

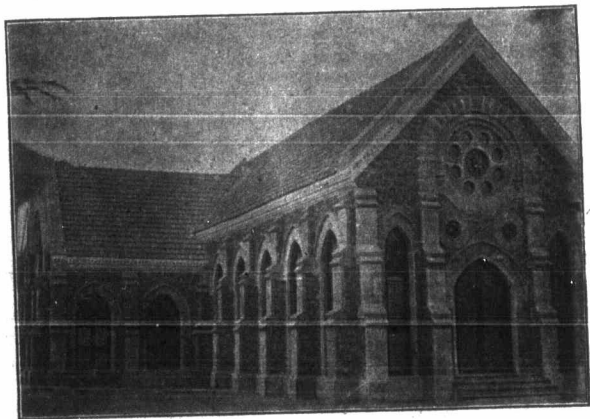


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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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Britain has taken Jerusalem, and has met with much success in Palestine. That will bring justice in its train, but in the meantime there is much suffering. \$50,000 monthly is distributed among the needy, those in charge being the Field Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association. Clothing is gone, bread is not fit to be eaten, exiles are crowding in from Armenia, and misery is everywhere. War industries are being started, and the Relief Committees are offering to take contracts for army shirts, Red Cross supplies and mending socks.

The American College at Constantinople occupies what is probably a unique position to-day. When Ambassador Morgenthau was suddenly called away, he placed the two American Colleges under the personal care of Enver Pasha, who faithfully promised that no harm should come to them. Now, in a country at variance with the United States, is a Christian American College in full activity,—a student body of 300 and a faculty of 40. The student body is not so cosmopolitan as it used to be, as Roumanians and Serbs are no longer there, but most of the students are from Constantinople itself.

Argentina is growing more strict about Sunday than some of us might like. Recent legislation has been passed forbidding liquor to be sold for twenty-four hours, and ordering that bakeries and groceries must be closed at noon, but also that no hired help shall be permitted to work during any hour of the day.

It is interesting to know that the growing of peanuts was introduced into China by a missionary, and in his own lifetime and his own province the peasants were exporting 50,000 tons annually. The weaving of straw braids for hats was also introduced into Shantung by a missionary.

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

FROM THE FIELD.

A Sad Word from Bobbili.—As we were nearing the close of our touring in March we observed one day that children who had come in swarms hitherto were quite absent, hardly a child at all in the big congregation. Enquiring where the children were, we were informed that 200 little bodies lay out in the field under the hot sun, if the jackals had not carried them off. Observing the absence of children again the following day, we again enquired, and were told that 300 from that village had just died from smallpox, and they hoped that "Ammathalli" had been appeased, for no compassion had been shown to the poor little bodies, only thrown out into the fields. These people need teaching.

M. F. CHURCHILL.

Samalkot Difficulties.—Am spending my hot season on the plains; the first in six years. It has not been difficult so far, although I have been going into the village each morning and evening regularly.

The Government ordered us to cut down the cactus around our nice piece of land in the town, as it was a menace to passers-by, being a hiding-place for snakes. That has been done, and now the place is open to goats, donkeys and other depredators, and our pastor has no peace. But we have decided to build a wall about it, in order to begin to answer our prayer that some day God will cause a chapel to be erected there. It will give work to any of our Christians who are anxious to earn a little in the season when so little work is to be had. Pray for them that they may build as unto the Lord.

C. M. McLEOD.

Bimlipatam Converts.—For more than a year we have been somewhat disturbed by active opposition to our work in Polepilly; a rival school has been established, and in every possible way our work has been hindered. We have been praying that God's reply to this attempt to hinder the progress of His Kingdom might be new souls added to the church. Sunday, May 12th, two men were baptized. One, a weaver, has been for some time believing but lacked the courage to identify himself with the people of God. The other is a young kamsali, who, while helping one of our Christian goldsmiths, has been taught the truth and received it. He has had to leave his home, but seems very happy in the home of one of the Christians. The wife of the weaver has taken the children and gone to relatives in another village. Pray that these two new converts may remain steadfast.

IDA M. NEWCOMBE.

On the 27th of April, two bright young men of the Brahmin caste presented themselves to us for baptism. They both had passed the School Final Examination, and were holding positions which gave them an independent livelihood. Some

of our helpers had been in touch with one of them for some months, and through them we knew of his desire and determination thus to follow Christ, and we had been praying for him. The other was an entire stranger to us, and we naturally hesitated to receive him into church membership until more could be learned about him. They made a very earnest plea, however, to be baptized together. For weeks past they had been studying the Word of God and the claims of Jesus together. Together they had sought the Light and prayed for grace to walk in the Light. And now they greatly desired to take the decisive step together. Their testimony and avowals were so clear and so sincere (apparently) and so satisfactory that the church, after much careful and prayerful consideration, decided that it would not be right to turn them away, or even to postpone their baptism. They were accordingly baptized on the following day, and the same evening returned to Vizianagram very happy in the Lord and full of faith and hope and courage. I have heard from them several times since their baptism. One, at least, is meeting much opposition and suffering considerable persecution.

R. E. GULLISON.

Chicacole.—At our last business meeting a woman from the Rescue Home gave a good testimony for, and manifested great determination, to follow Jesus. She was accepted, and was baptized the following Sunday. From Jalmur comes word that five candidates are waiting for baptism.

W. S. TEDFORD.

A Pithapuram Cure.—An interesting case in the hospital recently was a little boy who had fallen and broken his leg. Some wretched native treatment had caused gangrene to set in and the leg to drop off at the knee. The lad came in to the hospital almost a skeleton from his suffering and the absorption of poisons from his awful wound. At first he was too weak to be operated upon and later on his people would not consent to operation, so the wound had to heal slowly. Presently the boy's fever was stopped, his appetite returned and he began to gain strength and weight. A few days ago he went home as fat as he could be with his wound almost healed, and as happy as a lark. His father attended the lad very faithfully, and he, too, was delighted with his son's recovery. The boy could read a little bit, and so I gave him a copy of Mark's Gospel and started him reading it. He and his father had heard the Gospel many times at our morning prayers at hospital, and the lad said that he was believing in Christ. I think that at least he was near to the Kingdom.

So far this quarter we have baptized six, including four vigorous and promising young boys of fifteen or sixteen. They gave a very good witness, and I hope that they will help forward the work of our Lord in their village.

The opening of a little new village schoolhouse was the occasion of a good deal of pleasure to me and to our workers, who were there in force, and to the

villagers. We have had a teacher there for a year and the children showed the effect of good teaching; they could repeat several of the commandments and knew a good many facts of the life of Christ, as well as the more purely secular work of reading and arithmetic. We made it the opportunity for some good preaching, too.

H. A. WOLVERTON.

Rayagadda Baptism—I spent twenty-five days of April and three days of May on this field. We did not accomplish as much as I planned, because we had to attend to some house repairs, and also a few showers interfered with our marches. Again our hearts were made glad by the baptism of two believers, one in Singaporé and another in Sikkorapi. With the baptism of the latter we consecrated the Wagadda, which flows by Sikkorapi, as our new baptistry; for, so far as I know, he was not only the first man baptized in that place, but also the first baptized in that stream. He could not talk very good Telugu, and I could talk less Oriya, but when I mentioned the name of Jesus to him his dark face lighted up and he said, in faith beautifully childlike, "He is the one who gave His life for me." The man in Singapore had been over a good part of India visiting the sacred places in search of God and peace, but said he found neither until he believed in Jesus. After his thrilling testimony I asked the church what they would do about receiving him. They asked, "What can we do but receive him?" I thought so too.

J. C. HARDY.

Mrs. Marshall's Band Report for September made good reading. She reported three new Bands organized in Niagara-Hamilton Association, one in the Owen Sound, and one in the Collingwood. There are energetic workers behind these new Bands certainly—the women in the churches concerned, the Directors and the Band Secretary.

The Western Convention Programme has provided a very practical session for its Directors. An hour is to be given in the morning programme to a Round Table Conference for Directors. Then is the opportunity for questions, difficulties, successes, methods; in other words, a heart-to-heart talk.

Two of our most recently returned missionaries are to be with us at London Convention—Miss Murray and Miss Priest. Both are to speak to us in the afternoon, and that will mean an interesting session of itself.

Young Women's Work is to have its place partly in the afternoon and partly in the evening at our Convention. Mrs. McIntyre of Brantford is to address the Convention in the afternoon on "Young Women's Work," and link us up with the evening session, when we are to have a half-hour together in consideration of future plans for girls' and young women's work.

THE MISSION CIRCLE DEPARTMENT.**THE DIRECTORS' MESSAGES—CONTINUED.****Eastern Association.**

Dear Sisters:—

I have had a great desire to visit each Circle, but thus far have not had the opportunity. I wonder if I may wing a few words to you through the medium of our LINK. Our Convention year is just coming to a close. Judging from the reports sent in in June, I believe this will be about the best year, financially, in the record of our Association. We still need money, and more money, for we meet increasing opportunities and obligations year by year. But in the supreme effort we make to gather up the dollars, I am wondering if we do not, in large measure, overlook other matters of even greater importance.

Some of these questions might be presented at your next meeting:

What is our relationship to the Board? What is the Board's relationship to us? Could one well exist without the other? Who are the Officers of our Board? How are they appointed? Have they been long in office? Is it almost imperative that they attend the Convention year after year? Who pays their fare? Are you sending a delegate to the Convention? If not, why not? If not, are you bearing your share of responsibility? Can you take the Missionary Directory (in the LINK) and underline the stations and missionaries to which "we" are contributing? Does it make any difference whether we specialize on these missions and missionaries so long as we are interested in ALL missions? Do you feel the same responsibility in supporting by your prayers and your offerings a neighboring church of like faith as you do your own church? Speaking of prayer, is your Circle truly a real prayer centre? Have the lives of your missionaries been enriched during the past year by the prayers offered at your Circle? Have the special needs and requests as presented in the LINK from time to time met with special attention? What about the coming year? Will you be eagerly looking for the Treasurer's Statement as it will be sent you shortly after the Convention? Will the coming year be marked by greater spiritual life and devotion than the past year has been?

Please write me occasionally. Ask any questions you may wish to ask. What I cannot answer myself I will refer to the greater wisdom of the Board. Let us get a little closer to each other, and let us be as anxious to have a mission to the world as we are to raise money for missions.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. CHANDLER,

Canada Central.

Dear Sisters:—

A new year of Circle and Band work is before us. What plans have we for it? I am going to ask all our Circle and Board members to subscribe to a great Victory

Leas, which promises tempting rates of interest. The King of Kings, the Captain of our Salvation, is calling on us to invest. Canada has responded most freely and loyally to our Government's appeals for men and money to help win the great world war which is still raging. Can we do less than respond in like manner when such a call comes to us from the Ruler of all the Earth, with the promise that to those who bring in all the tithes, overwhelming blessings shall be given; to those who GIVE, overflowing measure shall be given; and "they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever"?

Yellamanchili, Akidu, Vuyuru, Narsapatnam and Avanigadda, and Bolivia, overseas, are calling for "men and munitions."

Our Home fields and the Western Slavic and Grande Ligne work all call for greater expansion, each and all having its place in our investments.

Our keyword is "Forward." May we add "NO RETREAT," and each of us gladly and loyally give this year some more time, some more money, more sincere interest, more earnest, believing prayer towards this great cause, for if we are faithful in this we may rest assured that these investments will yield rich returns and great victory be assured in the year before us.

JESSIE H. McLAREN, Director.

HERE AND THERE.

First Yarmouth.—On April 27th, 1918, a new Circle was organized at First Yarmouth Baptist Church, Elgin County, with twenty members. At their first meeting, on May 8th, Mrs. A. S. Rogers of Aylmer gave an inspiring and helpful address. First Yarmouth is doing one year's work in six months. They are devoted Christian workers and have shown a fine missionary spirit. The young women are taking an active part, and we look forward to great things from our new organization.

MARY B. McCANDLESS, Director.

THANK-OFFERING MEETINGS.

A large number of the Circles of Ontario West have regularly responded to the annual call of the Women's Home and Foreign Societies to hold Thank-offering Meetings in the Circles. Some, however, have not yet joined in this beautiful custom, and this year the two Boards would specially urge that every Circle and Young Women's Circle set apart one meeting this autumn for the giving of gifts and of thanks to God in recognition of His wonderful blessing on our work,—His manifest answers to prayer and His promises abundantly fulfilled. Will not the leaders plan carefully for these meetings, making them seasons of real heart-searching and joyful acknowledgment of our complete dependence upon God, and giving opportunity for offerings which shall be sacrificial indeed?

"Bring an offering and come into His courts."

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

M. B. McLAURIN, Pres., For. Soc.

CARRIE H. HOLMAN, Pres., Home Soc.

Note: As the Circles are Union, it is expected that the offering will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

"WOMEN WORKERS OF THE ORIENT."

The title given above is that of the Study Book for this coming winter. It is written by Miss Margaret E. Burton, and is said to be most entertaining and instructive. One can imagine what a wide range of information and interest might legitimately come under this heading.

On it will be based our Circle lessons for the coming winter, commencing in the January number. We are very glad indeed to have Mrs. H. E. Stillwell as our instructor for these four months. Mrs. Stillwell has many qualifications fitting her for the service, one of the chief being that she herself has been one of the missionary workers in the Orient, and that her mother is still there, doing a great service. The books will soon be obtainable through our Bureau.

MARY MOFFAT LIVINGSTONE.

Mary Moffat little knew what it meant when she entered "the long path" with David Livingstone. Her expectation was that as missionaries they would work in Africa, and to her it was a happy and glorious calling. A missionary's wife truly she was, but also that of an explorer blazing paths amid dangers known and unknown. We think of his wonderful achievements, but fail to realize the cost to the devoted and loving wife.

Homage is paid him, but do we include Mary Livingstone in our psalm of praise and admiration? Hers it was to enjoy only four or five years of home life with husband and children together.

The unrest caused by the knowledge of lands yet to be explored for Him, whose he was and Whom he served, ended in the family circle being broken up, never again to have a permanent home fireside. Africa, to Mrs. Livingstone, was home, and the five years spent in England, where she went to educate their children, were more trying than anything experienced in Africa. Suspense for long, weary years was hers, in which she found her only resting-place in prayer, as expressed in her own words, "she never passed a dreamless night nor knew an easy day."

But amidst the anxieties, there was "no syllable of upbraiding. . . . She has always been the main spoke of my wheel. . . . my guardian angel. . . ." is her husband's testimony. She sympathized with his noble aims, with the spiritual force that impelled him to bear and to cause her to bear the loss of "love's companionship" and all the dear delights of home."

After a long separation (1852-56), she gave expression to her joy in verses written on the eve of Dr. Livingstone's return to England, in which also the hope is expressed that there should be no more partings.

"Do you think I would reproach you with the sorrows that I bore,
Since the sorrow is all over, now I have you here once more;
And there's nothing but the gladness and the love within my heart,
And the hope so sweet and certain that again we'll never part?"

"A hundred thousand welcomes! how my heart is gushing o'er,
 With the love and joy and wonder thus to see your face once more.
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 For a love that rights a wrong,
 Fills the heart with hope and song,
 They have waited, O so long,
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From the poor of every city;—
 For a little bit of love,
 Hands are reaching out in pity
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 Some have burdens hard to bear,
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A GAME IN THE CLOUDS.

Mrs. S. D. Harris, a native of Colombia, South America, writes concerning missionary life in Bogota, which is 8,863 feet above sea level:

"My Dear Little Friends in America:

"Let us play a game of 'grown-ups' to-day and do what many of you would like to do when you grow up. We can play that you, my little reader, are a really, truly missionary and have just arrived in Colombia, that strange land that extends up among the clouds higher than any flying machine has ever gone, just beyond the Panama Canal. We will take a walk and begin to learn Spanish by trying to talk to someone. Here come some girls that are studying English, so let us begin with them.

"Good morning, young ladies. Will you walk with us to Sunday School?"

"We no espiga da Anglis."

"Yes, dears, I know you don't 'espiga da' English much, and that is why tourists call your country 'Spigoty Land,' but we wish to learn your language so we can read the best book in the world with you."

"For what you go to Escuela?"

"You mean, 'Why do we go to Sunday School?' Well, usually to study God's word, but to-day we want to learn about you. Why do you go?"

"Only for lof," says a little black-eyed lassie. That sounds odd, and you might think she expected a loaf of bread, or wanted to loaf rather than work; but when the next little girl, with bright red cheeks, explains, 'We all lof our Maestra,' you know they mean love. But when another adds, 'Yeas, efery day da Maestra gief us kes,' you are puzzled again, and resolve to study hard so you can soon talk to them in their own language, for there are nearly a million of these black-haired Colombian children that cannot speak any English and have no loving 'Maestra' to 'give them a kiss' and teach them Jesus' love.

"The children love to sing the hymns and learn the verses on their picture-cards, and when they have learned enough they are given Bibles of their own. After school they climb the trees and throw oranges or mangoes to each other, or cut down plantains and bake the bananas in the ashes till someone takes them home, for if they went alone bad men might take their Bibles and papers and burn them, and perhaps hurt the children.

"All this has been done several times by order of the archbishop, and these unfortunate people, who are our neighbors, suffer as much for lack of the Bible and the civilization it brings as they do in far-off China or Persia. And, besides, they have not learned to love each other, and are so frequently in wars that we have had no agent living there this year, and there are only three Sunday Schools four four million people; so we must pray that many more colporteurs may soon be sent to carry them the Gospel of peace; and, as 'grown-ups' often really do what they liked to play in childhood, perhaps we may meet some of you carrying the Gospel to the Colombians before long."—Bible Society Record.

CAMPAIGN SONG.

TUNE: Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Will you be a worker
 In the years that lie before?
 Will you be a giver
 From your small or generous store?
 Will you be a pleader
 That the Lord will give us more
 To go, or give and pray?

Chorus:—

We may hasten on His kingdom
 If we go, or give and pray.

Will you WIN a worker
 In the years that lie before?
 Will you WIN a giver
 To increase our golden store?
 Win an intercessor
 Who will ask the Lord for more
 To go and give and pray?

—Tidings.

Miss Gibson of Cocanada is resigning. That name has meant Zenana work to most of us since our first interest in missionary work and in Cocanada. Miss Gibson has been a zenana visitor under our mission for the unusual period of thirty-four years, and has done a service during all of that time which is impossible to estimate. In accepting her resignation, the Board is attempting to show her we value what she has done and has been to our work by continuing her salary for six months and presenting her with a gift of 50 rupees in addition.

During the past year the Christian Literature Society of Japan has published a brief "Life of Spurgeon," and has ready for publication a "Life of John Bunyan," and a revised and illustrated edition of the "Life of Adoniram Judson," translated by Missionary E. N. Walne.

Miss Rogers drew the attention of the members of the Board at a recent meeting to the faithful service, and the effective service, given all the time by our Zenana workers in Cocanada—Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs. They visit regularly 200 homes, where they read and teach and encourage far more than the 200 women. They know that hosts of these women are secret Christians, and that many more will yet find, through their ministry, the way.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

EASTERN SOCIETY CONVENTION.

Smith's Falls, Ont.—We would like to call attention again to the change in the date of our Convention this year—Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 9th and 10th, not Tuesday and Wednesday as formerly. Will delegates please communicate at once with Mrs. W. T. Ferguson, Smith's Falls, Ont.?

We are expecting an unusually large delegation this year, as we are to have the pleasure of welcoming Miss Murray home after her third term of service in India. She will speak on her work at the Wednesday afternoon session.

It is also expected that Rev. Dr. E. G. Smith will be present to address the evening meeting, and those who heard him some years ago will look forward with keen interest to the message of an experienced medical missionary among the Telugus. SECY.

NOTICE RE SCRAPBOOKS.

Miss Priest is now home on furlough and asks that those who are acceding to her request for scrap-books and bags for Tuni send them this year to Mrs. A. A. Scott, Tuni, Godaveri District, India, and that they be despatched as early as possible.

RAILWAY RATES.

Owing to war conditions, the railway companies have decided to discontinue making special reduced fares to conventions. To a great many this will make very little difference financially, and to those who have only a short distance to travel by rail it will be a great convenience. There will be no trouble with railway certificates. All attending the Convention should buy regular return-trip tickets to London. J. R. GUNTON.

TREASURER'S CORNER.

The Convention year is drawing to a close. So far, it has been a record-breaking year, as far as finances go; and how happy we will all be if at our Convention in London in November, we can report, "Best year yet."

And this brings us to the annual admonition to Treasurers of Circles and Bands: Close your books promptly on October 15th. Then forward all money on hand for Foreign Missions to Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell, 113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto, to reach her before October 20th. M. C. CAMPBELL, Sec.

**WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST, AT LONDON, EGERTON ST.
CHURCH, ON NOVEMBER 13 AND 14, 1918—FOREIGN
MISSION DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13TH.**

On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 12th, at 4 o'clock, a Directors' Conference will be held, and on the evening of the same day, at 8 o'clock, both Home and Foreign Boards will unite in a service of prayer for the Convention, led by Mrs. Albert Matthews.

Delegates.

The Constitution of each Society allows the following:

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

Each Band has the right to send one delegate over 15 years of age. All are invited to attend the meetings, and may take part in the discussions, but only delegates, officers and members of the Board are entitled to vote.

The following members of the Board retire this year, but are eligible for re-election:

Miss A. M. Tapscott, Mrs. S. S. Bates, Mrs. E. Ralph Hooper, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Mrs. Oliver Master, all of Toronto; and Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Belleville; Mrs. T. S. Johnson, Aylmer.

"Nominations in writing may be presented through the Recording Secretary of the Board, and the opportunity shall also be given to the meeting to make open nominations."

E. M. INRIG,

Rec. Secretary.

CONVENTION BILLETING NOTICE.

Will the Circles sending delegates to the Circle Convention held in Egerton St. Baptist Church, London, please send only names of delegates who wish billets? Delegates' names to be sent in not later than Nov. 8th. Address to Miss M. Pierce, 1020 Frances St., London.

Delegates arriving on C.P.R., G.T.R. or L. and P. S. train take Oxford car going to Hamilton Road, and get off at Egerton St. and Hamilton Rd. at church door.

MISS M. PIERCE,

Conv. of Billeting Com.

PROGRAMME.

Convention Secretary, Mrs. Judson Macintosh.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Foreign Mission Day, Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 1918.

MORNING SESSION.

- 9.30—Hymn No. 599, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven." Scripture Reading.
Mrs. J. G. Brown. Prayer, Mrs. Baldwin.
- 9.45—Annual Reports—
Recording Secretary, Secretary of Directors (Foreign), Treasurer,
Bureau of Literature.
- 10.20—Directors' Round Table Conference—Led by Mrs. Lloyd.
- 11.10—President's Message.
- 12.10—Prayer Service—Led by Miss Whiteside.
- 12.10—Elections.
- 12.30—Adjournment.

The following retire from the Board this year, but are eligible for re-election:
Miss A. M. Tapscott, Toronto; Mrs. S. S. Bates, Toronto; Mrs. E. Ralph Hooper,
Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Toronto; Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Toronto; Mrs. Oliver
Masters, Weston; Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Barrie; Mrs. T. S. Johnson, Aylmer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2.00—Hymn, O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Prayer, Mrs. E. J. Zavitz. Minutes
of the Morning session.
- 2.15—The LINK speaks.
- 2.30—Address—Miss Murray.
- 3.00—Music and Offering.
- 3.10—Address, Miss Priest.
- 3.40—Glimpses and Gleanings from and by Our Missionaries.
- 4.45—A Missionary Challenge.
- 5.00—Prayer, Mrs. H. H. Bingham.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7.45—National Anthem. Hymn, No. 423, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise." Devotional
Exercises, led by Rev. A. C. Bingham. Half an Hour with Our
Young Women. Music and Offering. Address, "The Missionary
Imperative in the Light of the War," Rev. John MacNeill, D.D. Hymn
No. 424, "March On, March On, O Ye Soldiers True." Benediction.

NOTES FROM THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING.

Our missionaries show their interest in the home end of the work by their presence at the Board meetings. This quarter we had with us Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, of Bolivia; Mrs. J. B. McLaurin and Miss Baskerville of India.

Miss Baskerville's impressive message from John 15 will long remain with us. Just as the vine is pruned and the grapes are crushed in order to give forth of their best for the blessing of others so the Father deals with His children in order that they shall give of their best. We must entertain no thought of a time when we shall have given enough and can stop giving. We are here for the purpose of giving, always giving for the blessing of others.

The report of the Secretary of Bands was especially interesting. Four new Bands have been formed recently—two in the Niagara-Hamilton Association, one in the Owen Sound Association, and one in the Collingwood Association.

The Programme Committee have almost completed arrangements for one of the best Conventions yet. Plan to profit by their efforts by coming to London on November 13th.

The matter of an educational standard of qualification for our missionaries in the future has been before the Board for some months, and the following was unanimously adopted at the last meeting:

"That matriculation standing be required of all future applicants as missionaries of the Board; this to be the minimum requirement; but exceptions to this may be made in the case of specially qualified applicants, such as nurses or those having special training in other lines."

This action of the Board does not in any sense reflect on the qualifications of our missionaries already on the field, but since the opportunities now for obtaining an education are within reach of anyone desirous of being well equipped for the work, the Board considers this a wise decision.

The resignation of Miss H. S. Ellis, now Mrs. Eugene Levering of Baltimore, was received and regretfully accepted. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of her successor at Moulton College, Miss E. R. Whiteside.

The LINK continues to prosper: \$478.75 in the bank and subscribers increasing.

During the coming months Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Haddow will supply news from South America.

A series of lessons on "Women of the Orient" will be conducted by Mrs. H. E. Stillwell. Provision is being made also for the Mission Band Lessons, and announcement of this will appear later.

The Bureau of Literature, although closed during July, sold literature during the quarter amounting to \$14.97, and loaned 6 books and 8 papers.

Two new sketches of the lives of our missionaries have been printed and are in the Bureau, and others will soon be ready.

Mrs. J. H. Hendry of Hamilton has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of Mrs. W. L. Kingdon recently.

E. M. INRIG, Rec. Sec.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

The Quarterly Board meeting had as one of its duties the acceptance of the resignation of Miss Ellis, late Principal of Moulton College, now Mrs. Levering of Baltimore. During the four years of Miss Ellis' residence in Toronto, she has done a great service for our Foreign Mission work along many lines, but especially in her opening our eyes to the necessity and possibility of work among young women. Her inspirational addresses and knowledge of methods of work have led to the already wide development of Young Women's Circle work, and we believe that so far only a good beginning has been made. Miss Ellis was also for three years the writer of our Mission Study Course, and gave us the benefit not only of her wide knowledge, but of her teaching experience. We had all hoped Miss Ellis would be our inspiration for years to come, but apparently she was lent only for a short time. We appreciated her while we had her; we shall remember her with affection; we shall watch her doing her large service for Southern Baptists with a feeling as nearly akin to envy as we dare to harbor in our hearts, and we hope that her spirit and work will have taught us lessons of permanent value in the possibilities and responsibilities devolving on us here in Eastern Canada.—J. M. N.

FOR THE LINK THANK-OFFERING MEETING.

Thought out and written down by Surpouhi, a girl twelve years old, in the Sunday School of the Armenian Refugee Camp, Port Said, and translated word for word into English by Miss Mary E. Kinney, formerly of the Woman's Board School at Adabazor:—

1. "In the first place, I am grateful to God for giving me a mind, because without that I could not think, or learn anything, neither could I tell Him of my gratitude for all the many blessings He has given me.
2. "I am thankful because He has given me parents. When I am in trouble they help me.
3. "I am thankful to Him because He helped us flee to the mountains and helped us out of all our troubles.
4. "I am thankful because when the Turks attacked us our Father saved us from their hands.
5. "I am thankful because God sent some ships and rescued us from danger.
6. "I am thankful because after God brought us here He moved the hearts of many races—Americans, English, Europeans and other nations—to serve us in many ways. They opened schools, and gave us clothing and many other things.
7. "I am thankful because when the German aeroplanes came God saved us from harm.
8. "I am thankful because when the tempter comes to tempt us God saves us from him.
9. "I am thankful because God never forgets us, and we believe He will help us resist temptation.
10. "I am thankful because God always gives us food. We ought to thank Him each time before eating."—Missionary Review of the World.

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