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## THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Again, as of old, the shadows fold, and the midnight sky is clear and cold ;  
Again, as when the shepherds watched, the peasants sleep with their doors unlatched :  
Serene and still over vale and hill, over palace gateway and cottage sill,  
In snow-white fleece lies the wintry peace, and the angels hasten to do God's will.

Ever they keep above our sleep a vigil tender and sweet and deep,  
But they waken us now from the skies aglow, and the sound of their wings goes to and fro,  
Hark to the song of that seraph throng, who nearest of all to the throne belong,  
Hither they come to heart and home, with hail to the right that shall smite the wrong.

Glory to God ! They send abroad harpings of heaven on earthly road.  
Lifting the name on their fanning flame, as peace and good-will their notes proclaim,  
Sending afar without a jar, wherever our Father's children are,  
The word of grace from the Father's face, thrilling in music from star to star.

Sing to us, angels of Christmas, sing, while sweet in the day dawn our glad bells ring !  
Slug of the Love that comes from above, brooding and soft as the breast of the dove.  
While we swift forget the pain and fret, and the pitiful thing to which life is set,  
And leave at the manger all thought of danger, and worship the Child, God's children yet.

MRS. E. S. NICHOLLS, who was for several years a missionary in Africa, and of whose addresses favorable notices have been in the LINK, purposes visiting Toronto, and would like to have an opportunity to speak to our Circles and would be glad to correspond with them to that effect. She has spoken in many of the churches

in the East, and has high testimonials as to the value of the information given concerning work in the Dark Continent. One writes, "At our open meeting it was our privilege to have Mrs. Nicholls, who gave us an address on her work in the heart of Africa and exhibited an interesting collection of curios, which made it one of the most profitable and inspiring meetings ever attended. Any Circle or Church would do well to secure an address from her if possible."

Mrs Nicholls' terms are five dollars for an address with special arrangement for Young People's meetings. Mrs. Nicholls may be addressed Box 5254, Cannington, Ont.

MISS CARMICHAEL'S friends will be pleased to know a note was received from her when they were nearing Bolivia. All were well, and had on the whole a pleasant passage. Stopping at some of the ports, she writes : "We are getting a glimpse of South American life, which impresses me as being quite as bad, if not worse than what I have seen among the Chinese. South America may not want, but it needs the Gospel of the Grace of God. I am so glad that God has given me the privilege of witnessing for Him here."

When we pray for our missionaries in India, let us remember the lone one in South America.

WHAT we need in the Christian Church to-day is a revival of the patriotism of the Kingdom of Heaven. The commonwealth of love for which Christ lived and died is world-wide. We cannot love any part of it rightly unless our thoughts and our desires reach out to that larger whole to which it belongs. Indifference to missions is the worst kind of treason. Enthusiasm for missions is the measure of both our faith in Christ and our love for man.—Henry Van Dyke.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE W.B.F.M.S.**

The annual meeting of the Board was held in the St. Thomas Baptist Church, November 6th, Mrs. Firstbrook presiding.

The annual reports of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, Bureau of Literature, The Link, Secretary of Bands, were read and adopted.

Miss Nasmith reported that all the money necessary for the purchase of land in Ramachandapuram had been raised and forwarded to India.

It was moved and seconded that we undertake to raise the \$989.00 necessary to complete our share of payment on the Akidu Bungalow before February 1st; that we as individual members of the Board write to friends and acquaintances stating the need; and that Mrs. Lloyd write to directors not present, asking them to bring the matter before individuals in the Circles. Miss Nasmith, (14 Maitland street, Toronto), was asked to act as Treasurer of this special fund.

The first quarterly meeting of the newly appointed Board was held November 9th, in the St. Thomas Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened by Scripture, and by a large number invoking Divine guidance.

Moved and seconded that we gratefully accept the invitation extended by the Owen Sound church that the Convention meet there next year.

The election of officers for the year then took place. Without a single exception officers and committees were re-elected.

Moved and seconded that we as a Board ask Mrs. Mulock, of St. Catharines, to act in Mrs. Hendry's place as director of the Niagara and Hamilton Association. Sympathy with Mrs. Hendry in her illness, and appreciation of the work she has done, was expressed by many present.

The estimates were then considered and passed, with deep thankfulness that no "cut" need be made.

Estimates for 1906-7 :	
Miss Selman and work .....	\$ 692 00
Miss Pratt and work .....	912 00
Miss Baskerville and work....	1,300 00
Miss Folsom .....	500 00
Miss Coming .....	225 00
Dr. Allyn and Munshi .....	575 00
Miss McLeod and work .....	640 00
Miss Hatch and work .....	760 00
Miss Priest and work .....	690 00
Dr. Hulet and work .....	620 00
Miss Simpson (passage and furlough) .....	650 00
Bible Woman .....	15 00
Home expenses .....	125 00
	<hr/> \$8,529 00

Special estimates :	
Cocanada School Rice Fund.....	\$200 00
Akidu Biblewoman's houses.....	35 00
Tuni Ladies' Tent .....	125 00
Dr. Allyn's instruments .....	300 00
Completion of Akidu bungalow.	989 00
	<hr/> \$1,949 00

Total estimates .....\$10,478 00

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,  
Recording Secretary.

**RAMACHANDRAPURAM.**

Received for purchase of land for site of Ladies' Bungalow, from Oct. 16, 1906, to Nov. 15th, 1906.

\$10.00 each, from Mrs. Jas. Wood, Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mrs. J. W. Clemesha, A friend, Mrs. A. Olive, Mrs. M. Robertson, Miss G. Foster, Miss J. Macaffir, Mrs. J. M. Shuttleworth, Mrs. R. Osborne, Mrs. W. Turnbull, Mrs. A. J. Anderson, Mrs. Wm. Wardell, Woodstock M. C. (several members), Jarvis St. M. C. (member), Mrs. H. A. Humphrey's estate, by Mr. G. H. Sears.

Lindsay, M.C. (spec. coll.), \$11.75; Port Hope M. C. (mite fund), \$5.20; Port Hope M. B., \$1.25; Mrs. Vincent Eastwood, \$5; Mrs. S. Tapscott, \$5; Mrs. Yule, \$5; Miss E. Rider, \$2; Mrs. Wm. Phillips, \$2.50; Mrs. W.A. McKay, \$2.50; Mrs. W. King, \$2.50; Mrs. J. Hooper, \$2.50; Mrs. E. A. Brownlee, \$2; Mrs. Clement, \$2; Miss McCormick, \$2; Mrs. J. Morgan, \$2; Mrs. Ruddy, \$2; Mrs. M. Thompson, \$1; Mrs. F. Glebe, \$1; Mrs. J. C. Grant, \$1; Mrs. Sweet, \$1; Mrs. Pequegnat, \$1; Mrs. Messecar, \$1; Mrs. McTavish, \$1; Mrs. E. Richards, \$1.

Total receipts during month - - - \$223 20  
Previously acknowledged - - - - - 626 20

Total amount received - - - - - \$849 40

EVA NASMITH.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

The Board desire to put on record their deep sense of loss on the decease of Mrs. W. H. Davies, senior.

She was always a wise counsellor and a liberal supporter of the work, and is greatly missed.

## Convention of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West)

Reported by Miss Gertrude E. Dayfoot.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West) opened on Nov. 7th in the Baptist church, St. Thomas, the President in the chair, with the singing of "All hail the power of 'Jesus' name," reading of the Scripture by Miss Tapscott, and prayer by Mrs. Firstbrook.

The annual reports followed. The Link reported receipts of \$997.49; expenditure, \$934.17, leaving balance on hand of \$63.32. Though the total circulation has decreased on account of the fact that the Maritime Provinces have now their own paper, the Ontario and Quebec circulation has increased and there is reason for encouragement.

Mrs. Dancy, in charge of the Bureau of Missionary Literature, reports a decrease in sales, which is attributed to the fact that bureaus have been established in both of the Maritime Provinces and the Northwest. Cash on hand at first of year and receipts, \$100.49; disbursements, \$44.33, leaving balance of \$56.16.

The Associational reports were generally encouraging, but we note throughout that the directors are still caused great inconvenience as a result of the delinquency of Circles in sending in reports.

The Question Drawer, conducted by Mrs. Urquhart, gave us an interesting discussion on methods of collecting the Indian Fund, and in the matter of applying thank offerings to life memberships, an expression of opinion taken showed that such a course is not considered advisable.

After a prayer service conducted by Mrs. R. H. Yule, an address of welcome was given on behalf of the ladies of the St. Thomas church, to which the President replied briefly.

In the afternoon, after singing, and prayer by Mrs. W. P. Reekie, the retiring President addressed the session, choosing for her subject, "The Master and the Woman at Sychar," which was applied to the need of the day in a few well chosen words.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Firstbrook; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. S. S. Bates; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Elliot. Members of Board—Mesdames Woodburne (London), McEwen (York Mills), Geo. Matthews (Brantford), Wm. Craig, Geo. Cross, W. J. Robertson, C. T. Stark, Jno. Hooper, Miss Moyle (Toronto).

In her address on the Bungalow Fund, Miss Elliot told briefly of what had been done and

explained the present situation. Money is needed for the completion of the Akidu Bungalow, and must be in by the first of February next. Miss Elliot urged that the matter be given careful consideration by each individual as a personal call.

"Hindu Life in Northern India" was the subject of a most interesting address by Mrs. Jno. Craig. Benares, with its hundreds of temples, its mosques, and its sin, and Allahabad, with its millions of pilgrims seeking in vain rest for their souls, were pictured to us in vivid colors.

Rev. J. G. Brown presented to the convention some of the results of the missionary efforts in India, the staff of over 3,000 missionaries, mission buildings to a value of \$10,000,000, the Bible in the language of 240 out of the 300 millions, educational institutions with 500,000 of the young life of India in Christian training; 20,000 native Christian workers; about 3,000,000 native Christians.

The indirect influences, Mr. Brown said, have infinitely greater results; the influence on the Government and on the Hindu and Mohammedan religions resulting in a general seeking for something better.

The evening session opened with "The Glory Song," reading of Scripture by Mrs. J. W. Hoyt, and prayer by Mrs. T. S. Johnston. After a well rendered solo by Miss Murdock, of Simcoe, Mrs. Eva Rose York addressed the audience on "Stewardship." We are stewards of (1) Time, our Lord spent 33 years away from the glory of the Father for us. (2) Personal endowments, our gifts and graces are for God's glory. (3) Money, which is perhaps the most difficult to recognize as the Lord's. (4) The word of God, which is ours to lead us into the fulness of life in Him. (5) Immortal souls, this is most solemn, as all around us souls are going out into the night.

Mrs. Mills, of St. Thomas, who favored us also in the afternoon, sang a solo, and Rev. Jno. Craig spoke of the Revival in India, tracing it from the beginning to our own Canadian Mission. He read extracts from letters of missionaries on the field, describing the effect of the Revival, and in closing urged that we pray earnestly for the newly cleansed Christians and for a continuation of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Convention closed with the benediction.

### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the year 1905-6 four regular meetings of the Board have been held, with an average attendance of twenty-seven, an increase of ten over any preceding year.

Meetings for prayer have been held the last Thursday of every month, except July and August, at which earnest prayers were offered for our missionaries and their work in India, and for our weaker circles at home. It has been our great pleasure to welcome to our meetings the returned missionaries, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Laflamme, Miss Morrow and Miss Simpson, as well as our out-going medical missionary, Dr. Allyn.

At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board, held in Waterford, November 10th, estimates amounting to \$8,424.00 were passed, with a special estimate of \$2,256.00 for bungalow work.

On February the 10th, Mrs. King, Toronto, and Mrs. D. Forsythe, Claremont, were elected to fill two vacancies on the Board.

At the May meeting, Dr. Allyn's application for the position of medical missionary was unanimously accepted.

The question of mite-boxes was discussed and acted upon at the September meeting. Ten thousand mite-boxes were purchased at a cost of forty dollars, to be sold at one cent each, the money thus obtained to be devoted to the further purchase of mite-boxes when required.

At this meeting, the Board undertook to raise six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660) to purchase land in Ramachandapuram, as the immediate need of purchase was pressing. Miss Nasmith was appointed to receive subscriptions.

During the year seventy-eight Circles contributed as thank-offerings the total sum of eight hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-one cents (\$865.31), as against eight hundred and five dollars and nineteen cents (\$805.19) last year.

Ten life members have been added to the roll, namely, Mrs. D. W. Morrison, Owen Sound; Mrs. Harry Ryrle, Toronto; Miss Ida Todd, Brantford; Miss Ida Ryerse, Simcoe; Mrs. James Davidson, Cheltenham; Miss Alice Beemer, Aylmer; Mrs. D. Bovington, St. Thomas; Mrs. Wm. McGregor, Aylmer; Mrs. Roger McConnell, Lakeshore Calvary; Mrs. George Thompson, Aylmer.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,  
Recording-Secretary.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Again the thirteen associations have sent in reports through their directors, and from some of them we hear a glad note of rejoicing over increased interest in their Circles and greater liberality. From others rather a minor key because their Circles have not done so well as they did last year. One director is ready to take all the blame on herself, another throws it back on the Circles that have not done all they might have done. From one report I glean

this sentence: "We all need more of the Holy Spirit in our hearts that we may be more in earnest in this great work, and then our treasures would be full to overflowing." One dear sister asked all her Circles to hold special prayer for our meeting here in St. Thomas that the Holy Spirit would come with Pentecostal power upon us. She says, "Surely God is waiting. His hand is ready to give us the blessing here as He is giving it to our workers in India. It will be our fault if it does not come." As we meet here no doubt these dear ones are praying for us.

One director wishes there was some way of getting prompt answers from the Circles.

Another sends in a report, fully made out, every question answered, and seems to have no trouble, as it is generally the first to arrive.

Some secretaries have failed in securing the number of women in the church. This makes the report rather indefinite, to say the least.

A bright, cheery word comes in from our Western Association, and the heart of Miss Ritchie is made glad. They have increased their giving by \$81.45. Surely good work is being done out there, in some if not all of the churches.

One director has the satisfaction of knowing she has done her best. Her success may not be great, but she has been faithful to her trust and knows it.

To those who are downcast we would venture to quote the passage, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Your work at times may prove very uninteresting, very small, but let us remember that life's sweetness is made up of little things. Take away love, daily work and sweet sleep and palaces become prisons. Dwight Hillis says: "The widow's mites were little things, but love prompted the deed, and she has been immortalized by poet, painter and theologian. God help us all to be faithful in little things."

Several changes have occurred in our Directorate this year. Mrs. Dack, of M. and L., has been succeeded by Mrs. J. B. Campbell, of London; Mrs. Walker, of Owen Sound, by Mrs. W. L. Newton, of Durham; Miss Margaret Laidlaw, of Elgin Association, by Mrs. W. L. Silcox, of Shedden, and Mrs. Grey, of Oxford-Brant, by Mrs. G. F. Mahon, of Woodstock. We welcome the new workers most cordially, but relinquish the others with something of a wrench, for they had become very dear to us. Mrs. Walker, who was a most faithful, enthusiastic director, has gone to the Northwest. Her light will soon shine out there, for it cannot be hid.

This year we have, according to Directors' reports, 11,983 women in our churches, and 4,007 who contribute to missions through the Circles, (about one-third). We have received \$7,612.82 into the Foreign Mission Treasury from our 212 Circles. Our little paper, the "Link," has been taken by 2,090 women in our 13 Associations. Where the paper has the largest number of subscribers, the interest seems greater and the gifts more liberal. We

trust many women at this Convention will realize how important it is to secure this little messenger with news from far-off India which will come to you once a month, and only cost you 25 cents a year.

In closing this report, I desire to thank the Directors for all they have done in trying to get statistics and interesting items for your Secretary. The last report to come in, after mentioning a Circle and Band in a certain

church, whose zeal never lessened says: "I should not mention them particularly, for we have some dear, noble women in our smallest Circles who cannot do so much, but do what they can year in and year out in such a steady, faithful way that we can all learn a lesson from them. Have I done all I might have done? Have you?"

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LLOYD.

## FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."

What cause we have as a Society, to give thanks for the mercies of the past year. God has been pleased to bring home in peace and safety our missionaries, Misses Simpson and Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, and we are glad to welcome them among us again; He has restored to comparative health some of our missionaries who were ill and has kept others from sickness and pestilences during one of the hottest summers in India; He put it into the heart of one to offer herself for work in India, and has enabled us to send her out as our new representative on the field, Dr. Jessie Allyn; He heard and abundantly answered our prayer for money to buy the land in Ramachandrapuram on which to erect the next bungalow, and our treasury has been able to meet the estimated expenditures for the year. Above all has come the good news that God, by His Holy Spirit, is doing a wonderful work in the hearts and lives of the people to whom the Gospel has been given in India. "O give thanks unto the Lord."

Our missionaries speak for themselves in the following reports, and the fact that hearts and time were so taken up with the wonderful work going on, is sufficient excuse if they seem somewhat short.

There are about forty Bible-women and assistants working with our lady missionaries, this number varying from time to time, as for different causes some leave the work, and their places cannot always be filled. Miss Simpson's report only covers about eight months as she left for home about the end of March.

### ZENANA WORK REPORTS.

#### Cocanada, Miss Sarah Simpson.

The work has been carried on along the same lines as other years and though the work increases and the interest increases year by year, still there

are no conversions to report, no numbers of those "added to the church" to chronicle. There are many of the women who are deeply interested and some of our old school girls, who are now wives and mothers in homes of their own, seem much in earnest. There have been changes in the staff perhaps more than usual this last year, Miss Gibson has been obliged to take a year off on account of poor health, but her sister Mrs. Debeaux has taken up her work. Our Head Master in the Castle Girls' School resigned and left us the end of the year, and, as a Christian man suitable for that post, was not forthcoming a Brahmin teacher was employed. We succeeded, in October, last year, in securing a much more commodious building for the school and one more suitable in every way, and almost immediately after we commenced work in the new quarters the staff had to be increased and a second assistant teacher was employed, but in February she married and left Cocanada so that another change had to be made there. We are hoping that some day we may have a competent staff of trained, permanent teachers for that work.

Sunday School work has been carried on, but perhaps the enthusiasm has not been as great as in some years past, as some of the workers were very young. There are encouragements and discouragements all along the line. We hope much from the work among the children.

#### Cocanada, Miss Pratt.

In presenting the report for this department of the work I can give very little except statistics as I have only been in charge since Miss Simpson left in March, and then the time was divided between this and the Girls' Boarding School.

M. Mary has been doing whole day work since February and Minnie's health is so much improved that she too has been able to again take up full work.

There are 516 houses on the lists and during the year nearly four thousand visits have been made with an average of four hearers at each visit. About eighty women are learning regularly and we believe some of them have more than just an intellectual knowledge of the way of salvation. After we had examined one young woman she said "I cannot do my arithmetic very quickly, nor write my dictation correctly, but I do love to learn the stories about Jesus Christ and I pray to Him every day although my husband does not like me to do so." She had recited without mistake the Bible stories from the Angel's appearance to Zachariah in the temple to the end of the story of Christ's first miracle in Cana.

That same day we examined an old woman who has learned to sing a great many hymns, I wish you could have seen her bright happy face as she sang to the group of neighbors who had gathered around. When she had finished, we remarked that she seemed to enjoy singing and she used the following rather homely illustration, "When a frog gets its throat full of water it makes the sound and so when we get our hearts full of the love of Christ we cannot help singing." She said that she and her son had given up all idol worship and in the evenings he reads the Bible to her and she sings the hymns she has learned.

In many cases while examining those who are learning I found that nearly all the other women members of the household were learning also and would often prompt the one who was reciting although when asked if they were learning, they would say no. Oh that the Spirit would come in power and quicken the Word in the hearts of the hundreds of women in this city who know the way of salvation.

#### CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

As Miss Simpson has already told you a new building for the Caste Girls' school was secured in a more favorable locality and the building itself is much more suitable than the old for a school as the class rooms are downstairs. In the large central room the higher classes are conducted, and the verandah in the rear is a splendid place for the Infant Standard, while a room at the side is used for the Bible classes. The walls are decorated with large Sunday School pictures sent from home and present a very attractive appearance. In November a kind of dedication service was held to which the parents of the children, and all the workers were invited.

*The Staff*—Mr. Kesava Roa, who was Head Master most of last year, resigned at the end of the year and in his place Mr. Somappa Shastri is Head Master. He is not trained, so the Government recognition which we hoped to get is not yet secured but we look forward to having it in the near future. After moving into the new building the attendance increased so much that a third teacher had to be engaged. After Miss Simpson left, Miss Corning very kindly helped in this work by taking the Bible Classes two days a week.

It is a very encouraging feature of this work that the influence does not end with the school but is carried by the girls to their homes not only here but when they go out to homes of their own. We often hear from workers in different places that they have met old pupils from this school and from such the Missionary is always sure of a warm welcome and an intelligent hearing of the message.

#### MISS BEGGS.

January to the end of June, 1906.

Nothing of particular interest has occurred during the past half year, but we are not without signs of progress both in temporal and spiritual things. Hindrances in the shape of sickness amongst the women, and the early marriages of promising pupils, have been more frequent than ordinary this year; but on the other hand the women show a greater desire for instruction and a deeper interest in the "Old, old Story," which is the New Story to them.

The number of houses on my list stands the same as last year (*i. e.*) 89. I have 15 young women studying the New Testament. I have been asked by several others to call on them and teach them, but have been obliged to refuse, as it is as much as I can do to teach those already on my list. Many of the women I visit call to see me in my home and spend hours together in conversation. I find very little difficulty in reading Bible stories, as they are generally very attentive listeners and are always delighted to hear me sing to them.

I feel convinced that there is many a secret believer in the Lord, and many who perceive something higher, nobler, more elevating in our creed and its effects on the true Christian, which is testimony of itself.

One dear woman of mine says that she believes the whole world will soon become Christianized.



The Brahmin widow of whom I wrote in my last report, I regret to say, has left the place, but trust and pray that the good seed which has fallen in her heart will bring forth much fruit to our Master's honor and glory,

One of my pupils, who was also mentioned, has become very much endeared to me. Her grasp of, and growth in spiritual matters is marvellous. I never knew anyone take up the deeper teaching of the Bible with more intelligence, and love than she does. One cannot doubt the Spirit's work in her. I have had many interesting talks with her.

I am deeply interested in another young woman with whom I have lately become acquainted, she seems so anxious to know the truth, and listens with much attention when I speak to her of a Saviour's love, and what He has done to save us from eternal death.

Another old woman in whom I am interested, seems to drink in all I say. She has learned a short prayer "Lord be merciful to me a sinner," which she never forgets and says she prays every day. One day she asked us to pray. She bowed her head with us and listened to all we said, when I asked her if she paid attention to the prayer, she said, "Oh yes, you prayed that the Lord may open my darkened mind, and lead me into the right path."

Another dear young woman said that she has given up every kind of idol worship, and is praying that the Lord may lead the others of the family into the right path, and let His light shine into their hearts, so that they may see their folly in this idol worship.

There are many such cases, who say that they have given up all and are trusting in the Lord.

I would in conclusion, thank all kind friends for their prayers. I have often felt certain in the midst of work that I have been upheld by prayer; who can tell the mighty power prayer is, what it has done, and what it shall do.

July, 1906.

#### MRS. DEBEAUX.

January to March, 1906.

The last few months of visiting showed that during the heathen feasts it is very difficult to get the attention of the women, for every time a procession of any kind came down the street all the women would leave me and hasten to the door to see it, and it is no wonder for they have so little to see in their shut-in houses, that any

kind of noise is a welcome pastime and good excuse to stand at their door. They are also much occupied on certain days cleaning, washing and painting their doors with saffron and a red powder besides whitewashing. In some large houses there are more than a dozen doors and yet the woman of the house, even if they have a servant, will do it herself, for the lines must be made nicely, and the dots in the right place. At the house of Marnicum I had a very encouraging talk, (she is the young woman who was so sick and with whom I had prayed several times), she remarked "Now I believe in Jesus, next I must be baptized and how can that be brought about, for my people are sure to oppose it. I do want to know better how to address God, and make my prayer to Him. My sister-in-law makes fun of me because I am anxious about these things, but I do not care, I do want to know more." This young woman attended the Caste Girl's School, her sister-in-law the Government School.

On visiting a comfty house (high caste), for the second time and while the young woman was reading to me, her father-in-law burst in upon us and ordered her to stop, and gave me back the paper she was reading, he said, "I won't have any such thing, these people are going into every house teaching." Of course the girl had to obey, looking very disappointed over it. Another man who was present rebuked him for being so rude. He answered, I was addressing the girl and not the lady. Promising to discontinue my visits, he calmed down and went away; after he left the woman told me the reason he was so vexed was due to a man of their caste having joined the Christians and it had been published in the papers. It is seldom we are met with such a rebuff.

I heard of a sad case of a young girl (who when a little thing attended our Caste Girls' School), now possessed by an evil spirit. I was told she is suddenly taken by it, and thrown down, and for 12 hours at a time she is tormented by it; when spoken to, she would say "I am the spirit of her husband's first wife and because he did not marry my own sister instead of her I will prevent her from being happy with him, have not done with her as yet." They went on to relate, how the husband, who is a Government servant, asked to be transferred from place to place and promised the evil spirit all sorts of good things to leave her alone. Hearing what

they related, made me realize what a power the evil one exercises over them. And my regret was that the young woman had not learned to know Him who has power to cast out the evil one. I asked them to let me know when she comes to her father's house. The remarkable thing is that in never troubles her when she is at her father's home. Hearing she had come I went. When asked if she felt afraid of its return, she said "Yes," and there was a peculiar far-off sad look in her eyes. I told her of the strong One, who is stronger than the strong, who was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil.

I tried latterly to teach those who cannot read to memorize a text, but to some it was a very difficult task. Two widows went over the words as I repeated them several times, but could not get them right, but it was encouraging that a third woman who was standing by listening too, was able to give it correctly.

At another house when telling them what kind of prayer is regarded by God I went on to teach them the Publican's prayer. After repeating it several times the older woman said "I may forget it won't you write it down for me?" but I said how will you get it that way? She answered "I will get my son to read it to me." She hunted up a piece of paper, sent into the next room to one of the men (who were drawing and painting on the wall), for a pencil and had me write the sentence. Again I tried to teach it to her and the others by heart. There is so much to be undone of untruth and delusion, in the hearts and minds of these women before the truth can enter, we must continue to pray the Holy Spirit to enlighten their understanding while we continue to sow beside all water.

#### MISS LOTTIE GIBSON.

Report for April and June, 1906.

The report for the first three months of the year has been given by Mrs. De Beaux, and as I have been working for the months of April and June this is the report for those months only.

After a year's absence I was warmly welcomed wherever I went. Many of these women have got to look upon me as their best friend, so were glad to see me again. The subject "Ye must be born again," was one I chose during April, and was encouraged to find some who believed that they had experienced a change of heart, because, they say, "Old things have

passed away. Idols and their worship have become abhorrent, Jesus and His love is precious."

Another subject also taught during April was, "Immanuel, God with us," or God our Helper. Very precious was this message to many who had only trusted in helpless gods. An illustration of their helplessness occurring at the time impressed them much. The gold thali or marriage token having been stolen from the neck of one of their favorite goddesses during the celebration of her marriage on the street. "If she could not guard her own marriage token how can she take care of us," was their own testimony.

Often we hear the request, "Teach us how to pray?" and truly one needs to be taught even as the disciples came to the Master with the request. One who asked to be thus taught has committed the Lord's Prayer to memory, and another loves to hear the Word of God as we read it to her, and she too would know how to pray. Jesus is my God is her testimony and she will permit no idol worship in her house.

During the month of June we have to contend on every side with gross idolatry. After a very severe hot season an epidemic of cholera broke out in town. This disease is always attributed, by the heathen, to the advent of a goddess in their midst, and at once the people, urged by their priests, begin to make offerings and vows to the idol which they set up to represent her, and several lewd persons will feign to be possessed by this same demon and will demand all sorts of good things which they themselves will devour. All are involved in this thing through fear. Some who have at other times declared that they had no faith in idols and feared God alone, were carried away with the rest and made their offerings on the day that the idol was escorted out of the town, by which act they hoped to be free of the disease but do not, in their ignorance, attribute the abatement to the true cause, namely, the gracious showers of rain, sent by a merciful Father to cool the earth and purify the air. In the midst of all this it is encouraging to know that there are a faithful few who have stood the test, for such it was, to those who saw their children struck down by the awful disease, and yet refrained from making a vow to the idol. Others too, who although not tested in that way exactly, have withstood the

scoffs of their neighbours. "We have no goddess they say. We believe in our Heavenly Father and in Him alone. The power of Life and death are in His hand and in none other," etc. They placed no tokens of protection over their doors such as painting a colored spot on the wall, nor would they make any offering. One who has long professed her faith in Christ alone, yielded to the temptation of placing some cooked food on the idol car when it came to the door, but when told of her folly and sin slapped her own face and exclaimed "I have done wrong, may the Lord forgive me!"

Another who had also often professed to believe in the truth had made an offering of a fowl, but when I read to her from Isaiah, "They who say to an idol, thou art our God, shall be ashamed." She said, "I am ashamed of what I did."

So everywhere we have tried to give the people the knowledge of God and to show them the sin and folly of trusting in idols. "The Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil," and He alone can deliver this people from under the iron heel of Satan.

"The truth shall set you free." If the Son shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed, this is our hope as we give them the Gospel.

#### GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, COCANADA.

Miss Pratt.

The attendance throughout the year was between 70 and 80 although many more could have been taken in if funds had permitted, but as famine prices prevailed, the number of pupils had to be kept down in order to keep within the appropriation.

As already reported, at the annual examination, held in October, out of 78 who tried in all grades, 60 passed. Of these, six passed the Primary and three the Lower Secondary.

*Staff*—During the year the whole staff, with the exception of two teachers, has changed. Most unexpectedly, and at a most inconvenient time, the Head Master, Mr. Yesudas, who had done faithful work for the past two years, handed in his resignation in the middle of January to take a position in another Mission for a higher salary. The Hindu first assistant who had been engaged, proved unsatisfactory and had to be dismissed before the end of the term. One of our own girls who had been taking training in the Normal

School, Nellore, returned in February and is proving very helpful in the school.

One happy event of the year was the Christmas entertainment held just before the girls left for their holidays. Each class was represented on the program, which consisted of action songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., but the part of the program for which all waited in great excitement was the arrival of Santa Claus to distribute the presents which were before them on the gaily decorated tree, for although they had had Christmas trees before, very few of the girls had ever seen a Santa Claus and only a few more had ever heard of such a person. So, although it was explained to them beforehand, they were frightened when he appeared, but when he began to distribute the presents they soon forgot their fear in their delight over the gifts, some of which were sent by the boys and girls of some Sunday Schools in British Columbia.

In October a series of special meetings were held in the Telegu Church, in which many of the girls received a definite blessing, many were led to confess wrong-doing and seemed very earnest in their desire to live a better life. We are thankful for all these tokens of the Spirit's working among them, but the great awakening which has begun in so many places has not yet come to our school. This but calls us to continue strong in faith and steadfast in prayer till the blessing comes.

I must confess that it is with a feeling of great relief that I hand back charge to the one who for so many years has conducted this work. The class-room work, that is, teaching Bible in all the classes, is most interesting, but the constant care of seeing after the girls in their home life and the responsibility of always guarding them, taxes one's patience and nerves to the utmost. But through all the experiences that the year has brought, a loving Hand has guided and helped and that precious promise has been truly verified, "The Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee, He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

#### TIMPANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

Miss Folsom.

The Timpany Memorial School has passed through many vicissitudes since the last report was sent. Our numbers increased during 1905, till in December, there were 72 names on the rolls, and in every way the work was encouraging.

This year, however, we have had to pay the price of our prosperity and popularity. Jealousy and envy among outsiders grew and ripened into hate and active ill-will, and as a result of that and some natural causes, more than twenty of our pupils have left us. A few new ones have come to take their places, but we have even now only 59 enrolled. Teachers, as well as pupils, became disaffected, and changes had to be made in our staff. What seemed almost a calamity, has however, proved to have its compensations. Our new teachers are in full sympathy with our work, both secular and spiritual; and we find that an element which neutralized all our efforts has been removed by the withdrawal of certain of the pupils. Within the past week a revival has broken out among our boarders, and a thorough heart-searching is going on. Some hearts that have for years resisted all efforts to soften them, have been touched, and we are looking for a blessed work to be accomplished. Prayer-meetings continue for half the night, and agonizing prayers are ascending for the unsaved, and for the deeper spiritual life of the saved. We feel a decided change in the atmosphere of the school room. Pray for us, that the work may be thorough, and not stop till it has taken hold of the church and community.

Two of our boarding girls asked for classes to teach in Sunday School which were given them, and they are taking a hearty interest in the work. The Sunday School and Bible Class are well attended, and the school is made more attractive by the nice Sunday School papers which kind Canadian friends send us in abundance. We are very grateful for these, and after reading send them to other Sunday Schools in various parts of India, and to former pupils, by all of whom they are much appreciated.

Since writing my report, a little Brahmin girl has joined our school; making our number 60. Her elder sister, Kamalamma has attended the school for more than a year. They are two dear little tots, and as sweet and dignified as possible. Their father has broken caste, and is a believer in many of the truths of the Bible, but is not quite ready to identify himself with Christians. We now have four Brahmin girls and one native Christian girl on our rolls. These girls come to us to learn English, and English ways, but they have a Bible lesson daily, and we trust that they will learn something of far more importance than English.

We are glad to see a deeper work of grace being done in the hearts of our Christian girls, and we hope to see them taking a more lively interest in the souls of the heathen all about them.

There is a great deal of sickness, death, and distress in the country, and we are thankful to have been preserved thus far.

#### TIMPANY MEMORIAL MISSION TRAINING CLASS.

Miss Corning.

Our little band has given another year of willing service to the Master. I find in looking over the records that in three of our Sunday Schools not a session has been missed. The school that meets on our verandah was interrupted for a few weeks by the organization of the new Telugu Church. The morning service was appointed for the same hour this school had been meeting. We thought it would be well for the girls to attend the Telugu service, knowing that hearing the gospel preached in Telugu would be helpful to them and so decided to give up the school. But the children kept coming and staying until we arranged another hour for them. The attendance at the "Village School" has steadily increased until the verandah upon which we have been meeting is altogether too small. Last Sunday 95 children were present. Another school, although it has the smallest attendance, has been named "The School of Hope" because of the deep interest taken in the lessons by a class of young women. We believe that our prayers have been granted and our hope for them realized. In March three of them confessed their love for Christ and expressed a wish to follow Him in baptism. The parents who supply us with milk, and evidently did not want to offend me, did not show any decided opposition, but they have put one obstacle after another in the way, until, while they do not object to our teaching and always listen to the lessons themselves, we are quite sure they do not intend to allow any open confession of Christianity. They give the same reasons we hear so often—friends will turn against them and their business will suffer. One of the girls is a daughter-in-law, she is a bright, decided character and felt she should obey Christ at any cost, but she was at once sent away to her own people and we have not seen her for months. Meanwhile we go on with our weekly lessons and pray for the coming of the Spirit in

power to remove all these difficulties. In the fourth school one young woman has asked for baptism and has been received by the church. During May and June while I was on the hills, Emily Joaquim and May D'Prazer, the only two members of the class who spent their vacation here, carried on the work faithfully.

The weekly services in the fish village have been kept up and lately we have been spending more time there teaching in different parts of the village. The people are very degraded and while they listen with interest it seems hard for them to grasp the truths we teach. We feel that we can report a little improvement though, because the children have begun to take a real interest in learning the catechism and hymns.

Our Zenana work on Saturday afternoons has been a real pleasure. We have taught regularly in five houses, three of these are homes of high caste Brahmins where large numbers gather each week to listen to the truth. There are five girls in these homes for whom we are praying especially. They are so eager for the lessons and learn so quickly. A few months ago we started a new work in Kovur, a large village about two miles from Cocanada. I was out there for a drive one evening and noticed the large number of children who gathered around our carriage. Another thing that interested me was that the women were gathered around the well for their water, seemingly at leisure. Except Saturday and Sunday I can only take our girls out in the evenings, and the women around here are generally busy with their cooking at that time. Enquiry showed that there was not even a school in Kovur and nothing was being done to give the people the gospel except an occasional visit by one of the native preachers. We went out once a week for a time and found the people eager to listen and the children quick to learn, I had a class of 150 children learning the catechism and hymns while Emily taught the men and women. We were enjoying the work very much but when the carriage bills came in we found that as Kovur was outside the town limits the charge was just double what had been expected and it seemed impossible to keep it up. An English gentleman of Cocanada told me a few days ago that he had taken his wife out that way for a drive and as they neared the villiage crowds of children came running and screaming to meet them. They could not understand the demonstration or the evident disappointment of the chil-

dren as they neared the carriage until they learned that they were expecting a Dorasani "with pictures, to sing and teach them from a book." Although interrupted we have felt that Kovur was yet to be our field of labor and I am now the proud possessor of a horse and cart which is going to make more zenanna work in Cocanada and a weekly visit to that village possible.

#### AKIDU.

#### Work Among Women and Children. Miss Selman.

In Jan., 1906, I came to Akidu to take up the work of Miss Morrow while she is in Canada. As this is a yearly report I turn back to pages in my report book marked *Peddapuwam*. As I turn the pages I find myself asking where is the fruit what is the result of this tour, or of that service, this childrens' meeting, or that private conversation? There is some fruit, but I long to see more and am reminded of Paul's words "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always *abounding* in the work of the Lord."

The "abounding" we know can be only as we are filled with the abounding life of Jesus and the Spirit of God Himself.

The work among caste women and children becomes more and more interesting and encouraging, all the time, some listen with such a hunger for the truth. Many would give up all heathen customs and fast days if the elders would allow them to do so.

The children we taught learned so quickly and well, and some improved so perceptibly in appearance and behaviour that the work among them was a great joy.

On coming to Akidu and meeting with the Christians in the district the first great attraction was the greater numbers. Instead of from five to fifteen in a service, here, it is from twenty-five to sixty.

The Christian women in their Help-meet Societies have done nobly. Last year their contributions for the support of a Bible-woman on the Narsapatnam field were Rs, 38-12-0 equal to \$12.50. This giving compares favorably with that of women of much better circumstances. The way the pastor's wives take hold of the work, and lead meetings is quite encouraging. There are many now who do not try to put the burden all upon the Bible-women and missionary, but take a joy in teaching scripture portions and hymns.

As yet I have seen but a small part of this large field. From January to first of April, spent 46 days on tour and visited 59 different villages.

In Gannapaveram, among the caste women we visited some of the Rajus and Shepherds. One old Shepherd woman, tottering, shaking and almost blind, gave a good witness of faith in Jesus Christ. "I am waiting every day, Amma, for Him to call me away, I know Jesus will take me to heaven with Him."

Another woman, a Raju, remembered very clearly the teaching she had heard before and fearlessly, before a large number, she confessed her faith in Jesus Christ. Wherever I find such women I am encouraged in the work, it reveals that God is blessing His truth to these women although there are so many hindrances to its acceptance.

Early in April the days began to get hot, and touring was discontinued for work nearer at hand. Until the middle of May work in Akidu Village claimed our attention, and some 37 children's services were held and caste homes visited. Some of the Kapu boys can recite very nicely the Ten Commandments and sing Christian hymns.

We find the picture cards and Bible pictures a great help in the children's work, and feel very grateful to those who have sent them out.

When the heat was too great to go even to the village, work came to us. For about ten days we had two very sick women in the hospital. Dr. Chute was away on the hills and humanly speaking the responsibility of their lives rested upon us. God answered prayer and restored both.

Another more pleasant task was a daily class with the Bible-women in the study of Romans.

The Christian women have met three times a week all through the hot season, to pray for a revival, during these meetings several experienced a special blessing.

And now I want to tell all the Home sisters, what a blessing it is to have two lady missionaries in a station together. Miss Robinson and I have been so thankful that there were two, and not one to spend the hot season in this lonely place. The heat was very intense this year. After ten days of almost unbearable heat, we began to question if we could bear it much longer. God knows just how much His children can bear and sent cooler days.

Cholera raged in all the surrounding villages. Through it we have lost several workers.

After the first rains scorpions came into the bungalow by the dozens, one was found resting nicely under the head of my mattress, and a snake, a very poisonous one, was killed under the bed, but in spite of heat, and pestilence, and dangers seen and unseen, we were kept safe from harm, and had a very happy hot season. We now look forward to spending our next hot season in our own new home "McArthur/Bungalow."

Special requests for prayer is made for more Bible-women, for this large field. God gave us one this year. A widow whose husband died three years ago had been praying ever since, that the Lord would show her what to do, and help her to secure good Christian teaching for her two children. A timid woman, she made no request to the missionary. When we were led by the Spirit to speak to her about the possibility of becoming a Bible-woman, her face lighted up with joy. We had no estimate for her support, but God gave us courage to call her to the station to begin preparation and God has blessed her and us together. She attends the school in the mornings and has the advantage of Miss Robinson's Bible teaching, and in the afternoons goes to the village to gain practical experience.

God has been pouring out great blessings upon this needy people, and we firmly believe we shall soon experience much blessing in our mission.

#### PEDDAPURAM, MISS McLEOD.

Early in December, 1905, I began to take up the threads of work in Paddapuram again. During the month of December that was my only work. Miss Selman had started at seven centres classes for Caste girls, (we call them Sunday Schools, although in reality only two are held on Sunday,) and in this work I found great delight and encouragement. The Government has a large caste Girls' School in a central situation in the town, and so I had never felt any call to enter on this work. However in conducting these classes we are able to take advantage of the education received in that school in some cases at least, and use it in giving them a knowledge of God's laws, our failure to keep those laws, and his provision for our need. They are very fond of learning hymns and in one class nearly all of the girls can read and have asked for hymn books, which, as we have sometimes done, we gave them as a reward for regular attendance

and correct recitals of lessons. How much good those hymns may do, who can calculate?

In some of these classes the girls do not attend very regularly but the number reached in all is about sixty. However I must not neglect to state that in nearly every case their elders gather around and so learn the fundamental lessons of God's word which they would otherwise refuse to attempt to do for they have little confidence in their own ability.

Pray for our classes. For the first part of 1906 I was very busy touring. As usual my mornings were spent in the villages where there are Christians and my afternoons with the caste women in the town where I was staying. Am pleased to record sixty-one days spent on tour in the half year.

Soon after I finished touring, about the middle of April, I stopped afternoon work as the weather was extremely hot, but continued morning work with the exception of two weeks in the most extreme weather.

More houses are open to us in Peddapuram than we can visit regularly and satisfy the desires of those who are learning regular lessons.

My Bible women have had a reinforcement since I went home, in the person of Yeramma, who was being trained for the work in Cocanada at that time. She is a great help.

There are now six Bible-women working with us.

Mrs. McLeod and I have been longing for some Bible Women who will be fitted to tour over the villages where there are Christian women and instruct them in the elemental truths of God's word, some of them know so little.

Pray with us that He will send some one into this work.

#### TUNI.

##### Women's Work, Miss E. Priest.

"Remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing, now shall it spring forth; Shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

This was the special word given us while on tour in December. As we look back over the past year, we realize much the great need of Him doing a new thing in the hearts of the Christians as well as in the hearts of those who are yet strangers to Him. We had a little experience of what He can do, in December, when

hearts were melted before Him, as we have never seen them before, but we know this is only the beginning of what He is going to do.

*Touring.*—During the cool season two short tours were made. The interest with which the message was received made me long for strength to do much more of this work, but this was a good step in advance of the last two years.

The trouble was not to get a hearing, but lack of physical strength to talk as long as they would listen. In one village we went to visit a young woman whose mother is one of our interested listeners in Tuni. This young woman has gone to her husband's house, but has not lost her interest in the Gospel message. Our sitting near her house was the signal for quite a crowd to gather. At first curiosity kept them, but after a while they began to listen, especially two elderly women. As we looked into their faces, we hoped to be able to see them often. Before we left some of them bought portions saying they would get some boy to read them. In all that crowd there was not one woman who could read even a little bit.

The same eight Bible-women continue to be my fellow-helpers and the bond between us grows strong with the years. Another one has been taken on and works in a part of the field amongst the hills that is hard to reach and which on account of its feverishness I can only visit at a certain time of the year. Here God has begun His "new thing," and we trust Mary may be made a real blessing there. The monthly meetings have been helpful. A deeper consciousness that He was in the midst has come to us.

Work amongst the Christian women has taken a good share of attention and though at times there are heartaches, there is a joy as we see the response to the Word and a new look of intelligence came into dull faces, and we are conscious that there is a difference between them and the women who have not taken the first step towards God.

Work amongst the Hindu women has gone on as usual. The seed is being sown in many hearts, and we believe when God has cleansed His Church, there will be a harvest amongst these.

*Sunday School* work was more systematically carried on than before. One of our young men whom God has certainly fitted for this work, gave his time to it, until January, when he went to the Seminary to join the Theological class.

The past year has been marked by more personal work with individuals and we believe this is something to praise God for.

It is a great privilege to be here at the beginning of this year when He is so wonderfully visiting His people in cleansing power and filling them with His Holy Spirit.

**WOMENS' WORK ON PART OF THE  
VUYURU FIELD.  
Dr. G. Hulet.**

*Boarding School Work.*—During the first half year only, had charge of the Boarding School with 48 boys and girls in attendance. The Christian Endeavor and Sunday School work were carried on as usual, and praise God for His work of grace among us. Fifteen of our boarding children and three of our day pupils were converted and baptized just at the close of the term. After the schools had been examined, and we were keeping the children over Sunday so that they might participate in the Rally of the different Sunday Schools, one little boy was taken ill and died very suddenly the next day. The parents did not reach here until after the lad passed away and were wild with grief, as this boy was their eldest. They had made, what seemed to them, great sacrifices to let the boy attend school and had built up many hopes as to the possibilities of his future. The burial took place here and we did all we could to comfort and assuage their grief, which ministrations were not without effect. For some time afterward the father came to see us and told how they had been tried by the heathen who did all they could to persuade him to give up his belief. But the assurance that his boy was with Jesus, and the loving sympathy which he has received, held him firm. Before this the mother had not seemed interested, nor confessed any faith in Jesus, but this experience changed her, and I believe she is now trusting in Jesus as her Saviour.

*Touring.*—During the first six months—before the children came back to school—was only able to make a short tour at Kankipard, as the rain drove us home when we had seen but six villages. In these places we worked among both caste people and Christians.

We had very good meetings with the Christians, and having examined them in regard to what they had learned we assigned them other lessons to learn. I usually ask them to learn the parables, miracles, or birth and death of Christ, and besides this their hymns.

We were much saddened by one backsliding sister whose husband had died some months before. She was left with two small children, the care of which prevented her from going to work. This threw the burden of her and her children's support on her relations, who are heathen, and who had no sympathy whatever for Christianity. So when the woman stayed home to attend church on the Sabbath they taunted her with being lazy, and said that if they worked on that day she also would have to work. What use was it to be a Christian if God would be so unkind as to take away her support? What better was her condition than theirs? These and many other similar remarks were repeated over and over again to her, until she hardened her heart, and refused to join with the Christians. Yet, when we talked to her, underneath all her seeming hardness and indifference I think there is still a glimmer of faith which God, by your affectionate prayers may kindle into a flame. And a soul may come to know joy even in sorrow and find God a very present help in trouble.

The work among the caste women was very encouraging, but while our hearts were lifted up to God in praise for what He had accomplished, we were made very conscious, by an incident which occurred, that in very many hearts the walls of idolatry are still intact and being strengthened by blindly attributing God's work to that of their idols. Very little rain during the year had fallen, crops were sure to be an utter failure, and consequently a famine was inevitable. Out by the roadside, just a little way from the bungalow in which we were stopping, was a stone set up against another one. This is Ganganamma, the goddess, who sends rain, so when the rain came not she must be interceded. The men daily met and sat here praying after their fashion I suppose, while the women every morning would bring kunda (water pot) after kunda of water and pour upon this goddess, supposing in this way to appease her wrath. In this there was some exercise of faith, for should the rain not come would not all their wells be dry after pouring out so much water? We passed by on our way to a village just after the women had performed this ceremony and the men near by said in confident tones "We will have rain to-day." Not a cloud was in the sky, a beautiful clear day, so I replied that if it was God's will. He would send the rain, and saying this we passed on. In the evening when we were return-



ing a strong wind arose, great black clouds overcast the whole sky. We remembered the words of the morning and foolish as it was, for rain was so badly needed, oh how we wished that rain would not come for then would these people only be more confirmed in their belief! The rain came in torrents, and oh, how exultant these people were and hailed us with "Gangannamma is our god, we do not care to know your God." After this the rain came steadily and on the second day we started for home. Well it was that we did, for the rain continued an entire week. Since then, in honor of their goddess, they have built her a temple, and all the years of plenty which follow, they will worship and attribute to her until when?—until God in His great mercy working through our faithful prayers and efforts will take away the darkness and give them the light, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

After Christmas I was free to tour by not having the school but still the medical work claimed quite a bit of time. Was out 46 days, some days seeing only one village, some days, two, and two days we saw three each day. In Valluru and the surrounding villages the work was especially encouraging, as several women not only showed evident interest, but they wanted to learn some hymns, so that when we would not be with them they could sing these and remember what we had taught them. Some learned a few verses, even amid much ridicule by others at their mistakes, and others had us write some hymns on a piece of paper to give them or in their children's school books.

We heard of the death of one of our most interested listeners, a blind woman. A very happy death, the neighbors told us, because she said she was believing in Jesus and was so glad when Jesus came to take her.

A great deal of the heartiness of our welcome and acceptance of us we believe, was due to the medical help which many of them had received.

There is still so much that could be said of the tour in Tsalopilla, Simbolanka, Aronagidda, Boudlacharavu and other places, but already my report is too long.

*Medical Work.*—This work has grown considerably, the number of new and return patients exceeds that of last year by nearly 1,300. Another cause for rejoicing is that our new hospital is nearing completion. It is not a large building, but is well built. Has two ward rooms and one

large middle room, which can be converted into two by a screen, the front to be used for dispensing medicine, and the back part for operations. In the front is a verandah running the length of the building which will afford an excellent place for the people to sit to hear the Gospel while their medicine is being dispensed.

We have received several small sums from a few of our patients, donations towards the hospital. We are very glad for these expressions of interest as they have been voluntarily given, not solicited.

To what extent the religious influence has made itself felt may perhaps be judged by the following words which were spoken by one of our patients "Before coming here we believed in our customs, in our gods, but now our minds are so unsettled. What you preach we feel is true and good; we can never go back to the old customs and worship as before." Pray with us that consciences may not only be awakened, but that these who come to us may learn that Jesus alone is their Saviour.

#### RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Miss Hatch.

Dear Sisters—Instead of detailed accounts of our touring, medical, zenana, educational and Bible women's work, I wish to indicate some of the thoughts that have come to me in touring and to make an appeal. I give you some figures and also give you what may be considered some of the fruit of the combined efforts of our Bible women and ourselves in our educational and zenana work.

I have toured 72 days, visited villages 157 times, Hindu homes 325 times, held 121 meetings and taught 168 Bible classes, had 33 religious conversations with interested ones, and visited the Leper Homes 104 times. Of our lepers, 18 have found Christ as their precious Savior and have been baptized.

While touring and while in the bungalow I have been studying the map of our talug (township) and find I am not beginning to cover the work. During the year some few of our villages have passed over to the Lutherans; there are still left to us between 180 and 200 villages and hamlets with about 200,000 inhabitants, to whom we and we alone are responsible for giving the Bread of Life.

Sisters, these are solemn times; in all my nearly 20 years experience, I never knew the

death rate so awful. They are dying, dying, literally dying by the hundreds and hundreds in our villages, the fearful cholera ravaging the communities. And, Oh, how many are dying without ever having heard, without ever having heard once. There are no Presbyterians, no Methodists, no Lutherans, there is no one, none, except the saved among the Telugus and ourselves. Ourselves, we and you, the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec are under God responsible for giving the Gospel to the 200,000 on this field, to this field and this is only one of many fields. And what are we doing? When we are all here, we are three, Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell and myself, and for two years or so, there was only one. We, with our workers, have only been able to touch 100 villages, and have only done constant work in about half of these. There are still between 80 and 100 untouched, unseen, by anyone! 80 or 100 thousand without God and without hope in the world, going down to death, and we are very responsible for it, dear friends. Have you realized it? Have you stopped to think about it?

Some may stop a moment and think and say, "Are all these villages without preachers? Is the word of God hidden from them? Is there no one to tell them? Then we must send some one, we will fill up those places. They must hear the Gospel." And they make special efforts to fill up such places, and forget the 40 or 45 thousand dollars the Board may be asking for. That is, as if in time of war, a group of men at home were to decide to send recruits and they have said to the recruits, "We know that a certain place has a siege, and that siege must be raised, that is an imperative necessity, you go and raise that siege." Does any one do that? No, the recruits volunteer, the money is raised and all money is spent by the commanders on the field, by those who are on the spot, and who know the situation not only of that besieged town, but of the whole ground, and who must distribute their forces according to the needs of the whole campaign.

Your Missionary Conference for years back have been very prayerfully deliberating on the needs of the field as a whole and year by year they have been presenting the needs, with hopes of making some little advance all around, but for several years back the "cut" has come, and the progress desired has not been realized. The

home for the Akidu ladies, and the home for the other lady and myself that we need here have not been provided yet. I appeal to you, my dear sisters, to undertake so much of the work that for this year there may be no cut on any of the work, and that homes may be provided for your missionaries, that the burning heat of this climate and the worry and strain of the work may be less and less effect them.

What cheering, what joyful, what happy news it would be to us all this year after Conventions have met, to have the word cabled to us (it would surely be worth a cable!) "Bungalows provided, no cut." How our hearts would rebound! How our lips would rejoice! And what praises would we give to our God! The words would be to us like a shower of rain on the parched grass. Our hearts would be cheered, our faith strengthened, and to the work we would put ourselves with greater joy than ever. Will you, my sisters help all around so that we may have that word "Bungalows provided, no cut."

My friends, as I said, I have been studying the map and the thought of the 80,000 or 100,000 not having heard the Gospel, appals me. Can we not so increase the work all around that these 80,000 may be reached also? I believe we can if we will.

My sisters, how does this appeal come to you? Why has there been this "cut" in the past? Are we responsible? Have we lacked in earnest prayer, in giving, in trying to interest others? Are we responsible? Have our hearts been burdened with this work for Christ, have we daily remembered our representatives, their work, the native workers, the native Christians, in prayer? Have we tried to interest even one indifferent one in this work? Have we given "in proportion as God has prospered us"? Have we, my sister, this past year sacrificed much, little, ANYTHING for this work of the Master? If then we have not done what we could this year, are we each willing NOW, or are we willing to be made willing, "to pay the price" of some self-sacrifice in time, or thought, or gift, that there may be no "cut" this coming year, and that we may have a share in the great harvest to be reaped from the Mission Fields of India?

GRACE B. ALEXANDER.

## TREASURER'S THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

From October 21st, 1905 to October 20th, 1906.

### ELGIN ASSOCIATION—Mrs. W. L. SILCOX, Director.

Names	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.	Names	Circle.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Aylmer.....	\$118 60	\$53 00	\$171 60	London, Adelaide St....	96 29	30 00	187 24
Calton.....	25 00	25 00	50 00	" " Y.L. {	23 60	17 00	40 60
Dutton.....	2 00	2 00	4 00	" " " {	23 60	3 95	27 55
Fingal.....	4 25	2 00	6 25	" Egerton St....	12 09	7 20	19 29
Gladstone.....	71 87	6 50	78 37	" Maitland St....	20 10	3 00	23 10
Iona Station.....	14 00	22 00	36 00	" " Y.L. {	6 18	.....	6 18
Jaffa.....	7 23	.....	7 23	" South.....	28 45	34 00	62 45
Lakeshore, Calvary.....	81 05	5 00	86 05	" Talbot St....	167 21	14 38	181 59
Malahide-Bayham.....	27 75	.....	27 75	" " Y.L. {	45 00	.....	45 00
New Sarum.....	10 75	8 32	19 07	Nissouri West.....	3 86	.....	3 86
Oneida.....	5 50	.....	5 50	Parkhill.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Port Burwell.....	9 85	.....	9 85	Petrolea.....	32 24	17 00	49 24
Shedden.....	4 50	1 17	5 67	Plympton.....	8 00	.....	8 00
Sparta.....	21 16	1 36	22 52	Poplar Hill.....	1 25	.....	1 25
St. Thomas, Centre St. {	72 27	*17 00	89 27	Sarnia.....	72 86	7 03	79 89
" " Y. L. {	10 00	.....	10 00	" Brock St.....	.....	5 43	5 43
Association Collection..	.....	.....	6 85	" Township.....	26 40	.....	26 40
	\$485 78	\$116 35	\$608 98	Strathroy.....	20 00	4 20	24 20
				Watford.....	2 00	.....	2 00
				Williams, East.....	2 25	.....	2 25
				Wyoming.....	9 10	.....	9 10
				Association Collection..	.....	.....	2 20

16 Circles. 8 Bands. 1 \*Other Organization.

### GUELPH ASSOCIATION—Miss A. M. EVANS, Director.

Acton.....	\$8 25	.....	\$8 25
Berlin.....	.....	\$12 00	12 00
Brampton.....	11 50	17 00	28 50
Cheltenham.....	63 10	3 84	66 94
Fullarton.....	.....	7 25	7 25
Galt.....	23 30	.....	23 30
Georgetown.....	12 75	.....	12 75
Guelph, First Ch.....	34 42	27 75	62 17
" Trinity Ch.....	37 45	19 00	56 45
Hespeler.....	17 16	.....	17 16
Hillsburg.....	14 75	.....	14 75
Orangeville.....	7 90	.....	7 90
Preston.....	6 50	.....	6 50
Snelgrove.....	.....	2 00	2 00
St. Marys.....	6 40	19 85	26 25
Stratford.....	40 85	.....	40 85
Association Collection..	.....	.....	7 25
	\$284 33	\$108 69	\$400 27

13 Circles. 8 Bands.

### MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. J. B. CAMPBELL, Director.

Ailsa Craig.....	\$26 90	.....	\$26 90
Alvinston.....	7 50	.....	7 50
Arkona.....	14 35	\$3 20	17 55
Brooke.....	8 84	.....	8 84
Brooke and Enniskillen.	27 08	.....	27 08
Calvary.....	18 50	.....	18 50
Denfield.....	27 00	.....	27 00
Forest.....	3 80	8 60	12 40
Lobo.....	12 00	.....	12 00

27 Circles. 14 Bands. 1 \*Other Organization.

### NAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION—Mrs. J. HENDRY, Director.

Beamsville.....	\$20 50	.....	\$ 20 50
Binbrook.....	22 00	.....	22 00
Burlington.....	3 90	.....	3 90
Caistor.....	.....	\$2 00	2 00
Dundas.....	25 15	15 03	40 18
Dunnville.....	14 89	5 00	19 89
Fonthill.....	14 65	.....	14 65
Freelon.....	1 35	.....	1 35
Grimby.....	35 25	.....	35 25
Hamilton, Herkimer St. {	32 25	6 00	38 25
" " Pri. Dpt. {	.....	3 00	3 00
" James St.....	99 40	*12 00	111 40
" Victoria Ave..	33 24	St. 16 88	50 12
" Wentworth St.	21 25	22 27	43 52
Port Colborne.....	7 00	5 00	12 00
St. Catharines.....	75 63	17 00	92 63
Tyneside.....	4 30	.....	4 30
Westover.....	36 45	.....	36 45
Association Collection..	.....	.....	4 20
	\$447 21	\$104 18	\$555 59

16 Circles. 8 Bands. 2 \*Other Organizations.

### NORFOLK ASSOCIATION—Mrs. G. DAVIS, Director.

Bloomsbury.....	\$ 3 00	\$8 50	\$ 11 50
Boston.....	36 00	11 90	47 90
Courtland.....	7 00	.....	7 00

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
De Cewsville .....	2 50	.....	2 50
Delhi .....	21 00	60 00	81 00
Eden .....	.....	6 00	6 00
Forestville .....	.....	6 10	6 10
Hagersville .....	.....	17 00	17 00
Hartford .....	10 00	7 50	17 50
Houghton, First .....	9 00	9 00	9 00
Langton .....	4 00	8 00	12 00
Pine Grove .....	3 45	2 00	5 45
Port Rowan .....	.....	8 00	8 00
Selkirk .....	2 80	.....	2 80
Simcoe .....	{ 14 00	6 00	30 00
" Y. L. ....	{ 10 00	.....	
Townsend Centre .....	.....	17 00	17 00
Villa Nova .....	48 05	.....	48 05
Vittoria .....	16 00	24 50	40 50
Waterford .....	72 50	33 00	105 50
Association Collection .....	.....	.....	3 50
			\$259 30 \$215 50 \$478 36

15 Circles. 14 Bands.

## NORTHERN ASSOCIATION—MRS. CUMMER, Director.

Barrie .....	\$33 49	\$26 00	\$59 49
Burk's Falls .....	9 65	17 00	26 65
Collingwood .....	14 00	.....	14 00
Dryden .....	2 20	.....	2 20
Fort William .....	13 60	.....	13 60
Gravenhurst .....	31 00	.....	31 00
Haileybury .....	6 85	.....	6 85
Kenora, (Rat Portage) .....	20 50	.....	20 50
Midland .....	14 00	.....	14 00
Milberta .....	5 05	.....	5 05
New Liskeard .....	10 45	.....	10 45
Orillia .....	20 85	5 00	25 85
Parry Sound .....	8 50	3 00	11 50
Port Arthur .....	19 75	15 50	35 25
Sault Ste. Marie .....	12 00	.....	12 00
Sprucedale .....	1 55	.....	1 55
Sturgeon Falls .....	3 42	.....	3 42
Association Collection .....	.....	.....	3 14
			\$226 86 \$66 50 \$296 50

17 Circles. 5 Bands.

## OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION—MRS. W. L. NEWTON, Director.

Bentinck .....	\$ 7 00	.....	\$ 7 00
Daywood .....	16 50	.....	16 50
Durham .....	8 00	11 00	19 00
Keady .....	7 00	.....	7 00
Meaford .....	15 39	.....	15 39
Owen Sound .....	29 00	25 50	54 50
Paisley .....	6 50	17 00	23 50
Port Elgin .....	4 50	.....	4 50
Southampton .....	14 44	.....	14 44
Thornbury .....	2 50	.....	2 50
Warton .....	5 05	5 00	10 05
Association Collection .....	.....	.....	3 75
			\$115 88 \$58 50 \$178 13

11 Circles. 4 Bands.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION			
MRS. G. F. MAHON, Director.			
Beachville .....	\$ 6 70	.....	\$ 6 70
Brantford, Calvary Ch. ....	58 25	\$17 00	75 25
" First Ch. ....	500 00	25 00	525 00
" Immanuel Ch. ....	56 86	.....	56 86
" Gleaner. ....	15 50	.....	15 50
" Park Ch. ....	101 28	16 59	117 87
" Shenstone Me'al .....	49 60	5 00	54 60
Burford .....	12 25	.....	12 25
Burgessville .....	15 50	5 50	21 00
Burtch .....	8 50	.....	8 50
Ingersoll .....	39 20	.....	39 20
Jerseyville .....	.....	6 00	6 00
Medina .....	.....	2 00	2 00
Norwich .....	28 50	7 85	36 35
Onondaga, First .....	2 85	.....	2 85
" Second .....	3 50	.....	3 50
Otterville .....	2 80	.....	2 80
Oxford, East .....	12 00	10 00	22 00
" West .....	3 00	.....	3 00
Paris .....	34 35	25 69	60 04
Sallord .....	43 75	.....	43 75
Scotland .....	33 00	4 00	37 00
Springford .....	9 75	2 96	12 71
St. George .....	44 35	10 50	54 85
Tillsonburg .....	10 00	.....	10 00
Woodstock, First .....	66 00	17 00	83 00
" Oxford St. ....	22 00	18 00	40 00
Association Collection .....	.....	.....	10 00
			\$1179 49 \$173 09 \$1362 58

25 Circles. 15 Bands.

## PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION

MISS A. WALTON, Director.

Belleville .....	{ 11 00	G's 12 00	40 00
	{	B's 17 00	
Bewdley .....	.....	6 00	6 00
Campbellford .....	12 43	.....	12 43
Cobourg .....	25 18	2 00	27 18
Colborne .....	.....	3 00	3 00
Cramahe .....	9 60	.....	9 60
Gilmour, Memorial Ch. ....	39 00	.....	39 00
Haldimand .....	50	.....	50
Lakefield .....	11 80	11 00	22 80
Peterboro', Murray St. ....	{ 129 71	By 38 85	199 21
" Y. L. ....	{ 25 00	* 2 00	
Peterboro', Park St. ....	3 50	10 75	14 25
Port Hope .....	49 50	20 00	69 50
Association Collection .....	.....	.....	1 40
			\$317 22 \$126 25 \$444 87

11 Circles. 10 Bands. 1\* Other Organization.

## TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

MRS. J. N. SHENSTONE, Director.

Aurora .....	\$4 00	.....	\$4 00
Bethel .....	18 30	.....	18 30
Eglinton .....	5 00	.....	5 00

Names	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Markham, First.....	6	25	6 25
" Second.....	23	50 11 00	34 50
York Mills.....	28	37	28 37
Toronto City:—			
Beverley St.....	45	10	45 10
Bloor St.....	411	29 4 00	539 38
" Y. L.....	74	09 *50 00	
Century Ch.....	22	71 1 16	23 87
College St.....	147	08 16 00	163 08
Dovercourt Rd.....	47	10	47 10
Elim.....	25	00	25 00
First Ave.....	29	71 55 00	54 71
Immanuel Ch.....	47	45 4 00	55 70
" Y. L.....	4	25	
Jarvis St.....	1478	26 *6 72	1484 98
Kenilworth Ave.....	48	55	48 55
Memorial Ch.....	11	00	11 00
Moult'n Col. Y. W. C. A.....		*47 23	47 23
Olivet.....	17	60	17 60
Ossington Ave.....	21	25	21 25
Parliament St.....	37	00	37 00
Walmer Road.....	287	46 35 00	322 46
Western Ch.....	62	50 17 00	116 96
" S. S. Classes		*37 46	
East Toronto.....	43	71 14 00	57 71
West Toronto Junction.....	8	80	8 80
Association Collection.....			10 31

\$2955 33 \$298 57 \$3264 21

26 Circles. 9 Bands. 7 \*Other Organizations.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION

MISS R. STOVEL, Director.

Atwood.....	8	70	8 70
Glamis.....	12	00 9 85	21 85
Kenilworth.....	2	00	2 00
Kincardine.....	8	00	8 00
Listow.....	12	50 4 42	16 92
Mount Forest.....	37	52 2 00	39 52
Palmerston.....	3	80	3 80
Teeswater.....	10	00	10 00
Tiverton.....	54	00	54 00
Walkerton.....	33	74 17 00	50 74
Wingham.....	5	75 10 00	15 75
Association Collection.....			2 15

\$188 01 \$43 27 \$233 43

11 Circles. 5 Bands.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION

MISS J. RITCHIE, Director.

Blenheim.....	4	00	4 00
Bothwell.....	2	50	2 50
Chatham.....	75	40 17 85	93 25
Colchester.....	17	51	17 51
Eberts.....	21	00	21 00

Names	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Harrow.....	15	00	15 00
Kingsville.....	9	00 5 50	14 50
Leamington.....	12	00 1 91	13 91
Louisville.....	10	00	10 00
Ridgetown.....	12	27 55	12 82
Thamesville.....	2	30	2 30
Tupperville Union.....	25	00	25 00
Wallaceburg.....	18	60 4 45	23 05
Wheatley.....	14	32 3 40	17 72
Wilkesport.....	8	25 25 00	33 25
Windsor.....	17	00 1 50	18 50
Association Collection.....			6 07

\$264 15 \$60 16 \$330 38

16 Circles. 8 Bands.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION

MRS. J. P. RYLEY, Director.

Baddow.....		\$ 7 00	\$ 7 00
Brooklin.....	\$34	00	34 00
Claremont.....	30	00 17 00	47 00
Fenelon Falls.....	10	00	10 00
Green River.....		3 50	3 50
Lindsay.....	62	46 3 25	65 71
Oshawa.....		4 50	4 50
Reaboro.....	5	00	5 00
Stouffville.....	9	70 8 05	17 75
Uxbridge.....	8	00 17 00	25 00
Whitby.....	7	25 2 00	9 25
Association Collection.....			5 00

\$166 41 \$62 30 \$233 71

8. Circles. 8 Bands.

212 Circles sent.....	\$7612	82
116 Bands sent.....	1421	44
12 *Other Organizations sent.....	188	31
13 Association Collections.....	65	88

Total credited to Associations..... \$9288 45

MISCELLANEOUS

Collections (other than from Associations)	\$285	91
Smith's Falls, farewell meeting for Dr. Allyn.....	17	00
Interest.....	53	72
Individuals (including \$65.50 for extras).....	1806	75
Investment—Miss Nellie Davies' gift.....	40	00
Refund from Bureau of Literature.....	15	25
Bequest, Mrs. Hemmingway.....	149	80
"Mary Sheenstone Fund".....	50	00

\$2418 43

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS,	
Balance forward, October 20, 1905 :		By General Treasurer :	
Miss Corning's Fund.....	\$75 69	On estimates.....	\$8,299 00
Bungalow Fund.....	184 67	Addition during the year..	510 00
Regular work.....	1811 79	For "Jane Buchan" B'w	940 00
	\$2,072 15	Towards Akidu Bungalow	435 00
Circles (inc. \$791.80 for		Special for "Ladies" B'w	
extras).....	7,612 82	site at Ramachandrapu'm	775 65
Bands (inc. \$103.52 for ex-			\$10,959 65
tras).....	1,421 44	Extras designated by donors :	
Other Organizations (inc.		Pithapuram Hospital....	610 00
\$12.46 for extras)....	188 31	Pithapuram Bungalow...	22 30
Association Collections...	65 88	Native Preachers.....	105 00
Miscellaneous (inc. \$65.50		Bible-woman, Satyavedam	8 00
for extras).....	2,418 43	Yellamanchilli, Ch. Fund.	3 20
	\$11,706 88	Famine Fund.....	8 00
		Dr. Hulet's Hospital....	12 50
		Bolivia.....	32 75
		Lepers.....	146 53
			\$948 28
			\$11,907 93
		By W. B. F. M. S. of East'n Ont. & Que :	
		For Bible-woman Salome,	
		Yellamanchilli.....	25 00
		Home Expenses.....	142 58
			\$12,075 51
		Balance October 20, 1906 :	
		Miss Corning's Fund.....	\$27 60
		Bungalow Fund.....	76 05
		Dr. Allyn's Surgical In-	
		struments and Munshi	38 00
		Regular Work.....	1,561 78
			1,703 52
			\$13,779 03
			\$13,779 03

## SUMMARY.

Receipts for extras.....	\$973 28
Bungalow Fund.....	1,266 38
Towards Dr. Allyn's passage to India.....	\$110 00
"    "    Surgical Instruments.....	21 00
"    "    Munshi's Salary.....	17 00
	148 00
Ramachandrapuram Bungalow Site.....	775 65
For regular work (including \$152.00 for Miss Corning and	
\$335.21 for Dr. Hulet).....	8,543 57
Total Receipts during the year.....	11,706 88
Total Disbursements during the year.....	12,075 51

Audited and found correct.  
Oct. 29th, 1906.

G. W. HOLMES, }  
C. C. FERGUSON, } Auditors.

SARAH J. WEBSTER,  
Treasurer.

## MISSION BAND REPORT.

As we turn to make our annual report of Mission Band work in Ontario West, there runs in our mind a stanza which mother often quoted to us in childhood:

"Time past we never can recall,

Of future time we are not sure at all;

The present only is within thy power,

Therefore improve the present hour."

A year fraught with opportunity and responsibility has slipped from us, but its influence goes on forever. "Touch but the heart of a child, and ages hence your finger marks will be left upon him still." This writer's statement is pregnant with encouragement. We work, but what is accomplished in the present is not the end, for long after we may lie asleep the work which was begun in hearts young and impressionable, goes on. Each generation is the product of generations preceding; we reap where others sowed. Thus shall others reap where we sow. "No man liveth to himself." We are grieved to find Bands dropping from our ranks because of the lack of leaders. We rejoice that others hold bravely on their way in spite of difficulties and lack of previous experience. When is a better time to begin than now? Who is willing, with God's help, to open this work in places where there is now no Band? Band work is necessary; you know it. God gives it His approval and blessing; you have seen it. Then why hesitate? "Arise and build."

We have learned of the organization, or reorganization of ten Bands. One at Medina among Indian children is doing well. A Circle on the Oneida Reserve might also be termed a Band also, as the children work with the women, and funds are forwarded together. One Band reporting for the first time states: "We are only a little over a year old, but we are glad we organized, and we are trying to do our best." Another Band has made the gaining of new members a prominent feature, and have added twenty-two to their list. Fifteen have been made life members of the Home Mission Society, and six of the Foreign Mission Society. Of the latter five were in the Aylmer Band and one in the Delhi Band. Seventeen Bands which sent funds to foreign missions last year have not been heard from, but ten not reporting last year have sent money during this year. Walmer Road has doubled its funds. Altogether 116 Bands contributed \$1,421.44, and last year 119 sent \$1,536.26 to foreign missions. Hence though the loss in bands is only three, the loss in funds is \$114.82. This certainly does not represent all gifts, as some have aided the Famine Fund, the Japan Relief, the Leper Mission and Bolivia. One Band spent \$31.38 in placing necessary repairs on the room where they meet. The comparison as shown by the Home Mission treasury is somewhat more satisfactory, as 93 Bands sent \$880.64, as against 99 which last year contributed \$852.82, hence with a loss of six Bands, there has been a gain of \$27.87.

Some Bands have been blessed by gracious revivals. A sad note is sounded when some mention the loss of dear young members by death. "What thou doest do quickly" is impressed upon us daily. "Boast not thyself of to-morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Now is ever the time for service, now the time for prayer, now the

time to do God's will in all things. May this year upon which we are entering be one of increased consecration, and enthusiastic devotion to the cause so dear to the heart of our Christ.

Yours in Band work,  
SARAH STUART BARBER.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Receipts from Oct. 16th, 1906, to Oct. 20th, 1906, (inclusive.)

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Strathroy, \$9; Simcoe, (\$4 for bungalow), \$14; Georgetown, \$5.75; New Sarum, \$3.75; Alvinston, \$3.50; Wallaceburg, (\$1 for bungalow), \$4.25; Guelph, Trinity, \$11.15; Oxford, East, \$4.10; Bloomsburg, \$2; Mount Forest (\$3.82 special), \$7.03; Guelph, First Ch., \$11.75; Norwich, \$11; Wyoming, \$4.50; Fonthill, \$3.50; Hillsburg, \$4.65; Teeswater, \$5; London, Adelaide St., Y. L. (\$1.10 Thank-offering), \$23.60; Bethel, \$8.80; Dundas, (\$1.50 for bungalow), \$10.15; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$25 for Dr. Hulet), \$37.90; New Liskeard, \$4.80; Ingersoll, \$10.70; Onondaga, Second, (per Gen. Treas.), \$3.50; Hamilton, James, St., (\$11 for bungalow), \$34.66; Jaffa, \$3.13; Paris, (\$6 Thank-offering), \$11.25; Walkerton, (\$10.77 Thank-offering), \$13.17; Springford, \$6.75; Boston, \$6; Port Arthur, \$7.25; Toronto, Immanuel, Y. L. \$4.25; Toronto, Jarvis St., tor Dr. Smith's Hospital, \$160; Fingal, \$1; Cheltenham, (\$14 for Bible-woman, \$13.10; Thank-offering), \$27.10 Gladstone, (\$6.82 special), \$15.97; Ridgeway, \$2.12; Sparta, (\$6 Thank-offering), \$30.39; Toronto, Davenport Rd., \$8.60; London, Maitland St., Y. L., \$6.18; Brantford, Park, \$34.40; Aylmer, (to complete Mrs. G. Thompson's L.M., and to apply on new L.M.), \$46.15; Westover, (\$4 Thank-offering), \$19; Grimsby, \$5. Total, \$629.78.

FROM BANDS — Cheltenham, \$1.70; Kingsville (M. B. & B. Y. P. U.), for L. Lazarus, \$4; Lakeshore, Calvary, on L. M., \$5; Peterboro', Park St, \$4.25; St. Mary's, for K. Mariama, \$5.35; Eden, \$2; Brantford, Park, \$13.66; Strathroy, \$2.25; Colborne, \$3; Gladstone, \$5; Guelph, Trinity, for Bolivia, \$6; Sarnia, Brock St., (\$2 for Miss Corning), \$3.53; Norwich, \$4.85; Boston, \$3.40; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$1.40 from "Baby Band"), \$3.65; Dundas, \$5.71; Waterford, \$13.80; London, Adelaide St., Y. P. M. B., for Native Preacher, \$15; London, Adelaide St., Jr. M. B., \$2.60; New Sarum, \$3.12; Hagersville, for T. Gammagamma, \$5; Springford, 90c.; Sparta, \$1.36; Wallaceburg, for Matsa Martha, 60c.; St. George, for K. Mary, \$10.50. Total, \$126.23.

FROM SUNDRIES. — Collection, Union Meeting, Toronto Circles, \$5.43; Individual Contributions for Ladies' Bungalow site at Ramachandrapuram, \$765.65. Total, \$771.08.

Total receipts during these five days — \$1527.09

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, Ramachandrapuram land, \$775.65. Extras—For lepers, \$3.50; Bolivia, \$9.75; Bible-woman, Satyavedam, \$8; Native Preacher, \$15; Dr. Smith's Hospital, \$160.00. Total, \$971.90.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—For "Among the Telugus," \$6.

Total disbursements during these five days \$977.90

Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1905 to Oct. 20th, 1906 \$11706.88

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1905, to Oct. 20th, 1906 \$12075.51

SARAH J. WEBSTER,  
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## Youths' Department.

### CHRISTMAS GLADNESS.

Children, as you hang your stockings  
By the fire on Christmas Eve,  
And rejoice at the bright prospect  
Of the gifts you will receive.

Think, I pray you, of the children,  
Near at hand and far away.  
Who have not such cause for gladness  
On your happy Christmas day.

Some there are, yes right around us,  
Who are faint and sad and ill,  
Who have neither home nor parents,  
And whose hearts are lone and chill.

Can you not, then, share your gladness,  
Spread abroad a ray of light,  
And to some poor, lonely child-~~heathen~~  
Make the Christmas day dawn bright?

Give him of your books and playthings,  
Give him clothes and give him food,  
Tell him of the love of Jesus,  
Teach him to be kind and good.

Then you'll have a happy Christmas,  
Then the true joy you will see—  
Giving is a greater blessing  
Than receiving e'er can be.

—*Missionary Messenger.*

### A HINDU SACRIFICE AT MIRAJ TO DISPEL THE PLAGUE.

Last year, plague broke out among the Kookoo Wali Lok, a tribe of roving people who come to Miraj every year and take up their abode for about four months in small portable huts pitched quite close to the hospital compound. They appear to belong to some of the more southern aborigines, since they speak a language not generally known in Western India. They also know the language of the district. They earn their living by gathering sandalwood, manufacturing combs, and trading in animals.

When one of their number was stricken with plague they said, "This disease is sent by our six goddesses, and we will sacrifice to them and the plague will go from us." They went out to an open field near by the mission hospital, and, having cleared away the grass from a quadrangle about eight feet square, they "cleansed" it with the cow excreta mixture. Then they brought out the articles of sacri-

fice consisting, first, of six sets of brass vessels, which they placed on one side of the quadrangle. There were three vessels in each set, a large one at the bottom and a small one on the top, each set forming a little pyramid. Into each vessel they poured water from the Krishna River, filthy, muddy water but, to them, sacred. Before each set of vessels they placed coconuts, boiled rice, garlic, incense and six women's garments as gifts to each of the goddesses which each set of vessels represented.

When these preparations were completed, they brought out the plague patient from the town, and, though he was weak and delirious, sustained on one side by a man and on the other by a woman, he was made to walk repeatedly around the quadrangle until in sheer exhaustion he sank down beside a tree. Then they brought six goats, which meanwhile had been tied to the trees. These were placed in the quadrangle, their heads towards the brass vessels, and as they were held in position by small boys sitting on them, two uncouth-looking priests armed with huge, crude knives sawed off the head of each goat, placing a decapitated head before each set of vessels. It was the most uncanny sight I think I ever saw when, the heads of the goats being so placed, the mouths rhythmically opened and closed, for a few seconds, towards the sacrifice, the blood which spurted from the necks of the animals meanwhile flooding the whole quadrangle.

Then several women, who had been rushing up and down the roadway, tearing their hair and beating their breasts in a frenzy, came and thrust themselves upon the bodies of the goats and, by that awful tangle of goats, blood and women, they tried to propitiate the goddesses which had sent the plague. But this was not the end. They went to their huts, dressed the goats offered in sacrifice, ate the flesh and drank liquor till they were drunk. Six women dressed themselves in the garments offered to the goddesses, and thus they spent the night in revelry, dancing, making the night hideous with their noises and crying.

Towards morning the plague patient died; it was no wonder. His body was scarcely cold before they gathered it up and began their procession to the river bank to bury it. As they passed the mission house, the women still stupid or mad with the delirium of superstitious fanaticism, threw themselves at full length on the road, pounded their heads upon the hard earth, tore their hair and beat their breasts and faces, filling the air with their shrieks.

Is there any cure for this apart from the gospel of Jesus Christ? I know of none.—W. J. Wanless, M.D., in Woman's Work.