under the leadership of Miss Wrayfield of Galt; swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball; afternoon sports under the direction of Mr. Kilborn; and a picnic to the lake in hay-racks, added much to the zest and pleasure of the Conference, and no doubt accounted for the enthusiasm displayed when the dinner-bell sounded and we fled to our places in the dining-room, to do ample justice to the splendid bill-of-fare, interspersed with class yells and jokes by our genial chairman.

Our very energetic "camera-man," Mr. C. J. Cameron, photographed us all in many poses, thereby furnishing happy memories of friends and missionaries at the Conference.

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terest and inspiration to the daily programme, and as we gathered each evening in the twilight hour for our "life service" on the lawn and listened to their message of devoted consecration and loving service for the Master, often, amid peril and hardship, we felt in a real way the joy of giving up our lives for His sake and a goodly number offered themselves for definite service in the Foreign Field and the Home Land. This was further emphasized by messages from the evening speakers at the chapel service, and "Missions," with its responsibility and privilege, will have a large place in the future in our thought, interest, prayers and gifts, that "His Kingdom may come" throughout the whole earth.

The Baptists had a record attendance this year, with eighty delegates, and we are certain the influence and blessing will be felt in our Circles and Bands in the months to come.

To all we send this invitation for 1920:—

Now we've told you of the Summer School at Whitby,
Where a host of us meet every year,
It's the Summer School of Missions held at Whitby,
We should like to have you meet with us there.
Oh! Come, come to the Summer School at Whitby!
Oh! Come, join the study classes there;
Meet the Missionaries gathered at Whitby,
It's the very best week of the year.

NELLIE MAY SMITH.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

Vizianagram.—The question of a medical assistant for our Leper Home has given us much concern for some months. Up till last November we had a compounder, but we were obliged to dismiss him. From then until the first of June we have been without any medical assistant. This has meant much additional work for me. Attendance and Admission Registers and records of all kinds have to be kept by me personally. Every effort was made to get a suitable compounder, but without success. One agreed to come and then failed to put in an appearance. In January we received word from Government that our grant would be withheld unless we employed a medical man of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon-grade. In order to save the situation we arranged with one of the local doctors to visit the Leper Home from time to time. He agreed to go twice a week. His charges were high and the help he was able to give did not amount to anything. But we have to have someone. A medical assistant of our own was what we required. My thoughts turned to Mr. P. Samuel, who was about completing his course at Miraj. Some correspondence was carried on with one and another. Samuel expressed his willingness to come, but stated that he wished the permission of Miss Harrison, as he was indebted to her for his medical education. Upon his return from medical school he went at once to Miss Harrison. She very kindly consented to his coming. He arrived June 10th. I spent a day with him at the Leper Home and then gladly handed over the registers to him. We received word that he passed his examination. I am so glad to have him, and I earnestly pray that he will be a great blessing, not only to the poor lepers, but to many others in this town of Vizianagram. The need is great, and he has a large field of service and splendid opportunities to work for the Master.

I wish to express my gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His help in this time of need. I wish to thank Miss Harrison and her brother, Dr. Harrison, for equipping this young brother for service. May they be abundantly blessed!

—Flora Clarke, in "Field News."

From Lieutenant R. E. Smith.—Mrs. Craig has favored us with the perusal of a letter received by her from Lieut. R. E. Smith, dated from Qasr-i-Shirin, Persia, 28th May. About two months ago Mr. Smith was informed that he and the column which he commands were to form part of the Army of Occupation. At the time of writing he was camped "near the ruins of a very ancient town and palace—the Palace of Qasr-i-Shirin, which means the "Palace of (Queen) Shirin"—the ruins of which are a quarter of a mile long, and most interesting. There are ruins of other castles and palaces and fortifications along the road Cyrus took when he marched from Persia to Babylon. Lieut. Smith is working from this place up into Persia. He was able to arrange for religious services for the Christians in his command by the timely arrival of an Indian Christian Chaplain named Waris Uddin, whereupon the Mohammedans in his command asked him for a tent for their religious services, which, of course, was granted. Mr. Smith has received definite intimation of the date fixed for his release from the army, which is March 1st, 1920.—From "Field News."

"BLESSED BE THE PATH OF DUTY, FOR IT BLOSSOMS AT THE END."

In a late letter, the Avanigadda missionary writes: There has been a sudden and rather severe outbreak of cholera in a nearby village. The new water, which is just now brimming the canal, was probably the cause. The young teacher came to me in quite a panic, telling of the death of some, and that others were being seized with the dread complaint, and wound up by asking whether he was to stay in the village. I put the onus of deciding that matter upon himself, with the result that he went back with some fear and reluctance. I gave him instructions how to deal with the disease, and medicine to distribute. He returned radiant a few days after, to report that as he went he felt happier and braver, had carried out instructions, and already the scourge was much abated. So another Telugu Christian has made the great discovery that the path of duty is the happiest way after all.

"AND IT'S HOME AGAIN FOR ME."

After many months of planning and preparing, hoping and fearing, Miss Pratt and I finally heard the welcome message that we were booked by S.S. "City of Benares," to sail from Calcutta early in April. We finally received notice to go aboard April 21st. Our first impressions of the ship were anything but prepossessing. During our wait in Calcutta we had met several fine people who were prospective fellow-passengers, so we solaced ourselves with the hope of good companionship, if we did have to put up with poor accommodation. We were by no means disappointed. With the exception of some eight or ten, the fifty passengers in our class had all been engaged in some form of Christian work in India, Mesopotamia, Assam or Burmah. Imagine singing grace at meals on board ship, and a little prayer service each evening after dinner!

Sunday a.m. found us in Colombo harbor, with the prospect of remaining there four or five days in order to take on coal and cargo. The heat and odors of a tropical harbor tempted Miss Pratt and me to spend that interval on shore, if we could get accommodation. We were able to obtain this at the Missionary Rest Home, where we employed our time writing our annual reports to send back to Ludia. By way of variation, we enjoyed some rickshaw drives for the purpose of sight-seeing and shopping.

We left Colombo Wednesday, and after an uneventful voyage of seven days, reached the coaling station, Perim, near Suez. In this interval we became better

acquainted with our travelling companions. Sports were organized, and we were enjoying an exciting shuffleboard tournament. We found Perim consisted of a few straggling houses on a rocky, bare and coal-dusty cliff.

Soon we entered the Red Sea, the heat of which we had so dreaded. By Sunday morning a real change came, and we had to seek out warmer clothing. It was surprising how soon the cool air livened us all up.

We spent a day in Port Said, that strange city, such a mixture of the East and West. Turkish Delight, picture post cards, fruit and ostrich feathers were the most popular goods on sale.

The next night found us going up the Suez Canal. How excited we were over the first real evidences of the war, which were visible along its banks! Sand-bags, dug-outs, wire entanglements and a seaplane.

Soon we entered the blue waters of the Mediterranean, and spent almost a week, when one morning the mighty rock of Gibraltar loomed up. The time spent there will never be forgotten. Real white men as waiters in hotels, cab drivers, etc. How strange it seemed to us! Then home mail awaited us. The home folks knew we were on the way, and were anxiously awaiting our arrival. Then that wonderful drive up toward the citadel, when the home flowers greeted us on every side. Such a view as we had from that height, and how impressed we were with a sense of the might of the Empire to which we belong!

It took us over a week to cross the Atlantic. When we left Gibraltar we really felt we were on the home-stretch. We encountered some heavy seas, and enjoyed standing up on the captain's bridge watching the spray dash over the bows and dodging for safety when it came our direction. Excitement ran high when Monday evening, June 2nd, the lights of Nantucket were sighted. The next morning we were in Boston harbor.

The evening of June 4th found Miss Pratt and me at the South Station with tickets for Petrolea and Cobourg respectively. Just what it means to be home again can only be realized by those who have experienced such a long absence. I am sure I speak for both of us when I say we hope we shall be as truly missionaries this year in Canada as if laboring in India. Please remember us.

SUSIE HINMAN.

TO THE READERS OF "THE MISSIONARY LINK."

First of all, may we introduce ourselves? You are the devoted subscribers of our missionary paper, known and approved of all women for its punctual visits and its budget of good tidings from our Foreign Fields. I am an inexperienced contributor to your pages, feeling that my letter this time must be of the "dry bones" variety, but living in the anticipation of writing you a really truly missionary letter, some time in the near future from our field in India. In the meantime we can be getting acquainted, can we not?

Would you care to know how I became interested in India? Many, many years ago, when missionary visits were very rare and missionary stories very strange and wonderful to boys and girls in little country churches, there came to us a real live missionary with a Telugu costume and a Telugu song, which enhanced a wonderfully interesting message of her work among the women of India. No stories from Arabian Nights ever could have been more thrilling, no movie actress ever more fascinating, than was Miss Baskerville and her message from far-away India. Her appeal for help concluded with the remark that perhaps some day some one of the boys or girls in the audience might be called to take the Gospel story to India. The idea burned itself into my soul, it thrilled me beyond telling, to even think that a little country girl could ever do anything so grand and

wonderful. Of course, in those days I never dreamed that missionaries were just ordinary flesh and blood folks, and how very plain little me could ever be transformed into such a creature, defied even the wand of Cinderella's fairy godmother.

Years went by, and upon finishing my Normal course I taught rural schools for five happy years, loving my work very much and the tiny tots who sat beneath my jurisdiction very much more. But the vision of India was always with me, in spite of the great consciousness of my inability for such an undertaking.

In 1912 I attended the Missionary Conference at Whitby, where I met Rev. H. E. Stillwell, recently returned from India. I shall never forget the message from 1 Cor. 1: 26-27, "Not many wise, not many noble, not many mighty are chosen," for "My grace is sufficient for thee." That swept forever from my pathway the old excuse of inability, but there still remained the question of preparation. Dr. J. G. Brown suggested a nursing course, and so it happened that in September of 1915 I entered the General Hospital, Brantford, as a "new probationer." The joys of the three months which followed are not such as one would shout from the housetops, but they slipped away, and the great day eventually arrived when "prob." costumes were thrust aside for the prim blue uniform topped off by a cold-starched cap that made you look at least an inch taller and feel several notches higher in the profession, though you really knew the same amount about it.

And then such interesting days followed. So many new things to learn, so many good times, so many delightful associations and wonderful opportunities for helping folks, all mixed up with plenty of hard work and scores of lessons from that wise old teacher, Experience. The public wards were by far the most interesting, filled with young girls who were not brought up in Sunday Schools, and young lads whose manners and morals were not products of a college education. Best of all, there were plenty of foreigners—Armenians, Russians, Turks, Greeks, and others, all lying side by side, fighting the same battles of life and death, and striving so hard, with a few bits of broken English, to make us understand them, and wondering, always wondering why we cared enough to bother about them. Here indeed was material for a new stone of stumbling, "There is plenty to do at home," but even that did not smother my convictions regarding India.

Three years slipped away. The long-looked-for graduation day came at last, and fourteen new graduates realized that—

To every soul there openeth
A high road, and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.

After a busy winter of private nursing, I made application to the Women's Foreign Board, Toronto, many of whom I met at Mrs. Matthews' home. Their decision to accept me as their new candidate for India made me much happier than I can tell you, and when they suggested my attending a term of Bible School study, recommending Dr. White's, of New York, I gladly consented. I cannot speak too highly of Dr. White's school, and I consider the time spent there very well worth while indeed, my one regret being that it was all too short.

My letter has lengthened unduly, I fear, but let me very earnestly request your prayers, dear readers, that I may accept as my own promise His, "Lo I am with you always," that I may realize the full significance of the Great Thought for all Christian service, "It is no longer I, but Christ that dwelleth in me," and thus,

"We shall work together,

My Lord and I."

H. E. DAY,
Leith, Ont.

Dear LINK Friends:

This is my very first letter to the LINK. I introduce myself to you as one of your new missionaries.

Being a new missionary, I can tell you nothing yet about the work. But I should like to give you this little message: During the Great War, we citizens of the Empire learned in many, many new ways the meaning of co-operation. Enlisting men for overseas service was one part of the task. But making munitions, producing and sending supplies, and filling posts vacated by men, were tasks of no less importance. We all worked together with one purpose in view. It seems to me that our mission work must be carried on in a similar way. To be a successful missionary, one must be only a representative of hundreds at home, just as steadfast and just as enthusiastic. Team work must be our method.

Yours sincerely,
MURIEL BROTHERS.

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

Tribute to Mrs. E. D. Renaud by Mrs. Thomas Love, Fort William.

Part of a Paper Read at the Thunder Bay Association.

Dear Sisters of the Thunder Bay Association:

We have again met together on this our day of the Association, and we do thank our Heavenly Father for all His goodness to us during the past year; yet there is one who is not here to-day, whom we miss very much. I refer to our Director, the late Mrs. E. D. Renaud. I feel it is a very great privilege for me to pay a tribute to her memory on this occasion. I am sure all who got to know her found in her a real friend, always ready to help anyone at any time, never so busy with her own affairs that she was not willing to leave them to do some work for the Lord whom she loved. All who attended our women's day last year remember how much of herself she put into the work, how interested she was to have the things that count most tell. In all her ways she acknowledged the Lord and served Him.

I would move that we, as an Association, place on record our deep appreciation of the work of the late Mrs. E. D. Renaud as first Director of the Thunder Bay Association, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to her husband, the Rev. E. D. Renaud, and also to Mrs. Laycock, her mother.

Almonte.—Our June meeting of the Mission Circle was an open one, in order that many might get the reports brought by the delegates from the Association, and it was well attended, Mrs. Harry W. Jackson, President, being in the chair. A movement had been quietly set on foot to collect \$25 for a Life Membership for our Secretary, and it was a great surprise to Miss Mattock when during the evening she was called to the platform to receive the honor and appreciation for her faithful service. Mrs. T. Bennett, as one of the oldest members present, was chosen to perform the ceremony, and presented a bouquet of roses with the Life Membership of the W. B. Foreign Missionary Society. The evening's programme was interspersed with music, and at the end refreshments were served, bringing to a close a pleasant and profitable time.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

WORK IN THE EASTERN CONVENTION.

Thurso, Que., 13th Sept., 1919.

Dear LINK:

Our President has requested me to write you something about Young Women's work in the Eastern Convention. It is a pleasure to do so, for it is work in which I am deeply interested.

Some years ago, a Circle composed entirely of young women, was organized in Coaticook, Que. It did faithful work, and for several years held the unique position of being the only Y. W. Circle in the Eastern Convention. About a year ago it disbanded, because many of its members had done that which so many girls in all places persist in doing, no matter how greatly they are going to be missed—they married and went to live in other places. Those who remained thought it wise to cast in their lot with the senior Circle.

Miss Chandler, the faithful and energetic Director of the Eastern Association, had golden plans for trying to reorganize a Y. W. Circle in Coaticook, as well as to organize others in her Association, but she has been laid aside for some time by a trying illness, and is only beginning to recover. She writes that a Y. W. Circle has been organized in the historic old city of Quebec, but could give no particulars.

In Ottawa Association we had long felt the need of young life, with its freshness and vigor, but nothing really definite was done to win the girls till November, 1917, when the members of the W. H. M. Board invited the girls from all the Baptist churches in Ottawa to a banquet in the First Church. About one hundred and twenty girls responded to the invitation. It was surely most inspiring to see all those bright, beautiful girls, and how we did covet them with all their wonderful gifts for our work! Amidst all the gaiety, earnest prayer was going up from hearts that were burdened with the need, that some of those dear girls would that very evening hear the call of King Emmanuel to enlist in His service for Circle work. Music and brief addresses followed the supper. An appeal was made to the girls for their help, and in response the young women of the First Church unanimously decided then and there to organize. This was carried into effect about ten days later. This Circle has been from the first most encouraging. The membership is continually increasing, additions at nearly every meeting. At Association in June the delegates gave a delightful half-hour of the programme, as well as an excellent report, of increased interest, increased membership, and nearly one hundred dollars raised for Missions during the Associational year.

In March of last year Miss Ellis came to us. How we did enjoy her, and what a wonderful help and inspiration she was! As a direct result of her visit Y. W. Circles were organized in Fourth Avenue Church, Ottawa, and Westmount, Montreal. I cannot tell you much about the latter, but the former is very much alive, has a greatly increased membership, and is doing good work.

From Osgoode came such good news a short time ago. A Y. W. Circle organized there—organized not because they had been urged to do so, or because someone had visited and enticed them, but because "we want to help." Wasn't that splendid? The Osgoode girls are evidently imbued with the same earnest missionary spirit as were their antecedents, from whom came Dr. McLaurin of India and Mr. McDonald, pioneer missionary to our great Northwest.

Y. W. Circle work is still in its infancy in our Convention, but we are thankful that a beginning has been made, and that the outlook for future growth and development is bright.

JEAN McLEAN METCALFE.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

MISS PRATT'S JOURNEY FROM INDIA.

The Unofficial Log of the S.S. "City of Benares"—Incidents of the Voyage from India to Canada.

After months of uncertainty as to whether we could secure passage to Canada, we heard on the first of March that at last the agents had secured berths for Miss Hinman and me on the "City of Benares," sailing about April 15th, direct from Calcutta to Boston.

April 14.—Left the Harris Bungalow, Cocanada, about 7 a.m. The boarding girls and teachers waved their good-bye from the school as I passed, the Pastor and several of the Christians were at the station to say farewell and to send loving messages to the different missionaries at home on furlough. Miss Hinman joined me at Waltair station about noon.

April 15.—After 24 hours (very hot hours) we reached Calcutta, to find that our steamer was undergoing repairs, and would be delayed several days.

April 19.—During the delay we made a trip out to Serampore, 13 miles from Calcutta. It thrills one to go through this great seminary building built by Carey so many years ago, to see the bungalow in which he lived from 1821 till his death in 1835, and then to stand in the quiet little cemetery where lie the remains of Carey, Marshman and Ward.

April 21.—Notification reached us that we must be on board for medical inspection at 5 o'clock. The "City of Benares" is small, with not much accommodation for passengers. Our cabin is so tiny that when we and our belongings get in we have to take turns at occupying the small amount of standing room.

April 22.—Steamer pulled out of dock some time after midnight, but before morning was stuck on the sandbar in the river, and had to wait till the tide came and lifted it about 10 o'clock. From Calcutta down to the sea is 80 miles.

April 23.—Early in the morning we came out into the Bay of Bengal, and no one on board was left to doubt the fact. Only three managed to get down to the dining-room for breakfast.

April 26.—In sight of the Island of Ceylon all day. Could sympathize with one of our fellow-passengers, a young Indian man on his first sea voyage, who said on seeing land, "That is a great relief to me." He had been so seasick that he thought he would have to leave the steamer at Colombo and go back home. Saw several whales to-day.

April 27.—Early this morning came into Colombo harbor. Unbearably hot on the steamer, so we came ashore to the Missionary Rest Home. In the evening went to an old Dutch church, the oldest on the island, built in 1749.

April 30.—It has taken three days to load our cargo—mostly tea. Just at sunset we sailed out of the harbor and turned west—headed for home.

May 1.—It might be interesting right here to tell something about our fellow-passengers. Of the thirty-eight in second-class, all but six are missionaries or Christian workers. Of the six, one is an American lady, who, with her three children, is going from Persia to America. There are six other children on our deck—a very lively bunch. There are six Y.M.C.A. secretaries, three of them Canadian who have been in Mesopotamia working among the soldiers. As to nationality—one Armenian, one Australian, two Swedes, nine Canadians and the rest Americans. In first-class, about half the passengers are missionaries. Among them are Mrs. Parker, widow of the late Bishop Parker, aged eighty, who went to India in the year of the Mutiny, now on her way home for the centenary meeting of the American Methodist Mission, and then eager to get right back to her beloved work; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scudder, of the famous missionary family of the Arctic Mission of South India; Dr. and Mrs. Hume, of the A.B.O.F. Mission. He was born in India seventy-two years ago, and has been a missionary for the past forty-five years; also his son with his wife and children.

May 4.—The Y. M. C. A. men are used to getting right to work at organizing. Announcement made at breakfast this morning that Prof. R. (aged twenty-three), of Allahabad University, would conduct a gymnasium class on the lower deck at 6 each morning. A meeting was called to discuss the matter of taking up some definite study. Dr. Hume was pressed into the service, and consented to give a series of lectures at ten each morning on "Religious Movements in India" and other subjects relating to Mission work. A committee was appointed to arrange leaders for the prayer meetings to be held every evening, also a committee to arrange for sports.

May 3.—First concert of the season was held to-night, and was a decided success. At the close of the programme one of the Y.M.C.A. men took charge, and as he had done so often among the soldiers, after an evening of music, closed with a short devotional service.

May 4.—Morning service held over in first-class saloon; afternoon meeting at three on our deck, followed by Sunday School. The evening was spent in singing the good old favorite hymns we all love.

May 5.—The organizing committee has arranged for different tournaments—shuffleboard, chess, checkers, etc.—and excitement runs high. Flying fish in sight all day.

May 7.—Early this morning we came into the port of Perim to coal. It is a tiny rocky island at the entrance to the Red Sea, a most desolate-looking place—just a few houses clinging to the rocks. Before reaching here we heard that there wasn't anything green here except a fence! Fence not in sight, but one green bungalow relieves the dull grey of the scene. The big coal barges soon drew alongside our steamer, and as the contents were being deposited in the bins a fine dust sifted over everyone and everything—this stuck, so we all looked as if we had had a share in the work. One of our passengers has constituted himself real estate agent for Perim, where he promises to sell land cheap, and assures us that it is a good place to retire—life here guaranteed to hold no excitement. Another man has been duly elected as chaplain of Perim. One sent an order ashore for a blade of grass!

May 8.—Now in the Red Sea, the wind with us. Hottest day and most stifling night since coming on board.

May 10.—The passengers among themselves are getting out a paper called the "Benares Balm Breeze." One of the Y.M.C.A. men is editor, and Miss Hinman has charge of the woman's page. First issue was read to-night—it was really a wonderful production.

May 11.—In the night the wind turned, and suddenly we felt as if we were in the frigid zone. Great rejoicing over the change. It was with real feeling we sang at the breakfast table, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

May 12.—Reached Suez, at the southern entrance to the canal—not allowed on shore.

May 13.—Entered the canal about four, and were in it all night—only a distance of eighty-eight miles, but steamer must go very slowly. Had our first glimpse of things connected with the war—sand bag embankments, trenches and barbed wire entanglements. Saw the place where the direct line of railway from Egypt to Palestine crosses the canal. Near here is the scene of a short but fierce engagement with the Turks. Spent an interesting morning at Port Said, then on out into the blue Mediterranean.

May 17.—Passed Malta last evening, but not close enough to see any more than a dim outline. Was thankful the sea was more favorable than when Paul passed this way. To-night we had a unique musicale. Those from different parts of India were asked to sing in the vernaculars they had learned. No less than sixteen languages were represented.

May 20.—Early this morning arrived at Gibraltar, that great fortress that guards the Mediterranean. Soon after we came to anchor a large ship pulled in near us, literally packed with American soldiers. We sang "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue," which they cheered heartily. Some of our men shouted out, "Where are you going?" The reply came as one great roar, "New York and home!"

Had an interesting day at Gibraltar. Drove up the hill and saw some of the guns and fortifications; also drove out to the border of Spanish territory. We learned that the rock is 1,500 feet high, and is literally honeycombed with galleries, where guns are placed.

May 21.—Left Gibraltar at three, and were soon out on the broad Atlantic—the last stage of our journey.

24th of May—Queen's Birthday—celebrated by sports in the afternoon and a concert at night, which closed with the three national songs, "O Canada" by the Canadians, "Star-Spangled Banner" by the Americans, and "Rule, Britannia" by the Britishers (who, by the way, had to be helped out in their song by the Canadians!).

May 25.—Very stormy day—immense waves breaking over the bow. Many people seasick.

May 30.—Ran into another storm, worse than the other terrific gale, all day. In the evening went up to the hurricane deck and saw a sight well worth seeing, as the great waves broke over the bow and nearly drenched us with their spray. It took all our strength to hold on. Very few at evening prayers.

May 31.—Were in the Gulf Stream all day—it is over 300 miles wide here. The last of our lectures was given to-day. It has been a great privilege to hear such a man as Dr. Hume from day to day, as he spoke on subjects relating to work in India. The evening meetings for Bible study and prayer have been a real blessing to us, and we trust also to the work we have left behind.

June 2.—About ten o'clock to-night saw the first light on the American shore. We are nearing Boston harbor after a voyage of exactly six weeks. Great excitement prevails.

June 3.—Were awakened about 5.30 with the announcement that all must appear for medical inspection as soon as possible. This surely was a sample of American push—somewhat different from India! After appearing before the police officers, customs officers, immigration officers and another medical officer, and being duly inspected by each, we were allowed to go ashore. Received a warm welcome—95 degrees in the shade.

June 4.—Left Boston for Canada and home, where the real welcome awaited us.
LIDA PRATT.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST AT GUELPH ONT., NOVEMBER 12TH AND 13TH, 1919.

Foreign Mission Day, Thursday, November 13th.

Conferences.

The usual conference for Directors will be held on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th, at 4 p.m.

The Secretary of Bands is planning this year for a conference on Band work at 2 p.m. on the same afternoon. Plans are not yet perfected, but it is her hope that this may be carried out. Definite announcement will appear as to this in the November Link. These conferences will be held in the church.

Delegates.

The Constitution of each Society allows the following:—
Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less; for each additional twenty, 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 Young Women's Circle is entitled to the same representation. Each Band has the right to send one delegate, over 15 years of age.

All are invited to attend the meetings, and may take part in the discussions,

but only delegates, officers, members of the Board, and life members of the Society are entitled to vote.

The following members of the Board retire this year, but are eligible for re-election: Mrs. Thomas Urquhart, Miss E. Nasmith, Mrs. James Ryrle, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Mrs. R. C. Dancy, Miss S. J. Webster, Mrs. Charles Senior, all of Toronto, and Mrs. H. F. Veals, of Hamilton.

Nominations in writing may be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Board, and the opportunity will also be given to the meeting to make open nominations.
E. M. INRIG, Rec. Sec.

PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN MISSION DAY OF THE WOMEN'S CONVENTION, TO BE HELD IN GUELPH, NOVEMBER 13TH.

Foreign Mission Day—Thursday, November 13th.

"The entrance of Thy Word giveth light."—Ps. 119: 130.

President, Mrs. Albert Matthews.

Reporter for "Canadian Baptist" and Year Book, Mrs. Zavitz.
Convention Secretary, and Reporter for LINK, Miss Jackson.

Morning Session.

- "Open thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."—
Ps. 119: 18.
- 9.30 a.m. Hymn. Scripture reading—Mrs. W. R. Evans. Prayer—Mrs. E. J. Patrick.
- 9.45 a.m. Annual Reports: Recording Secretary, Mrs. Inrig; Bands, Mrs. Marshall; LINK, Miss Norton; Secretary of Directors (Foreign), Mrs. Lloyd.
- 10.30 a.m. Hymn.
- 10.35 a.m. Meditation. "I will hear what God the Lord will speak"—Mrs. Mitchell.
- 11.00 a.m. President's Message—Mrs. Matthews.
- 11.20 a.m. Treasury and Budget Report—Mrs. Campbell.
- 11.35 a.m. Election of officers.
- 12.00 a.m. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

- "Is not my Word like fire? . . . and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"—Jer. 23: 29.
- 2.00 p.m. Hymn. Prayer—Mrs. Kendall.
- 2.15 p.m. Band Exercises, directed by Mrs. Marshall.
- 2.45 p.m. "The relation between Circle and Church in the Forward Movement."
Discussion led by Mrs. Pearce.
- 2.15 p.m. Hymn. Offering.
- 3.20 p.m. Reminiscences of 45 years of Mission work in India. Mrs. McLaurin.
- 3.50 p.m. Hymn.
- 4.00 p.m. Report of Corresponding Secretary. Introducing our workers, with glimpses of their Indian homes.
- 5.00 p.m. Adjournment.

Evening Session.

- "The seed is the Word of God."—Luke 8: 11.
"My Word shall not return unto me void."—Isa. 55: 11.
- 7.45 p.m. Song Service.
- 8.00 p.m. Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. W. S. McAlpine.
- 8.10 p.m. Sowing the Seed in Cocanada—Miss Pratt.
- 9.00 p.m. Hymn. Offering.
- 9.15 p.m. Sowing the Seed in Akidu—Miss Hinman.
- 9.55 p.m. Hymn.
- 10.00 p.m. Benediction.

CONVENTION RAILROAD RATES.

If Certified Attendance is	Fare for Return Trip will be:
99 or less	—Four-fifths one-way ordinary first-class adult fare plus 25 cents.
100 or more	—Three-fifths one-way ordinary first-class adult fare plus 25 cents.

Those attending Convention must purchase one-way ordinary first-class adult fare tickets (fare for which must not be less than 75 cents) to Guelph, and secure certificate to that effect on Standard Convention Certificate form from the Ticket Agent at time of purchase of ticket.

Tickets and Certificates will be issued on and after November 7th, returning up to and including November 15th, 1919.

No stop-overs allowed.

E. M. INRIG, Rec. Sec.

NOTES OF THE BOARD MEETING.

There were thirty-five members present, and by invitation, Miss Priest and Miss Norton, when the Board met on September 12th.

The matter of the union of the LINK and "Visitor" was discussed at some length, and many good reasons, both for and against, were presented. Because of the importance of this question, the Board by a large majority carried a motion, "That we do not confer with the Home Board regarding the union of the papers unless a two-thirds majority are in favor of it." Also, in order that every member might have an opportunity to express herself, a motion was carried that a vote be taken by ballot, and that a ballot be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Board unable to be present, to be returned within one week after it is issued; the ballots cast at the Board meeting to be kept in a sealed envelope, to be opened before a committee and counted with the ballots sent in. The committee consists of the President, Mrs. McLaurin, Mrs. Zavitz, and the Recording Secretary.

The committee in charge of the Convention programme have succeeded in preparing one which will be of great interest and profit to us all. A unique feature will be the views of our workers and their Indian homes.

"The best year in our history," the Treasurer reports. Circles, Young Women's Circles, and Bands, are all ahead of last year in their giving. With the rate of exchange soaring almost every day, it seems impossible to expect that we shall this year keep ahead of our estimates, as we have always done in the past. But in spite of the fact that exchange has more than doubled the amount set aside in our estimates for this item, so far we have been able to go beyond it. We shall win out this year also, if we continue this good work to the end.

You will all be pleased to hear that the boathouse for the Missionaries' Rest Home in Muskoka has at last materialized. But some of the Circles who took up a special offering in June for this and other necessary repairs, have forgotten to forward it to the Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Senior, 168 Davenport Road, Toronto, and so it is not all quite paid for yet.

A Billeting Committee, consisting of Mrs. A. R. Park, Mrs. R. C. Dancy and Mrs. Chas. Senior, was appointed to look after the comfort and entertainment of those who are coming from out of town to the great send-off meeting for our outgoing missionaries in Massey Hall, on Friday, October 10th. Won't you all come and give them something to do?

We regret to report the loss of Mrs. J. C. Doherty as Director of the Niagara-Hamilton Association, on account of removal to Toronto. Her successor, Mrs. J. L. Sloat, of Niagara Falls, was welcomed at the Board meeting.

Miss Priest, who was with us for the last time during this furlough, voiced her appreciation of all the love and kindness that had been shown her wherever she traveled throughout the Convention. It had been the best of tonics to her, she said, and we think she has been an equally good tonic to the Circles. The treasury says so, too.

E. M. INRIG, Rec. Sec.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Reported by Mrs. Charles Brown, Brantford:

The twenty-third Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands met in Association with the St. George Church on Tuesday, June 10th. There was a large delegation present. For the convenience and pleasure of the delegates nothing was spared, and "St. George, 1919," will remain forever a delightful recollection with every Baptist visitor.

Afternoon Session.

At 1.30 the President, Mrs. G. N. Simmons, of Springfield, took charge of the meeting and led in the opening devotional exercises. Mrs. Wm. Kerr, St. George, extended a very hearty welcome on behalf of the church. Mrs. A. Carr, of Brantford, responded to the greetings on behalf of the visiting ladies. The President, Mrs. Simmons, very helpfully addressed the Association. This was followed by the appointment of committees. A Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Mesdames W. R. Baird, S. G. Read, Wm. Kerr. The Nominating Committee was composed of Mesdames Cook, McKay and Jones. Miss Whiting, the Director of Circles, reported progress. There are in the Association 3 Circles with 6 Young Women's Circles. The Circles gave during the year \$3,603.00, an increase of \$993 over that of last year, the objective for the year "Soul Winning," "Intercessory Prayer," "Sacrificial Giving." Mrs. J. Jones, of Woodstock, delighted with a beautiful solo entitled "God and God alone is love." Mrs. D. B. Smith, of Springfield, addressed the Association on the theme, "Soul Winning," as found in the 1st chapter of John's Gospel. The speaker emphasized the great "Come" of Jesus, the personal touch and the great joy and blessing that comes to those who bring a soul to Jesus. Very earnest prayers were offered by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. McKay, Brantford, and Mrs. Smith, Springfield. The report of the Band Director, Miss Hotsen, of Innerkip, was especially interesting. Ten Bands have increased their giving this year. The Director urged that they keep in remembrance two things—that each Band is to exhibit some Band material at our next Association and that each Band is to prepare a poster. The Banner goes this year to the Burtch Band. Miss Hotsen then called on Mrs. W. R. Baird, of Brantford, who presented a banner given for practical work, won by the Mission Band of Calvary Church, Brantford. A very delightful feature of the afternoon session was a Band exercise entitled "The Bands' appeal to the Circles," given by 12 boys and girls from the different Bands of the Association on "How Bands were started," "Their aims and purposes," "Why it is necessary to have organized Bands in our Association," "Winning Canada for Christ," and many other interesting topics. The exercise concluded with the words "Pray, work, give and go." It made a deep impression on those present; so we pray that as these young people grow in wisdom and in stature, they may grow also in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, and be used of Him to the glory of His name. Mrs. Carr offered a very earnest prayer. Mrs. G. W. Barber, of Brantford, gave a recitation, a beautiful story of the cross, from the life-experience of Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, of India, which was given with much feeling and greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. A. H. Tromow, of Brantford, followed with a violin solo, the "Lost Chord," Miss Armstrong accompanying on the organ. A Circle Conference was very ably conducted by Mrs. Vardon, of Springfield. Each Circle had been asked to present a problem or some helpful feature. The number of questions asked revealed the deep interest the members of this Association have in this work. Some of the questions discussed were: How may we reach the uninterested women? How

can we get the women to lead in prayer? How can we best stimulate interest in our meetings so as to encourage more women to attend? Could not the Mission Circles made a vigorous campaign against the liquor traffic by organizing themselves? and many other interesting problems were presented. The quiet half-hour was conducted by Rev. T. C. France, of Burke's Falls. Mr. France chose as his theme "Sacrificial Giving," and in opening said: Our giving in order to be Christian must be sacrificial; the speaker dealt on the Scripture Doctrine of Stewardship, of the Doctrine of the Tithe, even the Ancients gave a 10th. Tithing helps us to realize our stewardship. The speaker spoke of our giving as sowing, and our gifts as the seed, sowing sparingly and sowing bountifully. Those who give sacrificially will have all the more to give. The Kingdom of God demands of us sacrificial giving. Mr. France closed an interesting and helpful session with prayer and the Benediction.

Evening Session.

The evening session opened by singing "All hail the power of Jesus name" and prayer by Mr. Carr, Brantford. The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows: "Whereas the Lord's day is being used more and more for pleasure instead of worship, be it resolved that we women in the Oxford-Brant Association do all in our power to conserve the sanctity of the day and teach our children the same.

2nd. Whereas our Province has spoken three times in favor of Prohibition of the liquor traffic, be it resolved that this Association of Baptist women petition the Government that the issue be brought in as a straight question of Prohibition or not, and so eliminate the possibility of confusion in the mind of women voters in the first use of the franchise.

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations.

The Association agreed.

Officers, 1919-1920.

President—Mrs. W. R. Baird, Brantford.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Lindsay, Tillsonburg.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. James, Woodstock.

Director of Circles—Miss J. Whiting, Brantford.

Director of Bands—Miss Z. Hotson, Innerkip.

Band Executive—Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Carr, Miss Margaret Matthews.

Mrs. Lindsay, of Tillsonburg, spoke of our Foreign Missionary paper, the LINK, as a connection between us and our Foreign Missionaries. She dwelt on three classes: Those who do not take it at all, those who take it and do not read it, and those who take it and read every issue. Her talk was particularly to those who do not take it, emphasizing that in order to give, to pray, to talk intelligently, we must read it always.

In speaking for the "Visitor," Mrs. Stringham, of Woodstock, said: The men (our Home Mission pastors) on the frontier of our Christian civilization are in the front trenches of our civilization; they work under difficulties that are very trying and should have the sympathy of Christian workers. We must read the "Visitor" to know what these men are doing. The St. George choir rendered the anthem "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good tidings." Mrs. Robert White, Brantford, led in the devotional "Missionary Intercession," basing her remarks on the words of Jesus, "Ask and ye shall receive." "Seek and ye shall find." "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Nicholson.

of Brantford. Mrs. Harry Stillwell, of Toronto, gave a most inspiring address on "Foreign Missions," relating a beautiful story of the potters shaping their vessels, taken from her India Home "Bobbili," and how the Great Potter can, out of wasted material, make beautiful vessels fit for His use. After the singing of a beautiful duet, "I came to Jesus as I was," by two members of the St. George choir, Mr. France gave the address on "Home Missions."—how the work has its sunshine and shadow, its joys and sadness, encouragements and disappointments. "Home Missions" are the foundation of our denominational life in Canada, and we have a wonderful share in this great work, because the responsibilities are varied and great. The Association felt indebted to Mr. France for his very spiritual address. The Association, which was a helpful one in every respect, was closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Pady.

Offering for the day \$19.80.

**PROGRAMME OF THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

(Eastern Ontario and Quebec.)

Keyword—"Victory."

Thursday, October 9th, 1919.

Morning Session.

- 9.30 a.m. Hymn No. 3. Scripture reading and prayer. Election of Convention Reporter.
- 9.45 a.m. President's message. Mrs. H. Hibbard Ayer.
- 10.15 a.m. Minutes last Annual Meeting. Business: Appointing Committees on Nominations and Appropriations. Report of Recording Secretary, Miss G. Bentley; Report of Secretary of Bands, Mrs. J. H. Ramsey. Report of Bureau of Literature, Miss F. Dakin. "The LINK and Study Books," Mrs. E. H. Findlay.
- 11.00 a.m. Hymn 215. Quiet Hour. Mrs. A. N. Frith.
- 11.30 a.m. Hymn 415. Election of Officers and Executive Board.
- 12.00 noon. Roll call. Adjournment.
- Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. L. Orchard.
Recording Secretary, Miss G. Bentley.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley.
Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. C. Martin.
Treasurer, Miss F. M. Russell.
Retiring Members of the Board—Mrs. E. Reynolds, Miss McKergow, Miss Lester, Mrs. Chaplin, Mrs. A. E. Massé, Mrs. G. P. Watt, Mrs. Jas. Walker.

Afternoon Session.

- 2.00 p.m. Hymn 151. Prayer service. Mrs. Ellis Fray, Coaticook,
2.30 p.m. Minutes morning session.
3.00 p.m. Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley.
3.00 p.m. Report of Treasurer, Miss F. M. Russell. Report of Committee on Appropriations. Hymn 793.
3.30 p.m. Address: "School Work in Akidu," Miss Hinman, India, officiating.
4.00 p.m. The Open Forum, conducted by Mrs. A. E. Paterson. Equipment, Expansion, Excellence.
4.30 Memorial Roll, Mrs. F. L. Orchard. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
4.50 p.m. Closing hymn. Adjournment.

Evening Session—Farewell Service.

- 8.00 p.m. Hymn 563. Devotional exercises. A farewell message, Miss A. C. Murray, India. Hymn 804. Address, Dr. E. G. Smith, India. Music offering. Address, Rev. R. C. Bensen, India. Closing words, Rev. H. E. Stillwell. Hymn 638. Benediction.