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The Circle Constitution.

(Continued.)

The last article of this series on the two Constitutions deals with Article 5 of the Circle Constitution, which reads: "Its (the Circle's) Treasurer shall pay all money over to the Treasurers of the Home and Foreign Women's Central Boards." This is an article which has been violated as much as, if not more than, any other one, and certainly with most disastrous results to our work.

Every Circle when it is formed presumably adopts as its object of organization "to aid the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario according to the Constitutions of these Societies." Counting on this, the Boards appointed by the representatives of the Circles gathered in Convention, make their estimates for the year according to the income received from the Circles the previous year. When this estimate has been once adopted and word sent out that the Women's Circles are to undertake this or that work, they immediately become responsible for it. When, at the end of the year, they find themselves in debt, or with a deficit, for a larger or smaller amount, it is a very serious matter, both for the work and for themselves as Circles.

Now, one of the chief causes of deficit, and incidentally one of the chief worries of those who are trying to manage the finances of the Circles, is the diverting of part of our legitimate income into other treasuries than our own.

A Circle here or there has had some missionary speaker from Africa, or Japan, or Arabia, has become interested

and enthused in his or her story of the work and the needs, and on the spur of the moment often, a grant of \$5 or \$10 or \$25 is voted. Or, perhaps, in some village or town, a new hospital is being built, or a children's shelter furnished. The object appeals to the women of the Baptist Church as to others, and—they help by the Circle sending money for this object.

Now, this is not written, nor was this article under discussion framed, because these outside objects, these missions in other lands, interdenominational or otherwise, these public charities or even the renovating of one's own church home, are not entirely worthy objects, and deserving, perhaps, of enthusiastic support. But, the Mission Circles are not the ones to give that support. The Circles are formed for one object, and one object only, and that object is, of course, to aid our women's Baptist Mission work. They are not, and never were, formed to aid missions in general. They were formed that the women of our churches might undertake and carry on work for women in India and in Canada. With that understanding, the General Board has given into our hands large responsibilities; with that understanding the Women's Board whom the Circles appoint to attend to the business, make their estimates of the amount of work the Circles can do in any one year, and pass their appropriations accordingly; with that understanding each Circle ought to be formed and carried on.

Now, not only is there no intention in the foregoing to belittle any other mission or charity, but neither do we wish to say that the women in our Baptist churches should not give to any or all of these outside objects where they may see a need. We, either Boards or Circles, have certainly no right or no wish to legislate as to any person's giving. But what we do say most emphatically, and what this article states, is that the Mission Circle, as a Circle, should not give their money to other than our denominational objects for which our own Treasurers receive money. The giving of individuals must always be according to the will of the individual. The giving of Circles, however, must be guided by the enactments which they themselves have made, and or which certain definite work is undertaken and must be accomplished.

We sincerely hope, in concluding this series of explanatory articles, that some impetus has been given to the business side of our work, and that both Circles and individual members of Circles will make an attempt to become thoroughly acquainted with the regulations under which we work, both with those of the Circle and with those of the two Societies, so that more and more may we do all our work "decently and in order."

Our capable and efficient editor, Miss Norton, sailed on October 4th from Montreal, for the Old Country and the continent, where we understand she is to spend a year in travel and study. We heartily congratulate her upon this wonderful opportunity for intellectual and spiritual culture, and wish for her the best of health and fullest enjoyment of all that those "lands of story" have to offer her. For one so petite, Miss Norton has left behind her an amazingly large hole, for the new editor to try to fill!

LETTER FROM MRS. A. S. CRAIG

My Dear Editor,—I think I promised to write for the "Link" in May, but at that time, there seemed to be nothing special to write about, so I decided to wait a while.

Mr. Craig and our younger daughter spent May and June in Kodaikanal, where the latter taught kindergarten for two hours every morning, in the school for the children of missionaries.

But Miss Craig and I remained at home and found plenty to occupy our time. It was hot, of course, still I think it was the mildest hot season I ever saw, and this was my eighteenth on the plains. There were only ten days when the thermometer was above 100 degrees, and most of the time it was between 95 degrees and 100 degrees. We had charge of two horses, besides our own, so were able to have a drive every evening, which added greatly to our comfort and pleasure.

Since then, another Conference has come and gone, but while the missionaries were here, we had the opening of the new class-rooms at the Timpany School, and the unveiling of the brass tablet in honor of Mrs. Hudson, of Ottawa, by her sister, Miss Folsom.

And on the 16th of this month, there was an interesting little meeting in the McLaurin High School, when a large photograph of Dr. McLaurin, presented by Mrs. McLaurin, was unveiled by Mr. Craig; and prizes for Bible and English were given to the students, who had done best in their recent examinations. Those given by Miss Craig were called "The Stillwell Prizes in English," in memory of the one who left us a year ago. This was very fitting, as she taught English in the Seminary at Samulkot for several years, and was greatly beloved by all.

Last week we had a very interesting wedding in our Telugu Church. The bride was the adopted daughter of the

principal of the Rajah's College here, and the groom a Christian young man, who is in the Post-office department in Ongole.

Nine years ago, when this girl and her three younger sisters were begging at a railway station not far from Madras, Mr. Venkataratnam Naidu saw them for the first time, and learned that they were orphans and without any means of support. He is a kind, big-hearted gentleman and soon afterwards sent for and adopted them; but being a widower and having no one to look after them, he placed them in the Wesleyan Boarding School in Secunderabad, where he was then principal of a college. He is not a Christian, but a leader of the Brahmo Samaj; still he was quite willing that the girls should become Christians, when they were old enough to choose for themselves, and to understand what they were doing. All, except the youngest, are now members of the Wesleyan Church, and seem to be very nice girls. My acquaintance with them began two or three years ago, when they came here for their vacation and attended our church and Sunday School quite regularly. The eldest, Priscilla, was the bride and was "beautifully gowned" in a heavy white silk cloth, with a broad gold border, and wore many jewels—small diamond nose-rings, beautiful ear-rings, two or three gold chains or necklaces, and as many pairs of gold bangles, besides a gold bracelet watch, a silver belt and a pair of very heavy silver anklets—all the gifts of her adopted father, who is very fond of her. The pastor's daughter, Lizzie, was bridesmaid, and wore a pretty cloth of soft pink silk with a dark border.

The wedding was announced for 5 p.m., and the bridegroom arrived in good time and took his place, but the bride kept him and us waiting for half an hour, during which time the church

became more and more crowded, until doors and windows were also full and scores were outside on the verandah. The pastor of the church performed the ceremony, but Mr. Craig and Mr. Smith assisted in the service, which lasted about half an hour. A native band was in attendance to escort the bridal party from the church to our Rest House, where a reception was held and refreshments served. The cakes and candies were from Madras, and the club butler was in charge. There were also special refreshments for those Hindus who do not partake of our food.

There were many invited guests, the chief one being the Rajah of Pithapuram, who is the patron and chief supporter of the college bearing his name, and a great friend of the principal. He came down with two motor cars, and brought Dr. and Mrs. Smith and others with him. Orthodox Brahmins, Brahmo Samajists and Indian Christians, as well as missionaries, were all among the invited guests, which made it a very unique affair. Miss Cooper, who is in charge of the boarding school in Secunderabad, came all that distance in order to be present, and arrived in the middle of the ceremony, the mail train being seven hours late that day. She is a new missionary, having come out from England in December, 1911, on the ill-fated "Delhi," which was wrecked on the African coast. She spent the night with us, and during the evening gave us a vivid account of her experiences during that dreadful night, and the following day, when they were rescued by a French man-of-war and taken to Gibraltar.

During July we had a fair amount of rain, so it was cooler, but this month it has been very hot again—unusually hot for August, many think.

A. S. CRAIG.

Cocanada, Aug. 28th, 1913.

HOW OTHER WOMEN DO IT.

For exactly one hour the Visitor dropped into Massey Hall to-day, taking in part of a session of the Women's Missionary Society, in connection with the Convention of the Disciples. It was a rich, stimulating hour. The Auditorium was full. The ushering was perfect, so prompt, quiet and cordial. The spirit of the meeting was earnest and buoyant. Mrs. Atwater presided with alertness and gracious firmness. The women who spoke did so with such clearness and fullness of tone, that scarcely one word was lost to Visitor, whose seat was at the very back of that great room. This, of course, added much to the charm and profit of the hour. On entering, the reading of a Report on Development was under way. In a bright, comprehensive way, it showed expansion along educational lines, as well as increase in organizations and membership. The report on Finances followed and was very stirring as presented by Mrs. McDaniel, Superintendent of this department. It told how the funds received had been applied, and the greater things that more money would make possible. Three things it was said were before them for accomplishment. The maintenance of work already in hand was important, the enlargement of that same work must be provided for, and newly opened doors must be entered now, this being evidently the "fulness" of God's time for advance. The vision has been granted, and eyes to see it—no longer may a recreant church be disobedient or disregarding. Money is what we make of it, a sordid satisfaction, or a baneful benefit if selfishly spent or meanly hoarded. Yielded to the Master for His service, it becomes transmitted into the very gold of Heaven.

This noble statement and appeal placed the matter of missionary finance on the high plane where it rightly belongs, and prepared the way for an

eager and sympathetic hearing of the Treasurer's report which followed. Last year these women put \$360,000 into their work at home and abroad, and \$400,000 is the slogan for the year to come. Miss Grafton then gave a compelling address on the importance of preparing young women for, and giving them a share in, this enterprise of missions. While business men are utilizing girls in their twenties and younger, it is often considered soon enough for a woman to be entrusted with responsible Christian work at thirty or later, and so a wealth of enthusiasm and energy is left untouched. Mistakes? Yes, they will make mistakes—and thus will they learn to do better. Too often when girls leave college, no effort is made to interest them in, or train them for, this work. If its need, its opportunity and unfailing reward were but unfolded before them—if Christian men and women were but as eager to capture these young lives for Christ and His service, as bad ones are to win them for sin and ruin, the 20,000 single women called for by missions to-day would be forthcoming. Many a girl longs to work for her Lord and His needy ones, but of herself sees no place. Such an one, a college graduate, went to her minister and told him of her desire. He hesitated, then said that if she would place fresh flowers on the altar Sundays, it would be nice!!!

The last few moments of the hour were given to an elderly returned missionary, Miss Burgess, India. She was lovingly introduced by the Chair, who added: "Now let us stake our handkerchiefs at her," when instantly there broke forth a silent storm of dancing scraps of white, while a mass of smiling faces confronted the little lady from the Orient. The message came from the heart. We were reminded who it is that calls, the dire need of those "other sheep," and the hundred-fold reward. "Nor does it fail. I've tried, and found it so. Come!"

Then a reverent, praiseful prayer, and the hour was gone.

VISITOR.

Toronto, Oct. 1st.

NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chute left Toronto on their way to India, October 21st. They sailed from Vancouver accompanied by their two younger children and little Kathleen Cross, who goes to be with her father. While in the city they were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Priest, 52 Thorold St. The family must be divided this time. Let us remember them faithfully in prayer.

We regret very much to learn from the "Tidings" that three of our lady missionaries in India under the direction of the Women's Society of the Maritime Provinces, have been obliged to leave for the home-land on account of serious illness—Misses Archibald, Gaunce and Elliott. These ladies, with the exception of Miss Archibald, who remains in London, England, for treatment, are probably in Canada now, and we welcome them home to rest and enjoy themselves, hoping that the change to this salubrious climate, along with rest, recreation, congenial companionship and medical skill, may speedily restore them to health and strength.

We are also sorry to learn that following an accident with an exploded lamp, in which he incurred serious wounds caused by burning, our missionary, Mr. Walker, after weeks of suffering and anxiety, has been obliged to undergo an operation for the removal of the first joint of the thumb of his right hand. We heartily sympathize with him, but feel grateful that the consequences were not still more serious.

We were pleased to receive a call from Misses Martha and (Dr.) Zella Clark, of India, on their way from the Coast, where they landed some months ago, home to far Prince Edward Island. These cap-

able and energetic sisters are under the W.B.F.M. Board of the Maritime Provinces, and have been holding the fort alone at Sompetta, our most northerly field, for some time. We wish for them the happy furlough they deserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Gordon, our new missionaries to India, sailed on October 25th, from Montreal. They come to us as a contribution from the generous West, and we were glad they were able to visit some of our churches in Ontario, and particularly in Toronto, en route. We wish them bon voyage and God speed in their brave enterprise.

Mr. J. R. Stillwell also, sails for India to enter upon his term there, in November. Owing to the ill-health of their second daughter, Mrs. Stillwell is not able to return with her husband, but looks forward to joining him a year hence. A hearty welcome awaits those who are tried and true in India.

NEW—ATTENTION!!

1. **The Map.**—Are you asking "What map," O gentle but ignorant reader? Why, the map we have all been waiting for, the map of our mission fields in India and Bolivia, of course. There are a whole lot of them piled up in Dr. Brown's office, 223 Church St., all ready to send to you for \$2.50, express included. It is a beautiful map 60 x 66 inches, printed in beautiful clear colors, showing plainly the boundaries of each field in our Telugu mission, with their mission stations and a number of outlying towns and villages, where we have congregations. The fields of other societies adjacent to us, such as Anglican, Lutheran, etc., are also marked, and away up in the north-west corner is a miniature outline map of India, with our field in darker tint, to show our position

and size in relation to the whole of that great land.

Then, there must have been an upheaval of some sort in South America, for down in the south-east corner we see Mme. Bolivia sitting calmly in the middle of the Bay of Bengal, looking quite at home amidst her new surroundings. We shall all hope to get better acquainted with her, since she has moved so near us. They have also found room for a table of facts and information concerning our fields, on that map. In short, the map is a whole liberal education in itself, and I know every wide-awake church will have one, if not more, before Christmas. A map has a wonderful educative value. Just to have it hanging up before you day after day, familiarizes you with the lands you will probably never in any other way see. It will help you remember, to pray for the missionaries and other workers—and you know you often forget. The Circle will want one, the Superintendent of the Sunday School will, too, so that his boys and girls and young women and men may grow familiar with our far-off fields. And you simply cannot get along without one for the Mission Band. How are you going to teach the children all our fields and stations and missionaries' names without a map?

A mother once asked a missionary what she should do if she wanted her children to become missionaries. The map is one answer to that. Get a map. Hang it in your sitting-room. Send NOW.

2. Among the Telugus.—Another year of work has gone and the missionaries have written all about it in this book, which you can have from the Foreign Mission rooms, 223 Church St. Each missionary has a report in it. Of course, you'll read first the reports of the missionaries you know. Then you will go on to the ones you don't know, till you have read the last one. You will find some photographs too, of your friends,

and at the back statistical tables. When you are getting up Circle programmes and writing papers on our work, we do not see how you can do it without this book. You also need it for your own enlightenment. It is free. Get your orders in early.

3. Facts for the People.—India and Bolivia. This is not as new as the map. It has been in the office for some months, but there seems to be a good many of our people who are not "onto" it yet. It tells almost everything about the countries we work in—the climate, the crops, the Government, the people, their religion; the origin of the mission, our stations, staff and present work; and the outlook. It is a wonderful little mine of information, and all should certainly have it by them. This is free to all who will send for it. Get some to give away.

4. The Editor.—The newest of them all, and she rises to make her first salaam to her constituency at home and abroad with a plea for their indulgence on her lips. Being new and unused to this department of our common service, she is painfully certain that she will make many blunders. She claims your pardon, in advance, for the same, and your patience. She is truly grateful for any opportunity for serving you through the columns of our little magazine or through the correspondence which the editorship entails. She will do her very best to learn how to do it well, quickly. She will earnestly strive to maintain the magazine as a strong and living LINK between the faithful women at home in Canada, and their missionary representatives abroad. The women at home—those who walk, or drive, over bad roads, good roads, dusty roads, drifted roads, summer and winter, that they may meet together to pray for you in India, and Bolivia; who plan, and collect, and pray, and love. They match the women abroad, whose co-workers they are—the women who also

work and pray and love, in season and out of season without regard to time, heat, hunger or health, because the Great Service fills their vision, because the day is so short and the calls so many. The "Link" shall bind us together while we work for our common Master.

K. S. McL.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST, 1913.

The Annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West will be held at Ingersoll, on November 12th and 13th.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society will be held on Thursday, November 13th.

Delegates.

The Constitution of each Society permits 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, life members or contributors of at least one dollar a year. 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."

Railway Certificates.

Railway certificates may be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines of railway, it will be necessary to obtain certificates from each railway. These tickets are only good for use three days

before and three days after the meetings close (Sunday not counted), if the delegates go and return by the same line.

An agent for the railway will come to the church to sign certificates, when a fee of 25 cents will be required to be paid by each delegate.

Billets.

Mrs. C. E. Cook, Ann St., Ingersoll, is the chairman of the Billetting Committee for our coming Convention there on November 12th and 13th. Will all delegates purposing to attend the meetings please communicate with Mrs. Cook as to their entertainment? And do it early.

Etta M. Pugsley, Rec. Sec.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

Morning Session, Thursday, Nov. 13.

9.30—Hymn, No. 4. Responsive Scripture-Reading. Prayer.

9.45—Reports. Recording Secretary, Miss Etta M. Pugsley. Treasurer, Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell. "Link," Miss Kate McLaurin; seconded by Miss Ryerse. Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd; seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Bands, Mrs. Barber; seconded by Mrs. Hendry. Hymn 395. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wilson Fenton; seconded by Miss Ryerse. Prayer. Election of Officers.

Afternoon Session.

2.00—Hymn 382. Prayer.

2.05—Minutes of Morning Session.

2.10—Greetings.

2.20—President's Address. Prayer, Mrs. Holman. Hymn 398.

2.40—Address, Miss McLeod, India.

3.10—Collection. Address, "Mission Study Books and How to Use Them," Mrs. W. H. Cline, Hamilton.

3.45—Solo. Address, Miss Mould, India. Report of Committee on Resolutions. Hymn 807.

Evening Session.

Hymn 819. Scripture Reading and Prayer, Rev. C. J. McLean. Minutes of Afternoon Session. Music. Address, Rev. H. E. Stillwell, India. Music. Address, Miss Kate McLaurin, India. Collection. Hymn 149. Benediction.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Board will be held in Ingersoll on Tuesday evening, November 11th, at 7 p.m. The first meeting of the new Convention year will be held on Friday, November 14th, the time to be announced during Convention.

The following members of the Board retire this year, but are eligible for reelection: Mrs. W. E. Bowyer, Brantford; Miss A. M. Tapscott, Toronto; Mrs. S. S. Bates, Toronto; Mrs. St. Clair Balfour, Hamilton; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Toronto; Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Weston; Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Toronto; Mrs. T. S. Johnston, Tiverton.

Etta M. Pugsley, Rec. Sec.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

September, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

Atwood, \$1.45; Mt. Forest, \$3.56; Binbrook, \$4.25; Port Hope, \$13.70; Watford (special \$5.00), \$8.00; Toronto, College, \$21.80; Toronto, Elim, for Leper Venkamma, \$9.00; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$64.59; East Toronto, Y. L., \$3.20; Colborne, \$7.50; Kingsville, \$3.00; London, Maitland (thank-offering, 27.30), \$16.50; Rodney (for Miss McLeish, \$2.50), \$5.50; Benchville, \$5.50; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$3.70; London South, \$7.80; Goderich, \$5.00; Toronto,

Ossington Ave. Y. L., \$17.00; Galt, \$3.85; Toronto, Dufferin St., \$6.10; Peterboro, Park, \$4.00; Sheddan, \$6.00; Halleybury, \$7.76; Delhi, \$5.00; Caledonia, \$3.00; Eberts, \$5.00; Lindsay, for Biblewoman, \$25.00; Hamilton, Park, \$7.00; St. Catharines, Queen St. (per Mrs. Mills, for Biblewoman), \$25.00; East Zorra, 13th Line, \$6.00; Chatham, William St., for Lepers, \$7.18; Gilmour Memorial, \$11.70; Wingham, \$3.00; Toronto, Walmer R. Y. L., \$3.00; Lindsay, \$11.00; Picton, \$10.00; Petrolia, \$5.58; Whitby, \$3.75; Hamilton, Stanley Ave. Y. L., \$10.00; Toronto, Walmer Rd., per Mrs. Will Pugsley, for extra students at Vuyyuru, \$102.00. Total from Circles, \$471.97.

From Bands—

Springford, for "B. Deenamma," \$17.00; Vittoria, for "K. Manikyamma," \$4.00; Harrow, for Cocanada Building, \$5.00; Toronto, St. John's Rd., for "C. Ruth," \$11.00; St. Mary's, for "K. Kutukshamma," \$7.00; Ailsa Craig (raised by Booth at Fair), \$25.00; Port Colborne, \$7.00; Caledonia, \$2.25; Round Plains, 55c; Toronto, Immanuel, \$2.25; Sarnia, Central, Junior, \$3.93. Total from Bands, \$84.98.

From Sundries—

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baird, for Biblewoman, \$25.00; "A Friend," for lepers, \$3.00; A Member of Petrolia Circle, for Bolivia, \$1.00; Mrs. R. R. Donnelly, for "Mary Shenstone Scholarship Fund," \$50.00; Rebecca of Peddapuram, a Biblewoman, \$5.00; balance from Miss McLeod's travelling allowance, \$53.00; East Toronto, Young Ladies' Bible Class, for Biblewoman, \$11.56. Total from Sundries, \$150.56.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the General Treasurer, on regular estimates for India, \$950.58; furlough, Misses McLeod and Ryser, \$66.67; for extra students at Vuyyuru, \$102.00; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; exchange, 15c; postage, \$1.00.

Total receipts for September, 1913, \$707.51. Total disbursements for September, 1913, \$1,141.53.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1912, \$12,359.87. Total disbursements since October, 1912, \$13,113.28.

Marie C. Campbell, Treasurer.

Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell.

113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.

Young People's Department.

FOR OUR MISSION BANDS.

We find among Bands a constant longing to hear personally from our missionaries. This month we have a treat for you—real letters from a far country. Read them carefully, enjoy them thoroughly, and pass them on. It means much for our busy workers to stop awhile to write us these newsy messages. This one is from Miss Susie Hinman, of Waltair, Vizagapatam District. She wrote on July 30th:—

“Miss Blackadar could not give to the little girls of the Allipuram School the usual Christmas treat, so she asked them to come up here last Saturday afternoon. I want to tell you about this little party. We looked and looked for the children, and thought they must have forgotten, when out at the end of the verandah, there appeared a group of bright faces. As soon as they saw that we noticed them, they shouted ‘Sah,lah-mun-dee,’ which is the very most polite way of saying ‘How do you do.’ There were fifty-one of them, and how they were decked out! Do not fancy that their bangles were all brass, or some trashy material. Probably most of you never saw so many pearls as one little girl had in her necklace. They wear such large earrings. Some hang like a bell, and are as large around at the bottom as a cent, and all around there dangle little pearls. We talked to them on the verandah, while Miss Blackadar gave some special attention to the tiny children. One little boy about six years old, had come with the girls. He wore a knitted hood of wool of many colors. The weather was so hot that we wondered how he could endure it. But in India, as well as in other countries, much can be endured for the sake of style. He wore a coat also of many hues, and a little pair of

long trousers, tied with a drawstring round the top. We took them out to have games, but one little girl felt thirsty, and went to the back verandah for a drink. A terrible epidemic of thirst swept the whole crowd out there, and it took some time before they could all be satisfied. I fear they spoiled their taste by taking water from the outcast servant, but they seemed to forget that.

“One of our games was ‘drop the handkerchief,’ and each was just as anxious to have the handkerchief fall behind her as anyone of you have ever been. Then it came my turn to run too. Then they wanted flowers. I tried to pick the magenta blossoms from a vine which grows over a tree of ours, but there were few bunches within reach. I would pick a few, then throw them for the children to run after. They wished to sing, and afterwards to give a dialogue. Nearly all of the dialogues used are the composition of some of our Christians. A Christian headmaster of one of Mr. Higgins’ schools had composed this one for the girls. As yet the education of girls is not at all popular in India. The men actually think that the girls cannot learn, and ‘anyway, what use would an education be to them, if they could get it?’ This dialogue represented two girls coaxing their friend to come to Miss Blackadar’s school in Allipuram. She said she would rather play, then gave as her final excuse that her grandfather would not let her come. They say, ‘Let us go and talk to him.’ So they went and interviewed a big girl—the grandfather. He said, ‘What, send a girl to school! If it were a boy, I might think of it. What can girls learn?’ They told him to come to the school to see. When he saw the school, he was quite convinced, and said his granddaughter should come every

day. India's people are born actors, and these girls carry their parts through excellently.

"Then we gave them their treat of Indian candies. One kind is the color of maple cream and in balls the size of marbles. Another kind are white, and honey-like inside. We gave each a little bag, which Mission Band children in Canada had made and sent. They love these bags for carrying their money, pencils, etc. They sent many thanks to their little Canadian friends. We gave them each also one of our kind of small bananas called plantains. Before they went away, they sang more songs for us. One was 'Precious Jewels,' in Telugu, of course. Miss Blackadar prayed, and they all covered their eyes, and were as quiet as mice. When she finished, without her suggesting it, they said the Lord's Prayer. Soon they said their 'salaams,' and were off for home.

"Isn't it a grand thing that through this school these children come in touch with Christian teachers every day, and are taught hymns and Scripture? Miss Blackadar started this school since she came here two and a half years ago. There was no provision at all for the education of girls in that suburb of Vizagapatam in which were five thousand people. Can you imagine that? She now has ninety on the roll, and there are three teachers. Will you not pray that many little girls will learn to love Jesus through this school?"

Miss Hatch wrote me a good letter on August 23rd, from her boat "Elizabeth," which was out on the canal. The tour was being made in a section of the field, eight miles by four in extent, and which has in it twelve villages that have been reached with the Gospel. There are forty-nine villages on the whole field. I wish I could let you see the little map with the canal marked, and the villages both north and south of it. Shall I ask Miss Hatch to let you read her letter, anyway? It takes too

long to get a reply from India. I shall just take the liberty of passing on a few sentences for your encouragement. Such news is too good to keep:—

"We started from Kota-Ramachandrapuram, on August 4th, at night reaching the lock near Tapeishwaram in the night. Here there are thirty Christians, a Christian teacher, and a little school, but our principal work this time was among the caste women of this large town. For part of four days we had wonderful hearings, and rejoiced in the sowing of the seed. Then we dropped down the canal to the bridge and worked Mandapeta for parts of six days; we had a big service on a Sunday with the Christians who gathered for the monthly communion, from the four villages. I had the pleasure of being introduced to many new Christians. We had splendid hearings in the town, including the Munsiff's house and the Delta superintendent's house. We had also a call at a fine Brahman house, and people everywhere eager to hear. In Nelaturu, there are no Christians, but the caste people here, too, gave us a hearty welcome. At Valluru, there are sixty-five Christians and many inquirers. It was a great joy to hear the music of their singing and playing long before I reached the little thatched shed where they are worshipping, as I had been delayed in coming through my boat serang's illness, and feared I might have to disappoint them. I preached the sermon, heard more of their singing, and spent a big afternoon amongst them. Caste people here are also deeply interested. One thing that pleased me very much, was the visiting of a new house, where I found one wonderfully intelligent regarding the truth. She had been taught by one of our caste converts in another village. Surely the heaven is working and the whole lump may soon be leavened."

The tour was not without its difficulties. Some days the missionary and her

Bible-woman were caught in drenching rains. Again a tramp to a village had to be postponed, because of knee-deep mud, and deep water on each side of the pathways. In some places they missed faithful native Christians who had died. Here, the empty corners, but for them the many mansions in the glory-land! Girls and boys, who is praying and working? Are you? Then rejoice in what God is doing among the Telugus, and pray more and work harder than ever before.

And while this work goes on in India, away up in China, God is also doing marvellous things. Let me share with you just a few sentences culled from a letter from a dear friend of mine laboring in Talifu, Yunnan, so far away that the letter was almost two months on its journey. This was written on August 6th:—

"Last week I visited a new village, and we had quite a gathering at their temple, the idols of which are still present. The idols of most temples here have been destroyed, and the temples converted into schools. Our own mission school is flourishing, and we have a higher price for tuition than any other school in this district. Different villages I visit regularly. One dear old woman with such a sweet face, when she heard the Gospel-story, said: 'Why, I have never heard!' In my city work, I visit the homes of many of the gentry, and everywhere the work is encouraging. Guests come to our house in groups to hear the doctrine. I am teaching two women to read, and give them five hours a week. One is a Christian, the other is not, but both are trying to read the Bible. My Sunday School class of fifty boys, is getting more and more interesting. I have taken them through the Gospel and the Acts, and am now in the Old Testament stories. Each Sunday they commit a Bible verse to memory. China is changing and that rapidly. In this inland station the change has been wonderful. There is a great demand for

foreign things, and many, thank God, want to know 'the teaching.' Within the year we have had twenty-one baptisms."

"Behold, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north, and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim."

SARAH STUART BARBER.

LADY HARDINGE AND THE CHILDREN.

For the Boys and Girls.

I wonder if you all know who Lady Hardinge is. Perhaps not so well as the boys and girls in India do. You, in Canada, know better the Duchess of Connaught.

Well, as the Duke and Duchess of Connaught represent our King and Queen in Canada, so do Lord and Lady Hardinge represent our King-Emperor and Queen-Empress in India, and very much more than the Duke of Connaught rules Canada, does Lord Hardinge rule India, and he, moreover, rules over about 50 times as many people. So you see, they are very great persons.

But great as they are, and overwhelmed as they are with duties, they do not forget to be thankful and gracious, and kind and courteous. It is because I would love to see our loved Canadian boys and girls feel stimulated to be thankful and gracious, kind and courteous, that I am telling this story about Lady Hardinge and the children.

Many of you may have heard that last Christmas time, when Lord and Lady Hardinge were entering the new capital of India, Delhi, some wicked man threw a fiery bomb into their midst, but God graciously preserved our Viceroy's life. How very brave Lord Hardinge was then, though so badly hurt, and how brave his wife was! They went on with the programme almost as if nothing had happened.

Now, Lady Hardinge was so glad and thankful that her dear husband's life was spared, that she thought she

must celebrate in some way. So what could she think of better than to make all the children very happy on Lord Hardinge's birthday following on the 20th day of June?

It was a pretty big thing for one lady to try and make millions of children happy, so it will be interesting to know how she succeeded.

Well, she decided herself to give presents to all the children all over India that were in hospitals, and then she decided to ask the other people to provide games, entertainments and treats of various kinds in their different towns and villages. The result was that all over India on June 20th, the children were having a very happy day.

But I must tell you how we felt this great heart-throb of love and sympathy away out in this country place of Ramachandrapuram.

First, money to buy gifts for the untainted and tainted children of our lepers came to us through the Secretary of the "Mission to Lepers" in India, and through the District Surgeon of Coenada.

Then a telegram from Lady Hardinge. Only think, of being remembered by a telegram from Lady Hardinge! Will the children ever forget it? It came by way of Dr. Joshee through the District Surgeon, and ran thus:—

"My dear children,—I wish to send a message of love and sympathy to you, and wish you every happiness on the Viceroy's birthday. I feel for you very much in all the suffering you are called upon to bear, and hope that the little gifts I am sending you may bring you pleasure."

Lady Hardinge of Penhurst.

The children of course, must send an answer, which was as follows:—

"The nineteen tainted and untainted children of the Leper Homes, Ramachandrapuram, humbly beg to rejoice with Her Excellency to-day. They thank her for her very loving message, and for gifts of a delicious feast, bangles, toys, velvet caps, aluminum mugs and badminton racquets." This was signed by the Joshees.

We thought also it would be nice for the lepers, too, to send a telegram to the Viceroy, so they sent:

"To His Excellency, the Viceroy, Simla. The one hundred inmates of Kota-Ramachandrapuram Leper Homes, send humble thanks and hearty congratulations to His Excellency, and pray

that the Lord, who saved his life from destruction, may also crown it with loving kindness and tender mercies." Signed by myself.

The day was a very happy one, for other feasts came on at the same time, and the townspeople too had provided entertainment. I never saw before such gymnastic feats, such athletics, such archery and so on! Beautiful music on a "vina" was given by a skilled musician brought from a distance. The people of the Leper Homes were exuberant in their joy. We thought all was over with the day. But not so. And here we want to show that our rulers are not only thankful and gracious, but kind and courteous, too. We had replies to our telegram, which we little expected away down in our corner of India. They were to me and to the Joshees from the Viceroy's Secretary.

"Am directed to convey His Excellency the Viceroy's warm thanks to the inmates of Kota-Ramachandrapuram Leper Homes, for their kind telegram of congratulations.

"Lady Hardinge desires me to thank you for your kind message. She is pleased the gifts were appreciated by the children."

Then still more than this, Dr. Joshee, who we are proud to say, has the honorary position of chairman of the Union here now, received a letter from one of the officials, conveying the thanks of Lord Pentland, Governor of Madras, in which he says: "Lord Pentland wishes me to convey to you the sincere and hearty thanks of the Viceroy for all the labor that must necessarily have devolved on you.

"I am to request that you will kindly convey in as appreciative terms as possible the Viceroy's personal and cordial thanks to all the principal personages who were concerned in your local festivities."

So you see, we feel very important to have such great people notice us, but they have taught us too a beautiful lesson in thankfulness and kindness and courtesy. In our joy and rejoicing, let us not forget to make others happy, and let us remember that—

"Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make this earth an Eden
Like the heaven above."

S. ISABEL HATCH.

The 37th Annual Report of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Reported by Mrs. C. W. White, Ottawa.

On Wednesday, 9th inst, the Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held in the First Church, Brockville. The Convention opened with a short song service, followed by the reading of the Scripture and prayer. The wee maidens who so cheerfully acted as pages the preceding day again gladly consented to be used in our service.

The President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, of Montreal, in her address, sounded again and again the slogan cry, "Efficiency." Woman has had her rightful place only since the advent of Jesus Christ, and only during the past century has she come to her own and in any measure given expression to the latent possibilities in her. We are familiar with the love and self-sacrifice and prayer with which our own Societies were founded, and if we Baptist women of to-day, with leisure at our disposal, only realized what it means to be born Christian Canadian women, with all it implies, our Foreign Mission problem would not be so difficult. The solution rests with us. Co-operation is the method of efficiency in the Spiritual Kingdom of God, as well as in any other realm. In the church we see the principle in its highest form. Christ prayed "That they might be one." Social evils must be met by organized effort, both at home and abroad. The highest form of social service is indissolubly linked with Home and Foreign Missions. In unity there is strength. Every woman should realize that she is necessary to the progress

of the work of her denomination, and that without her it fails just so much in efficiency. Our work needs more individual prayer and faithfulness, more thinking over, more of our time. Are you willing to be filled with Divine Consecration, to be united in a common cause—the Church, the Boards, the H. and F. Societies, the Circle, need, above all, to be linked up with God for the salvation of souls—willing to become co-laborers, co-operators with Christ through faith.

Miss Dakin, our Superintendent, expressed the desire for a more general use of our Bureau of Literature in the future. A catalogue of the contents of the Bureau will soon be ready, and by this means we hope the Circles will become better acquainted with our Bureau and receive much help with material for programmes.

The Quiet Hour, conducted in a very pleasing and gracious manner by Mrs. McAlpine, had a restful, benign effect on our minds and hearts. Her theme was "Power." The secret of Jesus' power was His intimacy with the Father. We may get our power from this same source. We need power to wrestle with the power of spiritual darkness. Only power can overthrow power.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Rickert; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Gordon; Recording Secretary, Miss Rickert; Treasurer, Miss Russell, 536 Grosvenor Ave., West-

mount; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Motley. Executive Board—Miss Baker, Mesdames Bentley, Cramp, Ede, Dyke, Halkett, Fuller, Wallace, London, Ohman, McTavish, McLean, Watt, Paterson, B. W. Rickert, Sproule, Therrien, Utting, A. T. Chapman, Timmins, Wilson, D. S. Wood, St. James, Walker, King. Mrs. H. H. Ayer and Mrs. Motley were appointed to represent the W. B. F. M. S. on the General Board.

After singing a hymn and prayer, the meeting adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

A very impressive prayer service opened the afternoon session. Mrs. Hale, of Osnabruk, took charge. Her remarks showed a fine intellectual insight and a deep spiritual nature. God wants, not our gifts, but the individual; not the dried-up, shrivelled soul, but the well-watered, overflowing, abundant life. It takes time to cultivate the spiritual life.

The Committee on Appropriations brought in the following recommendations, which were approved:—

To, Miss Murray and her work.	\$829 00
Miss Himan	600 00
Akidu School	273 00
Vuyuru work	634 00
Vuyuru Boarding School	250 00
Yellamaachili	273 00
Cocanada Zenanas	200 00
Bolivia	50 00

Mrs. Kirkland's paper, "India as It Is To-day," brought out many striking contrasts in the condition of India in the time of Carey and her condition at the present time. India is awakening; she is calling for Western education, for Western travelling facilities, and modern inventions. The condition of womanhood is vastly improved under British rule. Madras is loudly calling for the Gospel. "Feed my sheep" is the command to-day as well as of old. We must give account of our stewardship.

In former years "The Link" sent us a message or representative to speak

in her interests. This year "The Link" plead its own cause. Each department told of its own importance in its own words. Those personating the departments were: Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. Crossley, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Rickert, Mrs. Ramsay, Miss Jean Costeran and Mrs. McTavish.

Amidst the many impressive things of the Convention nothing seemed to delve quite so deeply into our sympathies as the pathetic little Hindu widow personated by Miss Muir, of Montreal, who so simply told her life story of bitter wrongs and inhuman cruelty. How our hearts thrilled as she told of her meeting with our missionary and her subsequent surrender to the Saviour. When we consider that hers is no isolated case, but one of many millions, our hearts burn with longing to see India won for Christ.

The Round Table proved very interesting. Many questions were asked, whose answers proved that Mrs. Metcalf was possessed of a vast fund of useful information. The question, "Shall we introduce fish ponds into our Bands for the purpose of raising money?" called out much discussion. It was pretty generally thought that all such devices were dishonoring to God, and might be positively harmful to the children.

The Committee on Resolutions, composed of Mesdames Ramsay, McPaul, Frith, Bentley and Hale, brought in resolutions of sympathy to Mrs. Parson, Rev. Mr. Stobo, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. J. D. McLean, who have been called upon to pass through the deep waters of affliction; also to Mrs. G. Baker and Mrs. Cramp, who have been laid aside through illness.

2. Also be it further resolved, that the women of the Baptist Convention give their prayers and sympathy to the cause of Temperance, also for the banishment of the manufacture and sale of

cigarettes, and to the efforts being made to protect women and girls coming to our shores.

3. That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Brockville Circle, whose hospitality has been so boundless; the Choir, who furnished such choice music; to the Young People and Class of Sunday School boys, who met us at the depot; to the little pages, and to all who in any way contributed to the success of the Convention.

Mrs. Zavitz closed with prayer one of the most successful and pleasant Conventions in the history of our Societies.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Madam President and ladies,—It seems fitting that this report, which is meant to contain an account of the year's work, should open with a note of praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the love and protection which have followed us since last we met.

We realize fully, that this is the Lord's work, and our share in it is but small and weak—were it not for the over-ruling of His wise providence, the results would be far short of what we had hoped. So we praise Him for His guidance and deliverance in time of need. There have been dark days, when our difficulties seemed insurmountable, when our only course was to wait upon the Lord. Though not all of a good courage; we have learned that

“He watching over Israel,
Slumbers not nor sleeps.”

And out of our perplexities and problems He delivered us and set our feet upon a rock and established our goings.

Sickness and sorrow have had their place among us this year—a number of the most active and most useful members of our Board have been seriously

ill and laid aside for months. We have missed their presence at our quarterly meetings. We have needed their wise counsel, and the inspiration and encouragement of their service. For those who are restored, we give abundant thanks, and for those still suffering, we pray that the Great Physician will send strength and healing, if it be the Father's will. There is one missing from our ranks to-day, with whom to meet and hold converse, was always one of the joys of past conventions—our dear Mrs. Stobo, of Smith's Falls. Her sweet and gracious personality; her high endeavor and the spirit of Christ which emanated from her every act endeared her to us all, and inscrutable indeed seem the ways of the Father when one so useful in His vineyard, one whose influence was so wide and so uplifting should be taken from our midst.

“What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.” For various reasons, it has been necessary to make this report somewhat shorter than usual. So, after a rapid glance at the Associations, we will pass on to the reports from India.

Associations.

The Eastern Association has come into its own at last. For many years it has been impossible to secure a permanent Directress, and the work has suffered accordingly. But now we are fortunate in securing Mrs. Pollock, of Moe's River, who has come to our rescue several times lately, and proved most capable and most suitable for the position. Already the reports show a remarkable increase in interest and in giving. The annual meeting was held at Sawyerville, where our President represented our Society, and presided at the women's sessions.

Ottawa Association sustains a very great loss in the person of Mrs. Sheldon, whose removal from Cornwall robbed us of one of the most efficient and devoted Directresses. Not only these Circles,

but the whole Society, regrets the departure of Mrs. Sheldon from our midst. But her mantle has surely fallen on worthy shoulders, and we welcome to this position Mrs. A. A. Cameron, formerly Mrs. K. MacDonald, for many years the treasurer of the Home Society.

This Association was greatly favored by having Miss McLaurin at their annual meeting in Osnabruck. Our Society is under a debt of gratitude to Miss McLaurin for offering her services for this meeting, and also for a tour of the Cireles.

Through some of the excessive heat of June and July, our missionary generously gave herself to the discomforts of travel in and out of the smaller towns and villages in the Ottawa valley, addressing meetings, and seeking to create a more loving and a more intelligent interest among our women for their sisters in India.

The influence of these meetings will surely be seen in greater activity and larger contributions from the Cireles.

Canada Central met at Athens and re-elected Mrs. Smart as Directress, with Mrs. McAlpine, President.

The recent talk of uniting the Ottawa and Canadian Central Associations, seems to have met with disapproval, but it would be an improvement if the dates of the annual meeting could be so adjusted as to allow the same speaker on Foreign Missions to attend both gatherings.

We cannot pass from the home department of our report, without laying special emphasis on the splendid generosity of our Cireles this year. Your officers have watched and prayed very anxiously lest the extra appeals should interfere with the regular giving, and while it is almost impossible that it should not do so, to some extent, still we do feel wonderfully encouraged at the way the money has come in—it surely shows that the spirit is working in our midst.

India.

It will be remembered that we closed our books last year with a deficit which was happily cleared off by a generous collection at our Convention, and a still more generous one at the farewell service to our missionaries in Montreal.

A little later, when the General Board found it necessary to make a serious "cut" of 14 per cent. on the estimates, the Women's Societies were asked to allow this cut to fall on their work as well. This your Board agreed to do, and although the cut was ultimately reduced to six per cent., making it a very slight matter on our appropriations, still the missionaries on the Vuyyuru field felt it very keenly. They had already made their estimates as low as possible, and any further curtailing would mean dropping some of the helpers or closing schools. In answer to their appeal, we assured them we would make a special effort to grant the estimates and through a very generous contribution from Miss Murray, we have been able to do so.

A great part of our work centres in the Vuyyuru field, and this station is destined to become more and more dear to us through the interest in the two new buildings soon to be erected there.

The chapel school house in memory of our beloved Mrs. Claxton, will, naturally, draw our keenest sympathy and our continued support.

The Valeuru Caste Girls' School is the second building on which our hopes are set this year. Much has been said in the last few reports of this great need, but your Board could not see the way clear to undertake this expense, and has made the matter a subject of special prayer very frequently.

We did, therefore, rejoice exceedingly when the friend who has entirely supported the school hitherto, very generously, came forward and contributed \$500.00 to cover the total cost of this new building.

Dr. Hulet had already secured the land under a very satisfactory lease, and now we hope to hear of the school being built very shortly.

Let us consider for a moment the various missionaries who are connected with our work in India.

~~First Miss Murray, who is entirely~~ our own missionary returned to India last December, after a two years' furlough.

She was appointed by Conference to take charge of the work at Narsapattanam, a position left vacant since the departure of Miss Morrow some years ago. This field has interested Miss Murray for many years, and while stationed at Yellamanchilli, she used to make frequent trips there, describing the caste women as particularly attractive and open to the Gospel. So now after a period of more or less apathy, this field is to have the concentration and consecration which characterize Miss Murray's work.

Miss Susie Hinman, whom we still call our new missionary, is completing her study of the language, and has been appointed to the school work in Akidu. She has been living in Wallair all this time with Miss Blackader teaching in English, and little by little in Telugu, as she acquired the necessary fluency in the language.

Only a few of us have heard that Miss Hinman had what might have been a very serious and perhaps fatal accident recently. In helping to care for a sick baby, her clothing caught fire from one of the native lamps, enveloping her quickly in flames. Had it not been for the prompt action of one of the missionaries in rolling her in a rug, she might have sustained fatal injuries. As it was she was badly burned, and suffered for quite a time from the nervous shock. We rejoice in her deliverance and assure her of our sympathy and our appreciation of the happy, brave spirit she has manifested through it all.

Miss Marsh, who has had charge of the school at Akidu, has been transferred to Bobbili.

Miss Robinson, we all remember through her visit among us in 1912, has been in the North-west all winter, but is not sufficiently improved in health to return to India this year.

Miss Zimmerman and Dr. Gertrude Hulet, both on the Vuyyuru field, are under the Western Women's Society, but we support their work on this field.

Miss Hulet's wonderful little hospital absorbs nearly all her time and strength, but she has charge of the two caste girls' schools.

Miss Carrie Zimmerman has charge of the work among the women and children, which means touring in the out-villages, besides the work in the station.

Our Zenana workers in Cocanada remain the same, Misses Gibson, Beggs and Phillipsz, under the supervision of Miss Baskerville.

Reports.

Akidu.—Miss K. H. Marsh.

Miss Marsh gives her time to the two boarding schools at the station, and the evangelistic schools, besides conducting Bible classes, visiting individuals in their homes, and touring in out-villages.

She writes: "April was a very busy month—final examinations and the closing exercises occupying a good deal of time and thought. In our 4th class of 17 pupils, 16 passed successfully, 11 taking distinction.

"The one boy who failed, had been with us only part of a term.

"Our closing exercises were very interesting—the large class-room was prettily decorated with palms and flowers, and the children entertained us with songs, recitations and dialogues, in both Telugu and English.

"The prizes consisting of one Bible, Testaments, hymn books, cotton cloth for coats, jackets and shirts, were very much appreciated by the recipients."

Vuyyuru.

Medical work—Miss Hulet, M.D.

The noble little hospital carried on by Dr. Hulet has suffered a very great loss in the death of the only trained helper on the staff—the head compounder, who had been in the work from the beginning. His unselfish devotion to the needs of the suffering, especially during a time of great strain, brought on an illness of four months, and on Easter morning "he whom we thought indispensable to the work and to his family, was called away from us. Our loss seems irreparable.

This was one of the transformed and consecrated lives, whom to hear about makes us rejoice to have a share in the work of giving the Gospel to the Telugu people.

The staff consists of Dr. Hulet, two compounders, a nurse in training, a ward servant and a boy.

The new addition has added much to the efficiency of the hospital, 186 patients having passed through the wards last year. New dispensary patients numbered 6,110.

A great deal of the expense is met by the fees for medicine and attendance, but the aim is to win the gratitude of the people, thereby ensuring a good hearing for the message from the Great Physician, who would bring healing to their souls.

A great change in caste feeling is noticed in the last year or so. Caste women are willing to share the room with Christians, and even Brahmins are breaking their cherished superstitions in order to enter the ward.

The needs are—more land that the Compound may be enclosed for safety—a choultry for the friends of the patients, while they wait at the hospital.

Pray especially that the opportunities given for ministering to the sin-sick souls may be wisely and effectively used.

Caste Schools—The great difficulty always in these schools is to secure edu-

cated and Christian teachers. We were providentially supplied last June through the agency of the little hospital. The husband of Brahmin patient, became known to the missionary, and as he was a graduate of a mission school, he was given charge of our girls, to the great satisfaction of those in charge. Larger membership has followed, and it is good to know that all the older girls are keeping up their Bible study in their homes.

Valluru.—It has been hard work to maintain this school since Agnes left, for though there are many friends in the town there are also many enemies, who have resorted to all sorts of means to overthrow the work and to entice away the pupils. However, the high standing and the moral tone of the school are prevailing influences, and we are confident that in time, the attendance will be as large as ever.

Pray that the hindrances be overcome, and that an earnest Bible-woman may be found to follow the girls to their homes, to counsel and encourage them in times of trial and temptation.

When the new building already referred to is ready, we will see great strides in the progress of this very happy work.

Vuyyuru—Women and Children.

Miss Zimmerman writes:—First, let us speak of the women who carry the tidings.

Jane and Miriam, we all remember, grown old now and laid aside from active work, but who preach the love of Christ on every occasion given.

Amelia and Sontoshamma, regular and faithful companions of the missionary all the year.

Mary, Martha and Shantamma, new, who returned from the training school and began work at Christmas.

Shantamma, "our bright laughing" child, had a serious illness in February, but with this one exception, our women have been wonderfully free from illness.

The additions to the staff at Christmas enabled us to go out two by two, thus covering much more of this large field than formerly.

The loving and cheerful service given by these devoted women has been a source of great joy. Oftimes returning, physically weary and worn with the day's work, they joyfully forget their feelings, and are heard chattering and singing as they prepare their evening meal.

Touring

"Sowing the seed with an aching heart,
Sowing the seed while the tear drops
start,"

might be sung of the experience of our missionary many days this year; but the planting and watering of former years is telling now.

In the 110 villages visited by Miss Zimmerman and the Bible-women, many, many gather joyfully in the meetings, freely participating in the services, testifying, and leading in prayer.

Tangible evidence of the increase in spiritual life is the increase in offering. In 1911, the Women's Societies, which number 66, raised 34 Rs.—in 1912, they gave over 71 Rs., which to their great joy, they found would pay the future salary of Santosamma, whom they proudly call their own missionary.

Do we at home, realize that these women have seldom a second dress in their possession, and that often they are stinted in food in order to give this precious offering cheerfully to the Lord's work!! How poor and paltry one dollar a year looks from us, besides the real sacrifice of these benighted and downtrodden women!

A two weeks' tour with Miss Selman on her new boat, revealed the advisability of a co-worker on this field, also the use to which a boat could be put.

A visit from Miss Boggs of the American Baptist Mission in December, proved a great help and inspiration touring in Gollavepally region.

After Conference the Kistna Association met at Bordagunta, where very great blessing was received.

"God was present in great power, working in the hearts of the people." Women came in large numbers, and have been telling ever since of what they were taught at those meetings.

Miss Zimmerman visited and examined fifty Sunday Schools, and found them full of inspiration. Many of the children have asked to be allowed to contribute to the support of a Bible-woman, and the older scholars are joining the Women's Circles and becoming regular contributors.

Prizes are given for Scripture memorizing, and the competition is quite lively.

Non-Christian Work.—There is much to tell of the changed condition in non-Christian villages. We are received nearly everywhere, and it is a great pleasure to meet those who have longed for our return. Over and over again we hear the pleasing, "Remain with us—send us a teacher—tell us the message again, we want to understand." But the answer is ever the same—not enough workers—no money to pay for more. It is more than sad to think that a few more dollars would support a worker who could respond to their calls, while at home these dollars are being frittered away very often by ourselves thoughtlessly on some unnecessary luxury. May God open our eyes to see if we are withholding aught of His!

Narsapatnam—Miss Murray.

Upon arriving in India last Christmas, Miss Murray attended Conference and the Telugu Association, after which she proceeded to Narsapatnam to commence her third term of service among the Telugu.

The staff of women workers has increased to five Bible-women and two teachers—two of which, Alice and Kanamma, are specially mentioned. Alice, one of the sprightliest, happiest,

most helpful little women imaginable, whose nestlings have nearly all flown, leaving her much time for the work.

Kanamma is a strong, kindly woman, with a testimony which tells among the caste women from whom she came—a standing argument against demon worship, forsaking the practice twenty years ago, she constantly declares herself and her family a witness against its powers.

These first few months have been given to feeling one's way over new ground, studying conditions, and becoming acquainted with the workers.

Morning worship has been held at the Bungalow, where the teaching from the Old Testament has appealed to the Oriental mind, while studying the Sunday School lessons with the Christian women on Sunday mornings, has been a great pleasure and profit.

Accompanied by the older Bible-women, Miss Murray has visited many outside villages, where it has been encouraging to meet with women who have heard the Gospel before, and are now ready to listen and be taught the truth.

The heat as early as March 10th, reached 100 degrees in the shade, and did not abate, necessitating a much needed and very welcome visit to the hills. The joy of giving the Gospel, however, far exceeded the discomfort from heat and travel, and we shall not soon forget the attention given to our message in two villages, at least. In one instance, a large company of women was held by a power outside the speaker, while the story of the Cross was told.

"So far, I have found the Moham-medan women of Narsapatnam, remarkably free from the prejudices peculiar to this people, being willing to admit Jesus to be called the Son of God.

April was a month of noisy confusion in Narsapatnam, beginning with a fire that swept a large portion of the town and followed by a perfect carnival of idolatrous rites and ceremonies. The redeeming feature was the opportunity given to God's servants for serious conversation with those concerned. As we walked amid the charred ruins of homes, some of which burnt out for the second time in six months and talked with the sad-fated owners, our hearts were filled with pity, and we tried to turn their attention to the things which are eternal.

One happy event recently, was in help-

ing to nurse a little sick boy back to health, upon whose recovery seemed to hang great issues.

In this labor of love, much is due to the gratuitous services of the Assistant Surgeon of the Government Hospital—a Christian and a believer in the power of prayer. We look for the verification of the truth—"A little child shall lead them."

Although little regular work has been done, the contact with the work and workers has sufficed to impress one with the favorable attitude of the people to the Gospel, and the great need of a definite, systematic, and well-organized Gospel campaign in this most interesting and promising field.

We request your co-operation in prayer.

Cocanada—Zenana Work.

This branch of our work varies very little from year to year. Changes in the social life of this people come so slowly that, although we hear much of the breaking down of caste and the progress of education, still these Zenana women dare not assert their individuality even when they acquire it, lest they be cast out and homeless.

Many are inert, indifferent to their condition, drowning their sorrows in opium so much that often they drowse, even while being taught; others hopelessly fatalistic, while the few who respond to the teaching become secret followers of the Lord, waiting and hoping for the way to open for them to declare their belief.

However, the light is breaking—evidence being that now the husbands are asking for the wives to be taught, and are allowing them to subscribe to the Christian Telugu magazine, the "Vivekavati." With this barrier of opposition removed, there is more hope than ever of reaching the hearts of these secluded women.

Miss Beggs visits 101 homes and reports 20 regular pupils, and tells us of these old believers, Massinamma, Kanthamma, whose names are familiar to us and who exhibit such beautiful child-like faith, and such real love for the Lord Jesus that it is a delight to hear of them.

Massinamma has had great trouble, and though in straitened circumstances, declares her trust in her Saviour to be unwavering.

Pray for Ruthamma and Kanthamma that they be given courage for the final step.

Miss Beggs was accosted one day by a wealthy Hindu gentleman, who, upon learning it was she who taught "our ladies," spoke further on the subject of prayer, saying: "I would give anything for half the faith you have. Will you ask God to lead me in the right path and give me faith to trust in Him alone?"

Miss Gibson has visited in 90 homes, teaching reading, writing and memorizing of Scripture to her women, concentrating her attention upon those who, having heard for many years, ought now to come to a decision.

In her last quarter Miss Gibson made use of the Catechism prepared for our schools, in order to ascertain how much the women had learned. Their answers showed the inconsistency of these people, for, knowing the truth, many deliberately reject it and follow the old superstitions for fear of their neighbors.

Miss Gibson tells a remarkable incident of a woman who, though disbelieving in idol worship, still, for fear of her friends, continues its practice, and then begs the missionary to pray with her that she be forgiven. One night after she had been thus prayed with, she dreamed the Lord Jesus appeared to her and said, "Why ask the Misamma to pray for you when you fall into your husband's errors?" She felt this as a rebuke, and awoke trembling, crying out, "Lord, Father." Her people heard her, and were alarmed and astonished. In a land where dreams are regarded as omens, this incident will have more than a passing interest.

During the annual bathing festival much opportunity was given to teach the crowds who came to Cocanada, and it is wonderful to hear of the genuine interest evinced in the Gospel message; women crowding around the missionary, and rebuking others who were participating in the festival, buying the Scripture portions to take home to their distant villages. And so the Word is spread.

Miss Phillips, the third missionary, besides visiting the Cocanada Zenanas, tours in the out-villages, and has been able to speak to a very large number of women. She reports over 1,200 visits, and has addressed 3,252 individuals.

An open-air service in some of the villages carries the message to many

who would not otherwise hear. In these she is assisted by her Biblewoman and two Telugu preachers.

Touring with Miss Baskerville in new and distant villages, she met with very much encouragement, and cites many instances among her regular pupils of those who have learned to look for definite answers to prayer.

Bolivia.

The latest news refers to the work in Cochabamba, hitherto one of the most fanatical places in Bolivia, but unconsciously the people have been so influenced that this district offers a very inviting field for evangelistic work.

Rev. Mr. Turnbull, who has taken Mr. Reekie's place during his furlough, has a noble little company of believers, who were organized into a church before Mr. Reekie left, but he requires a trained helper for visiting and working all through the neighboring towns.

Our mission in Bolivia has an important matter to face just now. The Baptists in Chile have approached our Canadian Baptist Union, requesting that they take over the mission in that country. This question is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Board now in session in Toronto.

And now we have had a bare outline of what our missionaries are doing from day to day, but over their discouragements and trials, the heartache and loneliness, there is ever a veil drawn.

Does any one of us realize what it means to become a Foreign Missionary?

No one who has not gone through the experience can have any idea of what it involves.

Does our duty end when we provide the means for others to take up this work?

We are learning larger lessons now—the time has passed when we measure our giving in dollars and cents. The measure of our love is the measure of our efficiency in the service of God—the love that gives and is enriched thereby—the love that counts not the cost.

Our Lord commended Mary, the loving, over Martha, the doing. Suppose we forget for a time our feverish anxiety to gather in the coins, and sit at the Master's feet, learning of His Spirit willing to become like Him, obedient even unto death. There is no doubt that if our hearts were filled with some of the love the Saviour felt as He yearned over the multitude, our hands would easily relinquish hold upon the

trifles that fill our days, consume our means, and prevent the full, glad service of our lives, to our Lord and King.

Oh, that our women would open their eyes and see the "vision splendid"—that we would seek first the things of the Kingdom—then there would be no lack of time for the Circle meetings, no lack of knowledge of the pressing needs in India, no lack of money to answer the appeals of our missionaries.

But there is no spiritual development that does not involve sacrifice, no gain that is worth much to the soul that does not involve suffering. Are we willing?

"Measure thy life by loss, not gain,
Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine
poured forth,
For Love's strength standeth on Love's
sacrifice,
And whose suffereth most hath most to
give."

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA MOTLEY,

Cor. Sec.

Westmount, Oct. 1st, 1913.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S F. M. BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, 1912 AND 1913.

There have been three special and four regular meetings of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec since last annual meeting, the attendance of the latter averaging fifteen members. The fact that a number of our members have been unable to attend the meetings through illness, accounts for the smaller average in attendance.

The Monthly Prayer meetings, while not attended as well as we could wish for, have been a source of strength to those attending.

There has been interchange of greetings between this and sister societies.

At the beginning of our year a Farewell Service was tendered by the Board to the outgoing missionaries—Miss Hatch, Miss Murray, Dr. Jessie Allen, Miss McLeish, and Miss McGill. Miss Hatch gave the principal address, thrilling her audience with the story of her work among the lepers. Short addresses were given by Miss Murray, Miss McLeish and Miss McGill. It was a pleasant gathering, and we all felt the better for coming in contact with the bright, enthusiastic, consecrated lives of these missionaries.

During the year 1912, at a special meeting, a committee was appointed to draft a plan for raising funds towards the erection of a suitable memorial to our late beloved Honorary President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton. This committee has been most active, and has been fortunate in having such a capable leader in Miss Russell, of Montreal. In consequence there has been \$1,354 received towards the erection of the Jane Claxton Memorial Chapel School House at Vuyyuru. \$1,300 has already been sent out, and grateful acknowledgement received from Mr. Benson.

A cause for much gratitude is the generous gift of Mrs. Harbison's, of \$500 for the Caste Girls' School at Valluru.

Under the auspices of the Foreign Board, a lecture was given in the Olivet Baptist Church on April 1st by Rev. A. Bruce Taylor; subject, David Livingstone. Rev. A. Bruce Taylor, in a most inspiring address, reviewed the wonderful life of David Livingstone—his boyhood days made difficult through poverty; his young manhood, with his surrender to special Christian service; the trials and hardships of his life in Africa.

He needs no epitaph to guard a name,
Which men shall prize, while work is
known.

He lived and died for good—be that his
fame—

Let marble crumble—This is Living-
stone.

The receipts from this lecture amounted to \$86, \$20 of this amount going to Board Expense, and the remainder into Regular Fund.

The Band Superintendent has been with us in our meetings, reporting the encouragements and discouragements of Band work. We were glad to note that the collections from the Bands of the Eastern Association were larger than in previous years.

Regular reports are received from the Bureau of Literature, showing continued use of the Bureau.

Mrs. T. Shields, of Westmount Baptist Church, Westmount; Mrs. David Bentley, Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal; Mrs. A. A. Smith, Cornwall; Mrs. Orinda Sweet, Ottawa, and Mrs. A. Tomlinson, Ottawa, were cordially received as Life Members during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian M. Rickert,

Rec. Sec., W. B. F. M. S.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BANDS FOR EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The year 1912-13 has come and gone with a somewhat encouraging report from our thirty-one little Mission Bands, in country scattered far apart, and in city with interests divided with numerous other societies. It is pleasing to find almost every Band having a regular course of Mission studies, many illustrated with models, but it is also to be regretted that models of our own especial fields cannot be obtained. The children in Bands might well devote their entire time to these, leaving the study of others to the Circle members.

In one instance we find a pastor leading the Band, and expressing himself as glad to have this opportunity of reaching the members.

The dear children have remembered others less favored than themselves. One Band sent 20 boxes to poor families at Christmas; another sent picture rolls to India, and yet others have sent sunny messages and kind thoughts to the sick. A variety of means for raising money for their work is resorted to. Discarded rubbers were collected and sold; birthday parties given; blessing bags sent out; autograph quilts made; concerts and lectures given, while one Band finds its little grateful iron man still gives great delight to the children. But, best of all, the mite box holds its place for the willing offering. The largest amount raised by any one Band was \$38. In this Band one member supports a native teacher, and another a boy at Samulkot, and there are 55 baby members.

The total amount contributed to the Home and Foreign work was \$546.45, an increase of \$18.51 over last year.

Dear Circle members, will you not take into more earnest consideration the welfare of the Bands committed to your care? Will you not make it a part of your duty to provide a suitable leader, and to see that others are being prepared for the office, in order that your Band be not allowed to disband and to reorganize periodically, so that there remains nothing of its substance? Better, perhaps, drop the idea of Band work altogether than to fill the young minds with the thought that they are of so little importance. The primary

object of the Band is not to raise money, necessary as that surely is, but to bring the little ones close to Jesus Christ, to teach them His commands, to give a knowledge of our Mission work, and to teach Scripture methods of giving.

Band leaders must assist the child secretary and treasurer in keeping their books properly, so that, by reference to them, but little difficulty will arise when called upon to fill the annual report, and to give interesting items of work which will help other Bands. Some in humility shrink from the responsibility of leadership, fearing like Moses, and like him saying, "Who am I that I should go?" but, like Moses, they may hear the voice of God saying, "Certainly I will be with thee; now, therefore, go, I will be with thy mouth, and will teach thee what thou wilt say."

REPORT OF THE CLAXTON MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Madam President and Friends:

To us, the Baptist women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, Vuyuru has during the past year become a place of increased and increasing interest. The fact that the "Jane Claxton Memorial Chapel School House" is being built here has created this new interest, an interest that must grow in the coming years.

With a new and commodious school house, Vuyuru will be able to cope with the present need, and consequently will be enabled to do larger and more efficient work than has been possible in the small, dingy, dilapidated old building that has done service for the last twenty years, and which for so long has been quite inadequate for the work.

"This new school house," as Dr. Brown so well says, "will give the Mission a new standing in the eyes of both Christians and natives."

With joy, therefore, even in our sadness, we look forward to the day when this memorial shall be an accomplished fact, and ready for service in our much loved Telugu land, where it will stand as a lasting tribute to one whose life was devoted to her Master's service, whose heart was burdened for the people of India, and whose earnest desire was that they might come to know Him

whom to know is life eternal. For this she worked; for this she labored in the Society here represented to-day, and which she was by God's grace instrumental in founding.

As the story of her life is told to the boys and girls who pass through this school, who shall say what the influence on their lives may be?

"To us, then, and to them, truly "She being dead yet speaketh."

It is interesting to know that while building operations have not yet been started, materials are being gathered. Things move slowly in India for several reasons. Especially is this true of Vuyyru, the most isolated station in the Mission. Materials have to be transported a long distance, and lack of water in the canals not infrequently causes serious delay. Building can only be carried on in certain months in the year. During the hot and rainy seasons construction is almost entirely suspended.

The following extract from Mr. Beasen's letter, dated July 2nd, is of interest: "So far, it has been impossible to draw materials, owing to lack of water in the canals. However, the canals are at present full of water, so we will begin to get the materials for the building immediately after Conference, July 20th, and building operations will be commenced when the rains are over, about the end of October.

"The plan of the building is very much like the one in Akidu, erected just last year. It is T shaped, each part of the T being 50 feet long and 18 feet wide (without the verandahs, which are 10 feet wide). The centre part has a gable roof, while the wings are flat. It will make a very attractive building, indeed."

The financial part of this work is important and claims our attention.

The Treasurer's Statement is already in your hands, and, as will be seen by referring to it again, 32 Circles, 2 Bands and a few friends have during the year contributed \$1,354.66, besides promises amounting to about \$400, making the total amount subscribed approximately

\$1,750.00, leaving a balance of \$750.00 still to be raised. Do not, therefore, let us think our task is finished. While many of the Circles have been most generous and done nobly, we would ask and urge that all continue the work for another year.

It is also our earnest hope that during the coming year the Circles that have been unable to share in this memorial will make a special effort to cooperate. A little sacrifice often brings a great blessing.

Do not let this work, to which we have put our hand, be in any way hindered through lack of funds.

Our final word must be one of gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and help in this work. Deeply conscious that of ourselves we can do nothing, but realizing that it is our privilege to be "Workers together with Him," we feel we can confidently go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Russell.

Sec. C. M. Committee.

Westmount, October, 1913.

EASTERN SOCIETY—DAY OF PRAYER.

For many years the united Boards of the Eastern Society have set aside two days in the year for special prayer among the Circles, and while it is thought that very few have taken advantage of this, still we wish to urge upon our women this thought of cooperation in our service.

Efficiency was the key-word of our Convention, and the thought was made very clear that our greatest power will come through united service. And the source of all our efficiency is found in communion with the Father. "Our sufficiency is of God."

Let us remember this on Thursday, November 6th.

Etta M. Pugsley, Rec. Sec.