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ANOTHER YEAR.

Another year is dawning !
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening truthfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace ;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love ;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee !

F. R. HAVERGAL.

In reviewing the year that has just expired, there is very much for which our W.B.F.M. Societies should thank God and take courage.

Death has not been permitted to invade the ranks of our missionaries ; or even sickness to interfere seriously with their labors. Our home churches have received fresh inspiration from the visits of those who are at home recuperating ; and no less from the new recruits who have gone forth with the returning missionaries. These are a noble band, inspiring all our hearts with gratitude, confidence and expectations. Let us not fail to sustain them, by our sympathies, prayers and contributions.

And now especially, at this joyous Christmas time, when our Christian homes seem jubilant

with the song of the angels, let us not forget that the message of the Saviour's birth was to be "good tidings of great joy to all people."

Are we doing our best to make it so ?

May we realize as never yet, that, till this is the case, we are debtors, appropriating to ourselves what was entrusted to our stewardship.

The many friends of Miss Elliot, will learn with regret of the accident to our beloved Treasurer, in being thrown from her carriage. We have cause for gratitude that the accident was not more serious, but her physician says, that the shock to her nervous system has been such, that she may be obliged to give up some of her work for the present. If so, to be deprived of her valuable services will be a great loss to our Board. She will have the sympathy of our Society in her affliction, and our united prayers for her speedy restoration to health, and strength to continue in the work so dear to her heart.

We regretted to learn of the early death of Miss Louise Peirson, daughter of the Editor of our valued *Missionary Review*. With such antecedents it was but natural she should possess the missionary spirit. After several years as Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in the United States, she gave her life to work for the women and girls of India. While acquiring the language she made her influence felt among the missionaries and English-speaking people in addressing conferences and singing with her autoharp in the Zenanas. God's plans are not our plans, and instead of a life of service here, the Master called her to higher service.

The magnificent gift of \$500, by an unknown friend, was recently made through the Jarvis St. Baptist Woman's Missionary Circle, to Dr. Smith's Hospital, in India. We congratulate the giver and recipient on this wise and generous gift.

GOD, WHOSE I AM, AND WHOM I SERVE.

Bible reading given at Aylmer, by Mrs. Barber. St. George.

FOR many days a storm was raging on the Mediterranean and a vessel was so tossed with the tempest that all hope of being saved was gone. Among the 276 on board there was one soul who believed God. It was Paul, who was on his way to Rome as a prisoner. To his despairing comrades he says, "Be of good cheer, for there stood by me this night an angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, "Fear not Paul, thou must be brought before Caesar, and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." That noble utterance, which was the key to Paul's wonderful life, will form the subject of our consideration, "God, whose I am, and whom I serve." (Acts 27: 23).

"Whose I am"—Paul recognizes that another owns him, he belongs to God, his Creator, Saviour, Redeemer. There are two sides to this fact of possession, God's and ours. What right has God to lay any claim to us? We are His by creation, Isa. 43: 1, 7, 15; by preservation, Acts 16: 25, 28; redemption, Acts 20: 28; 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19. We are His too by His choice, Eph. 1: 4, 5; John 15: 16.

But how can we know that we are "chosen by Him," and His? By the witness of the Spirit, Rom. 8: 16; by love for the brethren, 1 John 3: 14; by our continuance in the word, John 8: 31. It is indeed a wonderful and blessed privilege to be able to say with assurance, "The Lord is my portion," but still greater, if possible, to say, "whose I am."

"Whom I serve."—Here is indicated the relation of servant and master. Paul opens his letters to the Romans and Phillipians and to Titus with the expression, "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ." James, Peter and Jude all seem to delight in calling themselves by this name. As a servant, one acts under the direction and control of another, devoting to his interests, his time and ability. But Christ does not call His servants to do what He Himself would not, Phil. 2: 5-8; Mark 10: 45. The Christian's position is not

one of unwilling servitude, for he accepted Christ's lordship cheerfully, and between Master and servant there is a blissful understanding, the love of Christ constraining. In our salvation God has two purposes, that we may be "conformed to the image of His Son," and "make His salvation known to all nations." In the New Testament, great stress is laid on character, not on doing only, but on being. In John 15, in the parable of the vine and the branches, the word fruit occurs eight times. The vine and branches exist for the production of fruit, and to promote increase of fruit the Husbandman exercises great care and infinite patience. The only place in which the fruit is expressly specified is in Gal. 5: 22, 23, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." All of the nine separate grapes in this glorious cluster are frames and habits of mind and heart. We are to reproduce and perpetuate Christ among men. "The foundation of power in service is a Christ-like character." There is much of activity which is mere externalism, a rushing to and fro on errands which we ourselves make, which are not directed by His Spirit, or have the sanction of His presence. There is much doing without the power of accomplishing. Wherein lies the mistake? Is it not in forgetting Him whom we serve? If as master, He has a right to command, then our eyes must be unto Him, our hands do His bidding, and our feet follow His footsteps. To us there must be no division between sacred and secular. Just as the ocean brine is so permeated with salt that not even a tiny drop lacks saltiness, so must Christianity pervade everything, 1 Cor. 10: 31; Col. 3: 17; 1 Pet. 4: 11.

The Scriptures are filled with suggestions concerning activity, which is the actual outcome of a Christ life, James 1: 27; Prov. 3: 9; Deut. 15: 11; Isa. 50: 4; Rom. 12: 15; Matt. 10: 42. In the judgment scene of Matt. 25, the Son of Man commends the righteous because they fed Him, gave Him drink, clothed Him, visited Him in sickness and in prison,—all the ministry being to Him in earth's needy and suffering ones. The love of the compassionate Christ begets in us a love for every one for whom He died. We need but lift our eyes to see the fields whitening to the harvest. Everywhere, and in every line of work, there is the call for laborers. If we work it must be today—"the night cometh when no man can work."

"Cast it in, your tiny pebble;—
 Cast it into the broad sea;
 Is it very, very tiny,
 Just a speck beside the sea?
 Will the great rough waves laugh at it,
 As it falls and sinks below,
 To be lost? Will they not feel it?
 Try. Now, give it a good throw!
 There it goes! Ah, watch the circles,
 See! they larger, wider grow,
 Till each drop of those vast waters,
 Has felt that wee pebble's blow.
 Cast it in, your little effort—
 Cast it into love's broad sea;
 God will make its influence widen;
 It shall reach eternity."

God makes special provision for those who are His own, for those who serve Him. In the midst of arduous toil, He supplies rest. As Mrs. Browning beautifully says,

"And I smiled to think God's greatness
 Flowed around our incompleteness,
 Round our restlessness, His rest."

Our Work Abroad.

NEED OF BUNGALOWS FOR OUR LADY MISSIONARIES ON OUR FOREIGN FIELD IN INDIA.

COCANADA and Tuni have separate bungalows for the ladies.

Peddapuram has two rooms for the ladies.

Narsapatnam has no accommodation.

Samalkota and Yellamanchili have each one room for the lady, and that if occupied by lady, is not crowding the missionary family.

Ramachandrapuram, Vuyuru and Akidu have one room each for the ladies, but this occupied, necessitates the mission families sleeping either four or five in a room.

There are rooms and bungalows to accommodate eleven ladies, and when all the ladies arrive this fall there will be fourteen, that is three that will have no home to call their own.

Some shift may be made for a short time as some mission families are on furlough, whose places have not been filled, and one or two will still be studying Telugu in Cocanada.

Therefore, within about two years three separate bungalows will be needed to accommodate two lady missionaries in each and to relieve the crowding in the mission family bungalows.

KIND-OF BUNGALOW NEEDED.

One containing sitting-room, dining-room, two bedrooms with verandah all around. The

Though sowing oftimes in tears, He comforts with the promise of coming again, rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. Do we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? "All these things—what we shall eat, drink, and wear—shall be added." Has the heart been torn by the giving up of that which is held dear? "Ye shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life." Do we realize our own weaknesses and insufficiency? "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Are we going and telling the Gospel story? "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Though at times the heart is burdened with the sins which mar and hinder us, and we sigh that we are but unprofitable servants, yet, wonderful words, "He is able to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

back verandah enclosed for bath-rooms, and a detached cook room.

Cost of one bungalow for two ladies, from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Temporary buildings may be put up very cheaply as thatch and mud are cheap and unskilled labor also cheap, but permanent buildings, which will resist the ravages of the white ants and the stress of the heavy Monsoon weather require the best material which is expensive, Burnt brick, mortar, tiles, cement and teak-wood. They also require skilled labor which is very costly compared with unskilled.

The bungalows are made very plain with walls roughly plastered and white washed and floors of rough cement which are covered with rough matting, while verandah floors have Portland cement. The doors and windows are of teak with venetians to let in air, even when shut. For bathing, one end of the enclosed verandah rooms is simply walled by a low wall less than a foot high and the bather steps over this wall and pours water over her with a tin mug from a large earthen jar of water which stands in the corner and is replenished every day. The water escapes from a hole through the wall no luxury here, no porcelain, nor even zinc baths and no taps.

The rooms would be about 12 x 16, with no ornamentation, without even ceilings, the bare

rafters appearing. Over the rafters are double rows of tiles to keep out the heat.

The sun's heat in India is so intense that verandahs are a necessity to throw off the heat from the walls and each room must have two or three outside doors to catch every breeze that blows.

When *on duty*, the missionary goes unhesitatingly to her work through the burning sun. She passes constantly, when she goes to the outcaste quarters, places where she has to gather her skirt about her and rub her feet clean lest the filth would cling to them, not mud, but filth. She has to sit where hides have been hung up previous to being tanned. She has to sit in their close confined houses which have no windows and where the floors have been smeared with a mixture made from the droppings of the cow. She is exposed more or less, at one time or another, to the dire and dread diseases which carry off so many of their people, cholera, smallpox, fevers, leprosy, and plague.

On duty, exposed to suffocating heat, dirt and disease, *off duty* she needs the separate compound, the freshest of air, and the coolest of rooms, if she would gather strength for the next day's contest.

The missionary has her Biblewomen from all over the field meet her once a month and if she has but one room, it is there she must meet them. She has also a Sunday School teachers' class and here she must meet that class. Native women of the outcaste and Sudra classes, are frequent visitors, especially on feast days, and many a precious truth has been told and many a Gospel hymn sung in that room.

If the lady missionaries have a bungalow to themselves, their women visitors might be much more frequent. In Ramachandrapuram when the mission family has been absent, "At Homes" have been held when invitations were given, the doors were closed, and veiled women have come in closed carts fearlessly for they knew that no man would see them. Here they have had another opportunity of hearing Gospel hymns, and of seeing the pictures illustrating Bible truths.

In Cocanada, recently, when the missionary was laid up with a sprained ankle, scores of women came to express their sympathy with the lady missionary and to receive some of the teaching they were missing in their homes.

If any one would wish to build a bungalow to

the memory of a dear one who has gone, that name might be long held in remembrance by those living in that home and their visitors.

S. I. H.

Written by request.

VILLAGE SCHOOL WORK ON VUYURU FIELD.

It is with more than ordinary pleasure that we present the report of another year's work in the village schools of the Vuyuru field, for in the gain and loss account of that work, cast up by careful memory, the gain has been found far to exceed the loss.

Let us first enumerate some of the gains.

(1) A dying school has been revived. Last year it seemed as if the long established school at Medura was hopelessly dwindling to extinction. In our endeavor to better things, the blame for the unsatisfactory state of the school was clearly discovered to rest on the teacher. Accordingly he was given a choice of two alternatives. He was warned that he must either revive the school or step aside for some one who could and would. He chose the former alternative, and so thoroughly did he canvass the village and so vigorously drum up the children, that he has had during the eight months since then, the largest number of regularly attending pupils the school has ever carried on its lists.

(2) A school has become independent. Some years ago the missionary managed to secure from the government for this school's teacher, the grant of an acre or so of hitherto uncultivated land. It was a good investment, for the income from this, supplemented by the grain given by the pupils' parents, and the Government Grant, which is strictly based upon the number of pupils successful in the yearly examination by the Government Inspector of Schools, make up a sufficient salary for the teacher. Hence, the salary heretofore given to him, is now available for another teacher. He has been eight years in this school; yet neither has the school dwindled in the least, nor his own interest therein flagged one whit.

(3) Two excellent new schools have been established. One in Bodagunta, twenty-five scholars, being in the careful and capable hands of the wife of Pastor Peter, one of the few women on this field, who have passed the Primary Examination. The second is in Valluru, a village whose first Christians were baptized only last May. This school, with an attendance of fifteen, is in the charge of one of the brightest of

our married ladies, and we anticipate that it will be not only permanent, but also growing.

(4) There has been over a large part of the field a general quickening of interest in education. This is due to the Girls' Boarding School, which was established at Vuyuru, two years ago, and to the re-establishment of the Boys' School there, a year ago. Children now have a hope of getting into one or the other of those boarding schools and thence to the seminary, and hence are eager to attend the village schools which are preparatory thereto. We estimate that this is by far the most weighty gain accruing during the year.

(5) The fruit, which even defunct schools, sometimes bear is a cause for good cheer. For we have found that even in the "embers" of dead schools there is of the "something that doth live." So that although the school be no more, he continues to read privately, finally either reaching the boarding schools and the seminary or else remaining in his village, an intelligent helper in the cause of the kingdom there.

(6) I finish the account I am rendering with the mention of two helpful spiritual influences flowing from our schools. First, they play no small part in keeping green in the hearts of

adult Christians the memory and love of the things that pertain to the kingdom. Secondly, they are becoming even more and more the channels through which there finds outlet the energies of such of the pastors' wives, as have sufficient education to render them capable of even a little part in Christian service; and this is a great gain indeed.

And now let us count up our losses, that we may strike the balance properly. (1) There is the formal demise of one weakly, miserable school of five pupils, that a year ago, having a name to live but being dead, I had not courage to mention in my report to you. (2) The old school in Kodavacole, with many traditions of prosperous days in the past and with a good record of work done, has continued to dwindle during the year, because the supply of Christian children there is running out, and because we cannot persuade the heathen children to attend. And there have been withdrawn from the schools here and there, a few children whom we should have been glad to retain. Such are the items in the loss account as far as I can recall them. Surely we have a good balance on the right side of the account, have we not?

H. E. STILLWELL.

Vuyuru.

Our Work at Home.

BOARD MEETING REPORT.

A BOARD Meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held on December 4th. The Treasurer reported an amount in hand of \$642.89, \$300.00 of this being the first installment of the McArthur legacy. As considerably more is expected from this, there has been some correspondence as to the best use to which to put it. Mr. Brown has made several suggestions, both for this and also as to the new work it is the wish of the Society to take in hand. After some discussion it was decided to take up the village schools in Vuyuru, at an appropriation of \$200.00, so as to keep the interest centered. Last year's surplus and other such money, it was agreed to retain as a fund for the building of a lady's bungalow, which will shortly be needed, and of which our share would be \$1,000, in the cost. There are other projects talked of, such as the building of a woman's hospital, or wing to a larger building. There were other matters of business, and two new Life-members were

received, Mrs. Richard McCabe, of Rockland, and the Society's Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Rickert. It was the intention to have received Mrs. Rickert as a Life-member at the Convention, the Westmount Circle having paid in the money at that time. It would be good for all circles to stir their interest in these various plans so as to help intelligently. One hundred and thirty-five dollars is also appropriated for woman's work in Yellamanchili.

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,
Rec. Sec.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

HESPELER.—Our Circle held a Thank-offering meeting in the Church, Nov. 2nd. Invitations had been given to all the ladies of the Church and congregation. A large number attended. The Church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The President, Miss Starnaman, presided. The offerings were brought in envelopes accompanied with a text of Scripture. A

very interesting feature of the program was a paper on "Woman's Work for Women," by Mrs. Cook. Mrs. Brownlee gave an interesting report of the beginning and progress of our Circle up to the present. The closing part of the program was in one sense the central one, the opening of the envelopes containing the expressions of gratitude to God, with the offerings. The psalmist says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." The offering amounted to \$19, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

SECRETARY.

WALMER ROAD.—On Thursday, December 3rd, we held our Annual Thank-offering meeting which proved a great success, both in numbers and in interest. The platform was decorated with palms and chrysanthemums, and several tables of curios from India, helped to make the room look very bright and attractive. After an opening hymn, Mrs. Lloyd led in prayer. Mrs. T. M. Harris gave a very helpful Bible lesson on "Our Inability apart from God." The address was divided into three parts, "Without Me, ye can do nothing;" "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me;" and "My God shall supply all your need." We all felt new courage and zeal as we were reminded of Gideon, "The least in all his father's house," and of his great achievements through God, who supplied all his need.

Mrs. Lloyd made a very practical application of the lesson by saying that though all could not give addresses like the one we had just been hearing, still each could do some part of the work, and as two or three collectors were needed to fill vacancies, some might volunteer to take a collector's book.

Mrs. Sycamore, of Hamilton, then spoke on "God's thoughts on Thanksgiving." The address being filled with messages from God's Word. We were reminded of many causes for praise and gratitude. Special emphasis was laid on the thought of thanksgiving being a duty, and referred to 1 Thessalonians 5: 18, "In everything give thanks." She said that the reason people consider this command so difficult to fulfil, is because they read it as if it were, "For everything give thanks," and she went on to cite incidents throughout the Bible, where everything had seemed so dark and threatening, but where to the eye of faith, God's hand appeared in what seemed the greatest calamities.

The Thank-offering was then collected, which had been brought in envelopes with an accompanying verse of Scripture. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Edgar Reid. read the verses alternately.

Mrs. Dr. Chute, dressed as a Telegu woman, gave a most interesting talk on India, telling particularly of her medical work. She told of

the importance of this work, as it is the only door through which many of the high caste people can be reached. Mrs. Chute has a small hospital in Akidu, and by telling the story of Jesus' love, to the patients, who come to her, and by tying little texts of Scripture to the bottles of medicine sent out, she is able to win many souls to Christ. She explained the uses of her curios and invited every one to see them at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Lloyd then announced that the Thank-offering had amounted to \$50, and after the singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," tea was served and a little social time enjoyed.

How richly God has rewarded our efforts during the past year; and our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude for His guidance. Let us not feel our duty done but may past blessings and successes, inspire us with courage and zeal anew for the larger work of 1904.

ANNIE F. WEEKS.

Secretary pro tem.

BLOOR ST. CHURCH, TORONTO.—On Monday evening, the 7th December, the Circle and Young Women's Auxiliary of Bloor St. Church held a united Thankoffering service. Mrs. Wm. Davies, Vice-President, conducted the meeting, and Miss Mould, President of the Auxiliary, who was with her on the platform, led in prayer. Mrs. C. J. Holman, of Jarvis St. Church, kindly gave in a very clear, concise and interesting manner, "Some echoes from the Convention." Miss Edith Montgomery sang sweetly the solo "Come thou Fount of every Blessing." A talk by Dr. Pearl Chute on some of her experiences in India, illustrated by curios was greatly appreciated. Then followed light refreshments and social intercourse. The evening was most enjoyable, the attendance large and the offering about \$90.

COM.

BENTICK.—The Women's Mission Circle held their regular quarterly meeting in September. Our much esteemed sister Newton drove out in the rain from Durham, nine miles to assist us, having previously promised to give us an address and sing. As night approached the storm increased and accordingly the attendance was very small. Mrs. Newton spoke on our Indian work and the work in New Ontario, with that ardor and zeal, which made all who listened know that her heart was overflowing with love to God and to these poor ignorant ones who need so much help. She also gave some of her choice musical selections, singing with that pathos and expression peculiar to herself.

Contents of mite boxes and offering were \$4.65. On the evening of Dec. 4th, another open meeting was held at which pastor Pineo presided and read the Scripture lesson, and Commissioner D. McLean offered prayer, after which the following programme was successfully carried out. Several suitable selections of music by the choir, and a

solo by Charlie Pineo; readings by Mrs. Alex. McDonald, and Miss Marion McLean; a dialogue, "Little Mission Helpers" by four girls; recitations by Miss Julian McLean, Miss Campbell, Miss Ida Pineo, Miss Kate McKinnon, and Mrs. Pineo, and a Missionary Catechism, consisting of questions by the President and answers by members of the Circle. Contents of mite boxes, \$3.95. Offering, \$2.00. Total \$5.95 for Home Missions.

KATE MCKINNON, *Sec.*

INGERSOLL.—We want our sister Circles to know that we are marching shoulder to shoulder with them in having our Lord's commission carried out to preach the gospel to every creature.

Our year begins November 1st, and in October we held our annual business meeting and were very much encouraged with the report of the year's work given us. In the raising of money we have had next to the best year in the Circle's history, and besides this we believe that the prayers and influence of the members of the Circle have been partially helpful in creating a greater interest in missionary work among our church members generally.

At an open meeting in August, Miss Hatch gave us a very interesting lecture on her work among the lepers in India, and this, together with her several weeks visit in Ingersoll, we believe has resulted in increased interest not only in her particular work, but in the work of all missionaries. In September we made Miss Newcombe, who has long been one of our loved and most faithful members, a life member of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Newcombe was about to leave our town and it gave us much joy to be able to show our appreciation of her in this way. The Circle, with the assistance of the Sunday School, raised \$35.00 to furnish a room at Grand Ligne, and also during the year sent clothing to be distributed among the needy in the West. We have found mite boxes distributed in the homes a good financial help and we hope to have them more freely distributed this year.

We praise God from whom all blessings flow, among the chief of these having been the lives of Mrs. (Rev.) James Grant, our past President, and Miss Nellie Grant, whose unabating zeal in missionary work have been an inspiration to us. While we miss them very much we cannot but rejoice with the Circle of the Cobourg church that they are to have the blessing of their cheerful cooperation.

Our new officers are:—President, Mrs. T. A. Meahennick; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Dundas; Secretary, Miss Reader; Treasurer, Miss Morgan; Agent the *Link* and *Visitor*, Mrs. Hayward.
N. B.

WHITEVALE.—The Mission Circle held its annual meeting and election of officers in the church on Nov. 3rd.

Under the leadership of the retiring President the past year has been marked by deeper interest and larger attendance than hitherto manifested. The Pastor is very much interested in our Circle, the papers read with suitable remarks.

The programmes for each meeting are planned and carried out with care and enthusiasm. We were pleased to have with us a former President, Mrs. (Rev.) Hugh Shaw, of Colborne, who gave us a profitable talk on "Faithful Stewardship." Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Our officers for the ensuing year are:—President, Mrs. T. Pherrill; Vice-President, Mrs. Judson McIntosh; Secretary, Mrs. David S. Turner; Treasurer, Mrs. William Meek.

MRS. D. S. TURNER, *Sec.*

COLCHESTER.—Our Circle held its annual open meeting in the church on the evening of Wednesday, the 4th Nov., and as the meetings have always proved seasons of refreshing this one was no exception. Our contributions fell short of what they were last year, but the growing earnestness of the sisters has been very marked during the present. We had the great pleasure of having the Rev. C. J. Cameron with us, who gave us a very interesting address on "Home Missions" fully illustrated with his stereopticon views. We felt deeply grateful to Mr. Cameron as he came out of his way that he might be with us that evening, and we feel confident that a greater interest will now be taken in our Home Mission fields, as well as in the Foreign. There was a large attendance and the collection amounted to \$11.00.

T. RITCHIE, *Sec.*

MORDEN, MAN.—Although it is some time since we have reported we have not been idle, but working steadily on. On the evening of Nov. 25th, we held our Thank-offering meeting, to which all members of the church and congregation were most earnestly invited. A short but most appropriate programme was rendered, consisting of two excellent papers written by Mrs. Daniel, and Miss Taylor, the subject being respectively "Foreign Missions in General," and "Not Interested in Foreign Missions."

These, with a most interesting address by our pastor, Mr. Daniel, and two pleasing recitations by little Miss Herrington, and Miss Rubie Taylor, were listened to with much interest. The programme was interspersed by singing, one duet and two quartets being well rendered. At the close of the programme cake and coffee were served. The offerings amounting to \$8.50, to be divided between Home and Foreign missions. After singing the doxology, our pastor pronounced the benediction, and what was considered a very profitable and interesting meeting was brought to a close.

MRS. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

BENTWICK.—Our Mission Band, which was organized in September, held a Thanksgiving concert on the evening of Oct. 15th. Recitations and dialogues were given by different members of the Band. We also had a splendid motion exercise by a number of children "Story of the Autumn Leaves." The children sang several pieces and the choir gave several suitable selections. Offering amounted to \$3.00.

IDA PINEO, Sec.

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

Receipts from Oct. 15th, 1903, to Oct. 20th, 1903, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Walkerton, \$3.95; Acton, \$8.25; Bloomsburg, \$3.50; Boston, \$10, on Life-membership fee for Mrs. F. W. Spidell), \$25; Cheapside, \$3; Brooke and Enniskillen, \$3.95; Dutton, \$2; Hillsburg, (\$5.00, Thank-offering), \$8; New Sarum, \$4; Nissouri, West, \$2.80; Port Burwell, \$5; Ridgetown, \$2.83; Springfield, \$3.50; Sniderville, \$1.50; Simcoe, Y. L., \$4.50; Toronto, First Ave., \$13.50; Cheltenham, (12.50 for Rebecca, and \$25 Life-membership for Miss Hannah Shipley), \$37.50; Haldimand, \$1.75; Mount Forest, \$3.54; Onondaga, First, \$3.50; Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$25 from a friend to make Miss Maria Buchan a Life-member), \$99.58; DeCewsville, \$1.50; Hamilton, James St., \$18.55; Malahide and Bayham, \$5; Sparta, (\$2.95, Thank-offering), \$6.83; Shedden, \$4; Wallaceburg, \$2.60; Wyoming, \$3.84; Wyoming, Y. L., \$1.34; Aylmer, \$5 on spec. estimate, and \$15.25 on Life-membership account, including the completion for Mrs. Ralph Trotter), \$43.25; Brooklin, \$2.50; Brantford, Calvary Ch., \$11.25; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., \$10; Georgetown, \$5.50; Dundas, \$5; Orangeville, \$5.50; Simcoe, \$5; Houghton, First, \$5.50. Total, \$378.31.

FROM BANDS.—Strathroy, \$5.50; Port Rowan, \$1.75; Norwood, \$2; Shedden, \$2.77; Woodstock, First Ch., for P. Samuel, \$4; Lindsay, \$2.60; Brooklin, \$6; Boston, for Dedala Paul, \$11; Brantford, Park Ch., \$8.25; Dundas, \$2; Georgetown, \$6; Eden, \$2.50; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$9.93; Simcoe, \$2.10. Total, \$66.40.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Middlesex and Lambton Association collection, \$2.50; Mrs. J. N. McKinnon, Jerseyville, \$1; Capt. R. M. Melville, \$2.50; Union meeting of Toronto Circles, \$9.20; Special, \$3.26. Total, \$18.46.

REFUND.—From Bureau sale of Prayer Cycles, \$3.55.

Total receipts during these five days - - \$466 72

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer—Special estimate for Village Schools and Samulcotta Semin-

ary, \$310.00. *Extras:* For "Satyavedam" from Beamsville M. C. \$8. Lepers, Brantford, First Church, \$16; Ingersoll, M. C., \$11.62; Waterford Band, 66 cents. Total, \$28.28. Bolivia—Guelph, Trinity Ch. M. B., \$5.

Total disbursements during these five days \$351 28

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts for year ending October 20th, 1903 - - - - - \$8,320 28

Total disbursements for year ending Oct. 20th, 1903 - - - - - \$8,598 58

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Total receipts for year ending October 20th, 1903 - - - - - \$407 56

Total disbursements for year ending Oct. 20th, 1903 - - - - - \$500 00

BEGINNING CONVENTION YEAR, 1903-04.

Receipts from Oct. 21st, 1903, to Nov. 15th, 1903, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Sault Ste. Marie, \$5; Meaford, \$2.10; St. Thomas, Centre St., \$8.24; Burke's Falls, Thank-offering, \$5; Collingwood, late, \$2; Fingal, late, \$2; Goodwood, late, \$3; Binbrook, Thank-offering, \$6; Hartford, \$3; Aurora, \$3; Brooker, \$2.80; Springfield, (\$3.15 Thank-offering), \$4.50; Belleville, \$4; Hespeler, Thank-offering, \$9.50; Lindsay, Thank-offering, \$7.10; East Toronto, Thank-offering, \$9. Total, \$76.24.

FROM BANDS.—Sault Ste. Marie, for Bolivia, \$5; Sparta, late, 35 cts.; Parkhill, for J. Mahalakshmi, \$12; Toronto, College St. "Volunteer" offering for General Board's deficit, \$25; Goshen, \$3.42; Brantford, Immanuel Ch., \$10; London, South, for students, \$45; Gilmore Memorial Ch., \$6.50. Total, \$107.27.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mr. Frank Cockshutt, Brantford, per Miss Hatch, for maintenance of Cockshutt Girls' School, \$25; Miss Maggie Boon, Bothwell, for lepers, \$5; Mrs. T. Boon, Bothwell, for lepers, \$2; Convention collection at Aylmer, \$41.73; Mrs. Willard, Hamilton, for Bungalow Fund, \$10. Total, \$83.73.

Total receipts during the 26 days - - \$267 24

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer—On estimates, \$631.33. *Extras:* For deficit from Volunteer offering, College St. M. B., \$25; Bolivia—Sault Ste. Marie, M. B., \$5. Total, \$661.33.

HOME EXPENSES.—Miss A. M. Tapscott, postage and express on M. B. books to new Secretary, \$3.80; 300 copies Treasurer's report for distribution at Convention, \$2; 700 receipt postals for Treasurer, \$8; Missionaries' expenses to Aylmer Convention, \$28.25; Association Directors' expenses—Guelph, \$2.60; Middlesex and Lambton, \$1.52; Norfolk,

\$2.25; Northern, \$4; Walkerton, \$2.35; Western, \$3.56. Total, \$58.33.

Total disbursements, during the 26 days - - \$719 66
 "MEDICAL LADY" FUND;

Disbursements.—By General Treasurer, for
 Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - \$41 67

Receipts from Nov. 10th, 1903, to Dec. 15th, 1903, inclusive.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Teeswater, \$2; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss MacLeod, \$100; Mt. Forest, Thank-offering, \$5.23; Bothwell, (\$1.50, Thank-offering), \$4; Harrow, \$5; Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$4.50 for leper), \$31.91; Uxbridge, \$5; York Mills, Thank-offering, \$7; Toronto, Western Ch (\$10.40, Thank-offering), \$19.65; Poplar Hill, \$4.50; Petrolea, Thank-offering (including \$15.60 spec. for Miss Pratt's support), \$21.26; Toronto, Western Ch. add. Thank-offering, socs., Gilmour Memorial Ch., (\$7 Thank-offering), \$10; Hamilton, Herkimer St., \$5; Brantford, Calvary Ch., to make Miss Sarah French a Life-member), \$25; Lakeshore Calvary, (\$10.37 on acct. Life-membership), \$10.87; Wallaceburg, spec. Thank-offering, \$3.57; Walkerton, Thank-offering, \$11.50; Burch, (\$3.50, Thank-offering), \$5; East Toronto, \$2; Parry Sound, Thank-offering, \$2.60; Atwood, (\$3 Thank-offering), 4.10; Ridgetown, Thank-offering, \$3.69; Sarnia Township, \$2; St. Mary's, \$4.30; Toronto, Walmer Road (\$25, Thank-offering), \$41.49; Bruce, North, Thank-offering, \$7.50; Eglinton, Zion Ch., (\$2.60 Thank-offering), \$4.50; Toronto, Parliament St., (\$5.60 Thank-offering), \$12.55; Burk's Falls, \$8. Total, \$369.72.

FROM BANDS.—Fenelon Falls, \$2.25; Cheapside, 70cts.; Walkerton, for V. Mary, \$8; London, Talbot St., \$5; Woodstock, First Ch. for P. Samuel, \$3; Hamilton, Wentworth St., for Kodali Sarah, \$5; Midland, \$2.50; St. Catharines, Queen St., for Appikatla Anandarao, \$7; Aylmer, \$8; Baddow, \$7. Total, \$48.45.

FROM SUNDRIES.—"F. and A.", for Biblewoman, \$15; Dividend from investment by the late Mrs. Wm. Forbes, \$12.49; Mr. Wm. Davies, re-purchase of land originally a part of Davies' Memorial Compound, Cohanada, \$242.50; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Sr., ditto, \$242.50; Mrs. T. M. Harris, special for Convention expenses, \$15; Mrs. J. Alexander, for Bungalow Fund, \$10; Interest on deposit, \$21.43. Total, \$558.92.

Total receipts during the month - - - \$977 09

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer — On account estimates, \$614.33. *Extras*—From Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davies, re Davies' Memorial Compound, Cohanada, \$485. Lepers—Miss Maggie Boon, \$5;

Mrs. T. Boon, \$2; Jarvis St. M. C., for woman, \$4.50.—\$11.50. Total, \$1,110.83.

HOME EXPENSES,—8 extra pages December LINK, \$35; 250 programmes for Convention, \$2.25. Total, \$37.25.

Total disbursements during the month - - \$1,148.08
 "MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Receipt.—Allowance for interest on deposit \$0 95
 Disbursement.—By General Treasurer for
 Dr. Hulet - - - - - \$41 67

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$1,244 33
 Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 \$1,867 74

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$0 95
 Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 \$83 34

VIOLET ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, (EASTERN ONT. AND QUE.)

Receipts from October 1st, to December 1st, inclusive.

Collections taken at Convention, \$22.15.
 CIRCLES.—Clarenceville, \$1.20; Brockville, \$8.27; Coaticooke, \$18.00; Barnston, \$12.00; Dixville, \$6.00; Beebe Plain, \$1.00; Drummond, \$3.00; Phillipsville, \$10.00; Thurso Thankoffering, \$9.31; Vankleek Hill, \$18.00; Rockland, (Thankoffering \$42.50) \$45.00; Rockland, \$25.00 to make Mrs. Richard McCabe a life member; Montreal, 1st Church, \$8.45; Kingston 1st Church, \$8.00. Total, \$170.38.

BANDS.—Sawyerville, \$8.20.
 The Jennie McArthur Estate, \$300.00.
 From Circles..... \$148 23
 From Bands..... 8 20
 From Sundries..... 322 15
 \$478 58

NOTE.—In Treasurers' Annual report for Eastern Ontario and Quebec, the item "Caste Girls' school Vuyyuru, \$25.00" was omitted from disbursements.

The amount was included in the total but was overlooked in copying.

MARGARET C. RICKETT,
Treasurer.

EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Will the Bands in Eastern Ontario and Quebec please notice that Mrs. George Blair, 104 Pretoria Ave., Ottawa, is Superintendent of Mission Bands for the W.B.F.M.S. East, and will gladly give any information required regarding the work.

L.C.A., *Cor. Sec.*

Youths' Department.

FLOWER VOICES.

For five children, each holding the flower indicated.

The sunny little daisy,
With yellow gold to spend,
And heart so warm and kindly,
Is everybody's friend.
"Look up," it says, "and do not fear,
For Jesus loves you, children dear."

The gentle, queenly lily
Swings softly to and fro,
So pure and fair and lovely,
Its garments like the snow.
"Look up," it says, "O seek and find,
For Jesus is so good and kind."

The precious little pansy
Is thinking all day long;
We see it sad and sorry,
Or happy as a song.
"Look up," it says, "be brave and true,
For Jesus always thinks of you."

The dainty blue forget-me-not,
Peeps out beneath our feet,
So tiny and so humble,
And yet so fair and sweet.
"Look up," it says, "and do not fret,
For Jesus never will forget."

The royal rose is monarch,
Arrayed in princely dress,
With thorns to punish evil,
With happiness to bless.
"Look up," it says, "look up and live,
For Jesus offers to forgive."

—*King's Messenger.*

SOMETHING ABOUT JAPAN.

WHO would like to take a trip with me to this "Land of the Rising Sun?" The people are very fond of flowers, and at the New Year even the poorest of families try to have plenty of flowers to adorn their homes. I have just been reading about some of the idols worshipped in that land. You may often see a procession of white-robed men wearing broad hats. Each of them carries a walking-stick in one hand, and a small tinkling bell in the other. Many prayers written on paper are fastened to the walking stick. On reaching the temple, the priests beat a big drum and each worshipper tinkles his little bell. This is to make the idol pay attention to them, hear their prayers, and grant their requests if they pay him enough to suit the priests. What are these little paper balls covering the idol like thousands of freckles? Each one who wishes to pray to him takes these paper prayers from the walking stick, chews them up into a little ball, and throws it at the idol so as to be sure of his prayer reaching him.

Then a medicine god named "Binzuru" is much worshipped. For hundreds of years sick

people have come to pay him a visit. Here is a girl with a sore arm. She rubs it against the arm of the idol fully expecting that healing will come to her aching limb by virtue of the medicine god. The nose and ears have been almost rubbed off Binzuru by people seeking his help. Three miles from Kamakura is a famous Buddhist idol, his eyes are shut, and he appears to be enjoying a nap. The men who worship Buddha believe that the highest state of happiness to which one may attain is of unconscious rest. The head of this idol is covered with snail-shells. An old fable tells us that these snails wanted to make a shield against the sun for the head of the god so climbed up there to hide in his hair. Inside this big image of Buddha are many shelves filled with smaller idols for the worshippers to buy, and carry home with them.

In battle the officers have been seen writing out prayers on paper, setting these on fire and swallowing the ashes. This is supposed to be a quick way of getting a message to the gods. Another worshipper on the battle-field wrote out a prayer, and sent it by a private messenger to the nearest temple. Its smoke arose and formed a small cloud in the sky which soon grew into an awful storm, or cyclone, and sent all their enemies home in fright.

Then they tell us of the thunder-god called "Raiden," who is a kind of cat with human face. Over his head is an arch of drums for making his thunder music. The thunder-cat is supposed to spring on a person who is struck by lightning. The "Wind-imp" is also half-cat, with an ugly, human face. He carries on his back a great bag of compressed air which rushes out at times, and sends fierce winds over the islands of Japan. Another god, "Kitsune," takes the form of a fox and plays all manner of pranks, leading travellers astray, bringing sickness upon little children, and carrying off others. Yet they have temples for this fox-god, and present offerings to please him.

One strange thing about the grave-yards of Japan is, that no familiar names are on the stones. After death a new name is given to each loved one, and this new name is printed on his grave-stone. It makes me think of the new name the Father in Heaven is getting ready for you and for me when we reach the Home that He is preparing for all who love Jesus, and who believe on Him as their only Saviour.

The people of Japan are eager to learn our "glad tidings of great joy," and every year many of them forsake their old idols and pray only to the living God. Let us all remember the people of Japan when we pray for God's blessing on our own missionaries in India and Bolivia.

SISTER BELLE.

399 McLaren Street, Ottawa.

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

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

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

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.—*Palenclah and out stations. That the Spirit's power may accompany the preaching of the Word; and for the Home Mission Fields of our Provinces, that many souls may be won for Christ.*

COME OVER AND HELP US?

Are you hiding the Light my dear sisters?
The light of a Saviour's love;
The light of a glorious Gospel,
Of a Christ from heaven above.
You say *you* are saved, and that Jesus
Has borne all your sins on the tree;
Then tell it to others, I pray you,
That *they* may believe and be free.

They are living and dying in darkness,
No way of escape can be seen,
No Redeemer, no Saviour to help them;
Oh! sisters, say—what can it mean?
Hear the cry coming over the waters,
The pitiful, heartrending wail—
"O, who'll come and tell us of Jesus,
And save us from death and from hell.

Why do not you tell us the story?
We're perishing, *perishing* here,
Going down to perdition and darkness,
To a future so dreadful and drear.
But you are so cold, so indifferent,
Since you the blest Gospel have heard;
While *millions* on *millions* here perish
For want of God's life-giving Word.

They say that your Saviour, so loving,
Has said, "Into all the world go,
And tell them—yes—tell *all* the story,
Until *every creature* shall know."
O, sisters, we're dying, yes, *dying*,
In ignorance, darkness and night,
O, won't you come over and help us?
Come, bring us the sweet Gospel light.

Come over, come over and help us!
We're perishing, dying and lost;
While they say that your Saviour has bought us,
Has paid, with His blood, all the cost.
Then *come*—tell the story more plainly,
That we, too, may know and receive
The salvation given so freely,
To *all* who the Gospel believe.

We have Buddha, and Brahma and Krishna
And *thousands* of gods, yet not *all*
Can save, or give light in our blindness,
For still doth deep darkness *enthral*.
Take care! ye who call yourselves Christians,
Lest heedless of others *you fail*;
Turn not a deaf ear to the millions
Sending out such a sorrowful wail

Of anguish and suffering and yearning,
For a Saviour to save them from sin,
For rescue from their degradation,
For a heaven and entrance therein.
O, remember our Lord's last commission,
That ye "into all the world go,"
And tell the sweet story of Jesus,
Till *all* His salvation shall know.

Forbes Point, N.S.

ECUINA.

LETTER FROM MRS. CHURCHILL.

Dear Friends,—It is a long time since I have written anything direct to this paper.

Some changes have taken place in that time, but we are still at our old Indian home, Bobbili. We are a very happy family of three. Our daughter Bessie is with us, and takes as much interest in all the work in which we are engaged, as if she were a missionary by appointment. For the last year she has been head mistress of my girls' school, and has relieved me greatly in all the work of the school. She often visits our pan-chamma school too, on week days and Sundays, and encourages the teachers and pupils in their work.

Our Girls' School has just had its annual Government examination, and 90 per cent of the pupils in infant I, II, III, V, and VI standards passed the test. The IV and VII standards cannot be examined till December. In these standards the pupils receive certificates, and those who pass are supposed to be qualified, after normal training, to the lower and upper primary standards. The examination was on Friday and Saturday of last week. On Sunday when I met my bible class

which is composed of the V, VI, VII, and part of the IV standards, I said, I suppose you have heard the good news, that all the V, and VI standard pupils passed. They had, and were very joyful over the fact that all had been successful. Then I asked who enabled them to pass, they said "the Lord," and when I suggested that if any among them wished to, they might thank Him now for this, the five Hindoos and one Christian girl were on their feet before I finished my sentence. All prayed, one after another, thanking the Lord for helping them through, and asking him to prepare them for the great examination that Christ would make when He returns.

Three of my good pupils in the lower classes were absent. The grandfather of two of them was thought to be dying, and the parents and children took a journey of 100 miles to see him, and by this means the two children lost their examination. The other absent pupil is one of my boarders. Four weeks ago she became ill, and I took her to the woman's hospital here. It developed into typhoid fever, and so night and day since, we have had to care for this child at the hospital. She was improving a week ago, when who should arrive but her parents, with their other three children. We tried to keep them away from her as much as we could, but their coming threw her back a week in her convalescence. When they came they made known their determination to take her home with them, would not listen to reason or anything, but when they found that her temperature had risen two degrees by their interference, they became frightened and said they would go home and leave the child to us, we knew how to nurse her, they did not. Whether they gave the child rice and curry, or sweets from the bazaar we know not. They had the opportunity, the day that Bessie and I were at our school examinations all day, and would be likely to improve it, if she asked for anything; so kind are they to their children, and so little knowledge of what is right and proper, or willingness to do what they are told, in times of sickness.

We have had an abundance of rain this year so that we do not expect to hear the cry of famine, at least for a year to come.

It will be 30 years in January since we landed in the East, seven of us missionaries from the Maritime Provinces, and all of that band were alive up to July 16th, of this year; then the Lord called one of our pioneer band to higher service,

our dear Mrs. Sanford was not, for God took her. If the Lord *will* that we tarry for a time longer in His service here, I only ask that we may be *faithful*, so that He can use us in His work and for His glory, till the end comes.

Your sister in Him,

M. F. CHURCHILL.

Bobbili, Oct. 16, '03.

It is gratifying to record this testimony from Sir Andrew Fraser, Governor of Bengal, to the value of Christian missions:—

"I know a good deal about education, and the good work done by mission schools and colleges; not only in examinations of the universities, but in other directions. It has been my policy to find out the school from which boys who are candidates for Government service come, and I find that the best boys we have come from missionary schools and colleges. That, after all, is not wonderful, for our missionary schools and colleges have professors of high character and education. That alone is enough to account for it. . . . I believe there will yet be a result that will astound those who have no belief in missions, and this before long, when many will turn willingly and loyally to the service of Christ."

SERVICE.

Lord, though within the golden harvest field,
Binding the sheaves and joining in the song,
Amid the anxious workers, I may never be,
Too weak to follow with the busy throng—

Still in the quiet, when the throng has passed,
Among the standing sheaves, Lord, may I be,
To gather where the fuller hands have dropped,
And bring the gleanings gladly home to Thee.

MAGGIE SWAN.

The Thirty-second Annual reports of the W.M.A.S. are at hand. The contents are most interesting and will repay careful perusal. It is with gratitude we note advance in every line of work.

FROM THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE W.B.M.U.

Dear Sisters,—The Home Mission Committee are grateful for the generous and prompt response to their appeals last year through *Tidings*, and also through our Provincial Secretaries. Again your attention is called to a few facts *re* our

Home Missions. The Rev. A. F. Barker expects to spend the first three months of 1904 among the pastorless churches on P. E. I. For the most part, these churches must have help. The Board (H. M.) has also engaged Rev. W. A. White to spend one year among the coloured churches of N.S. The most encouraging results are following Bro. White's work. Eighteen converts have recently been baptized. He is now in New Glasgow where he hopes to organize a Church of considerable strength.

Home Missions in N.B. also require special attention. If your W. M. A. S. has not already made plans for their needs, will you not begin to-day?

And now, a word concerning the Indian work. Manitoba, with two of our most devoted and self-sacrificing workers in charge, sends the following note to the Home Mission Committee.

Mr. J. S. Clark, of P. E. I., with his wife, are now settled at Fairford, having been warmly welcomed by the Indians of that district. They have succeeded in making their home quite comfortable, getting gypsum and plaster from the mines some twenty-five miles distant, where Mr. Clark held a service among the workmen. Let us uphold his hands by prayer that the fields under his care, St. Martin's, Fairford, etc., may have God's presence this winter.

Mr. Sharpe reports the new Chapel in St. Peter's about completed, and with an additional sum of two hundred dollars, he would be able to open in a few weeks free from debt. Thus our work moves on and our hearts rejoice in the prospect for the poor Indian.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have purchased books, blackboard, maps, etc., with the purpose of opening a day school in the Chapel, the seats of which have been fitted up with desks by Mr. Sanderson, who renders valuable assistance as interpreter and in many ways helps our missionary.

Dear Sisters, it is good to have a part in this glorious enterprise. We ask that a Committee be appointed in each W. M. A., to solicit at least 10 cents from every woman in our churches as a gift to the *Indian work*. Send the offering to Mrs. Mary Smith, Treasurer W.B.M.U., Amherst, N.S., the gift designated. May we all experience the joy of giving for Jesus Christ.

On behalf of H. M. Com.,
A. C. MARTELL,
Convener.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE W.B.M.U.

Received from—	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
W. M. A. S., Nova Scotia.	\$266 56	\$106 37	\$372 93
" New Bruns-			
wick	216 60	79 35	295 95
" P. E. Island	81 42	25 13	106 55
" Tidings"			10 00
" Leaflets"			2 92
Literature			5 00
Donations			13 00
Miss. Band Treasurer	148 09	15 93	163 12
			\$969 47

Paid—		
Treas. F. M. Board		\$2,168 75
Treas. Grande Ligne Mission		225 00
Miss Martha Clarke		29 21
Prov. Sec. Nova Scotia		12 00
Prov. Sec. New Brunswick		5 54
Association Director		6 85
Freight on carios		8 00
Postage on Leaflets		3 00
Drafts, discounts, postage		3 25
		\$2,461 60

MARY SMITH,
Treas. W.B.M.U.

Amherst, Oct. 31st, 1903

"He that saveth his time from prayer shall lose it; but he that loveth his time in communion with God, shall find it in a life of multiplied blessings."—*Wilder*.

"The spirit of prayer is more precious than treasures of gold and silver. Pray often; for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and scourge to Satan."—*John Bunyan*.

"No one can live his best unless he sometimes climbs to a high hill, and gets the exhilaration of a wide view. Missions give that wide view to a church, and without an interest in missions a church is certain to settle down into a dull and fruitless routine."

"On one occasion, Mr. Wellesley C. Bailey, was expressing sympathy with an afflicted leper in one of the Indian asylums. The leper was full of sores and could only crawl about on all fours, and the flies were tormenting him. In reply, the leper said: "Why do you say 'alas, alas'?' My heart is rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ. The sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

THE COST OF SENDING THE BREAD OF LIFE.

"Two brown, one white, Nathan," I called out to the baker as he reined his horse at the gate. He drew them out sweet and fresh, warm from the oven, and deposited them on the kitchen table.

"It is comfort these hot days to get good home-made bread brought to your door," said I.

Nathan looked pleased and answered: "Yes; that's what most thinks. We have to run three or four routes through the summer months. One team's gone over to the Cliffs and another down Tuk's Hill road. Folks can't live without bread, and it's a good deal easier to buy than make it, they find.

"Yes," I said, going on with the potatoes I was peeling, "If only all felt the need of the Bread of Life. There are those people on the other side of the world just dying of famine."

"Yes" said Nathan, taking me literally. "Last night's paper told about the *Christian Herald* and them that's sendin' over shiploads of grain. Jolly! seems kind of hard that folks can't get vittles enough to keep 'em alive when there's so much wasted in some places."

"Yes, Nathan, it, is hard, awfully hard: but there's a worse hunger that we ought to supply."

"Oh, you mean missionaries," he said, somewhat less enthusiastically, and then added, "It's all well enough to help 'em if it didn't take ninety-nine cents of every dollar to get the other cent there."

"But does it?" I asked, "Who gave you those figures?"

"Well, that's what they say," he answered. I aint never looked it up, but it always seemed to me a good deal cheaper and easier to tend to the heathen right here."

Nathan was a church member of the ordinary type. I could appeal to something in him which I did not find in all my kitchen callers.

"Nathan, how much does it cost to make a loaf of bread?"

"Well, I should say," he said, gazing judicially at the loaves before him: "I should say, with flour at three cents a pound, and allowing for yeast and baking, perhaps three and a quarter cents."

"And yet you charge me five," I answered. "You must make a good deal with your big trade."

"Oh, no. You see there's rent and work I

did'nt count in. I have to pay the baker big wages. Then there's three men that run the teams, and the feed of the horses, and some continual repairin' and renewin'. No; there aint really much profit in bread when you count in the labor and deliverin'. That swallows up fully a third more than the actual materials that goes into the bread."

"Why don't you save that, Nathan; just keep what bread is needed for the folks near by, and not go to the bother and expense of sending all round?"

Nathan looked puzzled. "Why" he said, "if we keep the bakery we're bound to supply the trade. If they won't come after it,—and some can't—we've got to take it to 'em."

"That's just it, Nathan. It's just it, Nathan. It's just so with the Bread of Life. The main cost isn't in Bibles; it is in sending the Bread to those who can't come. It's got to go in their own language, and men have got to be sent on ships to learn and translate those languages. They can't go free. The business part can't be done free any more than the bakery business. You say it costs a third to get your bread to the people after it is made and baked, and you don't consider that extravagance, it is just necessary expense. Now it only costs one tenth to run the business of getting this Bread of Life out there on the other side."

"You don't say," said Nathan.

"Yes; and every time you give a dollar for foreign missions, if you would first give ten cents to get it there, the whole dollar would go, and you would not have to worry a bit about the running expenses. Why, if you sent the dollar yourself you'd have to pay for paper and envelopes and stamp (five cents) and some one would have to get it into their kind of money wherever it went, and, you see, it would cost most as much as it does now, and it would be in the long run, like employing thirty or forty boys, one at each house on this route alone, instead of having one good man with a horse to go over the whole route and do it up in business fashion."

"Well, I guess you're right," said Nathan, as he took up his basket and ambled down to his wagon.

"The richest experiences of life never come to those who try to win them selfishly."—*Anna R. Brown.*