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As usual, the August number of the LINK will be omitted.

THE reports of the Associational meetings occupy a large part of our space this month. The meetings have been, we believe, uniformly well attended, enthusiastic and profitable.

OWING to pressure of other matter on our columns, the Young People's Department had to be omitted in the present issue.

WE are still prepared to supply the *Missionary Review of the World* at \$1.75. It is, as we have often had occasion to say before, by far the most valuable missionary periodical anywhere published. We should like to see a copy of it taken in each Circle.

REV. A. B. LORIMER was set apart to the Gospel ministry a few weeks ago in the Eastern Association. He visited several of the Associations, and everywhere made a highly favorable impression. A farewell meeting is being arranged in Toronto for about the 6th of July. We are not able to give particulars. He expects to sail for India in a few weeks.

THE interesting account of the Albany missionary meeting, that appeared in our last number, was attributed by the printer, with the connivance of our proof-reader, to Mrs. McLaurin, instead of to her honored husband. When we afterwards inspected the signature of the article, we were not much surprised that "John" should have been mistaken for "Mrs." They don't look much like in print, but in MS. the resemblance is striking.

THE WAIL OF THE HINDU MOTHER.

BY MRS. S. B. TITTINGTON.

Lo, on a hillside a village is sleeping
While the white moon her fair vigil is keeping,
Gilding alike with her silvery sheen,
Temple and cottage, with palm-trees between.
But, through the still night air, what sound meets the ear?
A cry full of anguish, of sorrow, and fear!
A poor heathen mother is mourning her child:
For dead is her darling: her wailing is wild!
The breezes are wafting it on to our ear.
O thrice-blessed mothers! but listen and hear:
No heaven with its glory, no children's bright home,
No hope for the future, no Christ in the tomb!

"Little one, why did you go away"
For your mother's heart is wild!
When you were here it was always day,
And the sun shone when you smiled.
But now it is night, a black, black night,
With no sun or moon or star;
For the Nats have taken you out of my sight,
Carried my baby afar.
I offered my rice and my plainland there,
And I wildly begged for more;
I tore the jewels from out of hair
For the sake of the child I bore.
But, O my baby, my lost, lost dove!
I gave them all, my own,
And plead with the strength of a mother's love
But the heart of the gods is stone.

"They have taken you, baby, away from me
Away, I know not where;
And my frightened eyes will fear to see
In the wild beast's stony glare
The glance of your eyes, once tender and sweet,
But lost forever and aye.
My hair I tore, and my breast I beat,
And I called unceasingly.

"O snake, gliding yonder, oh, tell me true!
Did you take my little one's soul?
My offerings were poor, too meagre and few
To purchase a happier goal.
Ah me! I'm a woman, by gods accursed:
They care not for woman's pain!
But, oh, if only, somehow, somewhere,
I might find my baby again!"

Helping Hand.

SONG OF HOPE OF THE CONVERTED HINDU MOTHER.

Safely at home, my darling,
Safely in Jesus' breast,
The glory of heaven around thee,
And the song of the angels best

Here on the earth is weeping,
For thy mother's heart is lone;
The home nest is sad and empty,
For its singing bird hath flown

But not in the grave-bed lonely,
My child, do we look for thee,
But beside still-flowing waters
Thy happy home shall be.

bank God for the sweet, sweet story
 We mothers have come to know,
 Of Jesus who blessed little children
 Because He loved them so.

No dread that the dear little spirit—
 Must enter the wild beast's form,
 And roam in the lonely jungle,
 The sport of the cruel storm.

No, baby, the tears are falling,
 In my heart there is no gloom ;
 For our Lord has passed before thee,
 And rended the prison tomb.

So I lay thee away, my darling,
 With a mother's longing pain ;
 But I know through Jesus, somewhere, some time,
 I shall find my baby again.

—*Helping Hand.*

Our Lady Representatives in India.*

In thinking of the meaning of that word "representatives," it struck me forcibly that for more than 22,000 Baptist women in Ontario and Quebec, a representation in India, consisting of five missionaries, was a very small rate. However, though they are few in comparison with the numbers at home, they are a "select few," and it would be difficult to find anywhere as earnest a band of servants of our Lord as those who work in Telugu land, in our stead.

The first missionary sent out by the Baptist women of these two provinces was Miss Frith, whose face and words, since her return on account of broken health, are too familiar for me to attempt to describe her to an associational gathering in Toronto. As the first missionary, devoting her time to zenana work, she toiled nobly, often in physical weakness, and she has laid a good foundation whereon others are now building, though she is laboring in this country.

But this paper has to do with the present staff of workers on our foreign field. They are: Miss Hatch, from Woodstock; Miss Baskerville, from Dundas; Miss Stovel, from Mount Forest; Miss Simpson, from Paris, and Miss Rogers, from the Bloor St. church, Toronto. These all find an appropriate field for developing their varied talents in positions as varied.

We have one more lady, an honorary missionary, Miss Folsom, who is at present home in Michigan, nursing her aged mother. Miss Folsom does not draw any support from our Board, though practically in India she worked and ranked as a missionary. She was Principal of the Timpany Memorial School, Cooanada, where English-speaking children are educated, but after school hours she went out with the Bible women to work in the town. The fees from the children's parents partly provided for her support, and the rest was contributed by friends at home. So far during her absence, the length of which it is not here to determine, Mrs. Walker has given her services as principal, gratuitously.

Miss Hatch fills an important post in Samulcotta Seminary, having entire charge of the department of Bible study. When we remember that in this college are trained the native preachers (upon whom must devolve the evangelization of the people), the teachers (who are

to exercise their influence, not alone on the children of Christians, but also on many from heathen households), and various other assistants whom the missionaries require, we can realize somewhat of the responsibility resting upon Miss Hatch. To train these students, to be valiant soldiers of the Cross, is no task to be lightly held, and for efficient service they must be equipped with the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Those of us who listened to the report given by Miss Annie Hatch, of the course of study they are expected to accomplish, must have felt that our study of the Bible has not been deserving of the name as compared with that bestowed upon it by those who so lately knew nothing of the precious Gospel.

Synopsis of half-year's work in Class.

JUNIOR CLASS.—Genesis, chaps. 1-25, so read by pupils that they can give, without book reference, the outline of each chapter, a little sketch of the life of each principal person, and the genealogy from Adam to Abraham.

MIDDLE CLASS.—Exodus, chaps. 1-40, so read that the pupils can give an outline of each chapter, a sketch of Moses' life, a general plan of the tabernacle, together with a description of the appurtenances thereof, and repeat by rote the commandments. The Acts of the Apostles, chaps. 1-21, so read that pupils can give an outline of each chapter, Paul's journeys in detail, showing all places of note, and tracing the journeys on the map, and other particulars.

SENIOR CLASS.—I Samuel, chaps. 1-21, read similarly to the above. I and II Thessalonians, Galatians, Colossians, so read that pupils can give a more exhaustive outline than that of other classes, together with the general plan and purpose of each letter.

The work in Samulcotta has had two important changes: the first, the formation into a separate church of those students whose homes are in Samulcotta and Yellapalem, called the Samulcotta church. All the other students then brought their letters of dismissal from the various churches to which they belonged to the Seminary church, thus forming two bands for active work. A result of the organization of the Seminary church was the most important movement of the year, long and prayerfully expected both here and in India. It came about on this wise. The membership appointed committees for the oversight of different branches of work; one of these, under the guidance of Miss Hatch, was for the study of mission work among other peoples. This committee invited Mr. Davis to come from Cooanada to address one of their "foreign mission meetings." He spoke of self-support among the Karens, and the Spirit of God so used his words and other earnest utterances which followed, that forty of the students have volunteered to go out to preach to their own people without any support from the mission funds. This involves great sacrifice on their part, but we feel confident that it is the right way, and that the Master of the vineyard will surely reward them for it. This movement means so much for the future, that I have dwelt at length upon its starting point.

Miss Hatch has other work in the town; visiting the homes, and also having the oversight of the work of two Bible women in different parts of the field, and five "occasional visitors" in Samulcotta. These are teachers' wives and others, who go out as they find time, to speak to individuals and to visit households, carrying the blessed news of salvation to those who are yet in darkness. Then there is a village school, with a woman teacher, who is improving it very much, and two Sunday schools

* Read before the Toronto Association, June 10th, by Miss Violet Elliott.

(which promise to be a great feature in our foreign field, as well as at home). have been successfully started in the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell's work is so harmoniously blended with that of Miss Hatch, that in much I have said it is impossible for us to divide rewards and say, "This is the fruit of this or that effort!" but they are laborers together with Christ, without whose blessing the most faithful toil would be in vain, to whom the glory is due.

Miss Baskerville is the Principal of the Cocanada Girls' school, for which position her natural abilities and her training as a teacher in Canada have well fitted her. With the charge of 35 boarders and 46 day-scholars, she has her time filled, but tries to find a corner for the further study of the language, in which we are told she is proficient; this is desirable in one who is training others.

Of the 35 boarders, four form what may be termed a Normal class for advanced pupils, sent from different parts of the field for further training, as they show ability adapted for use in the work, as Bible women and teachers. They have no secular classes to attend, but have a daily lesson in the Bible in a separate class and also one with the higher class. They teach the junior Bible classes under Miss Baskerville's supervision, visit the zenanas with Miss Simpson, and also go out with the Bible women to work in the non-caste quarters of the town. This department is an important one and must grow to be more and more useful, as the demand for trained female workers is always in excess of the supply.

Miss Simpson has charge of the zenana work in Cocanada and finds abundant opportunities to use her knowledge of nursing, gained at the Sick Children's Hospital here. She feels the need of further study, as almost always she is not called upon unless the case be very serious, and accordingly she has applied for a short term in the Government Hospital at Madras, during the time usually taken for rest. I sincerely hope she may have had her wish fulfilled, though I have not yet heard whether the special plea for speedy admittance has been granted. Miss Simpson's work is one that does not show many results in the way of additions to the church, but many of these prisoners are firm believers in Christ and witness a good confession in their homes; others have forsaken the idol-worship, but do not give continued evidence of a living faith in Jesus.

But when we think how some of our number, even in this land of Gospel privileges, let opportunity after opportunity slip, without confessing their Saviour, shall we condemn these women, to whom confession means loss of everything they hold dear, and active persecution! Let us rather pray for them and for ourselves that God will grant to each of us faith to trust His promise of abounding strength in our weakness.

Miss Rogers' home for the present is Cocanada, and several Sunday schools witness that she has worked, even though still principally engaged in acquiring the language. (One of these schools is exclusively for caste girls, and has been very successful; the Bible women already find doors which were shut to them thrown open, as the girls carry home the news they have heard in Sunday school, and an intelligent interest is aroused in the minds of some who previously would have nothing to do with this "foreign religion.")

Should nothing contrary intervene, after Miss Rogers has completed her course in Telugu, she will go to assist Mr. and Mrs. Garnde at their lonely and difficult station, Tum. And the missionaries there do need encourage-

ment and support; it seems as if the tares had been sown broadcast in that field, and are bringing forth a plentiful harvest after their kind.

On the Akidu field Miss Stovel is doing grand work, as everyone who heard here, or who has read her fervent letters must expect of her. She has gone out on independent tours, accompanied by one or more of the seven Bible women under her direction, and has visited 74 villages this last year, including 1140 houses. There has been encouragement in her work, through the joyous testimony of several of those whom she visits, to having laid their sins on Jesus. One, a widow of Kapu caste, has been suffering persecution with unflinching loyalty to her Saviour. She declared her intention of joining the Christians, and was determinedly opposed by her relatives; they threatened to take away her three little daughters (those of you who are mothers can realize somewhat of the pain and suspense that threat would bring to her heart) and at length, fearful lest she should escape to the missionaries for baptism, they have removed her to a distant town and keep her chained to a post, and have burnt all her Christian books, so that she has only the memory of the teachings of God's Word to sustain her faith. May these trials only drive her closer to the God of all consolation, the Father of mercies!

Miss Stovel is also often called upon to attend, medically, cases which she feels she cannot understand. They have medical works at the station, but even reading a description is not the surest way of making a diagnosis. Miss Stovel is thankful for the year's practical work in the Chicago Training School, as the instruction given there helps her greatly in simple diseases, but the united cry continually is—A medical lady for Akidu, first, and afterwards for other fields! We have heard this reiterated so often, that we are in danger of becoming deaf to the appeal, but the need is real; imagine yourself in the place of these imprisoned women, without any attention in times of sickness, but the most cruel, and your sympathies will be wonderfully quickened. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

So though we rejoice in the work accomplished, let us not sit at ease and feel that we have excellent representatives who are able to do everything that is needful for this people, but let us pay earnest heed to the cries for further help, and this urgent call for a physician to follow in the way of the Master, to heal their bodily infirmities and to point them to the Great Physician, who is able and willing to cure all who come unto Him for their soul's health.

May such an one speedily hear God's voice speaking to her, and answer gladly, "Here am I, send me!"

The Mission of the Churches.

[At the Midland Counties Association in connection with the question box, which formed an interesting item of the programme, a question somewhat to this effect was sent in, "Is there not a danger that we may be doing so much for Foreign Missions as to cripple the work at home, and especially our own church?" It may be helpful to any who have such fears to consider the following.—Ed.]

What is the mission of the organized local bodies of Christians? The great commission given by the departing Head of the Church militant: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is as imperative as when uttered. Until there is a nowhere inhabited by nobody, the fulfilment of this command is the indisputable but lamentably disregarded mission of the churches. Let us seek the cause of, and remedy for,

this distressing effect, viz., disobedience to our Lord's specific, farewell command. All our churches, to greater or less extent, are possessed by the demon of self. We all know, by a sort of intuitive ratiocination, that selfishness is the most easily grown of all vices. Do nothing and the thing is accomplished, quickly, surely, satisfactorily. "Me and my family," says the individual, and if he goes no farther, he'd as well chop off his and their heads for all the spiritual force they are going to be in the world. Have you never entered so-called Christian homes where the self-poisoned atmosphere made you cry with the poet: "I faint in this stifling air!"

The same is true of self-evolved and self-revolving churches. "Me and my church," says the pastor, instead of "The world for Christ, through me—a servant of His church."

How chilling is the narrow, selfish policy pursued! To attempt to worship God with such a church is like trying to take a bath in the green slime of a pool of stagnant water. You will come out worse than you went in. There can be no ultimate soul-elevation, no permanent heart-purifying, through such an avenue. A self-centred church breeds the cobra of its own sure destruction. It may have the handsomest edifice in the city; it may have the Apollos of America in its pulpit; it may have the elite among English-speaking people in its pews, but for all that it is dead—dead because not Christ-centred.

The most pervasive and insinuating form of evil is the unsuspected. It is so easy for the baby cobra to hide in our infant churches. "Is it not a little one?" Mother churches, you are responsible for the growth in the right direction of the children you send forth. What a lesson for infant churches at home is found in the inspiring example of a handful of disciples plucked from the surging waves of heathenism in Zacatecas, Mexico! Brother McCormick knows the true way to develop his native church—he sets it to work for *Foreign Missions!* From pole to pole, from sea to sea, "go thou and do likewise."

Let us remedy this crying evil in our churches in the surest way. There is no use in putting salve on the finger nails to cure congestion of the liver. The patient will die, and speedily, under such vain manipulations. So with our churches. "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." A revival of selflessness is the supreme need. Having dethroned "Self, that black spot in our sunshine," we will be ready to adopt the motto: "Serve thyself last." Let us be Christ-like in service. If our churches will but touch Calvary's throbbing, bleeding heart, the end is attained. The God-man is the world's Saviour. To touch Christ is to touch humanity. Says Dr. Jno. A. Broadus: "Whenever we see a need we see a neighbor." Dare we shut our eyes to the needy neighbors in India, China, and Japan, in Italy and Africa, in Brazil and Mexico—dare we?

While sympathy is the result of an inflow, the result of sympathy is an outflow. Ye whose hearts are stirred, stir another heart, and still another. Wheel into line all be people. Where do ye stand, churches naming the name of Christ? Step to the front and hasten the day when the "kingdoms of this world" shall become "the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."—*For. Miss. Journal.*

FIVE words, says Dr. Pierson, describe the biography of women in Eastern lands. Unwelcomed at birth, untaught in childhood, uncherished in widowhood, unprotected in old age, unlamented when dead.

THE WORK ABROAD.

Bible Women's Work.*

BY MRS. B. GARSHIDE.

This work of women evangelists must enter largely into all missionary effort in India. It is a land whose customs debar its women from free intercourse with the outside world. While the husband freely goes about to his work, or to the bazaar, and hears and talks of many new things, the wife only fetches her water, pounds her rice, fastens in her jewels, or braids her children's hair in the one little courtyard of her house. The most exciting variation of this dull round is the marriage of her baby girl, or the yearly festival, when she offers to the gods fruits and flowers in the hope that they may not send small-pox or cholera to her home. She knows well the stories about these gods, and tells them to her children—false tales of false gods. Into this dense darkness no light breaks. Sometimes possibly, when with pipe in hand she passes through the crowded street, buying here and there her household necessities, she sees a crowd listening and a man speaking; but she hurries by, for they are all men. Then the speaker breaks into song, and she stops for a moment to listen—but suddenly remembering herself she is gone. She cooks the evening meal for her husband and children, and wonders what the song could mean. Her husband would know, for he is a man, and men know everything, but she is a woman, and he might beat her for listening to a man in the street. So she thrusts the scene from her thoughts, and sweeps and pounds and worships her husband as a virtuous Hindu woman ought.

Just here is where the Bible women's work comes in. Into this woman's court they may go, or sit upon her veranda, and tell her true tales of a true God, of a God that is so great we may not look upon His glory, of a God that stooped so low that the lepers felt His touch; and thus into the very centre of this country's strength, the heart of its social life, its most sacred seclusion, all dark and foul with idolatry and ignorance, is brought the word of God, the message of salvation, the way of life.

Thoroughly to preach the gospel in this strange land, the Bible woman is as necessary as the street preacher. Seated with a group of her dark, jewelled sisters around her, she expounds to them, or sings to them the same blessed story as the man in the street to his crowd. Some listen, some laugh, some dispute hotly and even violently, but the seed is sown. Perhaps a good deal falls by the roadside or upon the stony soil, but "My word that goeth forth out of my mouth will not return unto Me void." "Cast thy bread upon the waters and it will return unto thee after many days." That it may indeed be His word that goeth forth, the Bible women must be instructed and converted. Only those women are wanted who partake in some degree of the spirit that brought Christ to earth, who know somewhat of the yearning of heart for their land that He felt for His when he exclaimed, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wing, and ye would not." Even though these women are poor and humble, yet if they have a meek and quiet spirit, and the voice and manner of women who have a work to do and know how to do it, they will get a respectful hearing from women far above them in social position. These heathen women will look for their coming, and (as has been observed more than

* Read before the Quinquennial Conference at Okanada.

once) bring out a stool, or pointing to a shady nook, say, "Sit there, mother." Though most of these Bible women have come from the lowest castes, yet they have been so transformed by the Spirit and by education, that they are necessary and able helpers in this mission work.

Our Bible women must have continuous and most patient training, for those who would offer water to travellers in a dry and thirsty land where no water is must have their vessels full; those who would light up the darkness that the lost may find their way home, must have plenty of oil in their own lamps. Only the Bible woman who comes fresh from the presence chamber of the great King with His message can go out and tell it again effectively to the woman alone at her door, to those gathered at the well, or to the mother with her daughter and daughters-in-law in the court-yard.

Two and two is the order in which these workers should go forth—an elderly woman with a younger. It is cruel, hardly less than criminal, to send a young woman to heathen houses alone. A lady missionary in one of our large cities, who has had years of experience in this work, says: "Women of mature age are preferable, married or widows, but never young girls." One old Bible woman, a beautiful character and formerly a caste woman, tells how one day a man thrust himself upon them while they were talking in a veranda to some women. He began to question her, but she at once told him that as they had come to speak to the women and had not been told they would have men in the audience, she would not answer any of his questions, but would recommend him to go to the missionary. This was a day when she had a young girl with her, out for the first or second time. Let this much needed work have its proper workers, "Women of mature age, married or widows, but never young girls."

How best to do this work is a question that still perplexes some missionary ladies. Some tell Bible stories merely, some carefully expound Christian doctrine, and some get their pupils to commit to memory verses of Scripture and hymns. All are good, yet when the utmost has been done there is room for much questioning. Is not progress slow, and life very short? But if He waits, there is little room for His workers to repine, except at their own inefficiency. Some have supplemented the work of the Bible women by teaching accomplishments, and presently have begun to doubt whether this was right and best. But it is an important, sometimes an essential means, of winning an entrance into closely guarded seclusion, and surely no other justification need be desired. Even as a mere variety to the life of the woman, whose farthest horizon is the wall of her house, and whose only act of worship is to walk round and round the sacred plant growing in her own court-yard, it would be an unspeakable blessing. But such work procures the most precious opportunities, and no one who means the most for God's kingdom will depreciate it. Only the opportunity *must* be used, and there must be no stopping at fancy work and genial friendship. Surely no one who understands the glory of the work *would* stop there. What is the work? It is telling again the good news which the angels told to the shepherds; singing again to other ears the song of the white-robed choir; doing that which angels would gladly veil their brightness to perform.

Who shall measure the issues of this work? It is a work among women, upon whose faces no sign of full, glad womanhood appears, or of brightened old age. It is a work among *mothers*. When they doubt idolatry, their children will soon have ceased to practice it.

"Christian women are working and praying that your women may turn to Christ. What will you men do when these prayers are answered, as they will be?" said a missionary lady to a Hindu father. He had only one answer—"We, too, shall believe in Christ then." Let women workers go forward and push open the long-closed doors of this land, so that the King of glory may come in.

Cocanada Women's Foreign Mission Circle.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1891.

"I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest bring my salvation unto the ends of the earth."

In the wideness of God's mercy there is provision made for the salvation of all mankind, and we have His promise that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as waters cover the sea," so there is hope for India, and encouragement for the workers in this dark land to labor on, to patiently wait, to sow the seed in hope of the glorious consummation so sure to come to pass, because the Lord God has promised.

Our little Circle has lived and worked through another year, a ray of light in the darkness, it has been shining faithfully, and now takes up the burden of still another year's work with courage, for He hath chosen "the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

Beginning with 27 members we gained five and lost 4 during the year, so that the gain in membership is one. With 11 members non-resident, the average attendance at the meetings was ten.

The meetings have been held regularly on the second Saturday of every month, except October, when a heavy storm of rain was an effectual hindrance.

At the beginning of the year the actual balance on hand was Rs. 26, a 8, but as Rs. 5 were due for work done, the sum with which we commenced the work of the year was Rs. 21, a 8.

The money raised by fees, collection at open meeting, and a donation of Rs. 5, from a friend, amounted to Rs. 68, a 10, p 9. The Band contributed Rs. 2, a 4, making with the money on hand when the year opened, a total of Rs. 77, a 6, p 9.

For rent of caste girls' Sunday school, Rs. 36; for Bible-woman, Rs. 44; for Home Mission Society, Rs. 10 were paid; the balance in the treasury is, Rs. 7, a 6, p 9.

The members of the Circle made particular efforts to acquaint themselves with women's work for women, and at many of the meetings the time was taken up with discussions relating to articles for different methods of work, or the experience of missionary ladies in this and other heathen lands. China and her needs received special attention; and in connection with the work there, the opium question was taken into immediate consideration. While the opium traffic in China has been of such tremendous importance for so long a time, and the eyes of the world have been turned towards that great nation, groaning under the curse, the use of, and traffic in the drug, have been gaining ground in India, until at no far distant day we may have this awful giant of evil to fight right here. Petitions are being circulated, and efforts are being made to check its progress before it has become so strong as in China, and there is no time to lose. We gave up one meeting to the promises concerning the

gathering in of the Gentiles, and our strength was renewed and our souls were encouraged to do our part in the great work of bringing in the lost ones.

Miss Ellen Gibson, Superintendent of the Bands, was out of town for some months, and during her absence the Band meetings were not regularly carried on, but the children have set to work again under her guidance, and we hope will do a good year's work. The officers of the Circle for 1890, viz.: President, Mrs. De Beaux; Vice-President, Mrs. Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Baskerville; Collector, Miss O. Gibson, were re-elected to serve for another year.

For the year to come, we pray that the power of God's Holy Spirit may be with us in our work. We pray that we may be entirely consecrated, that our love may be strong, and that our faith may be clear.

"We are trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Never let us fall!
We are trusting Thee for ever,
And for all.

A. E. BASKERVILLE,
Sec. Ticas.

March 11th, 1891.

Chicacole News.

Our three young men who have been, during the past year, studying at Samulcotta Seminary, have come back again to us, full of the desire to do good work for the Master. One of them—Bookriah—has completed his studies, and goes to Calingsapatam to settle for the present. The other two are intending to return to Samulcotta in July. There are six young men who might perhaps profitably be sent to the Seminary this year. Probably three of them will remain here for another year, getting all the good they can in the Station school and Bible classes, and doing all the good they can by learning to preach the Gospel. Seven names have recently been added to the list of *tenth givers*. There are now about *forty-four* on the list. This includes all the church members in each family, the head of which is giving his tenth. The *tenth givers* have little books in which they keep a careful account, *debt* and *credit* with the Lord. These books are carefully examined from time to time, and generally the accuracy with which the accounts are kept is very commendable. Brother and Sister Archibald deserve much credit for the success they have met with in developing the Christian in the *grace of giving*. Very commendable progress has been made in the matter of getting the Christians to give up tobacco. The time is not far distant, I trust, when the use of tobacco among Christian people in Canada will be a very rare exception, and will be regarded as a *sin*, which should be forsaken like all other *sins*. A young lady friend of ours, who is a member of the Church of England, has recently found Christ, after years of church membership without Him. She was awakened by reading John Angel James' "Anxious Enquirer," and it was our great pleasure to be used of God in leading her out into the light. As a proof of her conversion, she is now busy about her "Father's business," seeking each day to do something for Him who gave His life for her. Knowing how long she was a professing Christian without Christ, she is very anxious about her family, all of whom are probably "out of Christ." It is a great joy to us to have one so keenly in sympathy with us and our work of saving souls. Will you not remember her in your prayers, for I believe God has a grand work in store for her somewhere! The

weather is pretty hot, but we do not find it unbearable, and we are laboring on in the hope that we may have still further tokens of mercy in the salvation of souls.

W. V. HIGGINS.

May 13th, 1891.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Another Book.

Bro. J. R. Stillwell, of Samulcotta, India, has written a book entitled, "The Unfulfilled Commission." I am having an edition of 1,000 copies published. The book will contain about 200 pages, of about 180 words a page, bound in cloth. It will be ready for distribution about the 1st August. The price is only 50 cents.

1. To any Sunday school which will undertake to sell ten copies and send me \$5, I will send a copy for their library free.

2. To any Woman's Circle, or Band, which will undertake the same, I will send a copy free.

3. The same offer is open to individuals, but in case the edition runs out, preference will be given to Schools, Circles and Bands.

I need not commend this forthcoming book. Any one who has read Bro. Stillwell's writings knows that a book of unusual power is coming. Last week, at the meeting of the Ottawa Association, inside of five minutes, 130 copies were called for.

Send me a post-card at once, stating how many you can dispose of, and whether you are acting for a School, Circle or Band, or as an individual. I will also receive individual orders, but cannot accept postage stamps.

The above prices include postage. Address me at Woodstock, Ont.

JOHN McLAURIN.

Notice—Boxes and Parcels for India.

1. All inquiries in reference to parcels, etc., to be made of the Secretary, as below, and not of the missionary.

2. Small, soft, non-perishable, hand-parcels may be sent to Bro. Lorimer's address, which will be given soon in the *Baptist*.

3. All boxes must be sent to the port of embarkation (which will be given later on), properly marked and freight prepaid.

4. Freight must also be paid by the sender from port of embarkation. The amount will be ascertained after arrival in India.

By order of Ex. Com., F. M. Board.

JOHN McLAURIN, Secretary.

Associational Reports.

ELDEN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association was held at New Sarum on Thursday, June 4th. The meeting opened at 10 a. m. with a prayer meeting, led by Mrs. H. G. Broderick, St. Thomas. A large representation of delegates from all the Circles, with one exception were present. At 11 o'clock, Mrs. Emery, of

New Sarum, took the chair and gave a very fine address. Mrs. Cloes, of the same place, gave the address of welcome and in the absence of Miss Scott, of Sparta, Mrs. Trickey responded. The letters from the Circles were very encouraging, showing a marked increase in interest and numbers. The directors reported two new Union Circles, Gladstone and 2nd Southwold, and an increase of contributions of \$2. There are thirteen Circles and four Bands; all contributing to both Home and Foreign Missions, with the exception of Malahide and Bayham Bands. St. Thomas Band has not done anything yet for Grande Ligne, but intend doing so. Total amount raised during the year, \$773.78; of this five dollars was contributed by the St. Thomas Circle for the Indian Fund and five was sent to the Circle by Mrs. Perry of Detroit, for their thank-offering. Short, but very interesting reports were read from our five young lady missionaries in India, also a very inspiring letter from Miss Hatch.

Very interesting papers were read by Mrs. T. S. Edwards, St. Thomas, on "Home Missions," and Miss Cahoon, Malahide, on "Grande Ligne," a most excellent paper on "Woman's Work," was read by Mrs. Cohoon, Calton. The question drawer was entered into with quite freedom, as was a discussion upon the preparation of boxes for our Home missionaries. It was decided to hold quarterly meeting, the first one to be held at the Berean church, in August, the next one at Aylmer. The evening meeting opened at 8 o'clock with a crowded house. Mrs. Emory in the chair. The directors gave a review of our Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Work, showing that the two first Circles formed in Western Ontario were in this Association, Aylmer and Calton, in 1876. There were also three or four other Circles formed that year and the amount raised was \$681, and when we compare that with the amount raised by our Woman's Board last year, we involuntarily exclaim, "What hath God wrought?" Addresses were given on "Home Missions," by the Rev. Mr. Roney, of Dutton, and on "Foreign Missions," by Mr. Spencer, of St. Thomas. In the absence of Mrs. Newman, of Toronto, Rev. A. T. Sowerby, of Aylmer, kindly consented to give an address on "Foreign Missions." The Misses Steward, of St. Thomas, sung very appropriate duets, both afternoon and evening. A fine selection of music was also given by the Newcombe family. The choir opening and closing the meeting with well rendered anthems.

A collection was taken up both afternoon and evening amounting to \$19, of this \$10 was equally divided and sent to the Treasurers' of our Womens' Home and Foreign Boards, the balance to be appropriated to Associational expenses. Rev. Mr. Trickey of Sparta closed the meeting with prayer, and thus brought to a close the largest and best meeting ever held in this Association. The spiritual influence derived from the hour spent in prayer was felt throughout the whole meeting.

E. WELTZER, *Assoc. Dir.*

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting was held in Brampton on the afternoon of Thursday, 11th June. After the opening hymn, Mrs. Dayfoot read a portion of Scripture, and Miss Tapscott, who presided, led in prayer. All the Circles but Fullarton and Hespeler were represented at the meeting—the last named sent a cheering account of this, their first year's work. Reports from the Circles and Bands were of an encouraging nature, and showed that the women who attend the Circle meetings are becoming alive to the needs and opportunities of the present. There is a stirring in the

hearts of our sisters; oh, that we may all experience more of it! The amount raised by Circles for Foreign Missions, \$260; for Home Missions, \$170; total, \$430; by Bands for Home and Foreign Missions, \$130; total amount by Circles and Bands, \$560. Circles combining Home and Foreign work have been organized in Hespeler, Guelph 2nd, and Acton churches, and Galt has this year done Home work in addition to Foreign. Orangeville, Guelph 2nd, Belfountain and Georgetown report Children's Mission Bands organized during the year, and a Young Ladies' Mission Band was organized some weeks ago at Cheltenham. A number of the Bands sent delegates to the meeting.

Mrs. Firstbrook spoke on Home Missions, Mrs. Newman on Foreign Missions. Seldom are we privileged to listen to such able and soul-stirring addresses, and we felt convinced that we should give energy, time, thought, and money to this work for those of few privileges in our own land and for the perishing millions of India. Miss Tapscott, in a short paper containing some excellent thoughts and hints, introduced the subject of Mission Bands. Mrs. Evans, Miss M. McKecknie and Miss A. Wallace, of the Presbyterian Mission Band, followed in discussion of this subject. Some time was spent in discussing questions of interest to the Circles, and it came time to close a very pleasant and profitable meeting. Our Association meetings are growing in interest. Miss Ella and Guskie Haines sang a duett that was much appreciated. The next meeting will be held in Stratford. Mrs. D. G. MacDonald is president for the ensuing year. The Director was re-appointed. Collection of \$9 was taken up. M. M.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION. —The fifth annual meeting of the Mission Circles of the Toronto Association was held in the First Ave. S. S. hall. The letters from the Circles, the reading of which forms one of the principal features of these meetings, were very satisfactory. They showed that the interest in mission work is steadily growing; that out of the twenty-four Circles of the Association, there is only one not doing well; that all are doing work for both Home and Foreign Missions; that three new Circles and five new Missions Bands have been formed during the year.

Mrs. Scott, President of Tecumseth St. Mission Circle, read a paper on "Home Missions." Miss Violet Elliot, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Society, gave a clear and definite account of the work and fields of our foreign missionaries. (This paper will be published in the LINK by request.) Mrs. Stephens, of the China Island Mission, gave a very interesting talk on the customs, people, and work in China. Mrs. Moor read a paper on the North-West Indians, showing how much they are in need of the Gospel. Miss Watson gave a short account of the Nursing-at-Home Mission. The discussion which followed the reading of each paper was profitable, but we hope that next year every one will be so ready to take part that the "discussions" will be the chief part of the programme. Mrs. Newman was appointed Chairwoman for next year, and Mrs. Wells, Director.

WOODSTOCK ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Circles of the Woodstock Association was held at Burgessville, on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 2.30 p. m. There was a very large attendance, the meeting being open to the whole Association. The chair was ably filled by Mrs. Goble, and the opening exercises were led by Mrs. Menhennick and Mrs. Bates. A kindly wel-

come was extended to the delegates by Miss Snyder, and replied to by Mrs. Hawkins. Reports of Circles and Bands were received. Circles, Home Missions, \$215.17; Foreign Missions, \$308.46; Bands, Home Missions, \$300; Foreign Missions, \$117.91; Value of boxes to Grande Ligne by their Circles, \$105.35. Directors' report received, after which Mrs. McLaurin was appointed Director for the ensuing year. The address on Foreign Missions was given by Mrs. McLaurin, and every one felt the truth and power of her words. She spoke as only one who has been on the field and knows the work, can speak, and many will remember to work more earnestly for the cause. Mrs. Dadson gave a very practical and efficient address on Home Missions, and was listened to with marked attention. Miss Evans gave some very good hints on the working of Mission Bands. Collection \$9.45, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Mrs. Goble then gave an excellent paper giving suggestions on the best way to make a Circle meeting interesting and helpful. We had hoped for a discussion on this subject, but the time was limited. The Burgessville choir kindly led in the hymns, and favored us with two selections.

BRANT ASSOCIATION—The annual meeting of the Brant Association of Mission Circles was held at Paris, Tuesday afternoon, June 2nd. A very large number of delegates were present from the different Circles in the county, and the meeting proved to be one of the most interesting we have held. Reports from the Circles and Bands in the Association were read, from which we learn that \$1101.96 has been raised during the year, an increase over last year of \$71.73. Mrs. Johnson, of Brantford, was unanimously elected as President for the coming year, and Miss Sayles, of Paris, as Director. Mrs. Hazleton, of Brantford, gave a most instructive address on "Home Mission Work." Mrs. Emerson, of Onondaga, and Mrs. Johnson, of Brantford, read very interesting papers, bearing on our mission work. We feel that the blessing of God has followed the labors of our women in this county, during the past year; and yet we would look for greater things in the future, and work and pray more earnestly for the coming of the Kingdom.

News from the Circles.

PAPINEAUVILLE.—Our Foreign Mission Circle was organized in May, 1844, with a membership of nine, nearly all of whom have removed from the place, leaving our Circle very small; but a pastor has lately come to live among us, whose wife and family will be a great help in the work, and we hope to have a larger number to report next year. A social was held the last of March when a basket was nicely decorated and hung in the centre of the church, and all were invited to drop in a thank-offering, no matter how small. A small entrance fee was charged and the total proceeds amounted to \$11.62, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The children's mission boxes were opened and found to contain \$3.91. A good programme was carried out, which consisted of an address by Mr. C. A. Parson (pastor), readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music. In the latter we were greatly assisted by the choir from George's Lake. The number to engage in this work is small, but we trust God's blessing will rest on what we are endeavoring to do in His name. S. E. C.

CARLETON PLACE.—Our Mission Circle was organized May 22nd, 1890, with a membership of nine, which has increased during the year to twenty-one. Our meetings are held monthly at the homes of our members, and are very well attended. On May 13th we held our anniversary meeting, when the following programme was carried out. Our pastor in the chair. The report of the year's work is as follows: 24 members; \$45.81 raised, of which was given to Foreign Missions, \$14.95. An address was given by our pastor on the work, and a few statistics showing what the women of our various Mission Circles have been the means of carrying on; after which a reading entitled Deacon Brown's Colt, and a number of selections of music added much to the programme. All seemed pleased with the meeting, and we sincerely hope that the year to come shall be marked with greater zeal and earnestness in the Master's work. L. W., Sec.

St. MARY'S.—Last month instead of our regular monthly meeting we held a social gathering at the pastor's residence. Each member of the Circle invited one friend, either lady or gentleman. The meeting opened with devotional exercises as usual, and a programme consisting of readings, singing, etc. Afterwards refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. We held our thank-offering service in February, but owing to the weather being unfavorable, the attendance was rather small. The offering amounted to \$2.65. Our meetings are usually very well attended, and our Circle has increased in numbers during the winter, so we are encouraged in our work for the Master.

MRS. SMITH, Sec.

WHITBY.—The annual entertainment of the Mission Band was held on the 22nd of May last. A good programme was given by members of the Band, and the Misses Lehigh, of Demill College, Oshawa. A large number were present, and \$7.00 added to the treasury by a collection. Our Band is in a very encouraging condition, and the members very enthusiastic in their work. A short time ago we received a letter from our student, P. Sabanna, which has been a wonderful help in interesting the children. We are looking forward to greater things in this little corner of the Lord's vineyard.

MARY RAY, Sec.

PABLEY.—A thank-offering service in connection with the Women's Mission Circle of this church was held on Friday, March 27th. The offerings amounted to \$7.25. The following programme was then rendered. Address by the President, Mrs. McEwen; Paper on Zenana work, by Miss Fisher; Reading by Miss Hettie Campbell. Suitable music was provided by Misses Fisher, McNeill, Galbraith, and McKechnie.

PERMIE MACKECHNIE, Sec.

IONA.—On April 13th we, assisted by our Fingal friend, gave a concert, and realized \$7.25. Our Circle is small, consisting of only ten members. We hold our meetings regularly, and have a good attendance considering we are scattered.

LIZZIE MOLTYRE, Sec.

New Circles.

Stirling Home and Foreign Mission Circle was organized on April 10th, 1891, by Miss Frith. Officers: Mrs. Stevens, President; Mrs. Milne, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Chard, Secretary; Miss Hutton, Treasurer.

E. CHARD.

A Home and Foreign Mission Circle was formed on the eighth of May in connection with the 2nd Southwold church—eighteen members. Officers:—Mrs. Ross, Pres.; Mrs. Roney, Vice-Pres.; Miss Alice Humphreys; Mrs. Preston, Treas.

T. M. RONEY.

LYNVILLE.—A new Circle was organized May 18th, with three members. Mrs. Cable, Pres., Mrs. Wm. Whitt, Vice-Pres; Mrs. Eliza Falger, Sec.-Treas.

BRIGHTON.—Home and Foreign Circle organized by Miss Frith. Pres., Mrs. Drury; Sec., Miss Dickens.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from May 18th to June 17th, 1891, inclusive.

Westover M. C., \$2, Thank-offering, \$1 (this is in addition to the \$16 acknowledged in the April LINK, which should have been credited as a thank-offering), total, \$3; Miss Jennie Kennedy, Brandon, Manitoba, \$25 for Palli Viramma; Brantford (First Church) M. B., \$50, for Palakurti Aaron and Thalla Saramma; Orangeville M. B., \$3; East Oxford M. C., \$12; M. B., \$8.40; Alisa Craig M. C., \$7.50; Mrs. Roberts, Aurora, \$3; A. S. S. Class, Springfield, \$1.65; First Houghton M. C., \$5; Blenheim M. C., \$2; Chatham M. C., \$20; Guelph (First Church) M. C., Thank-offering, \$10, Miss J. C. Hurdie, to make Mrs. Hartly a life-member, \$25, to be used to support a Samuleotta student, total, \$35; Cheltenham M. C., \$8.43; Midland M. C., \$2; Zone M. C., \$4, for Katuri Satyanandam; Guelph (First Church) M. B., \$18, for Pitala Lydia; Petrolia M. B., \$11, for Kommu Satyanandam; Gobles M. B., \$25, for Gotru Satyanandam; Gobles M. C., \$8; Uxbridge M. C., \$4.50; Port Arthur M. C., \$18; Bethel M. C., \$3.40; Scotland M. C., Thank-offering, \$3.25, for T. Miriam, No. 2 teacher at Akidu, \$6, total \$9.25; Wheatley M. C., \$; 2nd Markham M. C., \$5; Fonthill M. C., \$4; M. B., \$2.75; Brampton M. B., \$17, for Espuri Marthamma; Toronto (College Street) M. C., \$16.30; Girls' M. B., \$5.50, for Batsala Lydia; Dovercourt Road M. C., \$9.60; Norwich M. B., \$1, for Mary Sabyala; Blenheim M. B., \$5; Lobo 1st M. B., \$5.50, for Nakka David; Bethel M. B., \$7, for Morte Achemma; Union Meeting of Toronto Circles (additional), \$1.25; Burchm M. C., \$6; Goodwood M. C., \$3.10; Paisley M. C., \$4.10, Thank-offering, \$7.25, total, \$11.35; London South M. C., \$8; Interest on deposit, \$23.88; Selwyn M. C., \$6.35; Brighton M. C., \$2; Windsor M. C., \$4.65; Ridgetown M. C., \$4.39; Etobicoke M. C., \$2; Malahide and Bayham M. C., \$5.25; Peterboro' M. C., \$13.55; West Toronto Junction M. C., \$5; Harrow M. C., \$3; S. S. Infant Class, \$1; Brantford (East Ward) M. C., \$15; M. B., \$5; Chatham M. B., \$3.75; London (Grovesnor Street) M. B., \$5; Toronto, (Walmer Road), M. B., \$10; Woodstock (First Church), M. B., \$18; Sault Ste. Marie (Canal Mission S. S.), \$1.70; Peterboro' M. B., \$5.50; Mrs. E. Dilka, Sault Ste. Marie, \$10; Britton M. B., \$6.40; Bracebridge M. B., \$3; Teeterville M. C., \$5.50; Georgetown M. C., \$3.50; Port Rowan M. C., \$10; Haldimand M. C., \$4.50; Toronto (Parliament Street) M. C., \$4.60; Cobourg M. C., \$3.20; Wingham M. C., \$4.50; Atwood M. C., \$5.55; First Lobo M. C., \$6; London (Talbot Street) M. C., \$16.10; Wingham M. B., \$5.22; Belleville M. B., Do-without Box, \$2.20; Whitevale M. B., \$1.24; Selwyn

M. B., \$7.06; Collections at annual meetings of Associational Societies: Middlesex and Lambton, \$2.50; Kigin, \$5; Woodstock, \$4.75; Toronto, \$4.70; Walkerton, \$2. Total, \$652.17.

VIOLET ELLIOTT,
Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.
May 17, 1891.

W. B. M. U.

Edited by Miss A. E. Johnstone.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY.—Our student missionaries; that they may be endowed with power from on high, and that while they are speaking the Holy Spirit may convict of sin and lead to Jesus' blood.

"HIS BLESSED WORDS."

There was a time when Jesus' blessed words

Fell on mine ear

Unheeded; for the music in their tones,

I did not hear;

But since the Saviour came to me one day,

And left His Spirit with my soul to stay,

I listen to them o'er and o'er again,

For they have been so dear to me, since then.

Sweet words! they come to me at morning tide,

In gladsome song;

They whisper something for the coming day,

To make me strong.

When toiling 'neath the noonday's burning sun,

They promise sure reward for work well done;

Like dew to flow 'rs they come at ev'ning's close.

And hush my weary spirit to repose.

Oh! let me hear them, o'er and o'er again,

For they have been so dear to me since then.

A. R.

Antigonish, N. S.

P. Record.

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD

The King has said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

BIMLIPATAM.—A series of religious meetings was held in July. About three weeks were occupied in special effort. The apparent outcome of this effort was the refreshing of the Christians and the adoption of the system of giving to the Lord the tenth of our increase. Its adoption was general. One from the Madiga people was baptized early in May. Two men, heads of families, from the Kapu and Maveer castes respectively, made application for baptism and were accepted by the church, but were dragged away by their relatives before they had an opportunity to receive the ordinance. Miss Gray has spent fifty days in touring and visiting fifty villages.

BHIMSHINGH.—The mission bungalow is situated in the village, and we had a good opportunity of speaking with the people; and during our stay there, the veranda, from early morn till late at night, were thronged with men, women, and children. Whether from curiosity in seeing a foreigner among them, or from an inward desire to learn the way of life, we cannot say. However, we

endeavoured to "warn them to flee from the wrath to come," and to point them to the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

The village Naidu and other leading men were very friendly, and expressed themselves as being well pleased that a preacher was sent to them. They profess to have given up the worship of idols, and showed us a temple that had been deserted, which they offered to us, to hold meetings in.

The tour, on the Bobbili field, was made at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, in order to visit some caste women, who had asked to be taught in our religion, and who could not be reached by the missionary, or his preachers. It was a most interesting tour, and the kind reception we received, surpassed anything I have yet met among the villages. In one village was a young man, witnessing for the truth as it is in Jesus, and his teaching was having a good effect on the people, though he himself had not made a public profession of his faith.

BOBBILI.—It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since the last report was written. How swiftly the years pass and how little they seem to leave on record of the apparent progress of Christ's kingdom in this Northern Telugu country. We work and watch, we hope and pray, but the vision seems to tarry. So far as the mere accession of numbers marks the growth of the Bobbili work, it must be regarded as small. Six have been baptized during the year. While we are glad for these we grieve that so few of multitudes around us have come out on the Lord's side. The lack of helpers has prevented the opening up of new work, whether at the station or at out-stations. In July Chenna Bussavana was sent to our Seminary, thus leaving me with only Nursiah. With this one helper only, much less preaching has been done in Bobbili and the surrounding villages than I could wish. In Bobbili itself, there seems to have sprung up a peculiar spirit of opposition, manifesting itself in loud and foolish talking and impudent interruptions.

Mrs. Churchill and Siamma have spent a good deal of time in visiting the women at their homes, where many have heard of the way of salvation.

Mrs. Churchill has also been able to render medical service in several cases, where otherwise death must have ensued. This work for the women of the town and surrounding villages is one that might tax the strength of several workers. We have long looked for the time when a young lady should come to our station who might devote much time to this work. Such a helper we hoped had been secured in the person of Miss Fitch who came to us at the beginning of the year. But our hopes were vain, for in September she was married to Mr. Lafamme of the Ontario mission. And now we are waiting for another to help in the great work of reaching and uplifting the ignorant superstitious women of Bobbili.

CHICACOLE.—Five tours were made, covering a period of about ninety-five days, during which upwards of nine hundred miles were travelled and nineteen visits paid to out-stations.

Two tours were made apart from the beaten track. On the former Kotturu, Sigungdi, Battali, Kapaguda or Gunapuram, Gudari, and Varanassy formed the principal centres of work. These villages are all near the Calingapatam River and vary in distance from Chicacole from thirty-seven to about eighty miles. I was accompanied by six helpers who acquitted themselves well. The people listened attentively to our message. At times large numbers came to our stopping places and heard the Word for hours.

Our hearts were pained at being unable to accede to requests for mission helpers to come and live among them and teach them.

VIZIANAGRAM.—We may very justly regard Vizianagram as the citadel of heathenism in this northern part of the Telugu country. To substantiate this remark it would simply be necessary to mention some of the strong forces here in operation exhorting themselves mightily in direct opposition to Christ. To meet such strong, combined forces may well cause the bravest hearts to quail. Unbounded faith in God is the only unfailing principle that can sustain our little band of Christians in this tremendous conflict.

BEALAH LODGE, DEVIDANZAGHERRI,
April 21st, 1891.

MY DEAR MISS JOHNSTON.—We have come again up here to escape the hot season in Bobbili, and are finding it very cool and pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Lafamme are leaving here this year, and Miss Hatch and Miss Grey are occupying an old home which has stood on the hill for many years, but quite renewed this year by Mr. Churchill for their occupancy. Because the roof had been burned off Mr. Archibald's house, we came up about two weeks before the others to get this house ready for the young ladies: We take all the exercise we can when we are up here, as it is much easier to walk here than on the plains. Last Friday afternoon Miss Hatch, Miss Grey and I started for a walk to the place we call "the Banyana." It is a beautiful spot; large banyan trees on one side, on which large creepers have entwined themselves, making fantastic shapes, in one place exactly like an open door. There is a ledge of rocks on the opposite side, on the lower ones of which we sit and read or sing, or talk, the branches and leaves of the trees forming a beautiful canopy above us, in which the birds sing so sweetly. It is perhaps a mile away from the plain on which we have built our unassuming cottages. On this particular afternoon, when we were about half the distance threading our way single file, on the narrow path, we began meeting the Saaras men, women and children; this is the tribe that inhabits these hills. We stood to one side to let them pass, but they kept coming and coming, many of them carrying huge pieces of ill-smelling meat, from the carcass of a buffalo. When it had been killed I do not know, certainly not that day. They were interested in looking at us, and we at them and their ornaments, as they passed. The women were pretty well covered, but the men were almost naked, a string or cloth tied around their loins, from which dangled a piece of cloth before and behind; this on many of them was worked with colored threads quite prettily. They had any amount of bracelets, finger-rings and strings of various kinds of beads, many of them brass, around their necks; their hair done up in a queue on one side of their heads, around this a piece of colored cloth wound with streamers hanging, and in the middle of the queue long feathers were stuck, giving them no doubt the which they thought, a very stylish appearance. There were more than a hundred of them. I suppose; and as some of the head men among them were passing they took a notion to have us return with them, so they made us understand by signs and a few Telugu words, that we must come with them. Many of them had been drinking, and we deemed it unwise to oppose them, or indeed to go farther into the forest with so many of these people around. When we turned to come back they seemed immensely pleased, and danced around us, shouting and laughing, whistling on their fingers, beating their drums, and blowing their bugles, making

such a noise that we could scarcely hear one another speak. Miss Hatch got separated from us in the crowd, but Miss Gray and I kept as close together as we could. They would come close up to us and dance and shout, and swing their guns (loaded I suppose), battle-axes and other weapons, around their heads lively. We laughed, and thought it better to seem to enjoy the fun than to show any fear; but it was not an enviable escort, for they were perfectly uncivilized heathen, with far more drink aboard than was safe, and nothing to restrain them from doing anything they might take a notion to, speaking a language of which we knew not a word. We came along with them to the place where Mr. Lafamme was pitching his tent, and then he came along with us to the house. These men, women and children danced pell mell over the plain in front of our house, for about half an hour, with bugle and drum, shoutings and whistlings, their feathers and colored streamers waving and dangling in all directions, and concluded by asking of us a present, and selling us some of their trinkets, and then with shouts and dancing went away to their village. It was one of their feast days.

NEWS FROM THE AID SOCIETIES AND MISSION BANDS.

Mrs. Corey writes from Bridgewater that the mite boxes have been profitable for their work of raising funds. There is quite a call for them just now.

The Secretary of the Society at Jeddore sends word that she is sure the Aid Society has been a blessing to the sisters themselves. While it has awakened them to a sense of the wants of the darkened lands where they know not Christ, it has also made them stronger Christians. West Jeddore also writes encouragingly of the present and hopeful for the time to come.

On Feb. 11th, the sisters of Pugwash Baptist church met and organized an Aid Society. Twelve members were enrolled, with Mrs. Clay, President; Mrs. Haverstock and Mrs. Lowe, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Benjamin, Sec.; Mrs. Betcher, Treas., and Mrs. Wills, Auditor.

The last Sunday in March a Mission Band was started in connection with the First Church, Yarmouth. We are so glad that this Band embraces the whole Sunday school. The officers are: Miss Belle Cobb, Pres.; Mr. Hiram Freeman, Sec. & Treas.; Mr. Leland Haley, Vice-Pres. There is, in addition, a Committee of Management. We hope to hear great things of this Band.

Two weeks ago the Aid Society in the First church, Yarmouth, held a thank-offering service, the pastor presiding. Readings, recitations, a report from the Secretary, interspersed with good singing, and an address from the chairman, made a pleasant programme. Then came the opening of the envelopes and reading of the texts. The collection amounted to \$28—since increased to \$30—which was divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. The Secretary adds: "We were greatly pleased and encouraged, and have decided to make this meeting a yearly institution.

WINDSOR, N. S.—We read the earnest appeals from our President and Secretary for attention to the Home Mission department of our work, and set to work to think how we could best do something to raise money for this object and not be taxing ourselves unduly at this busy season of the year. After some preparing and planning an "Envelope Entertainment," seemed to be just the thing, so we announced it two weeks beforehand and all we had to do was look up suitable selections of poetry or prose and set our money apart for the purpose in hand.

The evening arrived in due time and on entering the school room it looked hopeless indeed, only one sister present. Soon our good pastor, Rev. P. A. McEwen and wife and son appeared, but blank looks were quite perceptible on the faces of the first friends who arrived. "It will be a failure," seemed written on every countenance, too many other entertainments in town to-night, a temperance lecture to which many would be attracted, and also a meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U.; but soon the audience began to increase, envelopes came in, and were opened by members of the committee and the selections scattered freely among the friends to be read. It was the most informal thing imaginable, nothing called for, but every part of the meeting given voluntarily. The pastor opened it in the usual way by singing and prayer and opening remarks on the importance of the work; then an old lady of seventy-five gave a recitation from the LINK, and the sisters followed each other in quick succession, each reading extracts given before the meeting opened, this kept the interest alive all through the meeting; the variety was most pleasing. All the selections read were good and most appropriate: Mrs. McEwen gave a solo which was thoroughly enjoyed. All the singing was hearty and inspiring, and when Deacon A. P. Strand announced that the offerings amounted to \$21.06, we all felt exceedingly happy and returned to our homes with a song of thanksgiving in our hearts, for the blessed privilege of doing something to help along the cause of Home Missions. One of the selections is as follows: (attached by a silken cord was a two-dollar gold piece).

"Go forth thou golden coin, proceed in haste,
And send the Gospel to each barren waste,
That heralds of the Cross may soon proclaim
Salvation to the lost in Jesu's name,
Give oil of gladness to the sin-sick soul,
Telling of Jesus who can make it whole."

"Thy bread upon the waters cast," with care,
"And after many days thou'lt find it" there.

G. RAY BEARD.

SUMMERVILLE, HANTS CO., N. S.—The Woman's Aid Society of this place is still in existence, and is doing quite a work. We hold our monthly meetings regularly, and the few who do attend always go home feeling that it was good to be there. Last October we had a tent tea for the Home Mission, at which we realized \$6.50, besides spending a very pleasant evening. Our infant class in Sabbath school collected last summer, \$2.50. Their teacher gave each of them one cent, and they were to multiply it, which they took a great interest in. Also we have one little girl in our midst whom God has afflicted so that she has to go on crutches, denied herself of little comforts (and saved \$1.00) that she might do something for the missionaries. That God will give her health and strength is our earnest prayer. We held our thank-offering service on May 20th. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Masters. A very profitable and impressive reading was given by Miss Starret, also recitations by several small children. Miss F. Lake and Mrs. A. Hamilton rendered very appropriate music. The envelopes were opened, and while the scripture texts were being read by our President, a collection was taken which consisted of \$3.00 for Home Missions. The envelopes contained \$15.00 for Foreign Missions.

ELIZABETH YOUNG.

Mrs. Emerson has been spending June organizing and helping the Aid Societies through Queen's and York, N. B.

Mrs. Archibald proposes to spend two months among the Aid Societies this summer. She and Miss Wright will, we trust, be present at the Associational and Annual gatherings.

The LINK taking a holiday in August, the yearly meeting will be passed before the next issue reaches our readers. Will our Secretaries of all Aid Societies and Mission Bands remember how important it is that the blank circulars should be filled out and returned to the Provincial Secretary of the Province. They should be in her hands not later than the middle of July.

Nova Scotia this year sends her blank circulars to the County Secretary, who distributes them, and makes out her report from them. The Provincial Secretary in turn making her report from that of the County Secretaries.

We believe this is as it should be, but the doing it has been delayed because some of our Counties are minus a Secretary.

However, it is better to make a beginning, and those Counties who have no County Secretaries will receive their blank forms as usual and return them as usual to the Provincial Secretary, Miss A. E. Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.

Miss M. E. Davies, Charlottetown, Prov. Secy. for P. E. I.

Mrs. Emmerson, Dorchester, Prov. Secy. for N. B.

Approximate populations of our mission fields. Bimlipatam, 105,000; Bobbili, 260,000; Chicacole, 1,050,000; Visianagram, 285,000. To meet the needs of these, we have on the field at present four missionaries and their wives, and one unmarried lady missionary! Among *seventeen millions!* Think of it; and souls are daily going down to death who might be saved did we send the news. About twenty-five thousand Baptist women in these Maritime Provinces. About four thousand in our Aid Societies?

Does not this word come to us: "Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, This people say, the time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house of lie waste? Now, therefore, thus saith the Lord of Hosts, consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

One paragraph gives in a few lines the whole African heathenism, the most utterly dismal and comfortable in the world. "Only gradually does the deadly atmosphere of heathenism dawn upon one. Lust, as strong, perhaps in some ways stronger, than with ourselves, has nothing to check it. There broods oppression on a petty scale, with tragic burnings and poisonings, fear of lions, or sudden night attacks and murder of a mother or near relative, who has been half the little world of life, things that leave the child an old man in heart, out off from our comfortable security."

A missionary in Siam, speaking of Buddhism, says: "The further we penetrate in this system for good fruits, for justice, love, mercy, and purity of heart and life, the more are we convinced of the utter rottenness and deadness of the whole structure. There is no living intercessor. Suffering humanity may cry for help, but nothing ever disturbs the repose of Buddha, or turns his heart with quick throbs of love and pity. He cannot

stretch out his hand to save. Question a Buddhist as to his future state, and he says, "It is all dark!" "I have studied many religions," said one to a missionary, "and I have found no god that loves as your God loves."

The Laos are a hardy and industrious race, who inhabit five or six small kingdoms north of Siam. They number between one and two millions. They have no Bible translated into the Laos language, but one of the missionaries was in the United States last year, having a complete font of type made, at a cost of about \$1,000, and it is hoped the Gospel will soon be given the Laos in their own tongue.

TO THE W. M. A. SOCIETIES OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Please remember that all money is to be sent direct to Mrs. Botsford Smith, Amherst, N. S.; and also, that the money should be sent to her quarterly, in order that all our obligations maybe fully met.

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