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THE celebration of our Silver Anniversary brings us to an interesting period in our W.F.M.S. In reviewing the years that have gone, we have much to humble us in view of the little we have done for our Saviour and His cause. But yet we thank our heavenly Father that we have been honored in having this work to do, and for the "open doors" to our missionaries who represent us on the foreign field; and also for the blessing vouchsafed to them, in turning many from the worship of idols to that of the true and living God. No woman has heartily entered into the work, but has experienced a rich blessing in her own soul, as she has sought, by her prayers and offerings, to give to our sisters in India a knowledge of Jesus Christ which would bring light and joy into their darkened lives.

What an uplift and enlargement of sympathy the work has brought to us, and what blessed fellowship we have enjoyed with the noblest and most consecrated women of our time, as well as inspiration from the lives of those who have gone to their reward!

Surely the past, with its blessings at home and abroad, should stimulate and encourage us to enter upon the work before us with renewed zeal and consecration; and to the many sisters in our churches, who have not yet become members of our circles, we would say, come with us and be a blessing and be blessed.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE W.B.F.M. BOARD OF ONTARIO (WEST) FOR 1900-1901.

President, Mrs. J. B. Booker, Aylmer; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Freeland, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. T. M. Harris, Toronto; Foreign Secretary, Miss Buchan, Toronto; Home Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto; Recording Secretary, Miss Moyle, Toronto; Treasurer, Miss Elliot, Toronto; Secretary for Bands, Miss Tapscott, Toronto; Bureau of Missionary Information, Mrs. C. W. King, Toronto.

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NOMINATIONS.

The Foreign and Home Secretaries and Treasurer are appointed by the Board. The other officers and the first five members, namely, Mrs. Wm. Craig, Mrs. P. A. McEwen, Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Mrs. J. Firstbrook and Mrs. Sinclair, 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, the 12th of November, or else handed to her on the morning of the 14th. It is important that all who make nominations should give their reasons for doing so.

BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in Jarvis St. Baptist Church, on Tuesday, November 12th, at 8 p. m.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

BILLETING. — All delegates requiring billets are requested to send in their names before November 7th, to Mrs. John R. Wellington, 14 Pine Hill Road, Rosedale, Toronto. Billets will not be sent out, but places will be assigned upon arrival of the delegates at the Jarvis St. Baptist Church, corner of Jarvis and Gerrard Streets, where the billeting committee will be in attendance on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 12-14. Delegates will take a Church St. car at the Station, go up to Gerrard St., then walk two blocks east.

P. M. WELLINGTON,
Convener of Billeting Committee.

PROGRAMME OF THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION,

Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, November 13-14.

Thursday, November 14th, Foreign Mission.

MORNING SESSION, 9.30 A.M.

- 9.30—Hymn.
Reading of Scripture, Mrs. Wm. McMaster.
Prayer of Thanksgiving, Mrs. Freeland, Toronto.
Appointment of Convention Secretary.
Appointment of Nominating Committee.
- 10.00—President's Address, Mrs. J. B. Booker, Aylmer.
- 10.20—Annual Reports.
Recording Secretary, Miss Moyle, Toronto.
Home Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto.
Treasurer, Miss Elliot, Toronto.
LINK, Mrs. W. H. Porter, Toronto.
Bands, Miss Tapscott, Toronto.
Bureau, Mrs. C. W. King, Toronto.
- 10.50—Prayer.
Prayer.
- 11.00—Bible Reading.
- 11.30—Reception of Delegates from Sister Societies.
Letters of Greeting.
Hymn.
Prayer.
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P.M.

- 2.00—Hymn.
Prayer, Mrs. John Harris, Brantford.
Minutes of Morning Session.
Report of Nominating Committee.
Election of Officers.
- 2.40—Messages from Circles that Reported to the Treasurer of the Society during its first year.
- 3.10—Report of Foreign Secretary.
- 3.30—Prayer.
Poem, "The First Missionary," Mrs. Yorke, Toronto.
Hymn.
- 3.45—Address, Miss Ellen Priest, Tuni, India.
- 4.00—Offering.
- 4.10—Solo.
- 4.20—Historical Sketch of the LINK, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto.
Address, Mrs. J. B. Halkett "Sister Belle," Ottawa.
Hymn.
Prayer.
- 5.00—Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION, 8 P.M.

- Anthem.
Hymn.
Reading of Scripture, Rev. Dr. Bates, Toronto.
Prayer, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Toronto.
Minutes of Afternoon Session.
Address, Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, Pedapuram, India.
Offering.
Anthem.
Address, Mrs. J. H. Castle, Rochester.
Hymn.
Prayer.
Benediction.

MISS FOLSOM,

P. O. Box 179,
Williamstown,
Vermont.

Work Abroad.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

ANAKAPALLE, VIZAGAPATAM DIST., INDIA.

My Dear Miss Latch :—Please accept our thanks for your kindness and this practical interest in the work here. The papers came in splendidly; we placed a goodly number of them on the table of the Reading Club, in Jubilee Hall, and also on the table of the Samasthanam Literary Association's reading room. Many young men saw them there. The rest we gave to comers and goers here at the bungalow. *Our Young People* is asked for often. The older boys all seem to like it very much. We are very glad to have the papers to distribute in this way. So often they afford us an opportunity for a quiet work here on our veranda, that we might not otherwise have. These papers are such a contrast to the indecent literature, mostly lewd stories of the gods and goddesses, in Telugu, and are just the thing for these boys and young men. Perhaps you will wonder that we give only to boys and young men, and never to young women and girls. The reason is that no women or girls speak or read English. Few read the Telugu even. Education is supposed to unfit woman for their household duties. Last week I was visiting in the home of the head master of the High School here. He has had a splendid English education, but his wife is ignorant of even the Telugu alphabet. I drew his attention to this and suggested that he teach her to read if nothing more. "Oh," he said "what does she want with letters and reading and books, if she looks after her children and the cooking, is not that enough?" And that is the usual idea of woman's education.

The Sunday School cards have been and are a great help. We use those you and Miss B— sent in three schools, one of which meets on the veranda of the idol temple; one in the open street and one in the chapel. This last is made up of boys who can read; about fifty attend. Every once in a while the parents or the teachers in the Town School where the boys attend all week, get alarmed at the interest the boys manifest in the Sunday School lessons and forbid attendance here, and the school goes down to as few as five or ten boys, but it soon picks up again.

Yesterday a Brahmin came to the door, and called to the boys to come away, but we were right in the middle of the lesson and not a boy left. At the close one lad remarked that possibly they would not be allowed to attend next Sunday.

Friends here and there at home, are sending me cards that have been used and saved for us by the children, and we are now working in eighteen Sunday schools, ten of them in Anakapalle town and eight in near villages. This work among the children is

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perhaps the most promising on the field. Pray for the children and the teachers and for us.

Yesterday at the close of my boys' Sunday School I gave papers to sixty-seven boys, all reading English, and if you could have seen the bright eyes and pleased smiles with which they were received I am sure you, and others who are sending, would count the postage on them money well spent. Such papers cannot but wield great influence for good for them. Thanking you again, and with warm Christian love.

Yours sincerely,

FANNY S. McLEOD.

May 1901.

Dear LINK.—A new experience has come to me this year. Eight years ago at this season of the year, I was on my way to India. Every day brought reminders that the dear home-land was left behind and new sights and sounds took the place of the familiar ones. So many of them were such as to make our hearts sad, and during these years you have been the bearer of a message now and then from me telling of some of them. Right out of the midst of the darkness these have been written. But now I am once again in the home-land, surrounded by Gospel light and privilege, where the air we breathe and the sights and sounds about us remind us so constantly that we are in a *Christian* land.

Before leaving India, when thinking of all the happy experiences that were represented by the word *furlough*, one that I looked forward to, was the *Christian Sabbath*.

In Tuni, Sunday is the busiest, noisiest day of the week. We try as much as it is possible, to make it the holy day of rest it should be, but all the traffic for the weekly market goes right past the compound. The ox-carts with their noisy drivers; the men driving their cattle to market; the women with their baskets on their heads and in many cases a child astride their hip, all talking as though every one was deaf. These things are not very helpful to worship.

Sometimes, when discouraged over the slow progress made by the Christians in learning to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, I have wondered what sort of a day it would be to me had I been brought up surrounded by the same circumstances. And a sorry feeling has come into my heart for them as I remembered that they never saw a *Christian Sabbath* such as we enjoy here every week. And this little message comes asking you to pray for them that they may learn to keep holy day and be an example to the heathen about them.

E. PRIEST.

AKIDU GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Mrs. Chute writes:—School opened as usual the first week in September. It was nice to have the children back again after their holiday. Akidu is

somewhat lonely even at the best times and lonelier when the children are away, so we are always glad to welcome them, and they on their part seem glad to come to school.

At the beginning of the term there were nineteen girls from the Akidu field but only five from Vuyyuru.

The promotion examination for the past year's work was held in October, and about two thirds of the girls passed with credit.

Progress through the term seemed to be better than usual, but we are waiting for the Government Inspector to come and conduct our promotion examinations. At Christmas time we had to part with the Vuyyuru girls. We were sorry to lose them, but as you see it has been a great benefit to Vuyyuru to have a girls' school of its own.

Tadipalli Esther, who used to be supported by the Osgoode Band, and Bendukuri Shantamma, now Mrs. Pulaveri Samuel, formerly supported by the Circle at Weedman, taught in Akidu. Both of them have passed the Government Primary, and Esther has had Normal training. Esther continues to teach in the school but will probably be married in January. Shantamma's home duties require her attention.

On two or three occasions God very specially manifested His loving care for the girls. One night a young cobra was found under one of the mats just as the girls were about to lie down, and not a week later another cobra was found in the dormitory.

Another effort has been made to repair the roof and we hope to make the present building serve until our return from furlough, (probably 1904).

During the cool season a series of Temperance talks, illustrated by charts, were conducted by the writer every Sunday evening at the bungalow; the children seemed to enjoy them greatly.

The Indian Sunday School Union conducts a Bible Examination every July, on the International lessons for the previous six months.

Six of our pupils wrote this year but the results are not yet published. Last year Boilarpur Rizma received a certificate for having passed this examination.

More of the scholars would probably write but unfortunately the examination is held when they have gone to their villages for the holidays.

The girls' Tuesday afternoon prayer meetings have been conducted as usual. During the term four girls from the Boarding and one from the Day School were baptized. Two or three others have asked for baptism.

Miss Morrow kindly took charge of the school during our absence in the hot season.

At the close of the school, early in June, the girls with but two exceptions paid a monthly fee of four annas, *i.e.* 8cts. The object of this fee is not so much for the financial help to the school as for the moral effect on the pupils and parents.

The holidays are past and school has opened early

this year because it was closed so early in June. Most of the old girls have returned and there are quite a number of new ones. Our number will probably reach to twenty within a few days.

Pray for our girls, yours and mine, that they may become earnest Christian women and a power for God in their homes and in their villages.

Work at Home.

OBITUARIES.

KINGSTON ONT.—It is with deep sorrow and a sense of great personal loss that we of the Mission Circle in Kingston mourn the death of our beloved President, Mrs. Laing.

Though for a long time she had been a patient sufferer, and especially during the past year, her courage and her unflinching interest in church work blinded us to the fact that she was so soon to leave us. It seemed as if we could not do without her, but her Master knew that the time for her reward had come.

In spite of weak health, Mrs. Laing was the mainstay of our Ladies' Mission Circle, and the Mission Band, as well as a ceaseless worker in the Sunday School and Young People's Union. Only this spring she organized a Girls' Union to do church and missionary work; in this as in all our enterprises she will be sorely missed.

Missions she specially loved and labored for, and her place in our Mission Circle is one that we feel can never be filled.

In her last moments our beloved President thought of the Circle and expressed a wish that the next meeting should be in her home, saying that she would be with us in spirit. When we met we felt that this was indeed true, and that her memory was helping us now, as her presence had done in life.

Since then kind words of sympathy from sister Circles have been read to us, and by the knowledge of their sympathy we have been drawn into closer touch with our fellow-workers in the great cause of missions.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

MRS. H. CALVIN.

LAKE SHORE CALVARY MISSION CIRCLE.—It is with saddened hearts we chronicle the death of one of our dear sisters, in the person of Mrs. Caroline V. Chute, who, on Sept. 21st, was so suddenly called to pass into the "great unknown."

Our departed sister was one of our most earnest workers, having successfully filled the office of presi-

dent for three years, and her love for her Master's work truly made her work a labor of love.

And may we be more earnest Christians, remembering that "she being dead, yet speaketh."

(MRS.) R. W. MCCONNELL,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

COLCHESTER.—Our annual public meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th Sept., and was one of the best we have ever had, an incentive to the meeting being the presence of Bro. and Sister Iler, from Kansas, whose remarks were suited to the occasion. The church was almost filled, and the audience seemed quite in touch with the spirit of the meeting. Interest in missions seems to have a firmer hold of the church than it ever had before, and co-operation in the work is thus made easy.

The President gave an account of the year's work, showing that \$14 had been sent to Foreign Missions. The Post Office Crusade had also been taken up, and quite a large number of Sunday School papers sent out to some of the missionaries; also some to the natives, their names having been furnished by Mrs. A. A. McLeod. A letter of grateful appreciation has been received from Vinnakota Durga Rao, of Palakonda, for these papers.

Mrs. C. N. Dewey gave an excellent address on a Year's Work by our Missionaries in India and Bolivia. Our Pastor's remarks were brief, but pointed. The children acquitted themselves admirably in the programme. The collection amounted to \$12.62, to be divided among Home and Foreign Missions.

J. RITCHIE.

ST THOMAS.—On the evening of September 25th the ladies of Centre St. Mission Circle held a birthday party to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Foreign Society. There was a good attendance present, who listened with great interest to an excellent programme.

Rev. Mr. Hartley presided. After reading of Scripture, and prayer by Mrs. Upton, the chairman introduced Mrs. (Dr.) Barber, of St. George, who gave an address. Her subject was, "How to Reply to some of the Objections to Missionary Work." Mrs. Barber is a very bright, pleasant speaker, and we feel that much good will result from her visit to our Circle. The amount received from the birthday offering will be about \$25, and will be used to make a Life member.

An afternoon meeting was held for the children and a most profitable time spent. Mrs. Barber's talk to the little ones was made so interesting and impressive, that eternity alone will reveal the worth of that meeting.

K. MCCOLL, Sec.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—The Ingersoll Sunday School started a Mission Band at the beginning of the year with thirteen members, and through God's help have increased to forty. We call our Band the "Win One," meaning that each one would try to win, at least one, for Christ. We hold our meetings after Sunday School the second Sunday of each month.

We have programmes made out for the year, and at each meeting take the field that is assigned for that month. We have talks and readings about the work done there, and in this way the children learn about the work that is being done.

We trust that God's blessing will be with us in whatever we do.

JESSIE GRANT, Sec.

THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts from September 16th to October 15th, 1901, Inclusive.

FROM CIRCLES.—Aurora, \$2; Ailsa Craig, \$5; Alvinston, \$2.70; Binbrook, \$3; Beamsville, special, to make Mrs. W. J. Sumner a life-member, from the birthday offerings of her children and grandchildren, \$25; Beamsville (\$8 for Satyavedam), \$14.40; Burch, \$1.50; Brantford, Calvary Church, special from Miss Jane Lindsay to make herself a life-member, \$25; Brantford, Calvary Church (\$3 special), \$12.25; Beachville, \$1.15; Brampton (\$12.65 for life-membership for Mrs. Snell), \$16.35; Boboygeon, \$3; Brooke (Annual Meeting \$1.90, and friend 50c.), \$9.28; Brooke and Enniskillen, \$1.70; Burford, \$1.50; Burk's Falls, \$6.50; Barrie, \$3.73; Barrie (to make Mrs. D. B. Harkness a life-member), \$25; Bethel, \$4.73; Brantford, First Church (\$50 for Miss MacLeod and \$25 to make Mrs. S. J. Farmer, a life-member), \$75; Bloomsburg, \$2; Cheapside, \$4; Colchester, \$7.48; Calvary, \$7.25; Chatham, \$4.60; Cramahe, \$2; Cultus, \$8; Cheltenham for Barnabas Manikyam, \$13.60; Delhi, \$3; Forest (\$3.45 Thank-offering), \$7; Fort William, \$3.65; Glammis, \$2.30; Greenbank, \$1.57; Goodwood, \$2.50; Green River, \$2; Gilmour Memorial Church, \$12; Georgetown, \$5; Galt (\$3 special), \$18; Guelpf, Trinity Church, \$16.26; Hamilton, Victoria Avenue, \$3.55; Hartford, \$4; Hamilton, Herkimer Street, \$3.50; Hamilton, Wentworth Street, (\$2 Thank-offering), \$5.50; Harrow, \$5; Hagersville, \$3; Jaffa, \$4.03; Lindsay, \$11.40; London, Talbot Street, \$23.37; Listowel, \$2.80; Lakeshore, Calvary, \$13.55; London South, \$10; Mount Forest, \$6.49; New Sarum, \$4.60; Norwood, \$1; Onondaga, First, \$4; Oxford, West, \$5; Paris, \$6.31; Plympton (\$5.08 from mime boxes), \$5.58; Peterboro', Murray Street, \$12.20; Port Perry, \$4; Port Burwell, \$3.70; Port Elgin, \$4.25; Petrolia (a friend \$4, Thank-offering \$3.50) \$14.58; Port Arthur, on life-membership fee, \$11; Ridgetown, \$5.65; Selkirk, free-will offerings, \$2; Stratford, \$2; Sarnia, \$9.25; Selkirk, \$1.75; Sootland, \$5.75; St. Thomas, Centre Street, \$9.44; Salford, \$2.50; St. Catharine, Queen Street, \$3.12; St. Catharines, Lyman Street (52c. special), \$4.28; St. Mary's, \$2.60; Strathroy, \$4.50; St. George (\$10.70 special), \$16; Tiverton, \$6; Toronto, College Street, \$7.20; Western Church, \$7.65; Bloor Street (\$25) to make Mrs. John Evans a life-member, \$77.50;

Jarvis Street, \$36.30; Immanuel Church, \$12; First Ave. (\$5.85 special), \$17.10; Memorial Church, \$5; Parliament Street, \$7.05; Sberidan Avenue, \$5.18; Bloor Street Y. W. Aux., \$8.88; Walmer Road, \$38.48; Waterford (\$11.15 on life-membership), \$14.65; Waterford, \$3; Wyoming, \$11; Wingham, \$3.75; Woodstock, Oxford Street, \$8; Woodstock, First Church, \$13; Whithy, \$1; Wheatley, \$5.50; Westover, \$9. Total, \$913.29.

FROM BANDS.—Toronto, College Street Y. W. for Degala Mary, \$5; Green River, \$1; Sarnia, \$1.75; Selkirk, \$1.48; Sootland, \$1.75; Paris, \$6; Cheapside, 65c.; London, Talbot Street, \$5.40; Toronto, College Street, Jr., \$2.77; Port Hope (\$8 talent money), \$17.66; Westover, \$2; Dundas, \$4.60; Denfield, \$4; Forestville, \$1.20; St. Mary's, for Govadi Appalamma, \$3.90; Testerville, \$1; Wheatley, \$1.80; Hamilton, Wentworth Street, for Tatapudi Appalamma, \$4.10; Hamilton, Wentworth Street, Baby Band for children of lepers, \$1.40; London, Adelaide Street Y. P. for Student Fund, \$5.55; Burch (75c. for Natti Peter John), \$7.75; Brantford, Calvary Church for Degala Karunamma, \$7.50; Cobourg, \$1.50; Guelpf, Trinity Church for Bolivia, \$2.50; New Sarum, \$2.50; St. George, for Suria Kannamma, \$9; Townsend Centre, \$6; Toronto, Bloor Street, \$2.34; Waterford, \$3.25. Total, \$115.05.

FROM SUNDRIES.—St. Thomas, Centre Street, Jr. C. E., for Pannamalla Adiyas, \$7; A friend to Missions, \$1; Mrs. E. B. Selman, Hiokey, Mich., \$1; Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Toronto, First Ave. S. S. Class No. 3, \$1; Miss Maggie Boon, Bothwell, for lepers, \$2; Mrs. James Miller, Wanbuno, \$1; Miss Lee Pine, Cleveland, Ohio, for Palsapalli Atohayya, \$5; Mrs. Dempsey, Rednerville, for Mrs. E. G. Smith, Yellamanohilli, \$5; Burch B.Y.P.U. for Natti Peter John, \$4.70. Total, \$57.70.

Total receipts during the month, \$1,066.04.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, for regular work, \$490.42; Passage allowance (add.), for Misses Priest and Folsom, \$50; Special appropriation for village schools, balance, \$18; For lepers, from Holmedale Y. P. S., \$6. Total, \$564.42.

HOME EXPENSES.—Programmes for Convention, 1900, \$2.50; Fifty copies of report "Among the Telugus," \$6.25; Blank forms for Circles for use by Corresponding Secretary, \$5.75. Total, \$14.50.

Total disbursements during the month	\$ 578 92
Total receipts since October 21st, 1900	7 386 84
Total disbursements since October 21st, 1900	8 264 34

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—"Medical Lady" Fund. Receipts, Petrolia M. B.	3 30
Disbursements.—By General Treasurer for Dr. Hulet	42 90
Total receipts since October 21st, 1900	155 20
Total disbursements since October 21st, 1900	473 42

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

109 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 2nd, 1901.

Madame President and Ladies:—In presenting the twenty-fifth annual report your Board would render hearty thanks to the Father of mercies and the God of all grace for the measure of success which has rested upon the work of our hands during the past quarter of a century. It is needless

here to review the past, as a history of the Society will be presented to you later, and it would mean mere repetition.

It is with a deep sense of loss, and with genuine sorrow, that your Board records the death of Miss Nannie E. Green, who passed away in July last. As a charter member of the Society, Miss Green has been familiar to you as Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, President, and Vice-President of your Board. Her intimate knowledge of all the affairs of the Society made her an invaluable member, and she will be greatly missed in all our deliberations.

We are also called upon to chronicle the death of another earnest worker, Mrs. Douglas Laing, of Kingston, who held the position of Directress of the Canada Central Association for some time, and who was full of zeal in the service of the Master. Thus one after another of the workers passes away, but the work goes on.

Your Board has put on record resolutions expressive of its feelings respecting these sisters.

The removal of our late Treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Smith, from the city has been already noted, and it was with great regret that your Board parted with her, as she was a faithful and efficient worker. We pray that wherever she may be, she may stimulate others to work in the cause of missions. Mrs. L. H. Packard, who was appointed to fill the vacant position, has, in spite of unfamiliarity with the work and various drawbacks, filled the office with excellence. The new department of work, the Post Office Crusade, taken up at our last convention, has flourished under the able guidance of Mrs. Cole, who has been the means of interesting many, so that a stream of good moral literature is being sent through the post to some unknown Telugus in far-away India.

From the reports of the Associational meetings held in June, we judge that earnest work has been accomplished.

Change has been made in the Directorship of the Canada Central Association, formerly in the hands of Mrs. Knowlton, who has given up the charge to Mrs. John Moulton, of Westport, Ont. (Miss P. M. Chandler continues to fill the position of Directress of the Eastern Association.)

And although we regret to lose the services of Mrs. D. McLaurin, the Ottawa Association will not suffer in the able hands of Mrs. W. G. Draper. Three Bands have been formed during the year at Phillippsville in the Canada Central, Clarence in the Ottawa, and the First Church, Montreal, in the Eastern Association work in India.

Miss Murray.—On the suggestion of the General Board, your executive has invited our beloved missionary to come home or furlough in the spring of 1902, when she will be at liberty, as upon Miss Baskerville's return shortly, she will resume the control of the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School, which

Miss Murray has been directing during her absence on furlough. Our missionary's high Christian character, her mental training and experience in teaching have made her an invaluable worker, and it is not thought advisable to risk her health by a too prolonged stay in India.

Miss Murray writes, in reply to our letter inviting her to come home on furlough, "And now I wish to thank the ladies for their kind invitation home—not that I am anxious to leave the work here in India. God knows, I wish furloughs were unnecessary, at any rate He knows the work here is very dear to me, and that a much longer term of service would not be in the least irksome.

"The fact that my work in the school is just at an end, and then again that such a cordial invitation should come from my supporters, all seem to indicate that this is God's will for me. Truly 'the lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea I have a goodly heritage.'"

Our missionary asks for our prayers, that these last months may be months of power, and that she may be prepared for the home-coming.

It is interesting to know that four scholars were baptized during the year in the Girls' Boarding School at Cocanada, which is in Miss Murray's charge. In addition to this work the missionary has taken charge of a weekly prayer meeting for Christian women, a Sunday School teachers' meeting every Saturday morning, and the oversight of the station Sunday School as well as a class for the women in a near Mala hamlet, each Sunday afternoon, which is attended by from a dozen to eighteen or twenty women, both heathen and Christian.

Vuyyuru.—It may not be out of place to remind you that while we support the work among women and children on the Vuyyuru field, the lady missionary is supported by the Walmer Road Baptist Church in Toronto.

Miss McLaurin speaks appreciatively of her "good-fund," or store-room, for which we supplied the funds last year: "It is a good solid building, quite plain and barn-like in shape, and built of red brick, roofed with red tiles, twenty-eight feet by fifteen feet, with a good cement floor, proof against the white ants." In it there is room for all the missionary's touring stuff, and she finds this a great comfort. She wishes to thank you all for providing such a good room so long wished for and necessary, and which she says will be fully appreciated by all future lady missionaries at Vuyyuru.

As Miss McLaurin's report is so intensely interesting extracts will appeal to you far more than any condensed report:

"The three faithful Bible-women, Jane, Catherine and Mariamma, have been steadily at work all year. Their general health has been better. Jane has a very large work in and around her village, Borda-gunta, and as her strength has failed considerably

the last two years, and I considered the work was too much for her alone, I have given her an assistant in the person of her own daughter, Naomi, a bright, good girl who was educated in the Girls' School in Akidu, and also was a few months in Cocanada. She is too young and inexperienced to do evangelistic work yet, but she is very useful among the children and Christian women of her own village; the children she has in a school, where as many as fifteen to sixteen are in attendance, and she teaches Scripture portions and hymns to the women under her mother's direction, so leaving Jane more time for the out villages and work there. The work is being well carried on, as I plainly saw when I went there last March. The Christian women in Jane's village know more of the Bible, and can sing more hymns and recite more Scripture portions than any native women I've ever met. They are also well trained in the grace of punctual and regular attendance at meetings, and I really believe are in many ways a 'joy and a crown.' They certainly are Jane's crown.

"The caste women also, in her village, are well-informed, and some of them say they have ceased worshipping idols and believe only in Christ.

"Mariamma and Catherine have lived during the year in Vuyyuru, working with me in the town and near villages, and coming with me on tours.

"The work among caste women in Vuyyuru itself has received a distinct blessing this last year. Whereas heretofore—ever since I came to Vuyyuru—the women did not seem to be interested enough to even listen for any length of time to the Gospel, now they beg us to come to their homes, and some are learning Scripture verses, stories, hymns and such portions as the Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. This is a great thing, we feel it to be a decided step forward for the women, who before were so indifferent, to be now eager to learn definitely the truths of Christianity. If we could spare one Bible-woman for this part of the work alone, who would never need to be taken away to go touring, the women would learn more rapidly and their numbers would increase. Oh! we do need more Bible-women so much!

"Three women in three different homes told me they believed on Jesus and prayed to Him. One is a dear old gray-headed woman who takes such very evident comfort in hearing about Jesus that it is a joy to visit her home. She has learned a long hymn and told me once, when she was sick that in the night when she was lying on her bed suffering, she had tried to sing the hymn over to herself, but her mind refused to recall one verse, and she thought she *must* send for Catherine, even if it was the middle of the night, to come and sing it to her! Another quiet, gentle young woman, who seems to have a sweet disposition, has enjoyed our visits, but has always been too shy to *learn* anything until she

was inspired to do so by the visit of a near relative who had learned hymns from the missionaries in the town she hailed from, and who encouraged her to learn. So here and there hearts are turning, tremblingly and quietly, from the dense darkness to the Light of the world, reminding us of the flowers whose faces turn to the sun which gives them light and beauty. We visit, one Brahmin house regularly, where we are welcome, and where, besides the inmates we usually have quite an audience of neighbors too.

"Touring was carried on with the usual causes for rejoicing and encouragement. In one large village we had never been able to touch the caste women before, on account of one very prejudiced man of violent temper, who followed us from house to house, intimidating the women so that they dare not come near us. But this year while we were there that man was away, so we had peace and quietness and had splendid hearings in *six* caste homes. And because we were able to relieve a caste man of great distress during a paroxysm of asthma, I am sure we will be welcomed in *his* home at least, in future.

"We visited a number of new villages and were well received every where. In one place the women, having never seen a white face before, were very much frightened and listened behind the door while we preached to the men on the verandah, but when we left the women came out and said, 'Come again, we won't be afraid next time.'

"The work of the Helpmeet Societies among the Christian women has been carried on more regularly and with more success in some places than in others. In order that this part of the work may be a success, we seek to inspire the wives of the workers with a desire to engage in the service of Christ, and they need also much training as to how to work. But though they make many mistakes, they are *learning* and we must not be impatient and look for perfection too soon. It is a great thing that they should be led to undertake responsibility of any kind in Christian work, and we pray that they may soon learn how best to do the Lord's will in the discharging of that responsibility.

"We need more than ever now, your prayers both for the workers and the work, that we may be faithful in what the Lord has committed to us, and that His Spirit may work in the hearts of our hearers, that the seed sown there may spring up in an abundant harvest of living faith and changed lives.

"Pray without ceasing."

K. S. McLAURIN.

Vuyyuru Girls' Boarding School.—You will recollect that, in accordance with the wish of the Conference of India last year, we now support a Girls' Boarding School in Vuyyuru. This has only been open for about five months and a half at the time of report. Mrs. H. E. Stillwell, who has it in charge,

writes, that in opening this school, we are supplying a long-felt need, as it was impossible to persuade the girls to go to Akidu, which is a long distance from their homes, and it is a distinct advantage that the daughters of Vuyuru Christian, can receive good schooling near at hand.

Twenty boarders were in attendance during the year, many of them quite young and ignorant. Mrs. Stillwell says, "During the term just completed it was interesting to notice the improvement in the children. Many of them come to us very rude, unkempt and untrained. The school-life did much for them, and ere long they were neat and tidy in appearance, more polite and better mannered. All were very happy here, each taking her share of work cheerfully, either in the pounding of rice, sweeping, cooking or bringing of water."

N. Lydia, one of the Akidu girls who has spent a couple of years at Nellore Training School was a great help in teaching the girls Bible verses and action songs. She also conducted family prayers, and being a zealous Christian, her example was a source of blessing. The head master, a Hindustani, is a fine Christian, and speaks and writes English nicely. He conducts all the higher classes, and as he also has charge of the dispensary and devotes considerable of his time to medicine he is able to prescribe for the ailments of the children. The Bible is made the chief feature of study and in Sunday School, the life of Christ has been taken up in a simple manner to meet the needs of the untrained minds of the children, who soon grew enthusiastic and learned quickly the truths contained therein.

Three of the older girls were baptized during the year.

Zenana work in Cocanada.—The Bible-women's reports present no new feature in the Zenana work. Their time is spent in house to house visiting.

The work varies little, in one house there are those who listen eagerly and the worker has the opportunity of teaching the women the gospel undisturbedly, and in another, perhaps, only one will listen while the others sit apparently indifferent. Some new houses have been visited and others have been dropped from the list.

Let us pray that the seed sown by these earnest women, may bring forth fruit an hundredfold, and that though they may not see the result of their teaching, yet many will be saved by their influence.

The reports are full of interesting incidents. Several of the girls who have left school are among the listeners and learn the golden text of the Sunday School, and are taught once a week by Miss Gibson. Some of the women had visited the Baptist chapel and seen the ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered, which had impressed them deeply.

It is not the most intelligent who are the most interested by any means. For instance, an old deaf woman often astonishes the worker by her remarks.

When reading in the sixth chapter of St. Matthew, of not taking thought for food or raiment, this poor woman exclaimed, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." She had been taught the verse before, but quoted it so aptly that the other women were amazed. One little girl, who attends Miss Begg's Sunday School, repeats the hymns and verses to her mother at night. In this way the Word reaches the home of those perchance not visited by the Zenana worker.

Finances.—It was with keen anxiety that your Board learnt last Thursday that we were several hundred of dollars short of paying our appropriations. Some money has come in since the books were closed, and it is earnestly hoped that we shall be able to start the year clear of debt.

It is really deplorable that many of the Circles wait until the last minute to send in their funds, while a little system would enable your Board to make quarterly payments with ease. Up to the time of writing eight Circles failed to report to the Treasurer, while a number have given far less than last year. Others have kept their record up and given more than ever before. And now what of the immediate future?

Miss Murray's home coming will mean that we must provide her passage money in advance, so there is still room for effort to be put forth on your part.

It is satisfactory in reviewing the past to see the steady progress our Society has made. Let us at this era in our career aim to be more loyal to our missionary work than ever before, and like the woman of old lay our box of very precious ointment at the Master's feet.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER, *Cor. Sec.*

Montreal, Oct. 1st, 1901.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Four regular meetings of the Executive Board have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 14.

Two special meetings were also held, one in February, the other in September. The February meeting was called to receive the resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Smith, through removal from town, and to elect a Treasurer for remainder of year, Mrs. L. H. Packard, accepting that position.

Miss Murray, after several years of faithful work in India, has been invited home on furlough, by the Board, for a rest. The special meeting in September was to consider a letter received from the Rev. J. G. Brown, asking as to whether Miss Murray's passage money be paid as a special, or our usual approx-

Metcalf, Danville Circle	5 00
Ottawa 1st Ch. C. and Life-mem., Mrs. T. White-	
ombs	60 00
Kingston Union St. Circle	10 50
Maxville Circle	4 00
Brookville Band	15 00
Baraston Circle	13 00
	\$222 80

Reports from the Band Secretary, Miss Ida Crandall, of Chipman, and Treasurer of the W.B.M.U., Mrs. Mary Smith, were given as follows:—

For Foreign Missions	\$6,500 37
“ Home Missions	1,833 37
From Mission Band Treasurer	
for Foreign Missions	1,747 45
From Mission Band Treasurer	
for Home Missions	139 93

Total for Foreign Missions	\$8,247 82
“ “ Home Missions	2,023 20
Grand total	\$10,271 02
Total expenditure	7,336 47
Cash on hand	\$2,946 66

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CONVENTION NOTES.

The annual Convention of the W.B.M.U. was held in the audience room of Main Street Baptist Church, St. John, Aug. 21st and 22nd. The gathering was marked throughout by earnest enthusiasm and spiritual power.

No pains were spared on the part of the St. John friends to further the comfort of their guests. The floral decorations were beautiful. Lunches were served in the school-room at the close of each morning and afternoon session by the ladies of Main, Brussels, Germain and Leinster Street churches. This feature was highly appreciated by the delegates, affording as it did opportunity for social intercourse and the interchange of ideas concerning the work. The first session, Wednesday morning, the 21st, was devoted to receiving reports from the Provincial Secretaries. Mrs. M. S. Cox, of Chipman, N.B., reported 80 societies, membership 1,700; 2 new societies formed, 9 Life members added.

Mrs. Spurr, of Pownal, reported for Prince Edward Island, 22 societies, 355 members; 40 copies of LINK taken, 3 Life-members made.

For Nova Scotia the report was made by Miss Hume, of Dartmouth, acting Provincial Secretary. Number of societies 141, members 2,257 out of the 5,778 women in the churches reporting; 437 copies of THE LINK taken, 32 Life-members made. Mrs. Hume voiced the feeling of the Convention in her touching reference to the late Miss Johnstone, former Provincial Secretary.

Upon the report of the Committee on THE LINK, it was resolved that the Union's Department in THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK be continued, and also that the department be enlarged by the occasional publication of letters from *Tidings* and reports from the Provincial Secretaries.

From all quarters among the delegates, came words of appreciation of THE LINK, showing how strong a hold the paper has gained upon the hearts of our women.

At the afternoon session, reports were received from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Martell, and from the Home Mission Secretary, Miss Hume. Each of these was full of interest, and we hope to give extracts from them at a later date.

Donations from Nova Scotia societies were \$4,859.84; from New Brunswick societies, \$2,831.86; from Prince Edward Island, \$627.19; from donations, \$237.58; from other sources, \$134.05. Grand total, \$10,088.13. The President's address as delivered by Mrs. Manning, referred to the needs of the times, and the many agencies at work for good. She dwelt earnestly on the crying need of the heathen countries and told of the purposes and work of the Women's Missionary Societies during the past thirty years.

The funds of our Society had steadily increased for years, but there was still room for more money and more self-sacrifice. She spoke of the great educational value of the work, and urged the need of more earnest effort and of more workers. The Master had called to Himself many of their best, and for their vacant places there was need of earnest, consecrated women, with souls filled with the love of Christ.

The estimates for the year were presented by Mrs. Smith, and included:—

For young lady missionaries' salaries	\$2,825 00
Helpers' travelling expenses, etc., for same	600 00
Schools	350 00
Home literature	75 00
Contingent fund	250 00
Native helpers	500 00
Two girls with Mrs. Churchill	50 00
Tent for Bimlipatam	100 00
Hospital at Chicacole	500 00
Books and tracts	100 00
For male missionaries' salary	2,650 00

Total

In addition to this, \$1,200 from the Standing Fund will be granted toward defraying the expenses of the outgoing missionaries.

Election of officers resulted in the following appointments:—President, Mrs Manning; Cor-

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responding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Martell ; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Smith.

At a largely attended evening service, Mrs. Ira Smith gave an earnest address of deep interest on the work that lay at the doors of our Maritime Province women. Mrs. I. C. Archibald spoke, and we heard through her the voice of God calling us to nobler endeavor, and saw through her vision, the light that might come to thousands of our sisters were we but willing to put away selfishness and obey more faithfully the command of our Lord.

Mrs. L. D. Morse, of Bimlipatam, India, pressed the claims of the work with great earnestness and powerfully brought home to us the sense of personal responsibility.

Thursday morning was devoted to Mission Bands, and was marked by an interesting discussion of plans for increasing their usefulness. Mrs. Archibald and Rev. L. D. Morse, addressed a number of the local Bands who were present, on Phases of Child Life in India. The reports on Band work showed marked advance.

In the afternoon an impressive Memorial Service was held, conducted by Mrs. M. S. Cox, of Chipman. After devotional exercises and appropriate music, a poem written in memory of Miss Johnstone, was read by Miss Bertie Webb, and the list of those of the Society who had been called home during the year was given. Many touching references were made and earnest prayers offered for the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of Moncton, whom we were glad to welcome among us, gave an interesting paper on Home Missions, showing the greatness of the field that was being opened up in our Dominion. She spoke of the evils that were keeping step with the material progress ; of the one remedy, and of the part that should be ours in warning against the evil and in developing the good.

After greetings from other societies, that of Ontario being given by Mrs. Hutchinson, the programme of the Mission Band lessons for the coming year, presented by Miss Etta Yuill, was adopted.

Rev. W. P. Stackhouse, of Manitoba, formerly a New Brunswick man, presented the needs of Manitoba.

The last meeting of the Convention was held Thursday evening. The large Auditorium was filled, and the exercises were full of interest. Mrs. Walder, of Windsor, gave an interesting Missionary address.

Miss Flora Clarke, of Moncton, missionary-elect, told of the influence that had led her to mission work. She said good-bye to the officers and members of the Union, with whom she had labored for five years, she implored them to be true to the cause and to follow her with their prayers.

Mrs. W. V. Higgins expressed her thankfulness at being once more fit for service. The thought of rejoining her husband and again engaging in the

work she loved was pleasant, but was accompanied by keen suffering in leaving loved ones behind. We needed lives consecrated to God and continually immersed in prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald also spoke, the latter telling of the Chicacole hospital work and asking aid for its enlargement.

A few heartfelt words of farewell were extended by Mrs. Manning to the departing missionaries, after which the meeting closed with a brief consecration service, conducted by Mrs. Martell, and participated in by many of the delegates.

Solos by Mrs. H. R. Hatch, of Wolfville ; Miss Taylor, of New York, and Mrs. Curry, of Fredericton ; at different times during the Convention, added much to the pleasure and the helpfulness of the meetings.

THE correspondent for THE LINK earnestly urges our Provincial Secretaries, Associational Directors and any others who have reports or items that may be of interest to LINK readers, to send them to her address (Mrs. J. Alex. Christie, Amherst, N.S.) We want this department to continue to be one of helpfulness and interest to our Societies as it has been in the past, and so would bespeak the co-operation, the sympathy and prayers of all our sisters.

Very reluctantly has the work been assumed, so keen is the sense of inability, of weakness and of inexperience, and so great the realization of the task of even attempting to follow in the footsteps of our dear Miss Johnstone, who made a success of this as of every other department of her work.

EVELYN R. CHRISTIE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR 1901.

Dear Fellow Workers:—The song of Thank-giving should fill our hearts and find expression on our lips as we recount the way the Lord has led us during the past year.

Through clouds and darkness He has made His light to shine and His presence felt.

It is truly wonderful how He can supply every need and fill the vacant places and carry on His work while we wonder and adore.

It is well for those who are occupied with any part of a great work to pause occasionally and take a general survey of the whole. No individual can do all the work, but every one has some special part as every workman has in the construction of a building and there is a mutual relation and dependence between the several divisions and the laborers. This is just what we have been doing at our recent Convention in St. John. Viewing the mission work as a whole, every one present must have been impressed with the growth and development of the

work and the cause for gratitude. New workers are coming nobly into the service and advancement is seen all along the line. This means a greater interest taken by a larger number, more thought, time, prayer and money.

FINANCES.

It is gratifying to know that more money was raised last year than ever before. Quite a large increase in the Mission Band money. It is still to be regretted that so many Societies wait until the last quarter to make their payments. We were \$4,000 behind in June this year. This shows what a little united effort can do in one short month, but could not this state of affairs be remedied by a little more thought and care in the early months of the year? It makes the task particularly hard for our Treasurers and is not the best way of doing the Lord's work. We did not increase our estimates this year as we wish to assist in raising the "Century Fund." Will not each sister feel it her duty and privilege to contribute something toward this fund and assist in every way she can in raising the amount asked from each church?

In connection with this fund there is a "Memorial Roll" on which by the payment of \$5.00 the names of our departed loved ones may be inscribed with the name of the donor. This "Roll," after the \$50,000 is raised, will be bound in a book and placed in Acadia College library so that future generations may see the names of those who have helped to lay the foundations of this mission work. This should touch all our hearts and is a most fitting way to remember our departed friends. The money for this purpose must be sent to Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John in N. B. and P. E. I., to Rev. A. Cohoon, Wolfville in Nova Scotia.

CRUSADE DAY.

October 10th has been appointed as Crusade Day. If this date is not convenient select any other time, only do not fail to observe the day. Our membership should be doubled this year. Think what that would mean to those who are standing outside and what it would bring to the cause of missions.

With God's help and persistent effort it can be done. Do not forget the private prayer hour in the morning, the visiting and securing members in the afternoon and the public meeting with thank-offering in the evening.

The work of the year as given in the Report should be brought before the people at that time.

MISSION BANDS.

The Band Superintendents are Mrs. P. R. Foster for N. S.; Mrs. T. S. Simms for N. B.; Mrs. A. F. Brown for P. E. I. These officers are women of ability and devotion to the cause, their efforts have been greatly blessed and we look for still larger fruits in the coming year. The Mission Band lessons pre-

pared by Mrs. Eta Yuill will be of special interest. They take up the history of the Telugu mission from the beginning and will be profitable for W. M. A. S. as well as Mission Band meetings. Leaflets have been published containing these lessons so that the children can take them home. All this wants now to make it a great success is devoted leaders and interested parents who will encourage this work by sending their children to the Bands and seeing the lessons are prepared. Parents and teachers, here is a grand God-given work for you and what a harvest it will yield! The most encouraging and profitable department of all our mission work.

MISSIONARIES.

Four missionaries go to India this autumn, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Higgins restored to health return with renewed zeal and devotion to engage in the Master's service. Miss Flora Clark, a most enthusiastic worker at home, looks forward with delight to bringing light and life to darkened homes in India. Let us praise God for these missionaries and follow them every day with our prayers, interest and sympathy as well as the faithful band who continue to work untrudgingly on the Foreign field.

HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work requires more attention than it has received. We did not raise the whole amount of our estimates for Home Missions the past year. This is on account of so many Societies having no systematic plan for the raising of the money. Will not every W. M. A. S. appoint a Home Missions Treasurer whose duty it will be to see that every member contributes something toward this important object? The Resolution passed at Convention recommended \$1.00 from each if possible, at least an average of 50 cents. The greatest success seemed to come from the use of mite boxes for Home Missions. If these were generally adopted the amount would easily be raised.

Now, my sisters, we have taken a brief glance at the work God has given us to do. We have discussed and planned. The coming months that are flying so very swiftly will prove how much we are going to accomplish for our Master in earnest, persistent effort. Each one faithfully doing their part, will crown the year with blessing and bring greater success than ever before. Never let us forget the source from whence all our help comes. Let us ask great things and expect great things that we may accomplish great things. Oh, let us give up all halting and doubting! Take God at His word, ask of Him rich, full supplies from the store house of His grace, above all the Holy Spirit abiding in us, our missionaries, the native preachers and Bible women, the feeble little flock in heathen lands, the whole church of God everywhere.

If such prayers constantly ascend from closets and family altars as well as the monthly missionary meetings, what showers of blessing there will be!

How the church will be shaken as of old with Pentecostal blessing and the coming year be one long to be remembered in the history of the Redeemer's Kingdom upon earth. May we each have a large part in the asking and receiving.

Yours in the blessed service,

S. J. MANNING.

St. John, N. B.

MISS AMY E. JOHNSTONE.

The following, written by one of the officers of the W. B. M. U. and read at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. A. S. held at Amherst, may prove interesting and helpful to some:

How can I speak to you of this worker, this officer of the W. B. M. U. who has fallen with the harness all girded on for work for the Lord? Were it not for her faith which she lived, and which so often found utterance in these words, "My Father can do nothing wrong," we would stop and not in rebellion but from the depth of our sorrow and loneliness ask,

"What need in a land of such blessed release
From all sorrow and ache,
Of the voice and touch, that were comfort and peace
To hearts here that ache?"

To us she was much needed—in the home, with her palsied and widowed mother; so much required in the little church in Dartmouth, and invaluable in our W. B. M. U. work. With our narrow vision, we question, why had she to go? And there comes a sweet peace with only the answer vouchsafed, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Amy E. Johnstone was the eldest surviving daughter of the late Judge Johnstone, of Dartmouth, N.S. Never marrying, her life was spent in the home of her childhood, ever aiding the mother in its duties, and of late years bearing entirely the burdens of the home. Added to this was the care of two little motherless nieces, who were watched over by her for years with a mother's tenderness, and one of these girls now writes this testimony:—"Few people will be so much missed as Aunt Amy, for she was always going about doing good to some one." Indeed, the record is only above of the miserable homes into which she has brought cheer, the cellar homes where she has passed the night watches with malignant diseases. The many in distress of soul and body to whom she has ministered and pointed to the Saviour of the world. The following instance comes to mind:—One night she was hurriedly sent for, and hastening to answer the call found an old man very near the eternal world, and although suffering bodily agonies, the anguish of his soul was greater, and he gasped, "Tell me, what can I do to be saved?" She said, "There was only a moment to tell him, and with a prayer I gave him that verse of verses, which could save his soul, 'The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.'" In a moment he was gone, with this note of salvation ringing in his ears, and she trusted his heart.

Converted in early life, her talents, her means, all she possessed were given to the Master for His service. Her one regret being that she had not more to give Him. For years she has taught the woman's

class in Sunday School and successfully. This year, she was president of the W. M. A. S. and many years had filled this office, though not consecutively. The Mission Band was her especial care. The prayer meeting room her delight, which was hallowed by her prayers and testimonies. Indeed to the church was given her best in every line. In all this work she missed her father so keenly, and in writing at this time says, "I went last Sunday and faced the empty pew; I am trying to be brave; my hiding place does not fail."

Miss Johnstone has been Prov. Sec. of the W. B. M. U. since 1887, and as well said she has shown her devotion to the Master and love for the Mission cause, by her untiring efforts to increase the interest in Missions among old and young. The benefit of her work through all these years cannot be estimated. My first available records (1887) give number of Aid Societies in Nova Scotia as 70, last year we numbered 160, and Mission Bands almost unknown then now number 73. Many of the Societies and Bands are fruits of her direct work, and the organizing is often the least part. How much care and nourishing they have received from her. How many weak ones she has stimulated and strengthened for renewed service, by her helpful letters, or personal contact, as she has travelled through nearly every part of our Province, speaking from platform or pulpit! For this work she had peculiar ability, always gaining and holding the attention of her audience, as she would press home our right to obey Christ's command and the need a perishing world had for Christ and His salvation.

In short, strength of body and mind were given unstintingly to this service, from her pen went hundreds of letters yearly to help weak interests. Her one regret ever being the poorness of the service given.

She has been Maritime Correspondent for the LINK for sixteen years, and many can testify to her ability and faithfulness in this department, and believe that her request when first appointed to this office was granted, viz, that we pray that the busy fingers should send forth a true message.

If I mistake not she has always been a member of our H. M. Com.,—indeed it was principally through her effort that the W. B. M. U. adopted H. M. S. as a part of their work. I remember it was at our Annual Meeting in Wolfville, and how she plead for us to aid this cause, saying she was only redeeming promises given to little churches in need in Cape Breton. What a busy life was Miss Johnstone's; in reviewing it we say, how was it possible for one head to plan, one heart to feel and one pair of hands to accomplish so much? The following extracts from letters received from her last winter bespeak the beauty of her character. March 5th, she says, "I started out to be very brave and take up all my work; but only the dear Lord knows,

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what it has been and is to keep going when every nerve tingles." After being asked repeatedly to address a meeting she writes, "I said, I'd try. Better to fall in the harness than to put it off." Again after a busy day she says, "This is one of my off days. Every nerve in my back tingles and aches," but brightly ends with a "good night dear, the Lord's hand is not shortened although ours may be."

Will you pardon a few personalities? During twelve years of close fellowship and work which has tested and tried friendship, she has been the loving, strong, true friend, and the words of Solomon have proved true, "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart, so doth the sweetness of a friend by hearty counsel." The beauty of her character was such, that after these years in taking a retrospective no unkind word can be remembered, or unkind feeling lingers. I see her now, as I first remember her, in the vestry of the former Presbyterian Church, Amherst, at our Annual Meeting, leaning against a post, in her hand her large Bible, and talking of the work. I admired her then, and the close acquaintanceship of years, has only caused that admiration to ripen. I thank God for the privilege of knowing her, mine should be a better, stronger life, for having known hers. The last words she ever wrote me, were, "If the Lord wants me He will give me strength," written two weeks before she passed over, even then planning for Association work.

The following, written by Mrs. Mary B. Wingate, and composed upon the last words spoken by Mr. Moody, are appropriate to our dear sister, and have become her experience :

"God is calling, heaven is opening,
Oh what visions greet my eyes,
Souls redeemed—a countless number—
Smile and beckon to the skies.
God is calling—He who led me,
And upheld me by His grace;
Oh! we've had such sweet communion—
And I'll see Him face to face!"

The last verse of this poem, which contains her wish, let it become our prayer, and may it be answered by many of our young people arising for service.

"God is calling, loudly calling,
To the harvest fields away!
For the mighty reaper fallen,
Let ten thousand rise to-day.
Let the mantle of Elijah,
On the young Elishas fall;
When they hear the Master calling,
May they answer to the call."

MISS PRIEST,

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My dear Friends:—How oppressive the air is today! The monsoon should have broken ere this, but thus far we have only had a few slight showers. The prospect for the farmers is not very bright.

Miss Clark returned from the hills a few days ago, looking quite invigorated by a stay in that picturesque and healthful clime. We were also pleased to greet Miss Bessie Churchill, who had not visited Chicacole since she was six years of age.

At the beginning of April I looked forward with dread to the coming hot season but the Lord gave special strength and the heat was easily endured. How precious have been the words, "Fear not, for I am with thee. Lo! I am with you always."—In loneliness, our companion; in weakness, our strength; in trial, our comfort.

The three hot months were crowded with various duties. The coolies, with sticks frayed out at the ends, white or blue washed all the buildings on the compound. This work required careful oversight as it is usual for the Hindu contractor to seek to cheat as much as possible.

The tri-weekly classes for spiritual benefit and "to learn how to teach" gave encouragement. The nine young men who attended took an earnest interest and a book was given to the one who made the most improvement in teaching Bible stories to the children.

During the moonlight evenings we visited the streets, where we have Sunday Schools. This work is full of promise.

During Miss Clark's absence we conducted the daily Gospel services in the Hospital. How interested you would have been in the thirty or forty women of various castes with varied diseases who seated themselves on the mat and eagerly listened as long as we could talk to them of the Saviour's love. Miss D'Silva, the lady doctor, is now learning to read Telugu and she will soon be able to help with words as well as sympathy. Julia, the nurse, and Pitchanna, the compounder, seek to improve the opportunities of telling about the soul's physician. The patients very often invite us to their homes and a hearty welcome we receive. The other evening I found it hard to get home. One woman called out: "Come and sing for us. I heard good words when I was being treated in your Hospital for dropsy." Another says: "Come to my house. See my foot is quite well, but the doctor had to take out one of my toes. I was carrying water and the heavy brass pot fell on my foot."

Several high caste patients call often at the Mission House and are learning the hymns and "Life of Christ." This work too is full of promise and our hearts glow with happiness for the privilege of coming into close touch with these our Hindu sisters who "sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

Have just been interrupted by the appearance of twelve smart lads from our Police S. S. They say—"Please teach us the Review, we want to do well in that examination." The All India S. S. Examination on the S. S. Lessons of the last six months, which is conducted in India in more than twenty languages, takes place July 13th. So we are preparing the children of the day school and some of the evangelistic schools for that test. All are working with a zest. Those who pass receive printed certificates from the headquarters of the I. S. S. Union at Calcutta.

We enjoyed a tour in Calinga. Bro. Amenthal, pastor of Chicacole Church, and six of the helpers in S. S. work accompanied us and they worked un-tingly, walking long distances to the villages and giving earnest testimony. Day after day the little chapel was filled. Inquirers often came to the bungalow, which we had rented on account of its pleasant position overlooking the sea. We had hoped that some would come out fully on the Lord's side. Since our return we received a card to the following effect—"Three of us wish to join. We are believing in Christ in all things. We have great joy in our hearts and thank you all for teaching us the Way of Salvation. Come again soon, please."

Please pray for your representatives more earnestly than ever before. Pray that we who hold forth the Word of Life may in all things walk worthily of our high calling: pray that we may fulfil the command "Disciple the Nations" not only in proclaiming the Gospel but in lovingly *persuading* men to receive Christ as the Lord of the heart, and the Saviour of soul.

I would thank you each and all for your prayers and help. Please hold the ropes very strongly. The enemy is mighty. Iniquity reigns. Our greatest need is an endowment of power from on high.

May the God of peace Himself give you His own peace and may your work in church and home be abundantly blessed.

Very lovingly,

Your Co-Worker,
MABEL E. ARCHIBALD.

P.S.—Will all who send us Lesson Roll, cards, books or papers please tie and wrap strongly, and write the name of the sender in the upper left hand corner of the parcel.
M. E. A.

"Crusade Day" was brought to a fitting close last evening, when the lecture room of the Baptist Church was packed with eager listeners, as Mrs. J. C. Archibald, in her own inimitable way, told the story of the "Good Samaritan Hospital," in Chicacole, a story showing marvelous Divine leadings, the narration of which has, we trust left such an impression that something tangible for the hospital may result therefrom. We are so glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Archibald with us, to grasp their hands and bid them God speed on their journey to India. They, with Mrs. Higgins and Miss Flora Clark, expect to sail from New York on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Amherst, Oct. 11th, 1901.

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