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FRUITFULNESS.

The grapes hang purple on the vine
As autumn breezes blow ;
What fruit, O Lord, as gift of mine,
Do thought and action show ?

Thou art the Vine ; a branch am I ;
The life-blood comes from Thee ;
May clustered fruitage show supply
Of heavenly grace in me.

—The Baptist Union.

OUR HAMILTON CONVENTION.

Many are looking forward and perhaps asking themselves, what is to be the spirit and character of our coming Convention. How often, since King Hezekiah's Passover, have religious impulses been aroused at religious gatherings. Now and then a Convention has been, as it were another Pentecost, but what will be the character and effects of our Convention. May we not say, that by God's Spirit, they will be just what our prayers and preparations make them. If this be so, let us think of the Convention, pray for it, prepare for it, and go to it looking for large and lasting blessing, not only on ourselves and on our Circles, but on our Churches and our Home and Foreign Missions.

"For since the beginning of the world, men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."
"Have faith in God." "According to your faith be it unto you."

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario (West), will be held in James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, November 12th and 13th. The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on the 12th.

DELEGATES.

Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less ; for each additional twenty, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is either life-mem-

bers or contributors of at least one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a first-class, full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines, it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway.

These certificates are only good for use three days after the meetings close, if the delegates go and return on the same line.

NOTICE.

The Secretary of each Circle is requested to notify Mrs. Jas. Somerville, 259 Bay St. South, Hamilton, of the number of delegates who will attend from their Circle, so that the Billeting Committee may know how many to prepare entertainment for. Delegates are requested to report upon arrival, at the James Street Baptist Church. Those arriving on the Grand Trunk Railway will find street car connection direct to the Church. The station of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, is less than one block from the church door. Members of the Board or any others wishing to come on Tuesday, November 11th, will receive the name and address of their hostess, by applying to Mrs. Somerville.

BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in James Street Baptist Church, Tuesday, November 11th, at 3 p.m.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

Rev. J. A. K. Walker, of Peddapuram, who some months ago left India for Switzerland owing to break down consequent upon a very severe attack of fever, has, under further medical advice decided to come on to Canada; the doctors being unanimous that a more prolonged stay in a colder climate is necessary to fully eradicate the disease than was at first anticipated. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have therefore left Clarens, Switzerland, whither Mrs. Walker went to meet him for Canada. Mr. Walker's field will in the meantime be looked after by Rev. R. H. Madden.

PROGRAMME.

Woman's Convention, James Street Baptist Church,
Hamilton, Nov. 12th, 13th.

MRS. T. M. HARRIS, 1st Vice-President, presiding.

MORNING SESSION, 9.30 O'CLOCK.

Convention Sec., MISS JACQUELINE MORTON, B.A.

- 9.30—Hymn and Scripture Reading.
Prayer, by Mrs. S. J. Farmer, Brantford.
Appointment of Nominating Committee.
Appointment of Committee on Resolutions.
- 10.00—Annual Reports.
Recording Secretary, Miss Moyle, Toronto.
Treasurer, Miss Elliot, Toronto.
LINK, Mrs. W. H. Porter, Toronto.
Bureau of Literature, Mrs Dancy, Toronto.
- 10.15—Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto.
- 10.20—Conference of Associational Directors.
Hymn.

- 11.00—Address, Medical Missions, Rev. E. G. Smith, M.D., Yellamanchili, India.
- 11.30—Prayer Service, Mrs. J. C. Holman, Toronto.
- 11.45—Address of Welcome, Mrs. St. Clair, Balfour Street, Hamilton.
Reply, Miss Martha Rogers, Toronto.
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.15 O'CLOCK.

- 2.15—Hymn—Prayer.
Minutes of Morning Session.
Election of Officers.
Prayer, Mrs. R. W. Laird, Toronto.
President's Address, Mrs. T. M. Harris,
1st Vice-Pres., Toronto.
- 3.20—Report of Foreign Secretary, Miss Buchan,
Toronto.

- Hymn.
Five Minute Talk, Sircar, Rangoon.
Prayer, Mrs. Hoyt, Hamilton.
- 4.00—Address, Miss A. C. Murray, Cocanada,
India.
Collection—Solo.
- 4.15—Bible Reading, Mrs. E. L. Hill, Guelph.

EVENING SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

- 8.00—Hymn—Scripture—Prayer.
Minutes of Afternoon Session.
Music.
- 8.20—Address, Miss McLaurin, Vuyuru, India.
Hymn.
- 9.00—Address.
Collection.
Hymn.
Benediction.

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(West) for 1901-1902.

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J. Firstbrook, Mrs. Sinclair, all of Toronto.

Nominations.

The Foreign Secretary and Treasurer are ap-
pointed by the Board. The other officers and the
first five members, namely, Mrs. C. T. Stark, Mrs.
S. Dadson, Mrs. P. C. Parker, Mrs. W. J. McKay
and Miss Alexander retire this year, but are eligible
for re-election. All nominations and resignations
must be sent in writing to Miss Buchan, 165 Bloor
Street East, Toronto, before Tuesday, November
11th, or else handed to her on the morning of the
13th. It is important that all who make nomina-
tions give their reasons for doing so.

A. MOYLE, Rec. Sec.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board was held on
Friday, September 12th. In the absence of Mrs.
Booker, Mrs. Freeland presided. Sixteen were
present, Miss Nicholls and Miss Warner represent-
ing the out-of-town members. Miss Priest was
also present.

Miss Buchan read a very interesting letter from
Miss McLeod, on behalf of the Timpany Memorial
School, expressing their satisfaction with Miss
Corning's appointment.

The following resolution was then unanimously
passed, "in consideration of Mrs. McLeod's long
term of service (14 years) we offer with pleasure to
provide \$325.00 to pay her passage home.

Applications were received from two ladies wish-
ing to take up work in India, one being fully
qualified for medical work, the other a trained
nurse. The meeting closed with earnest prayer for
Miss Priest and Miss Pratt, and the singing of the
hymn "Blest be the tie that binds."

A. MOYLE, Rec. Sec.

Eastern Convention Report.

THE Convention of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, held in Brockville, October 7th and 8th, allotted the first of these days to the consideration of the Foreign fields. The half hour prayer service before the morning session opened the Convention with a feeling of praise and peace. The President, Mrs. Claxton, and 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Sheldon, were both present. Other officers of the Board in their places were Mrs. H. H. Ayer, Cor. Sec.; Miss E. M. Crossley, Rec. Sec., Miss P. M. Chandler, Mrs. J. Moulton, and Mrs. K. Macdonald, Directresses of the Eastern, Canada Central, and Ottawa Associations respectively. Only forty-nine delegates from Circles and Bands answered to the roll-call, but there were considerably more than that at the Convention. Rain and shine alternated to give the visitor a taste of each and show up the pretty town under both conditions. The warmest of kind welcomes was tendered the delegates, not alone in the homes of the hospitable hostesses, but from the town itself, and the pretty church home, with its tasty floral decorations was most inviting. The little pages, Mary Derbisher and Elsie Smart are to be thanked, not only for their services but for the added touch of brightness given by their presence. Every one was glad to see Mrs. Claxton once more in the chair and happy that she should continue to hold it throughout the day. It fell to the lot of Mrs. Fisher to welcome the Convention which she did with the sincerest pleasure, regretting, however, that, through the illness of her husband, Mrs. Sycamore, to whom this duty had been assigned was unavoidably absent. Mrs. Claxton when replying thanked the Brockville ladies, not merely for their present kindness, but also for the pleasant memories of a past convention, held in their town eleven years previously. She said how pleased she was to see the evidence of interest given in the presence of so many delegates, and thanked the Directresses for their faithful work during the past year. There was no estimating the importance of the Foreign fields, especially the work among the Telegus, she thought, and too much attention could hardly be given to the Mission Bands that from their earliest youth, the future mission workers, might have their interest aroused. The President

also urged the Circles to take up the "Study of Missions," which they could obtain with full particulars as to use, from the Bureau of Literature. She further emphasized the need of constant and increasing interest in the Indian field, and our own missionaries, Miss Murray and Miss McLaurin. Of course the regular business had to be attended to, committees appointed, officers elected, and reports received. Good reports of the three Associations were given personally by their three directresses; Miss Chandler especially mentioning the Quebec Circle, which had given the largest amount in proportion to the number of its members, averaging \$5.95 per member. In connection with this it is interesting to notice that in the report of the Superintendent of Mission Bands, Miss Muir gives the laurels to the Quebec Band, averaging \$2.50 per member. It was too bad that none of the Quebec people could be present, to have personally received the praise bestowed upon their work. The good work done by the Brockville Circle and Band was also particularly worthy of notice in their Association's report. In the Corresponding Secretary's report attention was called to the opening for a caste girl's school in Vuyyuru. Contrary to the usual feeling of the natives this is earnestly desired, and Miss Selman, supplying that field during Miss McLaurin's furlough, is so anxious for it, and so certain of its success, that she wishes to pay the first year's expense, \$25, herself, if the Board will guarantee its future support. This, however, it was explained could not be done as yet, as the estimates for next year were already out. Miss McLaurin was asked to give her opinion and spoke most earnestly in favor of such a school, after which there was a short discussion, the President stating it as her belief that the Board would gladly take it up in future if the intervening year could be supplied by gift or as an extra. Later in the afternoon Mrs. D. McLaurin, of Osgoode, spoke in favor of collecting the necessary amount before the meeting closed, pledging \$5 as her subscription. Her example was followed by a like gift from each of the following ladies, Mrs. Jamieson, of Ottawa, Mrs. M. Frith, of Winchester, Mrs. E. J. Reynolds, of Brockville, and Mrs. K. McDonald, of Ottawa, who thus completed the required amount, and so the caste girls' school in Vuyyuru

may be considered an established fact. Another point of interest in the Corresponding Secretary's report was the gift made by little Hazeldean McCallum, of Vankleek Hill, for the support of a child in India. Having donated the amount of \$30 during the past year, it was decided she should be made a Life-member of the Society. The Treasurer's report showed a satisfactory year from a monetary standpoint, and it is to be hoped that the Circles will in no way relax their efforts as the estimates for the work in India are somewhat larger on account of added workers.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1902-1903.

Miss Murray's passage	.....	\$350 00
" " salary	.....	271 00
Akidu Girls' School	.....	200 00
Vuyyuru " "	.....	200 00
" " Work among women and children	.....	165 00
Cocanada Zenana workers	.....	250 00
Samalkot	.....	150 00
Total	.....	\$1,586 00

The report from the Bureau of Literature and Post Office Crusade were both good, Mrs. Cole showing a marvellous increase and development of her department. It was a great pleasure to see Miss Murray back again and to hear her speak of her work in India and love for it. She told the stories of several women with whom she had come in contact and how their faces had been illumined when the clear light of Christ had been allowed to shine in their souls. She contrasted their former despairing lives of misery under the rule of angry and vicious gods, with the happiness and peace that brightened them when they welcomed Christ. Miss Murray's visits among the Circles have been eagerly looked forward to, but it is deemed wiser to postpone these for some time on account of her state of health.

The Conference on Circles and "How to make them Grow," contained many helpful words. It consisted of five papers, "The Circles Growth in Numbers," by Mrs. Kellock, of Perth; "In Knowledge," by Mrs. W. W. McMaster, of Ottawa; "In Offerings," by Mrs. Cole, of Westmount; "In Spiritual Life," by Mrs. E. G. Frith, of Winchester; "Hindrances and their Removal," by Mrs. O. E. Kendall, of Vernon. Two of these ladies, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Kendall were unable to be present, their papers being read by others. It would take too long to go through each paper as it deserves. The importance of prayer, of a faithful president, a

good program, a free use of the Bureau of Literature with its various facilities, individual consecration, convenience in place and hour of meeting, and an earnest belief in the great importance of the work, were some of the points that were urged. Mrs. W. W. McMaster, the newly appointed President of the Home Society took the chair during the Union Platform Meeting held in the evening, Mrs. Claxton and the Rev. W. E. Norton being also on the platform. Miss McLaurin's address on the mission work in India held a yet greater interest from the fact that she has so lately returned from the field, and is looking forward hopefully to a return to it. Surely God is good to His people for those who give up all for Him, He enriches with the greatest sense of peace and security in the constant and close companionship of their Master. Miss McLaurin spoke of her happiness in and love for her work, and the great delight it is to give to thirsty hearts the pure Water of Life. There are 250 villages on the field where she labors and all are left to her care; no wonder, that often, the responsibility of the work alone, should be wearying and burdensome, with its vastness and dreariness of sin-laden lives left to her care. She has been able only to visit about 140 of these and gave a most interesting description of her mode of advance among strangers. In many of these villages, being the first European lady the women have ever seen, she is looked upon with great suspicion and frequently has had trouble to procure a hearing from the women, believing her to be a man have all fled at her approach. A great deal of time also has to be given to the explanation of the reason for the missionary's presence, as the motive of love has no place in their religion. Another frequent question with the women, is why, if Christ came to earth nearly 2,000 years ago, they have not heard of this salvation before. As they believe in a creation, that is generally the starting point of a talk with them, from which to gradually work on to the story of Christ's life and ransom. Some of the women it is very difficult to reach with the plan of salvation through faith alone. Many of the Hindus, who are a very religious people, spend their lives in a continued attempt to appease the wrath of their gods, by pilgrimages, offerings, prayers and other penances for sin, in which they believe, and in order to avert its punishment which they fear. To persuade these women that all these years of labor are worth nothing, is to strip them

of their only trust, and is most difficult in some cases, the very freeness of the Gospel offer, proving frequently one of the greatest obstacles to its acceptance. Speaking of the darkness of their lives, the moral blackness of their religion, Miss McLaurin contrasted with it the blessing of the Light of the World in Christ, and condemned the bitter irony in the suggestion of some, that the heathen should be left to the *light* they have.

Rev. W. E. Norton, of Toronto, addressed the meeting on the great importance of Home Missions also, urging that we should be careful not to let the work we have already established slip back in our efforts to gain a more advanced footing in new fields. The work in the smaller and weaker fields might not be so interesting and agreeable, but it is from these that the larger interests are fed, and if we want the life of the Denomination to be strong and healthy, it is well to keep its sources all in a state of purity and activity. At this meeting also the Brockville Church Choir and Miss Blanche Lehigh are to be thanked for the welcome addition of music, and Mrs. Reynolds, who took the organ, for her services throughout the Convention.

The following is the result of the election of officers held toward the close of the morning session:—President, Mrs. Claxton; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. A. Gordon; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. Sheldon; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. H. Ayer; Rec. Sec., Miss E. M. Crossley; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Rickert; Supt. M. B., Miss Muir; Directresses, Mrs. J. Moulton, Westport, Ont.; Mrs. K. McDonald, Ottawa, Ont.; Miss P. M. Chandler, Coaticook, Que.; Members of the Board, Mesdames Bentley, Utting, Cole, Tester, Alloway, McKergow, Therrien, Sims, Radford, Halkett, McLaren, Ohman, Scott, Franchis, Tredenham, Webb, Gilmour, Picard, the Misses Barker, Cramp and Russell.

CORESPONDING SECRETARY.

26th Annual Report of the woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec for year ending Oct 1st, 1902.

Mrs. President and Ladies:—It affords us great pleasure to present a very favorable report of the work done for the year 1901-1902, and although all our hopes have not yet been realized, we have much to be thankful for in the increased and kindly interest which has been taken in the work of the society.

To day we welcome to our Convention "our own" Missionary, Miss A. C. Murray who has so faithfully labored for almost nine years, as our representative in India and Miss McLaurin, who has so ably carried on the work on the Vuyuru field, which is supported by this society.

At the beginning of the year the most important matter before your Board, was the raising of funds for Miss Murray's passage, and in accordance with the suggestions made at our last annual meeting, an open meeting was held under the auspices of the Board in the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on 5th November, 1901.

This took the form of a Union "Birthday Party" and was well attended by members and friends of the six Montreal Circles.

The work and requirements of the society were brought to public notice and the offerings amounted to \$113.00. We are pleased to state that other Circles followed this plan, considerably adding to the funds for this object.

The days of prayer set aside by the Convention have been observed by the members of your Board and the services held proved a blessing and inspiration to those present. There is great encouragement in knowing that so many of our members are waiting at the same time in special prayer for the work.

Urgent invitations have been received during the course of the year for your Board to send representatives to the Student Volunteer Convention in Toronto and Lake George Conference, letters were forwarded, regretting our inability to send delegates and expressing our sympathy in the work carried on by their bodies.

Mrs. Vaux one of our life members, now residing in Toronto, kindly consented to represent your Board at the Fourth Interdenominational Conference of Mission Boards in the United States and Canada, and her interesting report was much appreciated by those who heard it.

It was with a great deal of regret that your Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. King, who had so successfully carried on the work of the Bureau of Literature for the past few years.

As it was considered advantageous to the interest of our Society to continue under the same plan as heretofore, Mrs. Dancy, who had already been appointed by our sisters in the West, very kindly consented to act for us. We desire your interest on behalf of the Bureau, where you will always find

missionary literature suitable for your Circle meeting.

The success of the Post Office Crusade, which has assumed such grand proportions under the superintendency of Mrs. Cole, cannot honestly be reported as due to the efforts of this Society. The work has been taken up with great success, but noticeably outside of our Society, which it may be well to add has not taken one cent from its funds to aid this department. It is for you to decide if it be wise to continue along the same lines as was at first proposed or to allow this work to assume the form of another society.

The only change in the personnel of the staff of Directresses is in the Ottawa Association, where Mrs. K. McDonald, of Ottawa, occupies the position left vacant by Mrs. Draper's removal from the bounds of that Association. Mrs. John Moulton, of the Canada Central, and Miss Chandler from the Eastern, have continued with unabated zeal their good work.

In connection with the work of your Board, the writer would like to express her appreciation for the kindly assistance and advice rendered, so promptly and cheerfully, by the Secretary of the General Society, Rev. J. G. Brown.

Finances.—You will no doubt rejoice that our financial statement is so satisfactory, in that we commence the year with a small balance. It is a matter of note, that the Circles have been more prompt in their payments, thus freeing your Board from much anxiety.

A pleasing feature is the receipt of \$15 from a little girl in Vankleek Hill for the support of a girl in the Akidu School. This is the second time this year that amount has been handed in to the Treasurer, from the same source and it was with interest that we learned that the sum represented the savings of little Miss McCallum, and was not donated as might be presumed by her parents. What a sacrifice this must mean to a child you will all readily realize. This incident is mentioned that others may be incited to do greater things for missions.

INDIA.

Akidu Girls' School.—Mrs. Chute reports that much encouragement has been felt during the past year, in the work of the Akidu Girls' Boarding School. Twenty-eight girls were enrolled with an average attendance of twenty, and four little girls are day pupils. At the end of the term fees were

received from all the scholars, with but one or two exceptions at the rate of four annas (8 cents) a month.

At the annual examination by the Government Inspector the pupils were very successful. Two little girls were sent at the beginning of the year to Cocanada to enter the new Lower Secondary Class for girls.

The children have for sometime been in the habit of giving a portion of their daily rice to the Lord, but for the last two years they have appointed Treasurers and kept a tenth account. They seem to have an increased interest in giving and during the year have very materially assisted in the support of the Church and have shown an active sympathy in the work of the mission. Seven girls were baptized and two of these came from heathen homes.

The health of the children has been unusually good, there having been no serious illness in the school throughout the year. We rejoice with the missionary in the news that the school has been at last recognized by Government and the pupils can now be sent direct to the Government Examinations.

Vuyyuru Girls Boarding School.—From Mrs. Stillwell's report we have many encouraging proofs as to the wisdom of engaging in this Educational work.

“Twenty-three were received as boarders, and a number of boys from the nearer villages and two or three girls who attended as day pupils, made an average attendance of thirty-six.

“The conduct of the children throughout the year has been a joy to me. They kept their house always very tidy and were careful about their personal appearance, so that very little reproof was needed because of untrimmed garments, uncombed hair, or unwashed hands and face. In N. Lydiamma, the teacher whom I mentioned last year as coming to us from the Akidu Girls' School, I have found a real helper.

“The study of the Bible has had a prominent place, as is usual, in the teaching of the year. The head-master of the school has drilled the more advanced scholars daily in the study of Genesis and Exodus, and Lydiamma has taught the younger ones from 'Old and New Testament Stories,' a book prescribed by Conference for the I. and II. Standards. The III. and IV. Standard pupils were taught regularly in the Gospels of Mark and Luke,

respectively. In the Sunday School the Life of Christ was taken up.

"Many of the children have manifested a real desire to become Christians, but the majority of them are so young that baptism has been given but to one of the larger girls.

"Kodali Koranamma, one of our girls who was for many years in the Akidu school, passed the Primary Examination, last December, so has graduated from our school and is now at home. It is thought that it may be wise to send her for training and thus make her Certificate Professional. She will be an influence for good wherever she may be, I am sure, as she is an earnest, bright Christian. We miss her in the school.

"The school during the past year, has realized in large measure our expectations and we thank God for it. May you, who are giving for its maintenance, take heart, for its influence will be wide and far-reaching, and with educated Christian women scattered all over the Vuyyuru field, a powerful agency in making the Gospel message known will be at work and the kingdom of God extended."

Vuyyuru work among the women and children.—

On Miss McLaurin's departure from Vuyyuru, Miss Selman (who was sent out in 1900 and is supported by the Woman's Society West), took up the work which is full of encouragements. One of the greatest of these is the request from the caste people for a caste girls' school in Vuyyuru, which is a sign of great progress, as formerly, such a school was opened with much opposition. The highest official in the village and a Brahmin of much influence is at the head of those who expressed such a desire.

At first there seemed no hope of granting this request, as no suitable teacher was available. Now, in answer to prayer, Saramma, who was educated in the C. M. S. Mission and passed the Primary examination, which qualifies her to teach school, is through the illness of her husband living in Vuyyuru and is anxious to do Bible work or teaching. Miss Selman states that she is fitted in every way to become the teacher of this school as she has already taught several years. She was baptized two years ago in Vuyyuru and Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell speak most highly of her.

Sisters! it is for you to say if this work is to be provided for by our Society. As there seemed no hope of a teacher at the time of Conference in India, no estimate was put in for this school for

next year. The sum of twenty-five dollars, states Miss Selman would cover expenses of room and teacher's salary for one year, and unless this is provided for as an extra, the school must wait until 1904.

Miss Selman volunteers to provide for this work herself during the coming year, if she is assured of your approval and sympathy, and that you will pledge yourselves to its support in 1904. The missionary writes, "We know that if the school is of the Lord, He will lead us in all these arrangements and He will care for it."

At present the zenana work is going on steadily in Vuyyuru. Eight or nine houses are being visited by Catherine and hymns and Bible truths are taught. The work done by the Bible-women, Jane, Catherine, Mariamma and Naomi, cannot be over-estimated as it is most important and far-reaching. They have exceptional opportunities for conveying the Gospel message to women, as they have an entrance into their homes.

Therefore, we should be happy to learn that a widow in the Boarding School will soon be prepared to do Bible work and it is desirable that we should take on her support.

Miss Selman writes of her that, "She could not read, but so longed to learn, that she might do Bible work, we were led to try to help her. She was too poor to pay her fees, so at first I paid them, then she asked to earn them and I have let her pay her fees by pulling my punkah. She has a *mind to work*. She is now reading and struggling with figures too."

Miss Selman has been able to visit several villages and hopes to go out on tour every day. Remember this missionary who is striving to cope with the difficulties of this vast field and her faithful Bible-women, in your prayers!

Zenana Workers, Cocanada.—There is naturally a great deal of repetition in the work carried on by Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs. This is owing to the fact that the people are so much alike in their ideas and thoughts and even in their names. They are so full of superstitions that none dare break through the rules even in dress and jewelry, so it is no wonder that though convinced of sin they have not courage to confess the truth openly.

The work on the whole is encouraging though disappointments are often met with, but the workers are gaining year by year a firmer footing and are loved and trusted by those they visit. Miss Gibson

mentions the death of an old deaf woman of whom she has frequently written. She died trusting in Jesus and testifying that her sins were all forgiven and of His power to save those who were about her.

An idea of the superstitions of this people may be gathered from Miss Gibson's account of a solar eclipse. "On entering the town, just as the eclipse was passing off, the whole population seemed in the act of taking a bath, as they considered that they had been polluted by some shadow which had come before the face of the sun, some huge reptile had attempted to swallow the sun itself. So in sympathy many fasted until the danger was past. Here was an opportunity of enlightening them as to the real cause of an eclipse." Miss Gibson reports that more new houses have been entered in the half year from December to June than ever before in the same period of time.

The girls who have left school are visited frequently and are taught regular Bible lessons, which the majority are eager to continue. One of the trials mentioned by Miss Beggs is that frequently when a pupil begins to take an interest she leaves the town for some far off place, but it is hopeful to think that they carry the message which they have heard to the dark homes, where many of them go.

Her pupils are progressing in their studies, they listen attentively on the whole and some remember them well. Most of the women showed a marked interest and spirit of inquiry last year, but some who were so eager are now comparatively indifferent. It is trusted that others who have listened with the same interest are really believers in Christ.

The recurrence of this annual meeting forcibly reminds us that another year of opportunity has passed and while we must gratefully acknowledge that God's blessing on the efforts we have made, we must humbly confess, that we individually have not done all that was possible for us to do in advancing the knowledge of Christ's Kingdom.

"Do thy duty that is best,
Leave unto the Lord the rest!
Whosoever things thou doest,
To the least of these and lowest,
That thou doest unto Me!"

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,

Montreal, Oct., 1902.

Cor. Sec.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Four regular meetings of the Executive Board have been held during the year, with an average attendance of thirteen. Three special meetings have been held, the first, in October, was held shortly after last Annual Convention, to consider the "Birthday Party" which it was decided should be held in November. The second, in April, was called for the purpose of making some decision as to Miss Murray's rest, and later, work among the Circles.

Very interesting reports have been received throughout the year from our missionaries, and Mrs. Cole, Superintendent of the Post Office Crusade has increased the interest of the meetings greatly by her full and encouraging reports.

There are two new Life-members for this year, Mrs. I. T. Woodley, of Rocklands, and Mrs. Julia Bridge, of Abbots' Corners.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY

Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Womans' Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.—Year ending October 1st, 1902.

October 1st, 1901.	Cash on hand.	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
	\$273 45			
Algonquin	\$20 00	\$6 00		\$26 00
Almonte	12 10			12 10
Arnprior	3 20			3 20
Allan's Mills		20 00		20 00
Abbott's Corner (Mrs. Julia Bridge for Life-membership)				26 00
Athens, Plum Hollow	5 00			5 00
Brockville	128 33	30 00		158 35
Bredalbane	15 00			15 00
Beebe Plain	22 00			22 00
Carleton Place	15 80			15 80
Clarence	65 00	8 50		73 50
Cornwall	2 00			2 00
Dalmeny, Osgoode	30 00	30 00		30 00
Delta	17 00	5 00		22 00
Drummond	15 00			15 00
Dixville	10 00			10 00
Dominionville	8 00			8 00
Grenville (see Stonefield)				
Harlem (Phillipsville)	31 00	2 00		33 00
Kingston, Union Street	14 00	12 00		26 00
Kingston, First Church	20 00	17 00		37 00
Kemptville, South Gower	9 00			9 00
Lanark	3 00			3 00
Lachute	9 00			9 00
Montreal, Olivet	96 50	23 00		119 50
" First Church	41 75			41 75
" Tabernacle	6 00			6 00
" Pt. St. Charles	5 00	13 00		18 00
" Grace Church	10 00	10 75		20 75
" Westmou't Ch.				
(per Mrs. E. B. Paine)	10 00			10 00

\$3.30; Dutton, \$2; Hamilton, Victoria Av., \$5.35; Ailsa Craig, \$3.55; Bethel, \$2; Beamsville (\$8 for Satyavedam), \$15; Caistor, \$2.50; Meaford, \$1; Sarnia, \$5.30; Sprucedale, \$2.50; Thamesville, \$2.75; Woodstock, Oxford St., (\$6 for Engala Nokamma), \$7.64; Waterford, \$2; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., \$11.50; Belleville, \$7; Bloomsburg, \$3; Calvary, \$9; DeCewsville, \$6; Fonthill, \$3.75; Glammis, \$3.20; Kenilworth, \$4.30; Listowel, \$1.85; Lakefield, \$6.25; Orangeville, \$6; Port Burwell, \$2; St. Catharines, Queen St., \$4.95; Lyman St., \$4.75; Petrolea (\$15 to make Miss L. Pratt a Life-member), \$22.50; Port Colborne, \$3; Port Hope, \$14.20; St. George, \$8.55; Acton, \$2.90; Burtch, \$4; Cheltenham, \$14; Delhi, \$4.25; Guelph, First Ch., \$4.85; Hamilton, James St., \$19.85; Peterboro', Murray St., \$11.40. Total, \$956.93.

FROM BANDS.—Port Arthur, to make Miss Alice L. Evans a Life-member, \$10; St. Catharines, Queen St., for Appakita Anandarao, \$5; Toronto, College St., Junior, \$3; Hespeler, for Bolivia, \$10; Bracebridge, \$4; St. Marys, for Govadi Appalamma, \$9; Shedden, \$1.50; Barrie, \$3; Cultus, \$20; Parry Sound, \$1; Glammis, \$1.24; Farewell, \$1; Green River, soc., Port Hope, \$5; Scotland, \$2.75; Toronto, Walmer Rd. (Boys), \$3.21; (Girls), \$1.50; College St. Y. W., for Degala Mary, \$5; Brantford, First Ch., for Dasyam Paradesi, \$7; Cheltenham, \$2.50; Dundas, \$11.65; Fenelon Falls for E. Appalama, \$4; Ingersoll, 45c; Peterboro', Murray St. (\$19.20 for Tota Maryamma), \$21.75; Baby Band, 85c; St. George, \$2.56; Woodstock, First Ch., for Student, \$17; Belfountain, \$2; Eden, \$1; Guelph, Trinity Ch. (a member) to make Miss Alice Evans a Life-member, \$10; Hamilton, Wentworth St., for girl, \$8; Baby Band, for children of lepers, 77c.; Lakefield, \$3; New Sarum, \$2.50. Total, \$181.73.

FROM SUNDRIES.—St. Thomas Junior C. E. for Ponnammali Adiyya, \$7; Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Miss Maggie Boon, for lepers, \$5; Mrs. R. T. Howard, Glencoe, \$3; London, Talbot St. Y. P. S. C. E., \$6.25. Total, \$31.25.

Total receipts during the month . . . \$1,169 91

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer: Regular Estimates in India, \$408; Extras for India: salaries for Dec., Misses Folsom and Corning, \$64.59; half month, Misses Priest and Pratt, \$44.81. For lepers: "Redemption Home," \$2.70; Hamilton, James St., Primary Dept., \$5; Miss Maggie Boon, \$5. For Bolivia: Hespeler M. B., \$10; North Bruce M.C., \$4. Payable in Canada: Furlough allowance for October for Misses Priest and Hatch, \$50. Total, \$594.10.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Postage for Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, \$2; Mrs. M. E. Davies, Norfolk Ass., 60c.; Collection on Cheque, 15c.; Rubber Stamp for Railway Certificates at Convention, \$1.75. Total, \$4.50.

Total disbursements during the month . . . \$598.60
Total receipts since October 21, 1901 . . . \$7,630 00
Total disbursements since October 21, 1901 . . . \$7,762 36

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Receipts from Circles.—Peterboro', Murray, St., \$13; St. George, \$9. Total, \$22.

Disbursements.—By General Treasurer, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet, and munshi, \$45.83.
Total receipts since October 21, 1901 . . . \$427 06
Total disbursements since October 21, 1901 . . . \$541.87

VIOLET ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

109 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

MISSION BANDS.

FENELON FALLS, ONT.—Last March a Mission Band was organized here with ten members, the membership is now thirty-five. Our meetings are held the last Saturday afternoon of each month, and we have very interesting meetings. We have undertaken the support of a girl in the school at Cocanada, and we are going to use the Pyramids. On the evening of Sept. 19th, we held an open meeting and the members gave a very interesting program. A collection amounting to \$3.35 was taken.

MRS. M. E. DAVIES.

BADDOW, ONT.—On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28th, I had the pleasure of organizing a Mission Band at Baddow, with twenty-one members. They expect to hold their meetings once a month, on Sunday afternoon after service. The officers are:—President, Zilla Suggett; Vice-Pres., Ruby Wilson; Secretary, Albert Sugget; Treasurer, Hugh Graham.

MRS. M. E. DAVIES.

EDEN, ONT.—A Mission Band was organized here on July 6th, 1902, with eighteen members, to meet the 1st Sabbath of each month. Name of Band "I'll Try." The officers are:—Pres., Mrs. J. W. Silcox; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. W. Alton; Sec., Roy Silcox; Treas., Clarence Jones; Organist, Pearl Alton; Committee, E. Allemond, N. Leach, B. Bently.

ROY SILCOX, Sec.

DURHAM.—A Mission Band was organized at Durham on Sept 20th, by Mrs. (Rev.) L. Newton with a membership of 30.

The Band will meet every two weeks and the leader has bright prospects for the work. We hope and pray that the teaching and training so faithfully and patiently given in the Mission Bands of Owen Sound Association, may bear much fruit, in young lives, of consecrated devotion to our Home and Foreign Mission work. The officers at Durham are:—President, Mrs. (Rev.) L. Newton; Vice Pres. Miss Stewart; Sec., Miss Nettie Browne; Treas., Miss McIntosh; Organist, Miss Ada Browne.

OWEN SOUND.—"The Carey Mission Band" of Owen Sound, has entered upon another year's work. The tenth annual report given Oct 3rd shewed a deep interest and increased membership. The officers for the ensuing year are:—President, Miss Maughan; Vice Pres., Master Arthur Day; Rec. Secretary, Miss Anna Foster; Treasurer, Miss Eva Pearce; Cor. Secretary, Miss Minnie Foster.

Mrs. Jas. Walker,
Director.

Our Work Abroad.

Rome, Italy, Sept. 15th, 1902.

My dear Miss Elliot:—

We have come thus far on our journey, and have been favoured with fine weather, kind friends and every needed comfort all the way. Our passage across the Atlantic was delightful, and though some of our party suffered for a few days I was not sick for one moment. We spent a never-to-be-forgotten day on the Rhine; going by steamer from Cologne to Mayence. With a good guide-book in hand, we were able to recall the history and curious legends of the famous old castles that we passed, and this added much to the interest of the journey. We spent nearly two days in Heidelberg, and while there we wandered through its grand old castle, and in thought, lived over again some of the thrilling experiences of hundreds of years ago. It was a grand, beautiful spot, and we were sorry to leave it. Our next stopping place was Lucerne, Switzerland. This was the most restful place that we have been in. The grand old mountains constantly speaking to the heart of the majesty, power and love of God, the beautiful, velvety, terraced slopes; the lovely gardens where flowers bloom most luxuriously; the fine villas perched most picturesquely high up on the mountain sides, and the blue, calm lake, picturing all these beauties over and over again on its surface. There were quiet walks where one could be alone with nature and with nature's God, and there were magnificent sunrises and sunsets. But beautiful as it all was we could not tarry long, and on the third day we proceeded to Onilan, following the river Reuss through deep, narrow, rocky defiles; and making our way through the Alps by many curves, zigzags and loops and 56 tunnels, one of which was the great St. Gottard. Hundreds of streams leaped down those steep, rocky heights to join the Reuss, often falling so far as to be broken into the finest, most delicate gauze draperies, and sometimes looking up those dizzy heights we would see three or more of those lovely cascades, one above the other. Now and then we caught a glimpse of the snowy range through an opening in the mountains. On high mountain slopes shepherds were tending their flocks in their summer pastures, while far below them separated by forests and rocky precipices were the sheltered winter meadows, and more comfortable homes. It would be impossible for me to

describe the wild, grand beauty of the scenery we feasted our eyes upon that day. The Reuss itself is for many miles a succession of water-falls, cascades and rapids. In a few hours we had left the mountains behind us, and were hurrying across the great northern plain of Italy, level as a floor and covered with vineyards and olive groves. We spent one night in Milan and hurried on to Florence where we stayed two days and then came on to Rome. The first day here was rather hot, but it is cool to-day. It is however too dry and dusty to take much pleasure in going about. We have seen all that we care to, and are resting for our journey to Naples, which we take to-morrow if all is well. Our steamer the "Rhein," sails from Naples on Wednesday the 17th, at 9 o'clock p.m.

We came 2nd Class across the Atlantic and in that way we saved some money for this trip across the Continent. We find Miss Corning a very sweet girl. I trust that she will prove a real blessing to our work in India.

Yours very sincerely,

ELLEN A. FOLSOM

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS MORROW.

Akidu, Godaveri Dist.

Sept. 9, 1902

Dear Mrs. Poster:

The work has gone well here the last two months. I am getting ready now for a tour into Colair Lake on which Miss Selman with her two Biblewomen are to accompany me. Pray for us. We will be together for a month or more so will still be working together when you get this.

There seems to be a revival imminent in South India. It has already begun and there are hundreds of both missionaries and native Christians praying for it.

We are having more rain than I have seen since I came to India. It hinders our work some as the men are at home when it rains heavily and the women will not gather to listen; besides there is not usually a sheltered place to sit and they will not take us right into their houses, nevertheless we rejoice for the good rains, for it means good harvests and pray that He will send us showers of spiritual blessings too.

With love, Yours in Christ,

SARAH E. MORROW.

Youths' Department.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT AMONG THE ZULUS.

BY REV. CHAS. N. RANSOM, OF THE ZULU MISSION.

"FROM Darkness to Light" many a boy or girl might say. Mantonti, a girl from our station at Ifafa, sixty miles south of Durban, lived in a kraal. Her father was an officer of the local chief. Beside her own mother were several others, or wives of her father, and a score or more of brothers and sisters, with nephews and nieces like a flock. Her darkness was moral and spiritual, not physical. Sunny is the hillside where the kraal is built. Not far away are the blue waters of the Indian Ocean. In sight is the beautifully cultivated tea estate of a white man. In the woods, monkeys climb and chatter, and antelopes perpetuate the graceful athletics of their African ancestors. Around the kraal smile fields of corn and beans, pumpkins and "elephants' ears," at the very time when this country is pinched by the "long and dreary winter."

What fun for Mantonti to munch the ears of roasted corn, fresh from the little fire of sticks in the middle of the hut! What fun to go with the big girls to the brook to bathe, and come back carrying a jug of water on the head without touching it with the hands! What fun to make clay dolls and dress them up with bead-work! What fun to go to the seashore and bring back mussels, a welcome change from porridge! What fun to watch the hunters returning with antelope meat, and to stir up the fire for a roast! What fun to go to a wedding and dance and sing, eat meat and drink beer, and sit up all night! What fun to go to town and see the wonderful railroad, or to a sugar estate and bring home a pot of cheap molasses!

But on the other hand, how tiresome to carry a baby on your back all day long, or to hoe in the garden, or to look for fuel, or to drive away birds and monkeys and the terrible locusts from the ripening grain! How shameful to have all your little brothers and sisters stark naked! How terrible to hear the vile stories of older ones while sitting around the fire! Superstitions, like black clouds, darken every day. She is horribly afraid of the *Uswelaboya*, "the hairless one," a terrible monster who, it is said, hides in lonely places, ready to catch you, cut you in pieces, and use parts of you for witches' drugs.

There are dark days when the witch-doctor comes and raps on the ground and talks with the spirits, and sacrifices an ox or goat and flings suspicion on some innocent neighbor, pointing him out as having caused the trouble in this kraal. There are darker days when death comes to the kraal—double darkness, for it is dark here, and over the future falls no ray of light. Wails rend the air, and the poor body, instead of being laid in a grassy cradle in God's-acre, is rudely shoved into a hole, perhaps under the manure of the cattle yard.

But look! the day is breaking for poor Mantonti. We made a special effort at Ifafa to bring into school the kraal children, among others, Mantonti came. She made wonderful progress, but before long stopped coming. Like many other heathen, her father hated to have his girl learn. Was she not to be married before many years? Was she not worth at least ten head of cattle, and would not an education spoil the sale? No! she must stop going to school. But a faithful visit from Gardiner and a wise talk broke down the opposition, and she resumed her place in school.

After a time the light touched not only Mantonti's head but her heart. We were holding service in the kraal hut. What a church! The roof black with smoke, the floor smeared with cow-dung; on one side a pen for the calves or kids; dogs and chickens running in and out! But when Jesus through his word and messenger said, "Follow me," Mantonti rose and followed him. This act meant separation from father, mother brothers, sisters, friends, and from customs more clinging than the next of kin. It meant that her companions would sneer and jeer, and that perhaps she would be beaten and persecuted, as so many young Christians have been. But she did not falter. Nor has she up to the present looked backward or grown discouraged by the narrowness of the way.

We have service at her kraal Sunday mornings. Mantonti's voice rings out like a church bell to summon the people from the neighboring hills.

After I have spoken she testifies simply, pleads earnestly with her people, and prays fervently. These girls become the Lord's watchers in the Dark Continent, and heralds of the dawn.—*The Missionary Herald*.

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

All Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. A. J. Christie, Amherst, N.S.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER:—*Thanksgiving unto the Lord for His manifold blessings. For Bobbili, its missionaries, native christians, schools; that those for whom they are specially pleading may be won for Christ. For a copious blessing on all the interests of the North-West Baptist Mission.*

NOVA SCOTIA TIDINGS.

AT the Hebron Convention, Aug., 1902, it was arranged that each Provincial Secretary should supply the LINK with news from their respective fields according to a certain "time table" there laid down.

Nova Scotia's fell due in November. Immediately after arriving home, each Association Director was informed that echoes were required to be in the hands of the Secretary in time for her to forward to Mrs. Christie, editor of our W.B.M.U. Department, not later than October 20th.

Some time after, we learned Oct. 12th, was the necessary date and despatched a card to each Director at once. Very kind and prompt replies were received, but owing to the difference in dates, they are not as full as we might otherwise expect.

This explanation is made, partly for the benefit of those who had not the privilege of visiting Hebron, and also for those who might possibly feel like wondering why certain things were left out, and others not any more important related. Every item of news received up to date is therefore carefully represented. If every one who reads these lines will please remember that March is the next date for Nova Scotia Aid Societies to report, and plan to have every thing of interest in the hands of Associational Director or Provincial Secretary, it shall receive due attention in the April number of the LINK.

Western Association, Mrs. G. R. Blackadar, Director.—At the quarterly Conference of Annapolis Co., a very helpful women's meeting, attended very largely by old and young, was held at Paradise. After singing and prayer by Mrs. Cogswell, of Centreville, Mrs. Starratt extended a few words of warm welcome and told of her interest in missionary work and also of the Society she represented, which is one of the largest in the County, although many women in the church are still uninterested in missions. Mrs. Geo. Dickson, of Bridgetown, spoke on Band work, and its importance in training the young.

Mrs. Burditt, of Middleton, gave a very inspiring address on the "Women of India," contrasting their condition with that of Christian women in Christian lands. Having spent years in India, Mrs. Burditt speaks from an over-flowing heart and rich experience. May God bless her influence as she seeks to interest the sisters at home.

Mrs. Jackson, of Clarence, gave cheerful echoes from the Hebron Convention. Every one expressed renewed interest and a desire for deeper consecration in the future.

Mrs. Blackadar spoke very earnestly of the importance of our woman's work in the results already seen, and the great need of more willing sacrifice. She urged the responsibility and opportunity of mothers, while the little ones were still at their side. We hope many lasting impressions were made.

Annapolis County has four new societies and all doing well. There are still a few places where Aids' and Bands should be organized. Throughout the entire Conference rang the cry of more workers, more consecration, more knowledge and more prayer. At one place in Digby County some discouraged workers thought it impossible to sustain a Mission Band. One of these sisters attended the Hebron meetings and they have since decided to organize.

Miss Favia Allen, our new County Secretary for Yarmouth, has entered upon the work with much earnestness and zeal. We trust she may be very abundantly blessed by Him who alone is able to do so successfully.

Let us pray for our new officers, scattered everywhere throughout the Province, that each may hear the command of God as given by Joshua. "Only be thou strong and very courageous, for as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee."

We are more than thankful that our dear sister, Miss Helena Blackadar, of whom we are reminded just now, has so far recovered her health as to be able to resume work again. May the Great Physician grant her full restora'tion.

Central Association, Mrs. J. L. Read, Director.—In September the Morrirstown Society was visited, and as a result a large and interesting Band organized with 15 members and more to follow. President, Mrs. Elijah Van Buskirk; Secretary, Miss Edna Sturk.

Summersville, Hants County. Echoes from our Convention still ringing, remind us that another year is but another call from God to see and love with kindlier eye and warmer heart, and with keener vision to discern the world's great need. Our little Society is taking up the work with renewed earnestness of purpose, the result in a large measure of the broader outlook and exhilarating impetus of our recent annual meeting. Perhaps we enjoyed our Convention all the more, in that we had fairly earned the right to a full report, having cheerfully and gladly paid the expenses of our delegate. Sisters, try this plan next year and so enjoy Convention to the full. Though few, we realize each month the preciousness of the thought, "The Lord did not set His love upon you, or choose you because you were great in numbers, but because He loved you, therefore hath He given you a little part in the uplifting of Nations." We are hoping much from Crusade Day, to help us change the great difference between the number of women in the Church and the number in our Aid Society. We are also taking up the new Mission Studies, and are anticipating a rich feast. Our Mission Band is a constant source of delight in the enthusiasm manifested and are already enjoying to the full the lessons for the coming year.

Brookville, recently organized, is hoping to do its part nobly in bettering the record of past years. These dear sisters also had a part in increasing the pleasure of their delegate to the Convention and are sharers in the reward. The prospects for a full and enthusiastic Mission Band is exceedingly promising.

Not the least encouraging feature of the new Cambridge Band is, that the mothers and older ones give this work such hearty support and are feeling the reflex influence in enlarged sympathy and deeper spiritual life. Mrs. Walder, County Secretary for Hants, gives the following brief, but comprehensive report. Since the close of Yarmouth Convention have spent twenty days in the work of Missions, have delivered twelve missionary addresses, have held meetings in nine different places and spent several afternoons and evenings

among our Windsor, Falmouth, and Plains people, talking up Forward Movement! In the interest of this work have driven about 100 miles and walked ten; have talked to nearly one hundred different people, besides those who heard the public addresses. Held a Camp Meeting at Aberdeen Beach; attended County Convention in Cambridge. Collected \$45.00 in Windsor and \$35.00 were taken in collections at Aberdeen Beach, Avonport, Cambridge and Walton, towards the \$100 pledged at Convention to pay our share of Mr. Glendenning's salary. Every Sunday except two have been spent away from Windsor. Two more are planned for, one in Poplar Grove and another in Rawdon. I corresponded with Scotch Village, Noel and Noel Road and tried to get meetings there but failed. Gave addresses in Middleton, Nictaux and Cunard, which are outside Hants County. Have done a little for Ramabai, forwarded to her \$47.00.

Halifax First Church held a very interesting meeting during Mr. Stackhouse's visit. Mrs. Leslie, President of the Society, presided. Mrs. A. L. Wood gave very interesting notes of our Women's meeting at Hebron. Our Brother, in his own earnest way, presented the needs of the North West, and we hope the result will be enlarged giving, although our sisters carried the honors this year for having the highest average per member.

The Tabernacle sent a very kind invitation to the Provincial Secretary, to attend their September meeting and report Convention news. No delegate was sent from their Society this year, but they are fully awake to the needs of the work. Dear Sister Hall, although weighed down often with many cares and anxieties, was present and added much to the spirit and enthusiasm of the meeting. May our Father grant much of His presence during the trying hours of patient watching beside the afflicted one, who still lingers in his earthly home.

Eastern Association, Mrs. Ernest Quick, Director.—How very sorry we are to report the somewhat impaired health of our sister who has been so disappointed in not being able to accomplish more work. She writes: "Had I known I would not have been able to do more, I should have decidedly objected to my appointment at Hebron."

We none of us can take a lease of life, nor tell what a day may bring forth, and we therefore earnestly urge all sisters throughout the Association to rise up and help bear the burden of one, by each bearing her own.

We had hoped to report a new Society at Vernal, Antigonish Co. Also another at Oxford. At both these places the sisters have faithfully promised to start one and we know the future will reveal their fulfilment. Several efforts were made to have a women's meeting at Westchester, where the Cumberland County District met, but no tidings have yet reached us of it proving successful. Some of our County Secretaries are busy minister's wives, and have been trying to take a well-earned rest. We hope it may prove beneficial and that future results may show renewed strength and zeal.

Cape Breton is in good hands. Miss Harrington and Miss Lewis are earnestly working. We have no special news from this field because of having to go to print earlier than was expected.

On behalf of the work,

M. J. HUME, *Prov. Sec., N. S.*

SOME THINGS WE REMEMBER IN W.B.M.U. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT HEBRON.

Giving is the highest expression of love. In the building of the Tabernacle women formed a conspicuous part, few had jewels fit for the epoch of the high priest; but lesser jewels were melted for service. God wants his dwelling place to be the "expression of love" of His people. Those who had not jewels made the beautiful tapestries. Has He given us no such task? Did He expect more from the daughters of Abraham than he does from the sisters of Christ? Curtains from the tabernacle have crumbled into dust; but our spiritual work will last forever.

What we have, and what we should have in India. In our Mission field there are 7,300 villages. The Telugus are an ancient tribe; it is said before Abraham was called they were there. Number of missionaries we have sent to the field, and number of native preachers, biblewomen, and teachers we have there was given. Day schools and Sunday schools are at all our stations. High-caste girls' school at Bobbili. At Chicacole there are thirty-seven Sunday schools, located through the town, meeting under a wide spreading tree or thatch roof, taught by Bible-women, under the direction of the missionary. These schools situated as they are, attract many a listener.

Savares are the hill-tribe, adjoining our mission. There are 200,000 of them, and they have no written language. A man who is not a Christian,

has a dictionary of the language almost finished, which will prove a great help to the missionary.

Now what we want. — A missionary for the Savares; A missionary for Chekkagoorda. Six men walked forty miles to learn more of Christ. A young man, excluded from the Church had wandered there, and marvellously taught them the Gospel. We need a medical missionary for the Chicacole Hospital. A home for widows and children. Oft-times children are brought and urged upon our missionaries.

What we should have. Every Christian woman, in every Church, in our W. B. M. U. Societies. Instead of 11,000, we should have 40,000 members. Our children all enrolled in Mission Bands. Mission Studies should be generally taken up. Our study this year is on India, and we are particularly interested in that country. We have three classes of women in our churches. First—Those who have obeyed the call, and are giving time, strength and all to Him. Give yourselves as never before; pray and study. Second—Those who hear and say it is nothing to them. Third—Those who say they do not believe in Foreign Missions. God pity them.

We are glad to publish the above notes on our W. B. M. U. President's message, given at Hebron in August last. We know that the perusal of these notes will kindle in our sisters a desire to read *all* the message as given in our Annual Report.

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Beautiful for situation is the village of Westchester, nestling amid the Cobequid mountains, gay in their autumnal dress of scarlet and gold, the wooded hills stretch away to the south and east, dotted here and there with farm-houses and lumber camps. The meetings of the W. M. A. Societies was held in the pretty little Baptist Chapel not far from the railway station. Promptly at three o'clock on the afternoon of October 7th, the chair was taken by Mrs. Mary Smith, of Amherst.

After devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. McGregor, of Oxford, verbal reports from the different societies were given by their delegates. The reports on the whole indicated advance all along the line.

Pugwash has a well sustained Band and a good Aid Society.

Wallace Bridge has sound devoted members, who are not daunted either by storms or by distance from each other.

At Springhill the sisters think of holding their meetings in the morning, as owing to the hours observed at the mines, it is not easy to spare the afternoon for the work.

Diligent River, Parsboro', and Advocate Harbor, all reported progress.

At Amherst the contributions during the past year amounted to nearly \$400.

Mrs. Belyea, wife of the pastor at Westchester, brings to the work there, not only a store of rich experience, but also a mind and heart consecrated to the Master's service.

After the reports came a paper on "Beginnings in our Telugu Mission," prepared by Mrs. R. A. Christie, of River Hibert.

A beautiful and instructive exercise arranged by Mrs. Brough, of Antigonish, was admirably given by the children under the training of Miss Belyea.

A full and carefully written report of the Conference at Hebron, the work of our new County Secretary, Mrs. Steeves, was read by Mrs. Belyea.

Mrs. McQuarrie, of Parsboro', who shares with Mrs. Steeves the work of County Secretary, was introduced to the audience. Mrs. McQuarrie gave an inspiring address, suggested by a remark in the President's message, on the value of a consecrated life. A few earnest words from the presiding officer closed what we all felt to be a most helpful meeting.

The next session of the Quarterly Conference will be held at Springhill, when the evening of the second day is to be set apart for the women.

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LETTER FROM TEKKALI.

Dear Friends,

I fear I have delayed too long in writing the letter expected of me for the October Tidings. Yet I trust this will reach you in time not to cause disappointment.

I need hardly say how great is my joy at being here once more, and how earnestly I desire to fill my little place in God's plan for me in this country.

Although one has lived in India before, after a few years spent in the home land, it takes some time to get used to the changed condition of things on returning, at least it did for me. Now all seems natural again.

Mr. Higgins, Frank and I have just returned from a month's absence from home.

The first ten days were spent with Mr Hardy in Palkonda. He had been here in June and had given us help in the preaching of the Gospel, so we went to spend a few days with him on his field. It was a great pleasure to us to unite with him in this way.

Since Mr Hardy went to Palkonda the work has been much blessed, and his faithful efforts and earnest prayers have been owned of God in the ingathering of a number from among the heathen. It was pleasant to see those who had last year confessed Christ, as well as those who had been longer his followers.

During our visit there was some rain nearly every day, and this prevented the amount of preaching among the villages which had been intended. This was, of course, a disappointment; yet there was a daily Bible Class held for the benefit of the helpers.

As Mr. Higgins was going to Yellamanchilli for a few days and we were already half way to Vizianagram, I accompanied him.

Two days or more were spent most pleasantly with the missionaries of both Vizianagram and Bimlipatam on our way. On our return we found the Vizianagram missionaries rejoicing over the baptism of six converts—four men and two women—who lived in a village some distance from the station. We rejoiced with them.

A Station Primary School, with Boarding Department, has recently been opened here in Tekkali, to supply the needs of our field.

When Mr. Higgins was here alone it did not seem practicable to have a Boarding Department, so a number of the children were sent to Chicacole. We hope our school will develop into a strong and efficient one. After passing the Primary, we send them to our Central Boarding Schools at Bobbili and Bimli.

Miss Clarke teaches the children from the Bible an hour three times a week, and oversees the sewing class; while I spend an hour with them, when at the station, in singing accompanied by the organ.

The day before leaving for Palkonda Mr. Higgins had the pleasure of baptizing six persons. One was a man from the Relli street and the others were from the christian community.

During the tour of fifty days between March and April, three places were made the centre of work—Tembury, Nanpada and Kasibugga. Many villages were visited in the vicinity of these places and scores heard the Gospel, though there was no apparent turning to the Lord. Yet 'bread was cast upon the waters' which we trust will return after a few or many days; God's seed was sown, which we hope will spring up and bear fruit in the days to come.

Dear friends, cause these things to come to pass through earnest believing prayer.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you during these days spent in Convention!

Yours in Christ,

EDITH C. HIGGINS.

Tekkali, Aug 19th., 1902.