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"THE SAILS ARE SET."

By Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Missionary to Japan.

The sails are set, the anchor weighed,
Our ship goes sailing, sailing ;
Come, west winds from your cloudy caves
In breezes never failing.

'Tis break of day, and far astern
I watch the seaweed drifting ;
The coming dawn from off the sea
The shades of night is lifting.

O rays of light from out the East,
Ye bring the voice of wailing ;
Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on me
Thy comfort never failing.

To lands far off for Thee, O Christ,
I go to tell the story !
Shine thou upon that sea of souls,
And flood it with Thy glory.

The joys I leave are but to me
As seaweed idly drifting ;
For on the sea of human souls
I watch the shadows lifting.

Ye west winds blow ! Thou ship speed on !
My hopes with thee are sailing ;
O, Holy Spirit, breathe on me
Thy comfort never failing.

So shall my heart for work so great
Be strong in its endeavor,
Until my soul, above its fears,
Is lifted up forever.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO INDIA.

Misses Hatch and McLaurin sail from Vancouver, Nov. 1st; Misses Murray and Robinson, the newly appointed missionary of the Manitoba and N. W. Board, from N. Y., Oct. 24th; Dr. and Mrs. Smith and family a little later. Their presence in the homeland has been an inspiration and largely increased the interest in our Foreign Mission work. Let us remember them as they journey, praying that they may safely return to their loved work.

NOTICES.

Will all delegates to the annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Circles, to be held in Aylmer, Ont., Nov. 11th, 12th, kindly send their names to me before the 2nd of November, to enable the Billeting Committee to make suitable arrangements for their entertainment? Mrs. J. D. McDiarmid, (Convener of Billeting Committee), Aylmer, West Ont.

The Question Drawer at the Convention may be made very useful in eliciting facts and supplying much-needed information. Will not the delegates therefore consider this before leaving home for Aylmer, and write thoughts or questions that may contribute to the interest of the meeting?

A. JOHNSON.

UNION MEETING.

The Baptist Mission Circles of Toronto, met in College St. Church, Oct. 21st, with a good representation from our various societies. A helpful prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Alexander, after which, our President, Mrs. W. E. Norton, took the chair. After devotional, exercises and reading of minutes, some appropriate and encouraging remarks were made by our President. Mrs. Lillie gave a cheering report of our Home Mission work, followed by a beautiful solo rendered by Miss Sowerby. We were then favored with a talk by Miss Murray, answering the question so often asked, "Why do I return to India?" She said, after receiving Christ as her Saviour, it was her desire that He should have supreme authority over her life, and she heard the "Go ye," to be a witness for Him in India. She went out at the command of her Superior Officer, and till He released her from service her work was there. Then the privilege of telling those heathen women of Jesus as their Saviour and Helper, and the joy of seeing the transforming power of the Gospel in their lives when they accepted Him, made her long to return. The meeting closed with prayer. We regret we have not space for a fuller report.

BESIDE THE WELL.

By Margaret E. Sangster.

To the well's broad rim, in the evening dim,
Came the dusky mothers with babes at breast,
And the woman fair, who was waiting there.
Told them the story of love and rest.

She had learned those words, like the songs of birds,
In a sweet far land where Christ was King,
Where the world was bright, in the beautiful light.
Our Saviour came from His heaven to bring.

But they had no clue to the things she knew,
These sad-faced mothers whom care and pain
Had marked their own, in the tropic zone
Where the gods of the heathen sternly reign.

And she vainly tried, till at last supplied
By a tender thought sent from above,
Over and over she said and prayed,
And she gently said it, "God is Love!"

"As you love the son, your precious one,
You hold in your arms in joy and pride,
So God loves *you* with a love that knew
The way to seek o'er the world so wide."

And the gracious tale that can never fail
To win the heart when it enters in,
Brought tears to the eyes, made day-dawn rise
To the women lost in the night of sin.

Oh! sisters of mine, will ye not resign
Some trivial pleasure, that One above
May see you send by the hand of a friend
This word to the desolate, "God is Love!"

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM MISS FOLSOM.

"TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL, JULY, '03.

" We have had a comfortable hot season, and now are enjoying refreshing showers. Our compound is looking beautiful just now. The grass is green, the bowers are covered with vines bearing white, pink, and purple blossoms, and the drive is bordered with dark green aloes, which have sent up tall spikes of pure white blossoms. In May it looked like a desert, it was so burned up with the heat. Miss Corning spent the hot season here with me in school. From six to ten girls were with us during the seven weeks of the holidays. I spent the time finding work for the girls, house-cleaning, looking after repairs, and making pickles and preserves, and Miss Corning spent it in hard study. She is making good progress in her Telugu. She sent a copy of her courses of study in Acadia and Boston to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, and the government has recognized her as a Second Grade Collegiate

teacher, equal to a trained F. A., which is all we require for our school, even if it is made a High School. We feel that God's hand has been in it all. The school is increasing in numbers. The year began with eight boarders, and now we have twenty, with twenty-five day pupils; these include three native Christian girls, and two Brahmin girls. At the beginning of the year a heavy debt was hanging over us, now through the kindness of friends here and in Canada, it is entirely wiped out, and we have some funds on hand with which to make some very necessary repairs and purchase articles that are sadly needed.

" Conference has met and all have returned to their fields of labor again. You at home, can scarcely realize what these meetings are to us—spiritually, intellectually and socially. There is such a dearth of anything approaching it at most of our stations, that we look forward with real hunger to these two gatherings each year. The devotional meetings held daily during the Conference are an inspiration; most refreshing and helpful. There are always one or more who seem to have been specially filled by the Holy Spirit for the occasion, and through them a blessing is poured upon the whole Conference.

In one particular this was unique; there was not one child present. We missed the little people.

"Miss-Corning is giving a course of lessons on Bible History and Christian Evidences to a class in school, and the young people are very interested. Some are thinking seriously. Will you not pray, dear friend, that the truth may be made very clear to them, and that they may come out brightly for Christ?

"Our Christian Endeavor meetings are well attended, our young folks have led them acceptably. Mr. Cross teaches a Bible Class on Sunday morning, and the lessons are highly appreciated.

"One of our most prominent members is just removing with his family to Madras. We shall miss them greatly in church and school. These removals keep our resident number small, but we have had the satisfaction of knowing that not a few who have gone out from our little church, (the English Baptist church at Cocanada) have carried spiritual blessing with them to their new homes.

"We are beginning to look forward to the coming of our missionaries, new and old. That sort of thing never gets stale with us. Begging your prayers for us and for our work."

LETTER FROM THE LEPERS.

To our Beloved Parents.—By the grace of God and by your faithful prayers we are well. We are hoping also that you are well. We are always praising God for the great favor which you have conferred upon us poor people and for the great good you have done through the love of God. We are praying in every prayer for all who are treating us so kindly. Although we are lepers, despised in this world and separated from other people, God has not forsaken us. Although we are weak in body God has not made less any happiness to us. He has given us comfortable houses to live in, and a beautiful chapel to worship in where neither sun may smite nor rain may come. We are in the hands of God who has said "I am with you unto the end of the world, therefore put all your sorrows upon me." Because such encouraging words are appearing in His Book by such loving words we are being strengthened, not looking at the trials and troubles in this world, we are looking for the glory of God. Concerning the goodness, the love, the mercy of God we cannot express ourselves.

At a time we are not expecting and in an hour we are not thinking, He is doing us good.

Many people have been received here and although perishing in body have received great good in soul. We would perish both body and soul if we had remained in our own homes. We are praising God especially for peace and joy of soul. Some who have come lately are not Christians. We are always praying that these may receive salvation of soul and enter God's kingdom.

We are all grateful to our many benefactors and take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude.

The Inmates of the

Without the Camp.

DR. KELLOCK HOME.

MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER.

"Dr. Halleck, a missionary of the Church of England in the south of Africa, from the top of a neighboring hill saw lepers at work. He noticed two particularly, sowing peas in the field. One had no hands; the other had no feet—these members being wasted away by disease. The one who wanted the hands was carrying the other, who wanted the feet, upon his back; and he again carried the bag of seed, and dropped a pea every now and then, which the other pressed into the ground with his feet; and so they man-

aged the work of one man between the two. Such should be the true union of the members of Christ's body in which all the members should have the same care one for another."

MISSION BANDS.

The strong right arm of the Woman's Missionary Society is the Mission Band. Through the children the home is reached; the parents become interested; oftentimes the beginning of spiritual growth of parents is a direct result of the work done in the Mission Band by a good consecrated leader. The children taught and trained in the Mission Bands very seldom lose their interest in missions when they grow up; and then this early training fits them for service in after-life. Shall this department be so nurtured as to make it stronger and stronger, or through want of interest be permitted to dwindle away for want of sympathy and encouragement? No, let us do now what is our duty towards these organizations and we shall be made glad in time to come. The young girls of to-day will be the women of to-morrow. The time is not far distant when the young people will bear the responsibility of the work, and if we would have a hand in their development, we must exert ourselves now while the opportunity is ours. Dr. Cuyler once said, "There are two kinds of labor for Christ. One is mere toil and tug and yields no spiritual satisfaction. The other is full of spiritual power and enjoyment, none the less enjoyable because it demands some sacrifice and self-denial." The work among the children is of the latter kind. That it requires sacrifice, self-denial, patience and tact, no one will deny, but the spiritual satisfaction of such efforts is commensurate with the work done.—*Missionary Messenger*.

My presence here to-day reminds me that eight years ago, with the prayers and sympathies and best wishes of my brethren, and a heart full of optimistic enthusiasm, I went forth as a missionary to India. But if I felt enthusiastic and optimistic in regard to the work in India then, I feel ten-fold more enthusiastic and optimistic in regard to that work now. Not that results can be tabulated, but, like leaven, the Gospel is working with power towards the complete transformation of India.—*Rev. H. C. Priest, at the Toronto Bap. Ministers' Conference.*

Our Work at Home.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The Quarterly meeting of the Board was held Friday, Sept. 18th. In the absence of Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Freeland presided. Sixteen were present including Miss Hatch. A letter was read from Miss Tapscott, who, on account of ill-health, resigned her position as Secretary of Bands. The resignation was accepted with very great regret, as the Board feel that much of the present success of the Bands is owing to Miss Tapscott's faithful work. Mrs. G. W. Barber, of St. George, Ont., was unanimously appointed to fill the position.

A letter was read from Mrs. Pease resigning her position as Director of Toronto Association. This has been rendered necessary by her removal to Albany, N. Y. Mrs. Pease has been a very faithful member of the Board for eleven years and will be much missed.

Mrs. H. H. Lloyd was appointed a delegate to the Conference to be held in New York, in Jan. 1904. Very interesting letters were read from Miss Folsom, Miss Baskerville, and Mr. Davis. The meeting then closed with prayer.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

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Nominations:—The Foreign Secretary and the Treasurer are appointed by the Board. The other officers and the first five members, namely, Miss Alexander, Miss Nicholls, Mrs. Raymond, Miss Rogers, and Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., retire this year, but are eligible for re-election. All nominations and resignations must be sent in writing to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, before Tuesday, Nov. 10th, or handed to her on the morning of the 12th. It is important that all who make nominations give their reasons for doing so.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CHILLIWACK, B.C.

Will the LINK, which binds, or ought to bind, our Canadian Women's Baptist Missionary interests from shore to shore, kindly give the following notice of the Conference of Women at our British Columbia Baptist Convention at Chilliwack.

Although under the shadow of a "deficit" that threatened to necessitate the discontinuance of "Superintendent of Missions" for the province, our Convention accepted a young lady, Miss Norine Mackin, of Vancouver, as our representative in the Foreign Field, to leave for India the latter part of '94. Believing that in obeying the Master's command, "Go ye," His blessing would endure the needed funds for the work both at home and in India. This seemed assured when almost immediately upon her acceptance by the Board a dear sister—not a Baptist—signified her wish to bear the burden of sending Miss Mackin to the extent of \$250. You may be sure the gladness of our hearts went out to Him in the "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" we sang. Before we called He was answering. In the Conference following many whose hearts had longed to serve the Master in the far off lands were now ready to send the one going. Then we had a stirring address from a young lady—from Amherst, Nova Scotia, by the way—the very successful matron of a Methodist boys and girls school for Indians, at Chilliwack, followed by Mr. Auvache, pastor at Cranbrook, with his experience of a year's preparatory work in India, and the sad home-coming when he found that neither he nor Mrs. Auvache could live in India. But his heart was full of India and its needs.

A separate Board for Foreign Missions was organized by our Convention. The increased funds necessary for this new venture, gives some of us some mis-givings, especially in view of existing conditions.

The oldest church in the Province was organized in 1881, just twenty-two years ago. Only two others approach near that age. There

are in the whole Province seventeen churches. Seven of these are self-supporting. The total membership is 1499. Resident members, 1283. The Baptists here are mostly wage-earners. The contributions from the churches in the Province, for all purposes, the last year totalled \$26,740.61; amount per resident member, \$20.84. Do any of the churches in the East show better figures? Over our members hangs like a pall, a deficit for our Home Mission work of about two dollars per member.

OUR NEEDS.—Our Mission Board has opened missions along the line of the C. P. R. and a few of the mining centres. Some churches have been organized. Pastors and vigorous workers are needed for some of these. They are just a few dots on the map. The whole big Province lies before us—a wonderful Province it is, with its wealth of mineral and agricultural possibilities. The new railway, the G. T. P., will open up the north and centre of the Province—a large population is sure to follow. The climate in the north is not unlike the Maritime Provinces. British Columbia is not the North West, although we are North-West. Here, instead of rolling prairies we have hills and valleys, filled with fruit and flowers, fanned by the warm Pacific breezes. Hills, yes mountains, towering above the clouds, with mineral wealth galore. Among the hills there are thousands, many from Baptist homes in the East, who in their race for gold have forgotten God and are without hope. There is neither Sabbath nor sanctuary for them, for what leisure they have, nothing but the saloon. Mother's and sisters in Eastern Canada down by the sea, we call upon you to unite with us in prayer and effort for the outpouring of God's Spirit on those we love till these hills and valleys shall echo with the voice of praise to our Redeemer.

F. L. K.

Victoria, October 9th, 1903.

BOTHWELL.—A very successful "At Home" was held by the ladies of the Baptist Mission Circle at the residence of Mrs. M. P. Campbell, on the afternoon of July 2. Nearly all the ladies of the church were present in response to the invitation sent out and after a short time spent in conversation, an interesting program, consisting of readings and recitations interspersed with singing was given. Then the ladies adjourned to the spacious lawn where a dainty lunch was served. An enjoyable time was spent by all present. After lunch Mrs. McManns favoured the company with choice selections of instrumental music. The committee has cause to be pleased as the efforts were crowned with success both from a social and financial point of view.

MRS. A. DANCY, Sec.

Sept. 22nd, 1903.

EASTERN CONVENTION AT SMITH'S FALLS.

A full account of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, is impossible in our limited space. It could only be obtained by attending these meetings. It was, to begin with, one of the best in point of attendance yet held, and the enthusiasm of this was greatly enhanced by the presence of no less than five missionaries. Dr. Smith was there with his wife and two little ones; Mr. Priest and Mr. Walker too, from India; Mrs. Nicholls, who gave a most interesting talk on Central Africa and her work there, and Mr. Rogers fresh from experience in the home field. There was great regret that more time could not be given to hearing by word of mouth from these live workers, Mr. Walker's words being only an expression of his pleasure at being with the Convention. Dr. Smith and Mr. Priest gave two such full, grand talks on behalf of their work, it is impossible to convey in cold writing the earnestness and interest that held their hearers. The simple stories of some lives in India, their devotion and alas, the misery of such numbers in that great country, how can any one who has not seen and felt this, touch it with the hand of sympathy with which these co-workers of the Lord bring it to our hearts? Even without these talks the Convention could not have lacked in interest, for the many full and encouraging reports, the helpful and earnest prayer services, the useful and clever papers on the various subjects, that came with both days, would surely have been sufficient. People can only obtain all the wealth there is in this Convention mine by being there on hand. Such delightful weather, not to speak of the people too that welcomed the delegates, and the wet day of departure could not dampen the awakened ardour. Mr. A. C. Cameron was there with his views of the home work, and at the close of the first session he photographed the Convention on the open space between the pretty Smith's Falls church and parsonage. There is such a temptation to talk of everything, but this will have to come to a close. In view of the excellent state of this year's finances, the clause which accompanies the following appropriations will be quite comprehensible.

1903-1904.

Miss Murray.....	\$ 500 00
Akidu Girls' Boarding School.	200 00
Vuyyuru " " " "	200 00
Vuyyuru, work among women and children.....	150 00
Vuyyuru Caste Girls' School..	25 00
Cocanada Zenanas.....	250 00
Samalkot.....	150 00
Total.....	\$1,475 00

Resolved.—"That it be left with the Board to make such appropriations as they think advisable for the enlargement of the work."

The list of officers and members of the Board elected for this year, is as follows; President, Mrs. Claxton; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. A. Gordon; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. L. Gilmour; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. H. Ayer; Rec. Sec., Miss E. M. Crossley; Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Rickert; Supt. of Mission Bands, Mrs. Geo. Blair.

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Mesdames Therrien, Tester, McKergow, Utting, Bentley, Tuddenham, Cole, Ohman, Halkett, Frankish, Picard, McLaren, Radford, Webb, Griffith, Sims, Loudon, Alloway, the Misses Scott, Barker, Cramp, Russell and Clarke.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY W. B. H. AND F. S.

Resolved.—That this Convention express their deep regret at losing Mrs. D. Hudson. by her removal to Manitoba, and wish to place on record their appreciation of her services as Treasurer of the Home Mission Society for the past nine years, and as a most efficient worker in Convention.

Resolved.—That this Convention desires to express their sincere sympathy with Miss Muir in her serious illness, which necessitates her retirement from active work on behalf of Mission Bands, and deprives this Convention of her earnest words and untiring zeal for the cause of missions so dear to her heart.

Resolved.—That this Convention wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Knowlton, in being so sorely bereaved by the sudden death of her daughter.

Resolved.—That, viewing with much alarm the increasing evil effect of the cigarette on the boys of our country, this Convention desires to express its approval of every effort made for the total prohibition of its manufacture, importation and sale in our Dominion.

Resolved.—That the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Reception Committee, who have spared no effort to ensure the comfort of its delegates; to the many friends who have so kindly given such a cordial welcome to their homes; to all the speakers and singers who have by their addresses and music contributed to our enjoyment and the success of the Convention, and that this resolution be adopted by a standing vote.

The ladies on the Resolution Committee were: Mesdames H. H. Ayer, Halkett, Bentley, Robertson, K. McDonald and Miss E. Gibson.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Ladies:

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude to Almighty God for the marked blessing that rests on the work of our Society, that we present the record of our twenty-seventh year.

Your Executive have prayerfully sought to carry on the consideration of problems connected with the work both at home and abroad.

Again we are called to mourn the death of one of our most interested workers. Mrs. Wm. Scott will long be remembered as an earnest and faithful member of our Board.

We have to report the resignation of Mrs. Cole from the position of Superintendent of the Post Office Crusade for our Society. This movement has become an entirely undenominational organization under the control of the Society, and those who wish to continue in the effort to spread good literature by means of the post, must do so through the little leaflet which Mrs. Cole has introduced in the interests of this work, which has so wonderfully increased.

Another position, that of Superintendent of Mission Bands, falls vacant through the resignation, on account of illness, of Miss Muir, whose valuable services to the Society cannot be over estimated. Our earnest prayer is that she may speedily be restored to health and strength to continue the good work, which is so near her heart.

Three new Bands have been organized during the past year: at Renfrew and Dalkeith in the C. C. Association, and the 4th Ave. Baptist Church, Ottawa.

It is hardly necessary to state that the work of the Directors has been faithfully accomplished in seeking to extend the missionary spirit throughout the country. With three such efficient workers as Mrs. Moulton, for the Canada Central Association, Mrs. K. Macdonald,

for the Ottawa, and Miss P. M. Chandler, for the Eastern, what wonder that from the Circles all along the line sounds a note of prayer and progress.

A new Circle has been formed at Clarenceville, and one re-organized at Sherbrooke in the Eastern, and also at Vankleek Hill, in the Ottawa Association. Mrs. Moulton reports a Circle in every church, with one exception, in the Canada Central Association.

The days of prayer in April and November were observed by many of the Circles and have proved a blessing. Your Board has felt that the greatest need of the work is more frequent, earnest and united prayer. Prayer and missions are inseparable. "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Our Treasury.—Our Treasurer's report is so full of good news, that we need not touch on this feature of the work. The total receipts for the year are, exclusive of balance, \$2,215.34, the largest amount raised in one year by our Society, on record. That the money has come in answer to continued and united prayer is without doubt.

In accordance with the request of the General Board to permit the cut, which amounted to about 9% on the native work in India, to fall on our part of the work also, your Board agreed with deep regret, wishing to lighten the burden already on the shoulders of the General Society. The deficit of the General Board has lain very heavily on our hearts during the past months, and when a letter from our sister, Mrs. N. McCallum, of Vankleek Hill, was received, with an earnest appeal that the twenty dollars enclosed should be used as a "nest-egg" towards gathering funds for the deficit, we forwarded it for publication in the LINK. As a result of this the "nest-egg" grew to \$68.45, and this sum was augmented at Miss Murray's request, by fifty dollars, being part of the balance of collections taken during her tour. In this way we have been permitted to share in reducing this terrible debt which is such a drawback to the work in India.

The Outlook.—With such a record of encouragement along all lines of work during the past year, we feel that we can commence the service of the new year with great thankfulness, that we realize that the money given indicates a growth in interest and faithfulness of the workers at home.

What our future work will be demands careful consideration, and your Board does not feel able at present to make any suggestion, but we trust before long to place before you our future plans and undertake the work which appears most urgent.

Never has there been so much cause for encouragement. Let us go forward into the new year with the commands and promises of God, on which to base our work in time to come.

Miss Murray.—We have felt during the past year that a great part of our interest in the home-land, lay in the person of our devoted and

consecrated missionary, Miss Annie C. Murray. It is gratifying to be able to state that her furlough has brought our missionary health and strength and she is now preparing to sail from New York, on Oct. 24th on the *Minneapolis*, and then from London on the *Persia* of the P. & O. line on Nov. 6th, and will probably reach Canada about Dec. 1st. Miss Robinson, missionary for Manitoba and the North-west, and Miss Clark, of the Maritime Mission Society, will be her travelling companions. Our prayer is that God may bless her in her preparations and give her journeying mercies.

As it was thought advisable by your Board that Miss Murray should visit during her furlough as many of the Circles as possible, in order to become acquainted with her supporters and have an opportunity of telling of the work to which her life is devoted, during the months of June and July, our missionary cheerfully rendered this service.

Miss Murray visited Circles in the three Associations, speaking night after night and often with services in the day also, in twenty-eight places in all. We were a little afraid that we were asking too much of her after her arduous toil in India, but we were relieved to find, that not only had she stood the wear and tear of public speaking well, but was full of the enjoyment of the tour.

There is no doubt that her words and presence will deepen the responsibility resting upon our women for their sisters in India and prove a stimulus to missionary activity.

It is expected that Miss Murray's future work will be on the Yellamanchili field. At Dr. Smith's request, your Board passed a resolution approving of this arrangement, subject to the action of Conference in India.

Akidu Girls' Boarding School.—As Mrs. Chute, who has had charge of this school for so long, is on furlough, we have received no report regarding the school work: Miss Morrow, missionary of the Western Society, is alone on this large field and has the oversight of the whole work, until other provision is made. Nineteen names were on the roll during the year and the health of the children has been unusually good. Fees have been received from all the girls with one exception. One girl has been baptized.

Vuyyuru Work among the Women and Children.—Miss Selman, missionary of the Western Society, has charge of this work and reports that the three Bible-women, Mariamma, Jane and Catherine, are at work on the field. None of these women are strong and Miss Selman finds that the great need is for more workers.

The widow of whom we heard in last year's report is in training in the Boarding School. She is studying well and has conducted several meetings of the women of her own village, but it will probably be two years before her education will be sufficient to make her a very useful worker.

The caste women are asking to be taught and some of them seemed to feel a real repentance for their sins. The work is *very* promising in Vuyyuru.

Early in the year Miss Selman made a tour with Miss Morrow in her boat, "The Glad Tidings," and was in this way enabled to reach a number of villages along the canals, which otherwise she could not have seen. In several villages women have bought Gospel portions saying, "We can get some school-boy to read to us."

Miss Selman writes: "I am sure you would be very happy could you hear the caste women sing our Christian hymns and repeat the Lord's Prayer. Two women say that they do not lie down at night without repeating this prayer." The work among the Christian women has been a joy and disappointment. Some have learned the assigned Scripture lessons, and one new Helpmeet Society has been organized, but many of the Christian women have not a very great desire to hear and know the Word.

Vuyyuru Caste Girls' School.—We had hoped to report the opening of the new school, which five of our sisters volunteered to support as an extra at our last Convention, but owing to the depleted condition of the missionary force in India, Miss Selman was obliged to spend the hot season at Akidu, the time that she had hoped to devote to the school, so that the opening has been deferred until some future period.

Vuyyuru Girls' Boarding School.—Mrs. Stillwell reports of the Vuyyuru Girls' Boarding School, that twenty boarders were in attendance before Christmas and twenty-three after. Some of the children whose intellects seemed to be asleep when they entered the school wakened up, and we believe have studied faithfully and done good work. One of the girls passed the Primary Examination last December and is now taking more advanced work under Miss Baskerville, in Cocanada.

During the year daily classes in Bible have been taught and the International Lessons followed in the Sabbath School by all except the Infant and First Standarders who have taken a study of the Life of Christ.

Ever since the opening of the school the girls have been accustomed to put by a portion of their daily rice for the Lord's work. This they bring to me every Saturday, and its equivalent in money is put aside. From this fund they have contributed during the past year Rs. 2. for the Book and Tract Society of Madras, Rs. 4 to the Orphanage at Ongole, Rs. 5 for the lepers in Ramachandrapuram, and Rs. 18 toward the support of the Vuyyuru Church pastor, making a total of \$10. This giving is all voluntary on their part and gives us much satisfaction.

Another cause for rejoicing is the baptism of six of the girls, and bright happy Christians they are. This year of school-work has been the most encouraging in every way we have yet

had, and we believe the Lord's presence has been with us.

Zenana Workers in Cocanada.—Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs continue their good work of visiting and teaching in the zenanas. On the one hand, they meet with disappointment from indifference and sin, and on the other the interest and desire to hear more of the Gospel story encourages them to persevere.

Miss Gibson reports 93 houses visited in her last half-yearly record, nine of these are new ones and consequently many fresh women have been reached who never heard the Gospel before. There is less prejudice than formerly and the Brahmins are opening their houses. In several instances the women who have been taught and know that it is useless and wrong, have kept away from the great bathing festival, where the people all flock, in order, they think, to wash away their sins.

One old woman, tired of life, was met with and appeared glad to see Miss Gibson, "Tell me the way to God," she exclaimed, "I have not been able to find it all these years in all my idol worship. I have served them *all* my life but they bring me no peace now." Gladly she heard of Him who is the "way," often she repeated the precious name of Jesus, in order to learn it. "To Him alone will I pray, henceforth" she said, and "trust Him to save in such cases" writes Miss Gibson "makes us feel that our work is not in vain."

Three of the women, who have long heard the gospel and appreciate the need of passing it on, have become voluntary subscribers to the Women's Aid Society for sending the gospel to the regions beyond. This is wonderful when we remember that they are not only poor women, but as a rule avaricious. Miss Gibson makes an urgent plea for the poor childless widows, who, as a rule are the best listeners, and asks for a greater interest in our prayers for their salvation, and that a home may be provided where they will be cared for and brought under Christian influence.

Miss Beggs reports 83 houses visited regularly by herself and assistants, several have been dropped from the list and fresh ones taken in their places.

Although there are no results to be seen in the way of conversions among the women, yet from the wonderful change that has taken place in their homes and in themselves, one cannot doubt that many are secretly believing in prayer, and in several instances have asked Miss Beggs to pray for them and their sick ones. One of the women whose son was very ill asked that we would kneel and pray that his life might be spared; he recovered, and some weeks after, as we were leaving, she said, "God heard the prayer and answered, my son is well again, ought we not to thank Him?" I need hardly say it was with much joy that we returned thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Another woman actually pleaded with us to

pray for her little boy who was very ill, and she asked me if our God was able to raise him up. I said "that the Living God is all powerful and is able to do all things." After a few days the Lord heard us and restored the little boy. The mother then said "that the Lord is good to all who trust in Him." These are instances that Miss Beggs sends us, showing us that the seed is taking root in the hearts of the women, and that many have given up idol worship and are anxious to know more of the truth.

Respectfully Submitted,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,

Montreal, Sept. 30th, '03.

Cor. Sec.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Eight meetings of the Executive Board have been held this year; four regular, at which the attendance has averaged fourteen, and four special. Of the latter the first was held October 31st, for the purpose more especially of meeting Miss Murray who was then in Montreal. It took the form of a social meeting, and as there were a good many present, the sociability consisted of considerably more than the tea and cake. The second, called for Feb. 2nd, was necessary for appointments in connection with the McArthur estate. The matter was left entirely in the hands of the General Board. The third was convened for the consideration of Miss Murray's tour among the Circles, which later proved so very successful. For the fourth there were reasons too many to enumerate.

At the regular Board meeting in June, a resolution proposed by letter from Mrs. Cole was moved by Mrs. Bentley, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, and carried as follows; "Resolved that the Circles of our Baptist churches in Montreal be asked to each request from their pastor, one lecture a year; a collection to be taken up for the Board. Out of this collection the expenses of officers shall be paid to convention, and, if possible, those of a delegate from each Baptist Church Circle in Montreal. Resolved also that a special Committee and Treasurer be appointed for this scheme." A Committee was chosen who at later meetings reported the approval and consent of the various pastors, culminating, in the special meeting held Oct. 1st, in the arrangement that the Rev. F. S. Weston, of Westmouth, should deliver a lecture this year under the auspices of the Board and joint support of the churches. This would seem to meet the need, and the following suggestion under the approval of the Board is placed before the General Society:—"That the Board ask the Circles all to have their pastors in each town or country place give a lecture and use the collection to send a delegate to Association and Convention."

The sudden death, during this year, of Mrs. Wm. Scott, a valuable member of the Board, is greatly regretted, as is also the resignation of the Supt. of Mission Bands, Miss Muir, on account of illness.

The Post-Office Crusade by the resignation of Mrs. Cole, and the decision of the Board, has ceased to hold a name as a department of the Society's work.

The list of Life-members for this year is longer than usual containing many well-known names. It is pleasant to head this with the name of Miss Anna C. Murray, whose gift to the Society, however, had no other intention than her liberality, the Life-membership coming as a pleasant surprise to her. Mrs. J. A. Gordon, of Montreal, Mrs. J. C. Sycamore, of Brockville were also presented with Life-memberships by the Circles of their churches. Other Life-members are Miss M. Edwards, Miss Scott, Mrs. F. Heaton, Mrs. P. Motley, Mrs. W. Scott, Mrs. Rufus Throop, Miss J. R. Clarke, and Mrs. K. McDonald.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,

Rec. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Abbott's Corners.....	\$ 30 00	.....	\$ 30 00
Barnston	12 00	.....	12 00
Beete Plain	22 00	.....	22 00
Coaticooke	24 00	.....	24 00
Dixville	7 62	.....	7 62
Montreal, 1st Church.....	158 35	.....	158 35
" Olivet.....	125 00	\$ 15 00	140 00
" Westmount.....	54 55	19 00	73 55
" Pt. St. Charles	5 00	.....	5 00
" Tabernacle	11 00	.....	11 00
" French Bap.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Quebec.....	59 00	45 00	104 00
Sawyerville	20 00	15 00	35 00
Grande Ligne.....	.....	9 75	9 75
	\$533 52	\$193 75	\$637 27

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

	Circles.	Bands.	Totals.
Breadalbane.....	\$ 38 45	.....	\$ 38 45
Buckingham	8 00	.....	8 00
Clarence.....	51 00	\$ 3 45	54 45
Cornwall.....	18 75	.....	18 75
Dempsey	10 00	.....	10 00
Dominionville.....	16 75	.....	16 75
Grenville.....	20 00	.....	20 00
Kemptville.....	12 00	.....	12 00
Lachute	15 00	.....	15 00
Maxville	3 00	.....	3 00
Osgoode	52 40	20 00	72 40
Osnabrock	5 00	.....	5 00
Ottawa, 1st Church.....	166 00	18 00	184 00
" McPhail Mem.....	35 00	17 00	52 00
" 4th Avenue.....	13 70	8 00	21 70
Rockland	80 00	7 00	87 00
Roxboro' .....	.....	5 00	5 00
Thurso	23 17	.....	23 17
Winchester	24 34	4 90	29 24
	\$592 56	\$ 83 35	\$675 91

Greenbank (including Thank-offering), \$5.97; Tiverton, \$6; Brooke (\$2.70 from annual meeting), \$7.14; Courtright and Moore Centre, \$5; Courtland, Young Ladies, \$3; Markham, Second, \$8.50; Salford, \$4.50; Tilsonburg, \$3; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$8; Tara, \$1.50; Colchester, \$3.36; Lakefield, \$5.80; Burgessville, \$10; Campbellford, \$2.25; Teeswater, \$1; Villa Nova, \$7; Uhtoff, by receipt from General Treasurer, \$8; Forest, \$4.10; Calvary, \$9.75; Fonthill, \$4; Gilmour Memorial Ch., \$9; Lakeshore; Calvary (\$4.44 completing Life-membership fee for Mrs. Phoebe McConnell and \$8.56 on another), \$25.95; Pickering, \$1.60; Brampton, \$4.20; Burch, \$3; Guriph, First Ch., \$4; Paisley, \$2.20; Port Arthur, \$10; Ridgetown, \$3.20; Woodstock, First, Ch., \$11; Beachville, \$3.85; Beamsville (\$8 for Satyavedam, extra Bible-woman) \$16; Daywood, \$4.25; From Chatham Mission Circle, collected by Mrs. Mellish, \$25 for Bible-woman, P. Chinnamma, Cocanada; Hamilton, Victoria Ave. \$6.10; London, Talbot St. (inc. \$10 from Miss Fitzgerald), \$24; York Mills, \$7; Barrie, \$3.35; Lindsay, \$10.58; Giammis, \$3; Park hill, \$2; Petrolia, \$6.77; Whitvale, \$6.40; Bethel, \$5.60; St. Catharines, Lyman St., \$3.60; St. Catharines, Queen St. (inclusive \$25 for Bible-woman from Mrs. Jas. Mills), \$31.10; Jaffa, \$3; Peterboro, Murray St., \$16.35; Wheatly, \$2.18; Wilkesport, \$2.60; Belleville, \$4; Cramahe, special Thank-offering, \$7.50; Guelph, Trinity Ch. (\$50, bequest from the late Mrs. Florence Irene Webb Jackson, applied by the Circle as Life-membership fees for Mrs. James Webb and Mrs. Frank Chubb), \$66.50; Hagersville, \$3.90; Listowel; \$2.95; Paris, \$17.75; Rat Portage, \$2.75; Sarnia \$10; Westover (\$16 for Bible-woman on Peddapuram field) \$30; Arkona (\$9.65 Thank-offering for Miss Murray's presence) \$14.65; Brantford, Park Ch. \$23; Gravenhurst, \$5; Port Hope, \$8; Port Perry, \$6; Stratford, \$1; St. George, \$5.75; Scotland, \$9; Delhi, \$3.75; Iona Station, \$3; Norwich, \$6.75; Toronto:—Jarvis St. (inc. \$5.50 for leper woman); \$34.22; Jarvis St., Girls, \$3.63; Century Ch. (\$5 for Dora) \$10.55; Kenilworth Ave., special (including \$2.47, for Mr. and Mrs. Scott), \$7.65; Kenilworth Ave., \$4.77; Western Ch., \$9.98; Ossington Ave. by receipt from Treasurer, \$4; Ossington Ave. by cash, \$4; Parliament St., \$5.65; Immanuel Ch. \$10.40; Bloor St., \$37.50; Bloor St. Y. W. Auxiliary, \$5.00; Dovercourt Rd., \$5.85; Walmer Rd., to make Miss Kate S. McLaurin a Life-member \$25; Walmer Rd., \$43.28; Olivet Ch., \$9; Junction, \$5.03; Beverley St., \$17. East Toronto, \$5; Ailsa Craig, \$8; Alvinston, \$2.50; Burgessville, special, \$2; Bruce North, \$3; Galt, \$9.50; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$4.00; Hamilton, James St., Young Women, \$4.00; Kenilworth, 3.85; London, Adelaide St., \$22.10; London Adelaide St., Young Ladies, \$27.50; London, Maitland (50 cents special from three children) \$2; London South, \$13.10; Stouffville, \$3.50; Stratroy, \$7.25; Palmerston, \$3.55; Peterboro', Murray St., Thank-offering, \$12.43; Waterford for Life-membership fee for Mrs. F. C. Elliot (including \$7.80 Thank-offering), \$25. Total, \$1,137.56.

FROM BANDS.—London South, for student support, \$10; Mount Forest for P. Muthyalamma, \$8.40; Cheltenham, \$3.50; Durham, \$5; Parkhill for J. Mahalakshmi, \$5; Woodstock, First Ch. for Pallapati Samuel, \$10; Burgessville, \$2.50; Collingwood, \$2; London, Adelaide St., Junior, \$7; London, Adelaide St., Senior, \$15; Forest, \$1.00; Wheatley, \$1.80; Houghton, First, \$3.40; Selkirk,

\$1.34; London, Talbot St. \$2.07; Brantford, Calvary Ch. for D. Karunamma, \$2; Chatham for B. Elizabeth, \$1; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., completing support of two students, \$14; Lakefield, \$6.50; Orangeville, \$1.50; Bardsville for D. Cassie, Bible-woman, \$25; Bardsville for Karre Daniel, \$13; Brantford, North Star, \$1.50; Giammis, \$2.50; Brantford, First Ch., \$10; Pine Grove, \$3; Townsend Centre for Penduti Davidu, \$8.50; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$3.54; Paris, \$2.50; Peterboro', Park St., \$2.48; Guelph, Trinity Ch. for Bolivia, \$5; Mount Brydges for Nalli Peter Paul, \$17; New Sarum, \$1.45; Parry Sound, \$3.91; Port Perry, \$1.37; St. George for Surla Kannamma, \$3.33; St. Catharines, Queen St., for A. Anandarao, \$7.50; Scotland, \$1.85; Beamsville, \$3.40; Norwich, \$2.50; Stouffville, \$12.58; Peterboro', Murray St., \$3.97; Peterboro', Murray St., Baby Band, \$1.25; Waterford (66c. birthday offering for lepers), \$13.40. Total, \$253.73.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Goderich Ladies' Aid meeting address by Mr. Priest, \$1.30; Walkerton Association collection, \$4.36; Mrs. E. B. Selman, St. Clair, Michigan, \$2; Miss L. L. Pine, Cleveland, for Polsapalli Atchayya, \$7; Investment Miss Nellie Davies gift, \$10; London, Talbot St., B. Y. P. U., \$2; Mr. R. H. Yule, Wallaceburg, in memory of his wife, to make his sister, Mrs. John Kemp, Brantford, a Life-member, \$25. Total, \$51.66.

Refund—By Miss McLaurin, excess charges by railway to Niagara Association \$90c.

Total receipts during the month - - - \$1,443.85

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer; On estimates regular and special, \$562.03. (\$12 of this amount was provided by direct payments to the General Treasurer by two of our circles)

Extras: Mr. and Mrs. Scott's fund; Lake Shore, Calvary M. C., \$26; Kenilworth Ave. M. C., \$2.47. (\$28.47.) Lepers: Mrs. Southworth, \$1, Toronto, Jarvis St., M. C. for a woman, \$5.50, (\$6.50). Total, \$597.00.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Half cost blank forms for Mission Band Secretary, \$1.50; collection on Hamilton cheque, 10c. Total, \$1.60.

Total disbursements during the month, - \$598.60

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND;

Receipts.—Circles—Brantford, First Ch. - \$100.00
St. George - - - - - 6.75

Sundries—Mrs. R. W. Elliot - 100.00

Total - - - - - \$206.75

Disbursements.—By General Treasurer, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - \$ 41.66

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts since October 21st, 1902 - - - \$7,853.56
Disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1902 - - - \$8,247.30

These include \$653.85 for "extras," not on our estimates.

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Receipts since Oct. 21st, 1902, - - - - - \$407.56
Disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1902, - - - - - \$500.90

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

Correction.—In the September number in the list of receipts from June 16th to July 15th, from Bands, Sault Ste. Marie is credited with \$7.00; this should read \$17.00. The total from the Bands is correct."

VIOLET ELLIOT.

Youths' Department.

THE LITTLE WIDOWS.

There's a little girl over in India,
No bigger nor older than I,
Who never laughs or smiles at all;
I'm sure you wonder why.

I just can't understand it myself,
How such a thing could be;
For little girls, all over the world
Should be happy, it seems to me.

But this little girl, no bigger than I,
So sad, across the sea,
Is a widow already,—'tis true, they say,—
How strange it seems to me!

I can't understand it myself at all.
A widow's an outcast, they say;
No home, no friends, and no one to love,
Just hated and in the way.

She didn't choose to be widow, or wife,
Or betrothed, our dear teacher said,
But a widow's a widow indeed, over there,
If husband or lover is dead.

This little girl, no bigger than I,
Is not alone in her grief;
For twenty millions like her wait to die,
As their only hope of relief.

Unloved, unloving, they pine in their pain,
No hope when they go to their grave;
So strange, don't you think? that this can be,
Since Jesus has died to save!

But the beautiful story of Jesus' love,
They're just beginning to tell
In India's darkened, sin-blighted land,
Where the little widows dwell.

I sometimes wonder, tho' I'm very small,
If, perhaps, in a long, long while,
God will want me to go and try to help
The little widows to smile.

—The King's Messenger.

A VISIT TO AFRICA.

WHEN the weather is as cold and wet as in Ottawa tonight, we would all enjoy taking a trip to some warmer clime! Let me tell you something about Central Africa—which was told us at Smith's Falls this week! Our Eastern convention of Circles and Bands met there on Tuesday and Wednesday. Five foreign missionaries visited our sessions, and we were so glad to hear and see them. One lady had been a missionary in Africa, and you would have enjoyed her address, about the

women and children of that country. Their mission was 300 miles from the coast where no white women had ever been seen, and they supposed she could do everything! Broken umbrellas, carriages and various other articles were brought for her to mend, and had to be taken off home again. She was quite a curiosity to the black women, while their dress and ways seemed equally strange to her. Their hair is braided in such fine braids that they have to be done with a needle. Then it is plastered with oil to make it beautiful—except on a hot day, when the oil runs down their cheeks.) They work very hard in the fields and at home chopping wood or pounding corn, while their husbands "take life easy." Their wedding rings are made of brass and copper wire very thick and often weigh twenty pounds. They are worn around the neck and never taken off while the husband is alive. A widow may break hers off as soon as she wishes. The African woman is so loaded down with jewels that should she fall in the river she would go straight to the bottom with these heavy ornaments. The people are very superstitious and think that all sickness comes from evil spirits. They never speak of death, but say their friends are "lost" when they die. Many charms are worn to keep evil spirits away. Babies often wear a charm tied around their wrist made out of combings from their mother's hair. They are fond of music and quickly learn our Sunday School songs. The missionary sang, "Shall we gather at the river," in the African language, and we all joined in the English chorus. When these women work in the fields their little black babies are tied onto their backs and covered with part of the cloth tied around them instead of the dresses we wear. A son is much prized by these African people, but their daughters are not considered of much account. One old woman could not believe the good news about God giving His only Son to die for sinners. She thought that would be too wonderful, but at last the Lord opened her heart to His great love. One boy was tied up to a fence and beaten severely because he would not stop praying to Jesus. Wonder how many of our Canadian boys and girls would have been as brave as he was? Let us remember to pray for the hundreds of Africans who have never heard the name of the Saviour who died for them.

SISTER BELLE.

Ottawa, October, 1903.

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

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

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

ADDRESS BY MRS. W. BOGGS, WOLFVILLE.

My acquaintance with Mrs. Sanford began in the summer of 1893, at Billtown, N.S. She was shortly to be married and together we were to sail for the far east and for the service of God among the heathen. She seemed to me then, as ever after, a very sweet, gentle Christian, and from that day I have highly valued her friendship.

During our journey to Burmah, in 1893, and in all the years following, her unselfish, thoughtful, sympathetic disposition was very marked and very beautiful.

In 1896 we were compelled by Mr. Bogg's illness to return home and our connection with your Society ceased. In three years we returned to India as missionaries of the American Baptist Mission, working among the Telugus.

It was our privilege to be present at the Annual Conference of your missionaries at Vizianagram. It was our first visit among them on this field in the 29 years since leaving the mission. To add to the interest of the occasion Mrs. W. T. Armstrong and her daughter Kate, who had come over to attend a large Decemminial Conference of all India, were also present and entertained by dear Mrs. Sanford. It was a remarkable meeting, no less than seven of the original company being together for the first time in 29 years. Mr. W. T. Armstrong and Mrs. Curry were needed to complete the entire party of nine.

Now our number is broken and dear Mrs. Sanford is gone. We are glad and thankful for the work she did, though the number of converts is not very large, yet the character of the work is genuine and good. Miss Eva DePrazer, known to many of you, is one of those saved through the labour of your missionary. While we were living in Secunderabad between 1895 and 1899, several of the men came to us who were connected with native regiments and had been transferred from Vizianagram to Secunderabad. These men and their wives had been converted under the labors of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford.

Though we shall never again in this life see our dear sister yet her influence will abide, and there are very many people in this country and

in India, many Europeans, and Telugus, who are and will be the better for having known her. She hath done what she could.

While we sympathize deeply with the lonely husband and daughter in far away India, and the son in this land, we rejoice with the saint who has entered into rest. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

SLEEP ON BELOVED.

Hymn sung at Mr. Spurgeon's funeral.

Sleep on beloved, sleep, and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast,
We love thee well; but Jesus loves thee best;
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Calm is thy slumber, as an infant's sleep;
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep;
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep,—
Good-night!

Until the shadows from this earth are cast;
Until He gathers in his sheaves at last;
Until the twilight gloom is overpast,—
Good-night!

Until the Easter glory lights the skies;
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,
And He shall come, but not in lowly guise,—
Good-night!

Until made beautiful by love Divine,
Thou in the likeness of thy Lord shall shine,
And He shall bring that golden crown of thine—
Good-night!

Only "good-night," beloved— not "farewell!"
A little while, and all His saints shall dwell
In hallowed union, indivisible,—Good-night!
Until we meet again before His throne
Clothed in the spotless robe He gives His own.
Until we know even as we are known,—
Good-night!

I have been in India twenty years, and if I had twenty lives to live, I would give them all for India. There is no work which God has given women to do which exceeds in beauty and grandeur the work which is to be done by women for women of India.—MRS. J. C. ARCHIBALD.

REPORT OF W. M. A. S. CONFERENCE AT LINDEN.

Beside the blue waters of Northumberland Strait lies the beautiful village of Linden where the Cumberland County Quarterly Conference met Sept. 22nd and 23rd.

Those who formed the church a half century ago must have been men and women of liberality and good taste, for they not only provided a generous lot for their church home, but left standing a goodly number of trees, a precaution not often taken, as is evidenced by the bleak and bare location of so many of our churches. The Temperance Hall at the rear of the church was kindly placed at our disposal on the afternoon of Sept. 23rd for the meeting of the County Aid Society.

Mrs. Esterbrook, of Springhill, Co. Secretary, presided, Miss Bleakney, of Northport, acting as Secretary *pro tem*. Mrs. Belyea, of Westchester, gave a helpful and suggestive Bible reading founded on the incident at the well of Sychar; a number of the sisters then led in prayer.

Verbal reports given by delegates present were received from seven Societies. These reports showed not only unabated interest, but progress.

A Society was organized at Linden consisting of ten members with a prospect of additions in the near future.

The officers elected were:—President, Mrs. Harrison Wood; Vice-President, Mrs. George Hunter; Sec.-Treasurer.

We trust that the work begun by our sisters may prove a blessing to themselves and others.

SMALL BUT USEFUL CIRCLES.

The August meeting of a small Circle recurs to memory, and claims a friendly greeting. It was somewhat in contrast to the large gatherings at the Convention of the W. B. M. U. There was not the stimulus of numbers, only the example of each sister doing what she could, an example to be highly commended. Nine met in a small room in a private house. The Society numbered thirteen, but the president had moved too far away to attend the meetings, thus reducing their working force by considerably more than a unit.

The Vice-President opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer, followed by singing and prayer by several sisters. After the

minutes were read the leader rose and repeated a verse of Scripture, followed by each one in the room in turn. When it came to the sister of eighty-nine, she stood up, and with firm, unflinching voice, repeated three verses of the twenty-third Psalm. When she came to the words, "He restoreth my soul," there was a ring of assurance that was good to hear, making each one feel that the time of her complete restoration was near. Then there were readings by several sisters. A little talk on the power of a consecrated mission; more praise; more prayer, the doxology and benediction, and the devotional meeting closed. A little after-meeting followed, with friendly greetings and inquiries showing a kindly interest in one another, which was pleasant to see and remember. This devoted band feels its weakness and isolation, but such a gracious combination of works, faith and loving loyalty cannot fail to be its own reward.

HARVEY, A. Co., N.B.—Sunbeam Mission Band of the First Harvey Baptist Church is still prospering. This year has been our banner year. Our membership is 28, average attendance 20.

The Band has raised \$25 towards Mr. Glendenning's salary, as pledged by Mrs. Fletcher at the Association last July. By the removal of our President, Miss Kate Tingley, and our Treasurer, Miss Annie Dury, before the end of the year, our Band was left without a leader, and we feared that we would not be able to raise the amount pledged. But having a faithful few, we had no trouble in raising the amount. We find *Tidings* and *LINK* a great help to us, and the interest seems to be increasing. We trust the coming year may be as good, and even better than the past. Officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. F. Brown; Vice-President, Madge Hatfield; Secretary, William Dowrie; Treasurer, Madge Hatfield.

AGNES COONAN, Sec.

Our beloved missionary, Miss Clark, sails from New York, Oct. 24th, in company with Miss Murray of the Western Ontario Board, and Miss Robinson, newly appointed by the Manitoba and North West Board. It seems pleasing that these different representatives of our work in India should be so associated. May their fellowship be sweet as they journey, and their influence a blessing to their fellow-travellers as desired.