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Christmas Carol.

A bright and blessed Christmas Day
With echoes of the angel's song
And peace that cannot pass away
And holy gladness calm and strong
And sweet heart Carols following free!
This is my Christmas wish to thee!

—Havergal.

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THE CONVENTION—ST. CATHARINES.

1917 Convention was characterized by larger numbers than usual. St. Catharines is most convenient to the whole of the Niagara Peninsula, where are many strong churches, which sent up many delegates, and so swelled the numbers.

The weather was perfect, the arrangements made by the church were most convenient, and all the machinery moved along without any friction whatever. Mr. Stewart, the minister of Queen Street Church, was thoughtful and helpful in every possible way, and helped much to the success of the meetings.

The President's address—"What is that in thine hand?" The question was to Moses. It was only a rod, but the giving it into the power of God, and in obedience to His command, made it a thing of miracle. The question to the little boy revealed only five loaves and two small fishes, yet it became sufficient to feed the multitude. The widow's two mites became more than all; Dorcas' simple needle has helped to clothe the poor ever since. What is that in our hands? \$5.00, \$1.00. It may become a mighty thing—if put into the hands of the Master to use.

One report called attention to the fact that many still forget to send postage with orders to the Bureau of Literature. Do not forget this seemingly

small item, for "mony a mickle mak's a muckle."

The country of the Telugus, as we all know, has been allotted to us as Canadian Baptists to evangelize. That means that each one of us—man, woman and child—is responsible for forty Telugus,—we must each reach that number if they are to hear the Gospel story.

Miss Findlay is busily pursuing her study of medicine in Winnipeg,—She will go out in a short while, our next medical missionary. Miss Laura Allyn, sister of Dr. Allyn, is training as a nurse, intending to join her sister in India before long.

There is a women's club recently organized in one of the cities of our Mission. On one of the walls of the room where they meet is the motto: "The world was made for women too."—and these women are just now finding it out!

The report of Mrs. Fenton, the Recording Secretary, was read by Mrs. Inrig. Everyone will miss Mrs. Fenton as Secretary, and will regret very much her decision that she must resign. Mrs. Inrig is to fill her place, and will soon become as well and happily known to our constituency as she is to the Board.

It would be a very great help to the Band Secretary and to the Treasurer if Band leaders throughout the country

would grasp and remember that for all information concerning the names or grades of students supported, or about to be supported, Mrs. R. J. Marshall, 11 Glenholme Avenue, Toronto, is the proper court of appeal; but that for the sending of all money for student support, the address is Mrs. G. H. Campbell, 119 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto.

Norfolk Association has a noble aim for the coming year,—not only more members, but more papers. All success to them!

The Treasurer asks most earnestly that all who send money to her by cheque from points outside Toronto will add the exchange. This small matter unattended to, means a serious loss for the whole year.

Middlesex and Lambton Association are looking forward to supporting a medical missionary over and above their regular giving.

We have the remarkable record this year,—the third year of the war,—of raising more money in our Circles and Bands than ever before.

A motto from Secretary of Directors:

"Just start in to sing
As you tackle the thing
That can't be done,
And you'll do it."

The impersonation of the women missionaries by the young ladies made the report of the Corresponding Secretary most interesting. Miss Rogers introduced each representative, who gave her report with such interest and so much assuming of the character of her missionary; that some almost wondered if an overnight journey from India had suddenly become possible.

Mrs. Kendall in Band Conference—"Band leaders are born, not made, but many have not come into their birth-right."

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

One Woman.

There's a dear little Brahmin woman down town who is a real Christian at heart and a great witness-bearer. She is the one who went to Gundur on my recommendation, and after some weeks' treatment there, came back full of the vision she had got. She is just full of it, and has seemed to cast overboard all her old Brahmin ideas of caste, custom, ceremony, everything, in one great burst of light. She bought a hymn-book there, and sings scores of hymns beautifully. I gave her a Testament, which she reads. We have prayers at her house. She invites all her friends. They come and look on while she shakes hands, leads us to a seat, brings her

children up to us, takes us into her home, and in every way possible shows that she knows no caste difference. She treats the Biblewomen the same way. These women "go for" her, and say, "How can we receive you if you touch them?" and she says: "You don't have to receive me—I shan't mind." But they do. Some of them stand off, but most of them are learning something from her. Some days ago I went, and she had three friends—two Brahmins and a Komati woman—who all sat down with her quite near me, and listened well, with real true serious interest. The Komati woman I knew well. She is an intelligent, nice wo man, with more than ordinary interest in spiritual

things. I had been to her house once or twice, but was always seated on a mat on the ground in a sort of side door-yard, a very poor place, while she and her Komati chums sat yards away, where I had to shout to make them hear. But in Jagayamma's house she sat so close she almost touched me! So much for Jagayamma's example. The lesson we had that day—on the Holy Spirit—she has given over again to callers, and the other Brahmin women tell me how Jagayamma sings and talks to them when they go to see her. At first they made fun of and criticized her, but they commend the teaching now. She is gradually winning them around. And the wonder of it is, she is such a quiet little body, you would never dream she had such a strength and force. She told me that she told her husband she wanted to be a Christian, and for him to join, too. He said: "But they would excommunicate us," and she said: "What harm would that do?—they were independent, and needn't mind." She said he laughed and said, "Alright, you go!" He seems a nice quiet man, who doesn't mind at all her religious tastes. She is bringing up her children as Christians should, and is, in short, a new creature. She is a great helper to us—as good as a Biblewoman, almost! Her witness is so brave and clear and constant.

K. S. McLAURIN.

A MESSAGE FROM INDIA.

Dear Friends: Were it my privilege to be with you in your Women's Convention, the keyword of my message to you, from the experiences of a year spent in India, would be the word **NEED**, with every letter a capital.

Are some of you thinking within

yourselves, "Oh, that is such an old message! Why does not she give us something new?"

Stop a moment. Ought we not to learn the old lessons before attempting something new? Do we really realize just all that one small word "Need" means to the countless millions in heathen darkness? If we all did, then could the statement be made which I heard made by a splendid missionary, namely, "There are enough English-speaking people now in India to evangelize it." The trouble is, a very small number are missionaries. If every follower of the Master had had the same earnest zeal for His cause that the fewer number have shown, would nineteen hundred and seventeen years have passed since the coming of the "Babe of Bethlehem" and yet the gospel has not been preached to every creature?

I am writing to you from my own experiences and what I believe are the experiences of many. How many times I have said to myself since coming to India, "Oh, if I had only realized as I do now the greatness of the need—if I had only been willing to fully consecrate every power of body, mind and heart as I strive to do now, what I might have done for missions while still at home!"

It is because of this consciousness of what I have missed that I strive to bring home to everyone who reads this message something of the vision of what each and every one can do for missions while at home.

A splendid young girl friend of mine writes: "I feel that I would like to be upon the mission field, but my mother says, 'Never so long as I live.'" That mother is a member of a Foreign Missionary Society. My heart said: "Do they realize the need?"

Another girl writes me: "I feel that I should like to be a missionary, but I feel I am not strong enough." Did she, I wonder, ever ask the Lord to make her strong enough?

How different her spirit is from that of one of our dear women who has been on this field for nearly thirty years! She told me that she often left her work—often, when a girl, threw her broom down and went to pray that the Lord would send her to the field. He did.

Need I speak of the appalling need of India? Have not all of you heard of it again and again?

Statistics are abundantly obtainable, but after all they convey to us but a poor idea.

Listen! We have it on good authority that if Jesus had lived on earth from His birth until now and had visited one village in India every day from the time of his birth until now, there would still be 30 000 who would never have seen His face.

There are in all just 2,400 missionaries in India!

There are three needs: 1. Need of lives. 2. Need of money. 3. Need of prayer. The last is by no means the least.

Do we all realize these needs? Do they touch our hearts so deeply that we are willing to sacrifice to supply the need?

Are we not servants—nay, bond-servants of Christ's? His fields are white, ready for harvest. Do we need to stand and ask, "Lord, do you wish me there?" Surely the ripened fields are our answer.

Do we realize that prayer is one of our mightiest weapons, which every one of us may wield with mighty results, even though we are "shut-ins"?

One of the greatest needs of foreign—and home—missions surely is earnest, steady, intelligent prayer—every member of every Society, Circle and Band praying.

We all admire the splendid courage, the splendid sense of duty of our "boys" who have gone to the "front." We all admire the noble enthusiasm of the members of Red Cross and other societies, who are helping to fight militarism. Have we stopped to think what our missionaries are facing? Paul says: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Have we shown as great enthusiasm for missions as our sisters of the Red Cross have shown in their work? Why not?

Missionaries sometimes spend hours in prayer for one soul. Do you spend one for missions?

A woman missionary who has been twenty-seven years in India and who went through that terrible famine, told me, a few weeks ago, that, during that time, she and her husband knew the days when their supporters and friends at home prayed for them. They felt the strength to meet the daily duties. Do you realize the need? If not—read, study, learn—then pray and give. Give in the spirit of these lines:—

"Not what we give, but what we share;
The gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his gift feeds
three—
Himself, his hungry neighbor and me."

E. E. FARNELL.
Coonor, India, Sept. 1, 1917.

WATCH FOR "LESSONS" NEXT
MONTH.

THE MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Talbot Street.—A most enthusiastic "Thanksgiving Rally" of the Mission Band of the Talbot Street Baptist Church was held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, October 14th, which was largely attended, about 200 being present.

After a splendid program, the Mission Band Gift Boxes, which were given to the members before the holidays, were opened, and the amount realized was \$70.00; which is likely to be increased before the next meeting. This money is to go toward the Mission Band's new library, which has already opened, and the boys and girls are becoming immensely interested in the new Missionary Books.

It was passed at this meeting that \$20.00 be sent at once to Foreign Mission Treasurer, and \$20.00 to Home Mission Treasurer.

The meeting closed with singing the Doxology and repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

After the meeting, fruit and candy, which was brought in by the boys and girls and placed in prettily decorated baskets, was taken to the soldiers in the Convalescent Military Hospital.

We wish that more Mission Band Secretaries would send reports of their activities to the LINK and "Visitor."

ARLIE BISBEE.
Corr. Secretary.

Bentnick.—The anniversary services in connection with our church were held September 30th, the Rev. E. J. McEwen of Warton being the preacher for the day.

On Monday, October 1st, instead of the old-fashioned tea, the ladies of the Mission Circle gave a missionary program, with the pastor in the chair.

The Rev. E. J. McEwen, chairman of the local Home Mission Board, spoke to us on behalf of Home Missions, and Dr. E. G. Smith spoke on medical work in India. A splendid time and a good congregation. A free-will offering was taken, which amounted to \$12.50.

We have had a good year, but are looking forward to better things.

MARY McCALLUM,
Secretary.

Kitchener.—King Street Church Mission Circle held its annual thank-offering on the evening of October 10th. The President, Mrs. Cameron, presided, while devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Mr. Cameron. We complied with the request of the Association, and had only local talent. The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal solos and readings.

Mrs. Pequegnat represented Dr. Pearl Chute, of India, giving a splendid idea of our medical work in India. Miss Alice Clarke gave a synopsis of Bolivian work, and Miss Hilda Bowman gave a paper on Alaskan Missions. The latter, while not directly our work, was very interesting.

We raised altogether for Missions during the year \$125.00. The thank-offering amounted to \$36.00. We also raised 75 per cent. of our 25 per cent. raise for Home Missions, and \$25.00 for life membership to Home Society. The above was presented by Mrs. E. D. Lang, in a few well-chosen words, to Mrs. Jamieson. Mrs. Jamieson, in thanking the ladies, admonished all present to live up to their opportunities of service for the Master while they had all their faculties.

Mr. Watson, from our honor roll, and a Viny hero, was present, and gave us a few of his interesting experiences.

While our Society grows slowly in numbers, we believe we have God's blessing, and while we go forward in His name He will bless our small efforts to further His kingdom at home and abroad.

ZUE E. DETENBECK,
Secretary.

Egerton Street, London.—On October 4th the Mission Circle held their annual Thank-offering meeting. After the usual opening exercises, a song was given by the Mission Band. Rev. H. H. Bingham, pastor of Talbot Street Church, gave a most helpful talk on prayer, which seemed to strike a keynote for the evening. We also had Mrs. Baldwin, our Director, who presented our Associational work. Then we had Miss Mangan, who gave us a sketch of her sister's work in Bolivia.

During the evening we were favored with solos by Miss Kennedy, of London South. The Benediction was pronounced by our pastor, Rev. A. C. Bingham. All went home feeling it was good to be here, and with a desire to do more for Missions.

M. PIERCE,
Secretary.

Parry Sound.—We held our Thank-offering meeting October 2nd. Had a very pleasant meeting, ten of the sisters taking some part in the programme. After school several of the Mission Band children sang two missionary songs for us. Offerings amounted to \$22.20.

Our Mission Band is still at work,

During the year Mrs. A. Wright, one of our Circle members, gave several very instructive and interesting talks on South America, and especially on our work in Bolivia, also showing lantern views of the country and our missionaries. During the early summer the children were given mite boxes, asking them to help send a new missionary to India. \$26.38 was realized from the boxes. Later we had a sale of vegetables, home-made baking and candy, making over ten dollars. It was all equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

SARA L. BUNT.

Houghton First.—The Mission Circle held a special Thank-offering meeting on the evening of September 28th, Mrs. Freed, former pastor's wife, presiding.

Miss A. E. Baskerville, of Cocanada, India, gave us a most interesting address on her work in India, which cannot help but make a lasting impression on all present.

Mrs. C. Johnson and Mrs. C. Mitchner very ably sang a duet, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$8.81, afterwards raised to \$10.00 and expenses. Rev. Mr. Freed closed with prayer.

MRS. J. C. FOSTER,
Secretary.

Ingersoll.—The Baptist Church, Ingersoll, held their annual Thank-offering meeting on October 10th. The pastor, Rev. Jos. Janes in the chair. The attendance was all that could be desired, about 150 being present. Mrs. C. H. Holman, of Toronto, gave a splendid address on the work amongst the foreigners, and pointed out to us our great responsibility.

A programme, consisting of readings and solos, was given by the Mission Band, also a dialogue by four young ladies of the Circle. Mrs. (Rev.) Janes gave a beautiful rendering of "Why stand ye idle here?"

The evening was quite a success in every way. The collection amounted to \$17.07.

A. MARTIN,
Secretary.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

MARIANNA'S POPPIES.

She was a little bit of a girl to have such a long name as Marianna, but grandfather had given it to her, and it was grandmother's name, too, so the little bit of a girl was very proud of being called Marianna.

When Miss Molly, the Sunday School teacher, spoke to her class about sending money away off to China in order that the poor little Chinese children might be sent to school and Christianized, Marianna listened eagerly, for she was the kind of little girl who always liked to help. "Just like her grandmother," people said.

"Everybody here," Miss Molly continued, smiling on her class, "can not only send a little money away off to China, but each little girl and boy can make the money."

"Earn it?" asked Willie Smith; and Marianna listened hard.

"Yes, earn it," said Miss Molly.

"How?" asked Ginny Snow, and again Marianna listened.

"Ask your parents," said Miss Molly, "to give you a little plot of ground in the garden. Let each boy and girl hoe and plant this little plot. Then take good care of the vegetables, whether they be cabbage, or turnips, or radishes, or lettuce, or peas, or beans, or—" Miss Molly paused, and Bobby Wilson added, "Sweet corn." And everybody laughed in a pleased kind of way, thinking of the little gardens.

No, everybody did not laugh. There was one person in Miss Molly's class whose face was very solemn over the teacher's suggestion. This person was a little bit of a girl who answered to the long name of Marianna.

Marianna's papa and mamma did not have any garden.

The little bit of a girl went home with her trouble. Papa said he would give her as much money to send to China as anybody else made with a little garden; but the little girl was not satisfied, for she wanted to see things grow and to make the money her own self.

One day Marianna happened to think of the flower-bed in the front yard.

"Mamma," she said, and there never was a more eager questioner, "can I have the flower-bed in the front yard for the Chinese children?"

"Vegetables in the front yard, Marianna!" cried mamma, aghast. "Darling, that would never do!"

"I don't mean vegetables," said the little girl. "I mean flowers."

Thereupon the mamma gave the flower-bed to Marianna.

The little bit of a girl planted scarlet poppies in her flower-bed. When the poppies bloomed, they were so big and so brilliant that everybody noticed them. After the flowers fell off, Marianna watched the seed until papa said it was ripe. Then she tied it up in neat little papers, and sold scarlet poppy seed from door to door.

That is the way the little bit of a girl managed to earn money for the Chinese children.—Dew Drops.

SOBBING WITH HER POCKET-BOOK.

Old mammy came in to see me the other day quite exercised in her mind about Sis' Caline.

"Sis Caline was tellin' me 'bout some po' fambly," she said, "a snifflin' through her nose an' sayin', 'Hit's a sad case, Sis Mirandy, dat I has sho' shed a barrel of tears ober.'"

"Dat's sho' a lot o' tears," sponseed I. "But what yuh gib dat po' fambly, Sis Caline? Hit would 'e mo' comfort in to 'em of you'd quit cryin' and get busy cookin' fer 'em."

But lawyd, 'er said Mammy Mirandy, rolling her eyes, "Sir Ca'line takes out all her sympathy cryin' ober de afflicted. You ain't neber heard her sob none wid her pocketbook, has ye?"

REV. AND MRS. A. L. AULICK AND THEIR NEW WORK.

It will be of interest to our Baptist people generally throughout North America and especially to the students and faculties of our Baptist institutions to know that Rev. A. L. Aulick and his wife, Mrs. Marie Cook Aulick, have accepted the position as Student Secretaries with the Baptist Student Missionary Movement. Mr. and Mrs. Aulick will visit Baptist schools, also, state and independent institutions. Of course, they will not be able to reach all of these schools, as their field is North America. They will begin this work about the 25th of October.

We make this announcement with great satisfaction because of the fine preparation which Mr. and Mrs. Aulick bring to this work. Mr. Aulick is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, and has attended as a special student Baylor University, and the University of Denver. Both he and his

wife graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary some two years ago.

For the past year he has been Teaching Secretary, with his wife as assistant, under the State Board of Missions of Arkansas. In this position he held B. Y. P. U., Sunday School and Bible Institutes. Brother Aulick comes to this new work with the hearty commendation of the forces in Arkansas. We know it will be the pleasure of the faculties and students of our various institutions throughout North America to give him a hearty welcome, as he shall come to them in the interest of missionary education and enthusiasm in their relation to Baptist students. While among our students in our schools and colleges he will place special emphasis upon the deepening of the spiritual life, the winning of the lost to Christ, and the stirring up of missionary interest among all Baptist students.

CHAS. T. BALL.

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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO WEST

Reported by Mrs. W. H. Cline.

The Annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society met on November 8th in Queen Street Baptist Church, St. Catharines. Mrs. John McLaurin was in the chair. From the first it was felt that the large body of delegates present was under the spell of an earnest purpose to do business for the King. Mrs. G. Campbell, in giving the Treasurer's statement, said that she was able to give the best report ever presented. More money had been raised than ever before, the total receipts for the year being \$17,734.01. The deficit that sometimes had been wont to come up to our Conventions was this year conspicuous by its absence.

The Link.

Miss Norton's report showed that, in spite of the advanced price of paper and labor, THE LINK was holding its own. It has 296 more subscribers than last year. Can we not still further increase the subscription list during the year before us, and so widen the field of usefulness of this very helpful paper?

Band Work.

Under the efficient leadership of Mrs. R. J. Marshall, the Band work is prospering, more money has been raised, and a larger number of Bands has reported than last year. There is a call for more Band leaders.

The prayer service led by Mrs. Inrig was most impressive, and as one after another led audibly in prayer, the Spirit's presence was realized, and many hearts were reconsecrated to Christ and His service.

The President's Message.

Mrs. John McLaurin congratulated the women of the Circles on being linked up with Jesus Christ in the work of giving the gospel to the peoples of the earth, and reminded them that if Christ was yoked with them, He could not go faster than they were willing to go. Since the women began the work in India, they had invested \$350,000, and had wonderful results to show for it,

for money expands in a most marvellous way when sent to the East. "But much still remains to be done, and by God's grace let us on at His call."

Officers Elected.

The officers elected are: President, Mrs. John McLaurin; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. J. Ross and Mrs. J. G. Brown; Board, Mrs. John MacNeil, Mrs. Stillwell, Mrs. Pugsley, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. H. Stark, Miss Dayfoot and Miss Alexander.

At the afternoon session we spent an hour with our representatives in India. The choir seats, filled with bright young women, each representing one of our missionaries, was in itself an inspiring sight and the heroic, splendid work being done by our missionaries became very real to us as we listened as one after the other recounted the story of the year's achievements.

Miss Baskerville gave a very stirring address, reviewing the work accomplished during the 35 years since our first single lady missionary went out to India. Many caste women have been won, though not all have had the courage to come out and publicly avow themselves Christians. Many outcasts (the untouchable ones) are now welcomed in caste homes, and are giving the gospel to those who formerly were their proud superiors. Miss Baskerville, who has labored in India for 29 years, made a strong appeal to young women to come and offer themselves for this great work of missions.

The Mission Band Conference, conducted by Mrs. R. J. Marshall, called forth much lively discussion, and many helpful suggestions. All those interested in Band work were invited to visit a fine Mission Band exhibit at the close of the session.

Evening Meeting.

An audience that packed the church greeted the speakers at the evening session.

Dr. Jessie Allyn's Address.

Dr. Allyn gave a most inspiring address on the medical work at Pitha-

param. The hospital, so small and poorly equipped in the beginning, has been enlarged and provided with what is needful, largely by the gifts of the Rajah of the district, who has taken a deep interest in the work since the time our missionary attended the Rani at the birth of the young prince. Dr. Allyn drew a graphic picture of the conditions in India, the superstition, ignorance and lack of medical help, and pointed out how a Christian physician was able to alleviate suffering and give the gospel to the people.

Rev. A. G. Baker's Address.

Rev. A. G. Baker, our missionary from Bolivia, drew a striking contrast between North and South America. Both continents were equally rich in natural resources, but to the one came the Pilgrim Fathers, and to the other the proud conquerors of Spain, and so one continent to-day is enlightened and Christian, while the other is in the darkness of superstition and ignorance.

The priests no longer have the power over the people of Bolivia they once had. We must save the country for Jesus Christ, otherwise it is doomed to atheism. The people are earnest seekers after truth. A native prayer recently: "Speak to me if Thou livest, for this silence is crushing me to the earth."

Mr. Baker spoke of the need of teachers and nurses, so many doors stood open, if only means were in hand to enable the workers to enter them.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY, 1916-1917.

It is once more our duty to briefly survey the work of the past year. Again we raise our Ebenezer, for, while there has been no outstanding event to record, yet the goodness of God has been felt throughout the year, and we praise Him for the tokens of His favor.

A year ago, when it was known that our beloved President, Mrs. Firstbrook, could no longer hold office, we were somewhat cast down. But God graciously sent us one who has given herself unstintingly to the interests of the work, and endeared herself to all.

Another office that we were anxious to have filled by one who would bring

to it, the same untiring energy and loving interest as did the last officer (Mrs. G. W. Barber), was that of Secretary of Bands. And in this, also, God answered prayer, and sent to us Mrs. R. J. Marshall, who is quite equal to the task, and faithful withal. Thus another lesson is learned, and we realize more fully that the Lord of the Harvest is able to supply our need of helpers as we labor together with Him.

The personnel of the Board has seen little change. Mrs. W. J. Robertson was made an honorary member, and in her place Mrs. Frank Inrig was made an active member. A few months later Mrs. Robertson passed away, her death following closely that of her husband. Through the resignation of Mrs. St. Clair Balfour, on account of inability to attend the Board meetings, Mrs. Ralph Hooper was made a member.

The Board has had one special and ten regular meetings, the attendance being very good. This is a cause for gratitude. With the many other urgent calls on time and energy, in patriotic and philanthropic work, to which many of our members have responded, they have withal remained loyal to the Board.

There have met with us on different occasions Mrs. John Craig, Miss Selman and Miss Baskerville. Coming fresh from the Telugu field, such visitors always bring with them helpful information as to the work, and inspiration to greater zeal.

At the first quarterly meeting, held in the Jarvis Street Church, Toronto, the place of Convention, the estimates for the coming year were considered and passed to the amount of \$15,470.00. At this meeting it was decided to send the Freeland legacy of \$600.00 towards the cost of the land for the proposed Caste Girls' School in Cocanada. In May word was received from India that a fine lot, centrally located, had been secured for the sum of \$1,987.77. On this lot is a building which, with repairs, will do for several years.

\$215.75 has been received in part payment of the legacy of the late Miss Hannah Rowland. The amount received in thank-offerings during the Convention year is \$1,454.80. This has come from 122 Circles. The total number of Circles in the Convention is 233.

At the quarterly meetings reports have been read from our missionaries, and have revealed to us the great need of effectual fervent prayer for those who so faithfully sow beside all waters. "Pray for us" is their constant request.

The bungalow for our lady missionaries in Tuni has been completed. It is a beautiful building, and a credit to the Mission.

It is a matter of congratulation to the Editor, and gratifying to all, to know that the LINK has had during the year a substantial increase in the number of subscribers. This little monthly paper, with its helpful programmes and valuable information as to the work, is worthy of a still greater increase. Let us be ready to have a better magazine as to size, paper and illustrations, as soon as conditions become normal.

Letters received from the Directors from time to time show appreciation of the "Hints and Helps" sent them by the committee appointed to help arrange for deputation work.

The Bureau has sent forth its printed messages in leaflet and book form, thus helping our leaders throughout the land to prepare interesting meetings. Mrs. Moor gives cheerfully and generously of her time and strength, for the work is constant and exacting in detail. Increased patronage of the many good things in the Bureau is hoped for, also patience on the part of those ordering, and forethought as to postage.

The Young Women's Circles have increased in number steadily. Their work is now well established, and ready to be pushed with a courage and zeal worthy our young women and the great work of Missions. We regret to report the resignation of Mrs. C. T. Stark as their secretary. She pioneered most successfully. To her and Miss Ellis is due credit for the advancement made during the eighteen months since this office was created.

The Bands have kept up their increased giving, which means increased interest. Their new secretary is getting a grip of the work, with good results.

The Literature Committee early in the year undertook to send to each Director a selection of literature to help them in advance work. The sketches of the lives of our missionaries and printed

photographs prepared by them have, judging from the demand for same, met with great success. The scope of this committee's work has been enlarged, and now includes the planning for the literature of all our work.

In February it was decided to appoint a Candidate Committee, whose duty would be to interview those who apply for appointment in India, and bring in a recommendation to the Board. The President and four other members comprise this committee. Miss Laura Allyn, sister of Dr. Jessie Allyn, has asked to be placed on the waiting list. She is training for a nurse, and will be ready to go to India when her sister returns. In June the application of Miss Laura J. Craig was accepted, she to return to India with her parents in the autumn. A farewell gathering was held in Castle Memorial Hall on September 25th, the party leaving Toronto on the 2nd and Vancouver on the 11th of October. In March it was decided that Miss Findlay be allowed to remain in Canada for the purpose of taking a medical course, with the understanding that she return to India as our medical missionary when her course is completed.

In April the ladies of the St. Catharines Circle kindly offered their church and homes for the Convention in November. This invitation was gratefully accepted by both Boards.

The annual lecture, this year was given by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, on March 19th, in the Jarvis Street Church. Her subject was "The Obligation of the Church to the Empire of Christ."

Grateful recognition is on record of the services of Miss Ellis for the efficient assistance she has rendered our Foreign Mission work; of the Misses Craig in speaking very acceptably to Circles and Young People's Societies of the work in India, and of Dr. Jennie Gray and Dr. Ralph Hooper as medical examiners of the candidates.

Several of our members have passed through deep sorrow during the year. Our sympathy has gone out to them and to all of our sisters who have suffered in these trying times.

The clean white pages lie before us awaiting the record of another year. May each Association, each Circle and

each member resolve that, with God's help, it will be one that will speak of labors more abundant and gifts that will be a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing to God.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. FENTON,
Rec. Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF DIRECTORS.

Another year has come and gone—a year of stress and strain, of success and failure, of joy and sadness, of service for our Master.

The changes in the Directorate have been numerous this year, and as the work is new and untried to some, we cannot expect the same degree of efficiency. Next year will show greater results, we trust.

The Circles have contributed \$11,536.59 to Missions; the Young Women's Circles, \$1,003.25, making a total for Foreign Missions of \$12,539.84.

Norfolk.—A fine report came in from Norfolk Association this year. Financially, they have advanced. Miss Baskerville's visit was much appreciated by them. Wherever she went a deep impression was made, and renewed interest was awakened. The Director still deplores the fact that so many women have no share or interest in Missions, and that so few take our valuable papers, the LINK and Visitor. "More members and more papers" will be their aim next year.

Elgin.—The new Director of this Association sent in a well-filled report—her first. We trust the enthusiasm and zeal of her predecessor may descend on Miss Mary B. McCandless. Gladstone, Shedden and Rodney were too late for insertion.

Guelph.—This Association has fallen to the care of Mrs. D. A. Barnes of Galt. We notice the amount raised for Foreign work has been increased. They have sent in nearly seven hundred dollars this year.

Middlesex and Lambton.—A report full of cheer and encouragement comes in from Mrs. Baldwin. She reports two churches giving to Missions through the Ladies' Aid and two new Young Women's Circles. They are anxious to have a missionary tour their field, and we

hope to comply with their request, as they are planning to support a medical missionary, ever and above their regular offering. This will necessitate the raising of \$500.

Niagara and Hamilton.—Neatness and despatch attended this report. It came in with every blank filled, and was a joy to the Secretary. Good work is being done in both Women's and Young Women's Circles.

Northern.—This far-off, wide-spread field is now under the care of Mrs. Dennis of Bracebridge, and already her power is being felt. She, too, longs for a touring missionary. There is much to be done, as there are 53 churches. What a grand thing it would be to have a Circle in every one of them. Let us pray them in.

Owen Sound.—Progress has been made here. Bands, Circles and a Young Women's Circle at Chesley have been organized. The Hanover Baptist Church applied for fellowship to this Association and was accepted.

Peterborough was toured in September by Miss Evelyn Smith, and good results are expected from the earnest addresses of this youthful worker. Brighton is a new Circle. Four valued workers have been called to higher service, leaving three organizations without a leader. The importance of having others ready to step into their places is thus seen.

Walkerton Association goes on in its steady course. Miss Stovel has a good assistant in Miss Agnes Cook, and the returns came in promptly, with two exceptions. These were late.

Whitby and Lindsay.—On the return of Mrs. Madill to her old post of duty she found some Circles in good working order, but others had allowed the patriotic work to crowd out their missionary zeal. We can do both if we will. Let Circles, Bands and all join together to do what they can to prove their loyalty to not only their King and country, but to the King of Kings. The poet says, "Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That cannot be done, and you'll do it."

Toronto.—Advance is marked all along the line, especially with the Young Women's Circles. They cheer the heart of the Director.

The Western Association Director

was gratified to find her Circles had done so well this year. In spite of the fact that two Circles had ceased to exist there had been an increase of \$103.33.

Kingsville is especially worthy of mention in this respect. This year has been Miss Ritchie's best in the eighteen years she has been Director.

Oxford-Brant is aiming at the \$3,000 mark this year, and from the returns sent in they will attain it.

The Muskoka Home was occupied this year by our returned missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. John McLaurin, Mrs. McLaurin and the Misses Craig. They enjoyed the rest afforded by this generous gift to our Board. One Circle sent in a collection towards its running expenses this year, Jarvis Street Circle.

As we look out into the untried future we know not what lies before us, but trusting all to Him we again "Go forward in His Name."

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LLOYD.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

In glancing over our missionaries' reports, one is impressed by the increased opportunities for service they are meeting in every line of work.

Among the women, our Evangelistic workers cannot begin to answer all the calls to the homes. Where doors were tightly closed in the past, they stand wide open now. Women are calling our workers to come in, and men are asking that they come and teach their women and children. Shall we make it possible for them to go?

In our schools, numbers of girls are turned away because there is not room or rice enough to go round. The desire for education is increasing. In the boarding schools the best opportunities are given for the formation of character. In no other way can these young lives be so well trained to make good wives and mothers. In no other way can boys be so well trained to make good citizens. In no better way can we work for the future good of what we trust will be a Christian India.

The Eurasians are a two-fold challenge to us—a challenge of race and humanity. Can we not do more than

we are at present doing? Is it right that our missionaries should bear so much of the financial burden of the Timpany Memorial School?

Then there is the appeal of the medical work. Our two doctors who are there, too busy to write reports, send us bare statistics that are amazing, one of them working with very poor equipment, and there are no thanks due to us that the other is better equipped.

In the past we needed to pray for open doors in the foreign field. Now we need to pray for open hearts and open hands in the homeland; for consecrated workers whom we can send to help our overworked sisters. I know that many worthy causes claim our sympathy here, but "this ye ought to have done and not have left the other undone."

We regret no report of Miss Hatch's work for the year has reached us, although we know her labors have been abundant.

Quite a number of annual reports from other missionaries have failed to come, probably owing to the irregularity of mails, so the reports have been made up from their Quarterly returns.

We are thankful that Miss Selman's health was so much improved she was able to return to her work.

We are also glad that Miss Laura Craig, daughter of our esteemed missionaries, has recently left for India, and who, with her splendid educational equipment and natural qualifications, will be a valuable addition to our missionary staff.

REPORT OF WORK AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN ON THE COCANADA FIELDS.

Agnes E. Baskerville.

House-to-house visiting, always interesting, has had many encouragements, though not without some discouraging features.

Though for the most part our women have shown most gratifying interest and appreciation, in one district we were at a loss to account for the perplexing indifference, and in some instances rudeness, shown towards us. A woman said to us one day, "Why do you come to us? Why don't you go with your teaching to the people who have

gone bad!" Another day a woman said, "No one in this petta will listen, except the children, who have no sense!" Another said, in conversation about the war, "Where is your Christ, that He will permit such things?" I could not understand the cause of this until I found that the women were taken up with the worship of Thalupulamma, a new goddess, who has come into existence near Tani. Many have made pilgrimages to her shrine, and claim that wonderful miracles are performed there. They claim that she gives children to the childless, and heals all their sickness, but the woman who told me this had a sick child in her arms, while a woman sitting near was wasted to skin and bone with dysentery. In other parts of the same district, however, women scornfully repudiated any reverence for or belief in Thalupulamma.

The master of one house on our regular visiting list had shown much interest in our Christian teaching, and had been reading the Bible for himself, so it was an unpleasant surprise to learn that he had gone on pilgrimage to Benares. The first time I saw him after his return I asked him if he had found peace and rest for his soul in that sacred city. He said: "I spent two hundred rupees, I found weariness and sickness for my body, and that is the benefit I received from my pilgrimage."

The passage selected for the week of special evangelism in October was Matt. 11: 28 to 30, and the hymn chosen for use at that time was entitled "Serve Jesus Christ." For several weeks previously the workers had been using them in their teaching; many of the women learned both the passage of Scripture and the hymn by heart. In connection with this special effort, a meeting for women only was held in the chapel. I had tried to make some definite arrangement about it beforehand, but did not succeed. About 8 o'clock on the Saturday morning I received a message that a meeting for women was to be arranged for that same evening. In spite of the difficulty of getting it announced, and in spite of the short notice, to my surprise and delight, hundreds of caste women came and gave earnest attention while the pictures were explained that were shown to illustrate the life of Christ,

and to the address afterward given by Mr. Walker. Some who could not be notified were much disappointed; some of those who came still talk of it in their homes, and I am sure a deep and lasting impression has been made.

Caste Girls' School.

There have been three deaths among the ex-pupils of our Caste Girls' School, all of whom were young wives who were little more than children. Of these two died of the malady known as devil-possession, or rather of the treatment prescribed for it, which consists of unmerciful beatings, brandings with red hot irons, and starvation. After the death of one of these girls I was told that she had been kept fasting for 32 days; this may mean either complete or partial fasting.

At the marriage festivities of an other ex-pupil a terrible tragedy occurred. Formerly, torches were used in the wedding processions, but of late years those who can afford it have been hiring for the occasion large acetylene gas lamps. As the lamps were being prepared at the house before the procession started, one of them exploded, injuring many of the guests, several of whom died from the effects. Thus the foolish customs of the Hindus bring in their train much sorrow and suffering.

The building in which our school has found refuge for the past three years was sold, and again we were asked to vacate on short notice. On the 1st December we moved into the upstairs of a two-storey building on a street not far from our old quarters. For more reasons than one this was soon found to be a most unsatisfactory arrangement, and we were at our wits' end to find a place. It seemed hard that such a troublesome complication should arise in the very last days before I left; but we are sometimes led through difficulties and hindrances to the fulfilment of our heart's desires, and this resulted in our finding in a most favorable location a property for sale which is well suited for our purpose. At first the price set upon it seemed almost prohibitive, but with the approval of the Building Committee, and on the advice of several experienced missionaries, steps were taken to make the purchase, subject to the sanction of the

Women's Board. Frequent moves have been a great hindrance to our work, and I trust that the days of our wanderings are over.

Our evangelistic schools have suffered because we have not had a sufficient number of older women to act as chaperones to the school girls who go out to this work on Sunday afternoons. Our children turned out well to the Annual Rally, however, and behaved very nicely. It is interesting to note the improvement in the order kept from year to year.

Again it was a matter of regret that so little touring could be undertaken. In January six days were spent among the villages on the northern part of the field, where so many of the women are beginning to seem like old friends. We did not sell as many Gospels as on our last tour, because a colporteur now gives his time to selling books in that region, and had covered the ground pretty well. A ten days' tour on the south field was made with Miss Jones in the Ramachandrapuram house-boat. Altogether, we sold eighty or more Gospels, reached crowds of women, not to mention men and children, and had a most enjoyable time. This tour ended at the Kotapalle bathing festival, where thousands of people congregate every year to get merit to themselves by bathing in the sacred waters of the Godaveri. We were told that the attendance has greatly fallen off during recent years.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1916-17, CANADIAN GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Lida Pratt.

Last year we reported that the attendance had passed the 200 mark, but this year it has fallen a little below it, the decrease being among the day pupils in the infant classes. The attendance in the upper elementary classes has been 60, which is better than usual. The examination results this year have been more satisfactory than for some years—due perhaps in some cases to the fact that failure meant dropping out and letting some other girl have a chance. It is encouraging to note that the amount received for fees this year is greater than ever before, some parents being even willing

to pay double fees rather than have their daughters stay out.

The work of the school has been carried on regularly by eight teachers. To encourage the girls to lively competition, the one who receives highest marks on the monthly examinations is allowed to wear a medal for that month. If any girl retains it consecutively for five months, she will be given a prize.

We have tried to interest the children in nature study, for as a people the Telugus are most unobservant of the wonders about them. We have in expensive cages made, which have in turn been occupied by rats, squirrels, birds and bats, from which observation lessons have been taught. A great variety of grubs were observed. The change of attitude in the children toward these was interesting to notice. It always began with disgust at "those ugly things," but changed to interest in their different forms of chrysalis, and then to amazement when the beautiful butterflies came out.

The annual inspection was encouraging. This year it was conducted by a highly qualified Indian Christian lady with the degree B.A.L.T., who holds this position under Government, to the entire satisfaction of all. It encourages us to hope that some of our girls may yet rise to positions of trust and influence.

Although the war has not affected us greatly in our work, yet the thought of its terrible ravages can never be far from our thoughts. The Telugu weekly newspaper, "The Ravi," has been more eagerly read than ever before by the girls. Their sympathy has taken practical form in doing what they can in the way of comforts for the troops, they have hemmed dozens of towels and dusters and made hundreds of cup covers. In response to the appeal made to help give Belgian children a Christmas, our girls and teachers responded gladly.

Boarding Department.—The report of this department may be summed up in the word "worries," and these have been two-fold—worries from without and worries within. The former were due to troublesome boys, whose annoying tricks have been stopped since we secured the services of a night watchman, and also borrowed a revolver (but let me whisper that they would not need

to be frightened of the said revolver if they knew how very frightened I am to even look at it. The fact that it is here has been widely made known, and that is enough.)

My other worries have been in connection with sickness among the girls. Two girls have been seriously ill in the Women's Hospital here, one with typhoid fever. The lady apothecary in charge of the hospital gave up hope of her recovery, and we sat by her one evening expecting every moment that the little life would flicker out, but God has been gracious, and our little girl is now well and strong. Two other cases were sent to Pithapuram for treatment, while numberless ailments have been treated here.

Dr. Cameron very kindly fitted up our hospital room with a well-stocked medicine chest and tables, linen cupboard, and two cots. Many a little patient will thank her for these gifts, especially the cots, as a hard earthen floor is not the most comfortable place to lie even when one is well, much less when weak and in pain.

The first week of October was observed throughout the Mission as a week of special evangelistic effort. Although the girls were not able to go out and take an active part in the Evangelistic work, they formed into praying bands and spent the noon hour in prayer for those who were going out to the villages. The result was deeper earnestness among the Christian girls and an awakening among the others. During the year 19 girls were baptized and joined the church.

If all the girls and boys who have given their money to help support this school could happen in to the boarding compound some evening about 6 o'clock, they would hear a bell ring, and in a few minutes would see all the girls in a long line arranged according to size, each with a plate or bowl in her hand. At a given signal the line moves slowly along toward the cook-room, where on the ground just outside, the plates are arranged in rows of 10 each. Then all the children run off to play, while a few big girls of the cooking band serve out the rice and the savory curry. When the second bell rings, the long line is formed again, and each comes up, takes

her dish and then they form in two large circles. As they stand ready, a verse of a hymn is sung, and then one girl, who has been appointed for the day, stands out in front of the rest where all can hear, and thanks our Heavenly Father for providing the food, also asks His blessing on the Board, and on all whose gifts have made possible this comfortable school home and the supply of their needs.

They never forget to pray for their supporters. Do their supporters as faithfully remember to pray for them day by day!

TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL, COCANADA, INDIA.

Miss Georgina McGill.

We have three Anglo-Indian teachers, and a munshi, who teaches Telugu for about two hours a day. In India they begin teaching a second language in the Second Class, and in some schools a third language, such as Latin, in Third Class. The educational standards here are based on the English system. In addition to the regular lessons, we, of course, have the daily Bible classes.

The past year has been an average one in most respects. The removal of families from Cocanada has affected the enrolment somewhat, but we expect some new boarders at the beginning of second term, which may bring our numbers up to the average. We have many applications from the poorer ones, which we have to refuse, because we have no funds with which to support them. There are over 10,000 Anglo-Indian children of school-going age not attending any school. If these children grow up in the squalor of the bazaars, with no mental, moral or religious training, what chance can they have? They will become a disgrace to the English-speaking people in India, and a hindrance to the evangelization of the Indians, instead of being a help. It is very hard for those of us who know about them, to pass by these neighbors in distress.

There are many from this community who are doing regular mission work. We have two in Cocanada, Miss Baker-

ville's helpers. There are two Mission Societies, which engage Anglo-Indians on the same footing as Europeans. The English Baptist Mission is one of these. Dr. Ottmann, of Berhampore, an Anglo-Indian lady missionary, under the English Baptist Board visited us this year and addressed meetings, both for the Telugus and the English-speaking people. She seems to be a very capable woman and fine type of Christian. Such people as these have had special advantages, particularly along the line of education.

The educational problem is a hard one for the Anglo-Indian to solve. He cannot live as cheaply as the Indian. His food costs more, his clothes cost more, and he must have more air space in the house in which he lives, and in consequence pay higher rents. If he has to support a family, he must have a good education in order to secure a position which will yield him a sufficient salary. One reason why it is impossible for many to send their children to school is because they themselves have not had good opportunities, and their salaries are not large enough to both keep and educate their children, for education in this country is not free, nor is it likely to be for a long time to come. The schools established to help this needy class of people are doing a great work. Would that we also could help a larger number.

The staff of our school is the same as at this time last year. One of the teachers, Miss Brown, who joined the staff only a year ago, is resigning. The two other Anglo-Indian teachers have been with us two years, and are becoming more efficient. We have found no one capable of managing a kindergarten properly. Latin has been substituted for Telugu in the higher standards, the munshi's work was found satisfactory. Miss Folsom continues to teach the Bible throughout the school, and the needlework of the senior girls. The discipline has been good throughout the year. The boy of whom mention was made in the last annual report has been faithful to his good resolution. Our chief aim is to create such a strong Christian influence in the boarding home and school that the children cannot but be stronger in character, and have higher ideals. The re-

ports which come regarding those who have gone out from our midst show that through God's grace this aim has been realized in a large measure. We would ask the sympathy and prayers of all for the Anglo-Indians, and especially for our little school.

Since I have become acquainted with this work, I have been strongly impressed with its importance. It may seem small—so small as to be despised by some—but numbers do not always count for most. God often works best through the seemingly weak ones, and we believe that His power will raise up this despised community.

May I ask if it would be possible for this work to come under the Women's Board or is the financial burden already too great?

ANNUAL REPORT CANADIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL, SAMALKOT, GODAVERI DIST., INDIA.

Miss Janet F. Robinson.

The Central Boarding School for boys, for ten months of the past year (with two weeks off at Christmas) was a scene of busy life. The day pupils numbered twenty-five, and were as follows: Two Brahmans, two Mohammedans, two Sudras, three Malas, and sixteen Christians, only four of all these being girls.

The number of boarders throughout the year was almost constant at sixty-six, and this is in itself significant. The old practice of going off at will without permission has been firmly attacked, and almost conquered. During the process some half dozen boys have been expelled. This, with other less stringent but quite as decided measures (not altogether moral suasion) has had a salutary effect upon the remaining lads.

One condition which tends to foster contentment is the improved health of the boys. And this is due to a number of causes. Certain articles of diet (e.g., oil, salt, meat, and vegetables) have been increased; each boy has been examined every Saturday for itch, ringworm, or other ailment, and treated accordingly; last hot season all the dormitories were whitewashed inside; and during the year repairs were made

to all the school buildings, rendering them both comfortable and attractive.

The last annual report emphasized this need of repairs, and now all interested will be glad to know of the improvements made. We began by relaying the tiles on the roofs of all the dormitories, and provided a dining-room by removing the wall between two unused rooms (at the southern end of the western line), covering this larger room with an entirely new roof. Next, the tiles on the roofs of the teachers' houses were turned, and some minor repairs made there. Later the verandahs of the Seminary building were re-tiled; and last of all, the isolation-room ("our hospital," as the boys call it) was well done over, new roof, also repairs on floor, walls, and door being necessary. The last week of April the well was cleaned. This was quite an operation, for a number of coolies worked two and a half days, so deep was the water, before they could get it all out to scrape the bottom. However, it will surely prove worth the trouble, for the dirt and rubbish that had collected there in two years was distressing, and the water must certainly be the better for having it removed.

Our teachers, all Christians, are: S. Jeevaratnam, headmaster, of the Narasapatnam field; K. Yesudas, of the Ramachandrapuram field; N. Lazarus, of the Lutheran Mission, and N. Devanandam, of the Godaveri Delta Mission. Though the last two have come to us from outside, their wives are our own Mission women, the former from Ramachandrapuram, and the latter from Cocanada. Class work has been steadily and faithfully done, and met with the approval of the sub-assistant inspector in April, when he came to conduct the annual promotion examinations. The teachers, especially the headmaster, help in the general oversight of the boarders' outside of regular school hours.

As suggested above, the discipline needs to be improving. Whatever may be the motive involved, the boys have conducted themselves more in accordance with the rules. The habit of smoking is being overcome; going to the bazaar without leave is infrequent;

and even the pilfering of food from the kitchen is decreasing—at least it is less frequently detected. Many of the boys really show an effort at conscious self-government, and a few have even been heard "speaking wisdom" to their mates.

On Sunday, April 1st, nine of the boys, having given a good testimony, were baptized and received into the Church by the pastor, Mr. Guruvayya. The latter conducts the service with our boys (and the people of the compound) in the school hall every Sunday morning. Our Sunday School is held in the afternoon, all the teachers helping.

The weekly prayer-meeting is held on Friday evening, and a Christian Endeavor meeting is held every Saturday afternoon, when the topic is taken by the teachers and the older boys.

The sports of the boys are chiefly native games, which they play with great gusto, especially by moonlight. They also have a football, Mr. Lazarus being instructor in this game, though Mr. Yesudas is our regular drill master.

In the coming year one important change will be the opening of a Fifth Standard. The Cocanada school is now so full that they can take no more from us in that grade. Of the seventeen boys in our Fourth Standard, thirteen passed, and two are eligible for trial in Standard V. (The remaining two were day pupils, and failed because of irregularity of attendance.) For our new grade we will have our own fifteen boys as a nucleus, with probably a few outsiders. This development of our work will mean increased expense. New seats, etc., must be provided, and another teacher employed. Our present headmaster, Mr. Jeevaratnam, has proved so capable and faithful that we purpose giving him the new standard, readjusting the other teachers, and engaging a new one for the lowest class.

We commend our school to your earnest prayers. With all their getting, may our boys get understanding, and realize the depth of meaning in our two school mottoes, "Christ is all and in all" and "Freely ye have received, freely give"!

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Miss C. M. McLeod.

It is hard to write reports when one has no stirring experiences to tell, and as I look back, the past year for me has been free from wonderful happenings. There have been very few idle days, but the work done has been, like the daily watering of one's garden before the time of fruitage. Perhaps the blossoms have looked a little fresher and fairer for the toil; perhaps the dry old earth has put forth tiny shoots of life, but that is all, and my heart is filled with longing to see, not the fruits of my labor, but of His, for in spite of discouragements, I know that He labors with me.

Station Work.—The work among the Christian women of Samalkota has been one of the green spots. Those who cannot read have been showing fresh zeal in memorizing the Word, and a few are learning to read. Among the latter is a young wife, who, with her husband, was baptized within the year. They have been severely tried lately, for the husband, who was a stalwart young man, is quite broken in health, and many of the people of this land wait for such opportunities to say that it is because they have become Christians that they are so afflicted. Pray for them.

We have carried on seven evangelistic classes during the year, and though these have not yet reached the standard of the classes we had in Peddapuram, some of them are very encouraging. Several times, while touring this year, we met with former pupils, and were greatly pleased with their remembrance of our teaching. Such encounters ensure us a hearty welcome and good hearing. Many caste women of Samalkota have heard the gospel once, twice, and some of them many times during the year. Amongst the latter, Atchamma, a young woman of the barber caste, seems nearest to the Kingdom. She can read the Word quite fluently now, and always gives us a glad welcome.

Touring.—Seventy-five days were spent on tour and eighty-five villages were seen. In many of these villages

the only work done was to visit the little band of Christians, teach them the call of Christ to the weary and heavy-laden, and when they had learned it, to try to persuade them to teach it to their Hindu friends and neighbors. After teaching this, having had prayer with them, we passed on to another village to repeat the same process there. Usually wherever my tent was pitched I spent the afternoons with the caste women there or in some adjacent village, and after travelled the whole village over, before leaving the place, so that all who wished to hear might do so. Many of the villages where I did no work amongst the caste women have been given over to the Lutherans, so the responsibility is theirs; but it is well that my time is fully occupied with the work which, according to our agreement, is mine, or knowing that they are doing nothing for those women, I should be driven to transgress our agreement, especially in the places where I so often carried the message of His love before it was decided to divide the field. The rains continued so late in November of 1916 that though I thought they were all over before I began touring, nevertheless my first tour was considerably dampened by an all-day and all-night rain. Again, in March, 1917, after two heavy showers had visited my tent, a third left it so uninhabitable that I felt a boundary had been set to my touring, and left for home, only to find that no rain had fallen in Samalkota.

Ten Biblewomen have been at work more or less regularly on various parts of our field during the year. Five of these are only half-day workers, but the others are supposed to give the whole of their time to the work. One of them was in the work twenty years ago, when I first came to the field, but for all of these years has had family cares to hinder; but now, being freed, has entered the work again with an enthusiasm that is an inspiration to me. Mr. Walker joined Mr. Gunn in holding evangelistic services in their village (this Biblewoman is a preacher's wife), and night after night the meetings were brightened by the singing of those whom my Biblewoman had

strained. Several were baptized as a result of this work. Pray for the "showers of blessing" on our work.

"Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead."

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN—RAMACHANDRA-PURAM.

Miss L. M. Jones.

I would like to be "ever and ever so rich" in two ways—in money and in praying friends. The former so that I could meet the requests and the needs I see on every hand. I would put up new buildings, or at least roof the old ones for some of our workers—new sheds in some places; build a home for old folks, and supply many with food and clothing, etc. Perhaps it would not do for one to have the money, as I would spoil people rather than help them. But for the second wish—praying friends—I cannot have too many of them. I have a good many and have known so many times lately that they were praying for me, because I have had the answer from our Father.

There are times when I get spiritually dull and indifferent, when suddenly a new warmth, a new love for Christ and His word, and a new desire for those who are in darkness comes over me like a flood. Then I know that the Lord is beginning to work, while someone is praying.

Would you not like to bring blessing on this work? Then pray for your Missionaries; pray for the native workers, and pray for the people to whom we go. We need God's power, or our own efforts are entirely useless to meet the great needs of the field. Pray that we may be so filled with His spirit that everyone whom we meet may be made the richer and better for contact with us. Pray for yourselves, that you may be able to give to send out the workers whom God shall call.

The work of the year has had its ups and downs. Early in the year I was under the care of our good Doctor Allyn for a short time. The break away from my own field gave me an insight into the wonderful blessing which the hospital and doctors in Pithapuram are bringing to the people, not only for bodily healing, but

through opening up the way for the Gospel in thousands of homes.

My honored companion, Miss Hatch, celebrated her thirtieth anniversary last October. It was a time of great rejoicing, and gave an opportunity for all classes to express their appreciation of her loving services among them.

The next event of importance was a very successful Sunday School Rally, at which 445 children from 17 schools were present, including those from the leper home, who gave their part of the programme from the roadway.

At Christmas time the new Caste Girls' School building was opened with an attendance of 70, though there are over 100 on the roll. On one of our tours we examined over 700 women and girls in Bible stories, recitation and hymn-singing, and found that very good work had been done.

Some of our former school girls are showing much interest in the Gospel, but have opposition to meet in their homes. We need special wisdom for helping them. They need special grace to endure shame and suffering for Christ's sake. Pray for them and for your Missionaries, and also for Bible-women, that the Lord of the harvest may be preparing real laborers. Pray that you and others may be able to give of your goods to support those whom God shall call, and that in and out of this heart-breaking war sorrow may come a new sense of God and eternal realities, not only to the nations at war, but to the whole world.

WOMAN'S WORK—TUNI.

Miss Ellen Priest.

The past year has been filled with responsibility of a new kind, and though a very busy one, has not so much as usual to report in the way of regular work done. The building of the new bungalow has brought many new experiences, not all pleasant to be sure; but they have all proved to us His enabling. We longed much for some definite fruitage among the work-people, and one old man, who heard the Gospel in Mr. Currie's days, but neglected it, "found the taste of it," as he said, while working here. He told me he used to be so afraid of evil spirits,

but since he had believed in Jesus, all that fear had gone. Several others were touched, and we hoped they would come right out; but so far he is the only one to be baptized. The workmen learned the hymn chosen for the Evangelistic campaign, and all went in a body, singing this, right into the caste village, where most of them lived. There was a good deal of interest but Satan got busy, too, and stirred up quarrels that spoiled so much. However, we did earnestly try to make the time of building one of testimony for Him. It was a constant source of strength and cheer to think of all the love and prayer that were being built into this new home, and it surely will be a testimony for Him in the midst of this people. One cause of thanksgiving to me is that it was completed without anyone receiving any injury. Twice there might have been very serious accidents, but He guarded the lives of the men. One of the men said, "It's because every morning prayer is made to the true God, that we have not received even as much as a thorn-prick of hurt while working on this building." And now we are really settled in this restful, convenient new home, and our prayer is that it may be filled with the fragrance of His presence, in whose name it is built. Since its completion, numbers of women are coming to see it, and this gives an opportunity to tell them of Jesus and the home He is preparing for those who love Him. Some of their remarks open the way for a direct message, such as, "Just to look through this house will take away a lot of our sins." "Even though a person had no food, just to come here and stay a while would be like a bit of heaven." Folks with toothache and divers diseases have found their way here, and not many days pass without someone being helped.

The Biblewomen have been very faithful helpers, and so the work has gone on regularly in the homes, although often interrupted on the Missionary's part. We have tried to make the monthly meetings for the Biblewomen as helpful as possible, also the weekly meetings for our Christian women in Tani. During the week of

Evangelistic campaign a number of the latter joined us and we went out in bands to a number of the near villages, with the special message of Matt. 11: 28-30, and a hymn calling upon people to serve Christ and setting forth His claims on our service.

It is a real sorrow to have to say no-touring has been done, but it could not be helped. One of the reasons I am so glad to be permitted to stay on this year is that we count on getting in some good tours before I leave on furlough.

Evangelistic school work is carried on steadily. The Biblewomen spend most of the morning in this work, and many an older person gets a message while the children are being taught. The caste boys continue to come on Saturday, and many a happy hour I have had with them. A few older boys come often on Sunday for a Bible lesson in English, and some of them are so interested in the life of Jesus. One of them asked me how long Jesus lived on earth, and when I told him, he said, "And He did so much in such a short time! It's very wonderful." And another time, "It makes me wish I had been living then, so I could have seen Him." I reminded him of what Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed." A number of these laddies came and asked for tracts and text cards to take to their homes when they went for their holidays. While we cannot look for immediate fruitage, into many of these young hearts the little seeds of truth are falling, and some will take root. One of the boys said very earnestly one day, "I do not believe in the idols at all, but I am only a minor, and what can I do?" How we long for the day of India's deliverance from her bondage!

WORK AMONG AND CHILDREN IN YELLAMANCHILI

Miss McLeish.

As a result of the combined efforts of Christian workers and missionaries during the week of Evangelism, we were led to build a school in the Halls hamlet of Yellamanchili. The teacher of the school is an enterprising young

Christian man who takes a deep interest in the physical and spiritual, as well as in the mental well-being of his pupils. It is a pleasure to enter the school. The room is neat and attractively decorated with pictures and plants. The children who were unkempt and undisciplined at first now come with clean faces and sit down in orderly rows to be taught. In a surprisingly short time they learned the Lord's Prayer, Twenty-Third Psalm, Scripture texts and Hymns. It is with thanksgiving that we look upon these little ones as they quietly take their places every Sunday morning in our Chapel Sunday School, and hope that the day may soon come when not only they, but their parents will come and join in the prayers and hymns of praise.

This young man also teaches a night school for boys and young men who must watch the cattle and work for their living during the day. We are hoping and praying that this whole place may become a Christian hamlet.

In the Madiga hamlet also we started a new school. Here also we are hoping for good results.

Our Caste Girls' School has its ups and downs (but mostly downs), like many of its kind in these days. In the beginning of the year the Head Mistress and First Assistant were both ill and the rival school seemed determined to take as many of our girls as it could secure. The introduction of a music teacher has been a great help in keeping up the attendance and in attracting new girls to us. Although we have not one hundred girls, as formerly, we are grateful for a "remnant."

In visiting the zenanas we are gladly welcomed by old pupils of the Caste Girls' School. Our Caste Girls' School is making a mark on the community quietly but surely.

The caste boys came regularly to the bungalow every Saturday until we went on tour in February. I feel that there is a change in the lives of some of the boys. Some of those who were troublesome are now attentive and willing to learn hymns or Scripture verses and seem to grasp the truths taught.

During the months of February and March I toured with Miss Murray from four centres among surrounding

villages, and found everywhere peculiar openings to the Gospel. In a Rajah village the women come to gether in a shady spot to hear our message. They listened very attentively to everything and when we prepared to depart bought seven Gospels, fearing they would forget what we had told them. We trust that they may have them read to them, as they themselves cannot read.

In another village the wife of the temple priest came out, and, sitting down in front of the temple, invited us to sit down also. She said, "It's all true; but by idol worship we live, and what can we do?" And so they sell their birthright for a mess of pottage, and not only so, but deprive hundreds, yes thousands, of others, of their rights in Christ Jesus.

Our Evangelistic Schools had a very nice rally. About two hundred children were present. Each class responded to the roll-call by singing a hymn and repeating a Golden Text, or telling a Lesson Story. Mr Scott and Miss Murray assisted in the exercises.

MEDICAL WORK IN VUYURU.

Miss Gertrude Hulet, M.D.

My message to the home people is that the present time is one of special import. Great upheavals are taking place. Here in India we are hearing on all sides much talk of necessary reforms—Home Rule and the like. Many methods are being discussed as to how these ends may be realized. The majority are content to trust to the integrity of the British Government. A few, led by Mrs. Besant, a noted Theosophist, who has played several roles, not all of which have been to her credit, while maintaining "her" movement is not religious, but political, is complaining bitterly of the injustice done her by Government by internment. Her advocates are trying now to get her release on the plea that she is only a religious leader. As to religion, what does she preach, and that in Canada, the Missions' headquarters? The Christian religion is false; that the Hindu philosophy should be maintained—the customs, ritual and caste; that the Western civilization, represented by the Mission schools, is decidedly harmful, and should be forbidden. This

all, one would think, judging by other facts, she advances in order to curry favor and extend her theological teaching and influence. India certainly needs reform; but that can only come beneficially and permanently through the acceptance and practice of the Christian Truth.

The people of India are not stupid; they are exceptionally clever; but they are demoralized. Shall we stand indifferently by, or shall we push to the finish that which we know alone can make India free?

Tent patients, 6,420; in-patients, 521; treatments, 3,578; visits, 10; operations, 282.

MEDICAL WORK IN PITHAPURAM.

Dr. Marjorie Cameron.

I thank God for the wondrous privilege that is mine, of trying to follow in the very footsteps of our Master, who, in just such a land, and amidst such surroundings, stretched out an healing hand to the maimed, the halt and the blind, the clean and the unclean alike. Pray that I may keep so close to Him that I may have more and more of His spirit and His power.

My days are full to overflowing, but each day is a day of rich joy in His service.

Days spent on field, 91; visits to women in homes, 59; visits to out-patients, 62; number of out-patients, 730; number of in-patients, 156; number of treatments, 1,869; number of operations, 173.

Reported by Dr. Allyn.

The year in the Women's Hospital at Pithapuram has been an unusually busy one. From March 9th, Dr. Cameron had complete charge. In addition to a very busy summer, with a full hospital, she had also her second-year language study and the oversight of the new hospital buildings, which were incomplete still, although formally opened. This took much of her time and strength. Greatest, perhaps, of all her burdens was the care of her nurses. The training school for nurses has done good work, but it is a constant responsibility to guard these girls, for they have more freedom as nurses than as boarding girls and sometimes they are not able to bear so much temptation as they are subjected to.

The hospital was very full all hot season. The Rani had another daughter and as Miss North was absent nursing her, Miss Myra Smith took her place. Bot Miss North and Miss Smith have rendered the hospital most valuable service during the year.

The eldest daughter of the Dewan to the Pithapur Rajah (i.e. Chief Minister to the Rajah) died during the hot months. The Dewan and his family are amongst our good friends in Pithapur, and we all felt very sorry for them in their grief, which they bore bravely. Cholera, smallpox, typhoid and surgery of all kinds, with fractures and dislocations and plenty of eye, ear and throat work, kept your doctor busy during the burning heat of summer. She did not go to the hills this year.

Pray that the nurses may be kept from falling and that good girls may be found for training.

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Do not forget! We're in the fight!
Our aims are good! Our cause is right!
So, keeping near our Leader brave,
Let's work right on the lost to save.

The path to vict'ry may be long,
Fierce the fight, the battle strong;
We'll follow close our Captain brave,
Who gave His life the lost to save.

Our foe, how strong! (Dare we forget?)
How full of guile! Unconquered yet!
With sword in hand let's face the
knave.

And fight right on the lost to save!

We'll not despair, though wounded sore,
E'en when the foe is at our door.
We'll ne'er forget His life He gave
The wounded and the lost to save.

You at your post and we at ours,
We'll fill with work the fleeting hours;
Forgetting self, no rest we'll crave,
But still strive on the lost to save.

Each in her sphere, we'll work and
wait,

And not forget that, soon or late,
Will come the end for which we crave,
None will be lost He died to save.

CHARLOTTE M. McLEOD.

Samalkota, August 6th, 1917.

MARTHA ROGERS.

**REPORT OF MISSION BANDS FOR
THE CONVENTION YEAR END-
ING OCTOBER 15th, 1917.**

During the past year Band work as a whole has progressed very favorably. Most of the directors have reported increased interest in the work and growing attendance at the meetings.

In the Associations of Elgin, Peterborough, Northern Middlesex and Lambton, Niagara and Hamilton, and Owen Sound, new Bands have been organized, and old Bands have been reorganized, and have taken on more vigorous growth under new leadership. We can scarcely appreciate the difficulties that have to be contended with in some of the Associations, where distances are so great, where there are few leaders, and where there seems so little encouragement to carry on Band work. But where there is a will there is a way. In the Northern Association three new Bands have been formed, and in Owen Sound Association there are two. One Band in this Association is unique in having as superintendent the pastor of the church.

An especially encouraging report has come in from Norfolk Association. There every Band is giving to both Home and Foreign Missions, five students are supported in India, and four have been made life members of the Bands this year, but even in this Association there are five Bands without leaders. The banner Band of the Convention is reported in Middlesex and Lambton Association. It is that of Talbot Street Church in London. There are 95 members, and they have given \$200 to Missions, and have raised \$70 among themselves for a Mission Band library. N.B.—Baddow Band, Whitby and Lindsay Association, heads the list for individual giving. In this Band there are 14 members, and they have given during the past year \$55.00 to the Home and Foreign work, an average of almost \$4.00 per member.

In some cases the report has not been so favorable. Several Bands have been disorganized, and others are without

leaders. Wherever a downward step has been noted, the fault has not been with the children, but with the leaders, or rather lack of leaders. The need of energetic leadership has been mentioned by many of the directors. Surely there are some here this morning who could take up this all important work.

One hundred and thirty-two Bands have sent in reports. These Bands range in size from the little organization with seven members to a big Band with 104 in regular attendance, and the giving ranges from \$1.00 to \$200.00 for the year, though in most cases we can judge little of the real missionary spirit of sacrifice by the size of the contribution. In many cases, apart from the actual money given, quilts have been pieced, cards, scrap-books and other things useful in missionary work have been sent to Home Mission pastors. Most of the money contributed has been divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions, though in some cases it has been given for special purposes. For instance, one Band gave largely to the support of a missionary in India, and another Band gave \$10.00 Memorial church fund instead of to the general Home Mission Fund.

There has been a marked increase in Band giving in almost every Association. This year 118 Bands and 3 Junior Unions gave \$1,464.97 to Home Missions, as compared with last year, when 99 Bands and a 4 Junior Unions gave \$1,125.27. This year 132 Bands gave \$1,963.81 to the Foreign work, while last year \$1,474.97 was given by 128 Bands. This means not only an improvement in the giving, but a large increase in the number of Bands contributing to the work.

I have been asked to say a word regarding the support of native students in India. It will save much time and confusion if Bands desiring to take up this work will write to me for any information regarding names and standing of students, as I now have Miss Pratt's list in charge of this part of the work. But all money for this purpose should be sent to the regular Foreign Mission Treasurer, Mrs. Glen Campbell, while all funds for our Home Mission work should be sent to Miss Wright, the Home Mission Treasurer.

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TREASURER'S FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Mary D. McCandless, Sparta.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		Bands.
	Circles.	and Others.	
Aylmer	\$101 00	\$16 00	\$11 50
Colton	7 00		
Dutton	8 30		
Gladsstone	58 55		32 90
Iona Station	8 00		6 00
Lakeview	78 65		
Malahide-Bayham	79 76		4 50
New Sarum	8 75		3 25
Port Burwell	13 50		1 09
Rodney	5 00		
Sparta	29 21		5 78
St. Thomas	136 45	14 65	
Centre		*25 00	
Memorial	59 63		10 00
West Lorne		*4 00	
	\$586 80	\$80 65	\$75 02
		*29 00	
Assoc. Collection			\$14 70
Total from Assoc.			736 17
13 Circles, 2 Y. W. Circles, 2*O. Organizations, 8 Bands.			

Brooks & Ennis-killen	86 65	*18 00	
		\$18 00	
Calvary	9 15		
Denfield	75 75		14 50
Enniskillen		*\$17 00	
Forest	11 45		40 67
London			
" Adelaide	102 52		80 00
" Egerton	29 64		7 00
" Kensall	5 00		
" Maitland	10 00	4 82	
" South	37 40		82 00
" Talbot	217 16	*\$7 14	100 00
		*\$17 00	
Parkhill	12 00		
Petrolia	49 72		10 00
Poplar Hill		*5 00	
Sarnia, Central	70 50		26 00
" Brook			14 65
Sarnia Township	8 75		
Strathroy	52 71		9 50
Watford	12 00		
	\$817 42	\$4 82	
		*\$82 14	\$345 97
Assoc. Collection			\$11 11
Total from Assoc.			1261 46
20 Circles, 1 Y.W. Circle, 6 *O. Organ, 12 Bands.			

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. D. A. Barnes, Galt.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		Bands.
	Circles.	and Others.	
Aetion	\$11 85		
Bellfontain	11 00		
Brampton	42 53		17 00
Chiltonham	22 00		8 25
Flamboro East	9 53		8 81
Fullarton	20 00	1 50	2 25
Galt	62 55	88 00	11 50
Georgetown	37 88		12 50
Guelph	53 75	46 00	4 40
Hopeler	72 00		2 50
Kitchener, King	59 00		3 25
" Benton		*17 00	
New Dundee	41 43		
New Hamburg	10 00		
Nesouari East	50 87		8 92
Orangeville	8 00		10 75
Preston	27 50		10 00
Shelgrove	9 00		1 00
St. Mary's	11 00		17 00
Stratford	32 60	5 25	86 74
	\$586 48	\$90 75	\$149 87
		*17 00	
Assoc. Collection			\$8 65
Total from Assoc.			852 73
19 Circles, 4 Y. W. Circles, 1 *O. Organ, 15 Bands.			

Assoc. Collection \$817 42 \$4 82 \$345 97
Total from Assoc. \$11 11
20 Circles, 1 Y.W. Circle, 6 *O. Organ, 12 Bands.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. J. C. Doherty, 15 King St.,
St. Catharines.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		Bands.
	Circles.	and Others.	
Beamsville	\$74 00	\$	\$
Birbrook	7 00		5 00
Burlington	13 50		5 75
Caledonia	7 50		4 50
Canboro	2 75		
Dundas	20 50		6 00
Dunnville	23 25		
Fontbill	20 00	17 00	18 00
Freelton	4 00		
Grimshy	36 20		10 00
HAMILTON—			
" Caroline		\$25 00	
" James	192 43	43 82	15 17
		*5 00	10 95-
" Park	27 21		5 00-
" Stanley	59 22		45 00-
" Victoria	63 90		
" Wentworth	51 50	25 00	
Marshville	6 00	6 50	4 50
Niagara Falls—			
" Jepsom	51 00		
" Main	8 70		
Port Colborne	11 25		
St. Catharines	196 30	29 90	56 00
Welland	43 00		17 00
Westover	30 00		
	\$949 14	\$146 23	\$202 73
		*\$30 00	
Assoc. Collection			\$7 50
Total from Assoc.			1335 63
23 Circles, 6 Y.W. Circles, *2 O. Organ, 19 Bands.			

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. James Baldwin, 1000 Oxford Street,
London.

Names.	Y. W. Circles		Bands.
	Circles.	and Others.	
Allen Craig	\$24 25	\$	\$
Alvinston	8 95		2 65
Arkona	28 02		9 00
Brooks	15 80		

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Waterford.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Bloomsburg	\$17 81	\$.....	\$5 50
Boston	60 00	.....	54 00
Cheapside	8 00	.....	.....
Courland	10 00	.....	8 00
Culms	.....	*2 50	.....
Forestville	.....	*2 50	.....
Delhi	37 50	.....	17 00
Frogmore	.....	.....	10 00
Hagersville	14 00	.....	.....
Hartford	22 00	.....	10 65
Houghton First	21 88	.....	2 00
Langton	7 00	.....	.....
Middleton South	.....	*5 50	.....
Round Plains	2 50	.....	.....
Pine Grove	7 50	.....	8 00
Rainham Centre	.....	*2 50	.....
Simcoe	35 00	.....	75
St. Williams	2 58	.....	.....
Townsend Centre	.....	.....	23 00
Victoria	25 00	.....	11 50
Waterford	79 73	.....	63 50
Villa Nova	81 00	.....	.....
	\$85 25	.....	.....
	\$375 40	*\$13 00	\$183 90
Associated Collec.	.....	.....	\$14 25
Coll. for Touring	.....	.....	18 50
Total from Assoc.	.....	.....	640 80
16 Circles. 2 Y.W. Circles. *4 O. Org. 11 Bands.			

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Wm. Derrins, Bracebridge.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Barrie	\$26 20	\$10 00	\$1 50
Bracebridge	42 30	.....	3 50
Burk's Falls	12 15	.....	3 91
Collingwood	20 00	.....	.....
Cresmore	.....	.....	.....
Fort Francis	14 20	.....	.....
Fort William	23 80	.....	7 00
Gravenhurst	33 25	.....	.....
Haileybury	14 70	.....	.....
Marchmont	15 00	.....	.....
Midland	36 05	.....	.....
New Liskeard	13 50	.....	10 00
North Bay	64 03	.....	17 00
Orillia	30 43	20 00	.....
Parry Sound	45 55	.....	30 10
Port Arthur	33 00	*17 00	21 25
Sault. Ste. Marie	39 50	.....	5 00
Stayner	3 00	.....	.....
Steeleton	.....	.....	8 50
Sudbury	5 00	.....	.....
Thessalon	2 25	.....	.....
	\$473 91	*\$17 00	\$112 76
Total from Assoc.	.....	.....	\$638 67
19 Circles. 2 Y.W. Circles. *1 O. Org. 11 Bands.			

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Judson McIntosh, Owen Sound.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Bentick	\$19 45	\$.....	\$6 50
Bruce North	2 75	.....	.....
Chealey	9 00	.....	.....
Daywood & Leith	50 80	.....	.....
Durham	20 00	.....	3 00
Meaford	24 27	.....	20 00
Owen Sound	39 00	22 58	22 25
	.....	*25 00	.....
Paisley	7 75	.....	.....
Port Elgin	5 00	.....	.....
Southampton	22 65	.....	.....

Strathaven	5 00	.....	.....
Thornbury	5 00	.....	.....
Wiaron	9 00	.....	12 00
Williscroft	5 00	.....	.....

\$225 57 \$22 58 \$62 75

Assoc. Collection \$6 92
Total from Assoc. 342 82
14 Circles. 1 Y.W. Circle. *1 O. Organ. 5 Bands.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Whiting, 9 Sarah St., Brantford.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Beachville	\$21 90	\$.....	\$.....
Brantford—	.....	.....	.....
" Calvary	47 20	.....	7 90
" First	448 00	*17 00	10 00
" Immanuel	51 92	2 25	19 00
" Park	261 15	19 00	98 10
	.....	*20 00	.....
	.....	*42 00	.....
" Shenstone	17 00	17 50	17 50
" Riverdale	16 00	.....	7 00
Burford	14 00	.....	.....
Burgessville	44 00	.....	20 00
Burch	24 00	*17 00	.....
	.....	*17 00	.....
Hatchley	5 00	.....	.....
Ingersoll	56 55	6 50	17 00
	.....	*17 00	.....
	.....	*\$4 25	.....
Jerseyville	3 50	.....	.....
Norwich	45 00	.....	14 00
Otterville	34 61	.....	3 00
Oxford East	20 00	*17 00	.....
Oxford West	5 00	.....	.....
Paris	18 45	.....	.....
Salford	8 00	.....	23 00
Scotland	90 85	.....	47 50
Springford	36 75	.....	17 00
St. George	46 80	14 50	13 25
Tillemburg	45 68	.....	20 00
Woodstock First	41 15	.....	18 00
" Oxford	24 10	.....	.....
Zorra East—	.....	.....	.....
" 13th Line	.....	*16 00	.....
" 16th Line	.....	*17 00	.....
	\$1421.11	\$50 75	\$355 75
	.....	*\$23 25	.....
Assoc. Collection	.....	.....	\$6 05
Total from Assoc.	.....	.....	2049 51
25 Circles. 5 Y.W. Circles. *10 O. Orgs. 16 Bands.			

PETERBORO ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss M. A. Nichols, 216 McDonald St. Peterboro.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Belleville	\$18 50	\$.....	\$18 50
Brighton	9 00	.....	.....
Campbellford	14 00	.....	2 16
Cobourg	4 00	.....	5 00
Colborne	11 50	.....	.....
Cramah	17 00	8 50	.....
Gilmour Memorial	42 10	.....	.....
Haldimand	11 50	.....	.....
Indian River	1 00	.....	.....
Lakefield	11 40	1 50	.....
Pictou	2 70	.....	.....
Port Hope	127 95	.....	8 00
Peterboro, Park	55 00	.....	3 50
" Murray	194 82	17 00	60 50
Warsaw	2 00	.....	.....
	\$522 47	\$27 00	\$108 41
Assoc. Collection	.....	.....	\$4 50
Total from Assoc.	.....	.....	662 38
15 Circles. 3 Y.W. Circles. 7 Bands.			

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Ruby Stovel, Mount Forest.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Atwood	\$9 71	\$.....	\$.....
Glammis	25 46	.....	3 60
Goderich	15 00	.....	6 00
Kenilworth	35 70	.....	.....
Kincairdine	17 50	.....	5 00
Listowel	3 10	.....	.....
Mt. Forest	32 96	.....	4 62
Palmerston	5 00	.....	2 50
Tiverton	56 75	.....	6 00
Wingham	6 60	*\$17 00	17 00
Walkerton	21 85	.....	6 00
	\$229 13	*\$17 00	\$50 72
Assoc. Collection			\$3 15
Total from Assoc.			300 00
11 Circles, 1 O. Organ, 8 Bands.			

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Jane Ritchie, Arner.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Blenheim	\$7 50	\$.....	\$.....
Bethwell	15 75	9 25	.....
Chatham	120 92	.....	14 00
Colchester	52 80	.....	.....
Dresden	.....	.....	1 85
Eberts	21 00	.....	.....
Essex	10 00	.....	.....
Harrow	10 00	.....	.....
Kingsville	87 10	.....	1 00
Leamington	50 00	7 50	11 25
Ridgetown	31 63	.....	6 25
Thamesville	10 00	.....	.....
Tupperville	15 00	.....	.....
Wallaceburg	76 71	.....	.....
Walkerville	17 50	41 50	4 50
Wheatley	37 85	.....	2 00
Wilkesport	38 60	.....	28 50
Windsor	63 00	.....	.....
Woodlee	2 75	.....	.....
Zone	9 00	.....	.....
	\$676 01	\$58 25	\$68 85
Assoc. Collection			\$11 69
Total from Assoc.			814 80
19 Circles, 5 Y. W. Circles, 8 Bands.			

WHITBY AND LINDSEY ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Madill, Stouffville.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Baddow	.....	\$.....	\$27 50
Claremont	30 00	.....	17 00
Fenelon Falls	.....	.....	5 00
Haliburton	9 00	.....	.....
Lindsey	60 50	.....	6 00
Brooklin	8 70	.....	.....
Markham First	.....	*\$17 00	.....
Oshawa	9 50	.....	.....
Reabro	.....	*\$17 00	.....
Stouffville	21 56	.....	12 52
Whitby	17 00	.....	1 50
Whitevale	10 00	.....	.....
	\$180 26	*\$84 00	\$69 52
Assoc. Collection			\$1 20
Total from Assoc.			290 98
8 Circles, *2 O. Orgs, 6 Bands.			

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. E. J. Bagaley, 7 South View Ave., Toronto.

Names.	Circles.	Y. W. Circles and Others.	Bands.
Aurora	\$31 78	\$.....	\$.....
Bethel	6 00	.....	.....
Eglinton	25 03	17 05	.....
Markham 2nd	29 28	.....	5 00
York Mills	38 05	.....	.....
Weston	.....	19 50	.....
Toronto—			
Annette	28 05	10 00	.....
Beverly St.	81 05	.....	10 50
Bloor St.	513 18	48 00	.....
		*\$131 66	.....
Boon Ave.	37 25	.....	10 69
Calvary	88 15	19 94	.....
Century	88 31	*17 75	10 00
Christie St.	15 00	2 50	.....
College St.	235 91	63 63	.....
Danforth Av.	61 15	36 21	.....
Dovercourt	60 49	7 50	6 32
		*\$70 00	.....
Dufferin St.	15 40	.....	22 00
First Ave.	74 42	20 00	.....
High Park	65 25	.....	74 06
Immanuel	296 30	3 00	2 25
Indian Rd.	167 82	*\$9 75	.....
Jarvis St.	1409 19	25 20	.....
		*\$17 00	.....
Jones Ave.	11 00	.....	.....
Memorial	14 75	*8 00	.....
Moulton	.....	94 40	.....
Olivet	43 16	12 80	.....
Ossington Av.	94 49	12 50	19 75
		*\$5 00	.....
Pape Ave.	42 55	11 40	.....
Parkdale	132 26	*\$18 00	28 00
Rhodes Ave.	8 00	.....	3 00
St John's Rd.	21 20	5 05	.....
Walmer Rd.	482 32	74 97	46 00
		*\$45 00	.....
Waverley Rd.	216 56	4 75	.....
		*\$17 00	.....
Wychwood	53 48	18 58	.....
	\$4418 54	\$506 98	\$177 57
		*\$59 16	.....
Assoc. Collection			\$15 44
Total from Assoc.			5545 99
32 Circles, 20 Y.W. Circles, 16 O. Org, 12 Bands.			

233 Circles gave \$11,536.59, an increase of \$526.54 over last year.

49 Y. W. Circles gave \$1,008.25, an increase of \$182.77 over last year.

48 Other Organizations gave \$886.55, a decrease of \$135.09 from last year.

132 Bands gave \$1,968.81, an increase of \$488.84 over last year.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
Brought forward Oct. 31, 1916—	
Regular Work	\$3,704 88
Legacy	600 50
	\$4,305 38
From Circles	\$11,556 58
From Y. W. Circles	1,008 35
From Bands	1,953 31
From Other Organisations	836 55
From Individuals	1,562 60
From Associational Coll.	126 26
From *Miscellaneous	704 95
	17,784 01

Investment Account an deposit

\$32,088 64

Audited and found correct.

\$35 00

W. E. ROBERTSON,
F. SANDERSON.

*MISCELLANEOUS.

Bank Interest	\$70 51
Balance Convention Account	6 50
Refund, Miss Baskerville	55 85
Legacy, Estate Miss Rowland	215 75
Collections—	
Convention, Toronto	\$145 05
Union Circle Meetings	81 87
Mrs. Montgomery's lecture (net)	54 43
	\$281 84

Investments—	
Commercial Cable Bond	\$40 00
W. A. Rogers, stock	35 00
War Loan Bond (for Mary Shenstone Scholarship Fd.	50 00
	125 00
	\$704 95

SUMMARY.

Receipts for Extras	\$524 70
For John Knott Ward, Vuyyuru	100 00
For Building Fund	418 11
For Regular Work, including \$250.00 for Miss McLeish, \$200.00 for Miss Robinson, \$240.00 for Dr. Hulet, and \$443.00 for Miss McLeod	16,697 20
Total Receipts during year	\$17,734 01
Total Disbursements during year	17,068 20

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Circles—Mrs. West, Mrs. R. C. Dancy, Mrs. Elizabeth Griffiths, Mrs. W. C. Blackburn, Mrs. A. E. Eggleston, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, Miss Agnes Small, Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell, Mrs. Wm. C. Dennis, Mrs. John Linton, Mrs. Nathaniel Mills, Mrs. Annie Chambers, Miss Marjha Pickard, Mrs. Stephen Pound, Mrs. A. E. White, Mrs. Frank Bauslaugh, Mrs. H. B. Gardner, Mrs. Chas. Wiley, Mrs. A. L. Huddleston, Mrs. Robt. A. Canham, Mrs. E. M. Hull, Mrs. Wesley Spencer, Mrs. Jane Johnstone, Mrs. W. H. Baird, Mrs. Emily Martin, Mrs. V. H. Robertson, Mrs. J. Dittmars, Miss Margaret Rosser, Miss Sarah A. Merritt, Mrs. Mary Haining, Mrs. E. T. Fox, Mrs. Rogers in memory of Miss Alice Evans.

Bands—Mrs. J. F. Davis, Misses Myrtle Havens, Edith Craig, Gertrude Prout, Eleanor Grace Warner, Dorothy M. Baird, Pearl Morris, May Haley, Beatrice Demeray, Lillian Jean Matthews, Masters Wilfrid Howard Schulz, Robert James Warner, George Jackson.

DISBURSEMENTS.	
To General Treasurer—	
*On regular estimates	\$14,605 40
Extras designated	838 70
Lepers	201 00
	594 70
Specials—	
Elliot Bungalow	408 00
Cocanada School	1,760 00
Hospital Fund	100 00
	2,268 50
Home Expenses	569 66
Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1917—	
Legacy	\$215 75
Regular Work	2,859 89
	4,075 64

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,

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REGULAR WORK SUPPORTED DURING 1916-17.

Akido—	
Miss Selman's work	\$198 00
Star of Hope Hospital	165 00
Cocanada—	
Miss Pratt and School	2540 00
Miss Baskerville's Work	600 00
Miss Folson	600 00
Miss McGill	800 00
Miss Partell	575 00
Miss Craig	45 00
Pithapuram—	
Dr. Cameron	575 00
Ramachandrapuram—	
Miss Hatch and Work	878 00
Miss Jones and Work	1041 00
Samalkot—	
Miss Robinson	600 00
Miss McLeod and Work	788 00
Tuni—Miss Priest and Work	846 00
Vuyyuru—Dr. Hulet	600 00
Yellam—Miss McLeish and Work	694 00
Furlough Passages—	
Craig, Selman and Baskerville	1820 00
Furlough Allowances—	
Misses Findlay, Selman and Baskerville	1000 40
Samalkot School Grant	100 00
For Dr. Cameron's Instruments	50 00
Exchange with India	50 00
Bolivia	500 00
Rest for Touring Bungalow	40 00
	\$14,605 40

ELLIOT BUNGALOW (TUNI) ACCOUNT.

1914-16—Paid from Building Fund	\$1556 77
1914-16—Paid from General Fund	1400 25
1916-17—Paid from Building Fund	250 08
1916-17—Paid from General Fund	153 08
	\$3360 02

This is the complete cost of Bungalow.

COCANADA GASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

1916-17—Paid from legacy, estate Mrs. Freeland	\$ 600 56
Paid from Building Fund	162 11
Paid from General Fund	997 89
Paid from Balance in India (not included in above receipts)	227 77
	\$1987 77

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