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THE COMING OF HIS FEET.

In the crimson of the morning, in the whiteness of the noon,
In the amber glories of the day's retreat,
In the midnight robed in darkness, in the gleaming of the moon,
I listen for the coming of His feet.

I have heard His weary footsteps on the sands of Galilee,
On the Temple's marble pavement, on the street,
Worn with weight of sorrow, faltering up the steps of Calvary;
The sound of the coming of His feet.

Down the mystic aisles of splendor, from betwixt the cherubim,
Through the wandering throng, with motion strong and fleet,
Sounds His victor tread approaching with a music far and dim,
The music of the coming of His feet.

Sandaled not with shoon of silver, girded not with woven gold,
Weighted not with shimmering gems and odors sweet,
But white winged and robed in glory in the tabor light of old,
The glory of the coming of His feet.

He is coming! O my spirit, with His everlasting peace,
With His blessedness immortal and complete.
He is coming! O my spirit, and His coming brings release,
So I listen for the coming of His feet!

—Home and Foreign Field.

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MISSIONARY NEWS.

We have heard so much of the progress of Japan industrially and commercially during these latter days that we are apt to forget that all is not well with our wonderful ally. **Less than one-half of one per cent.** of the Japanese are Christian. Of a total of 4,618 students registered at the Imperial University, 3,000 returned themselves as Atheists—only 60 as Christians. Is it any wonder the Japanese leaders are pleading for 500 new missionaries?

We have been glad to know that so many of our Canadian Indians have been willing and eager to fight for liberty under our flag. The United States has found them willing also, and one of our Baptist schools in the West reports 60 stars already on their service flag, and most of them there by voluntary enlistment.

Does Sarah Belong to Church?—Two women stood talking together, and this is what was overheard: "No, I should not say that Sarah belonged to the Church. I know that is the usual way to put it, but if words mean anything at all, it does not seem fair to twist their meaning. Sarah belongs first, and always, to herself, and when she joined the Church she had no idea of actually belonging to it whatever. Her time does not belong to it, her spending money does not belong to it, her friendships and desires and ambitions do not belong to it. If she does Church work she does it as a favor. If she gives a little more than usual, she thinks herself truly generous. There is not one inch of Sarah which really belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ."—Selected.

To Whom Does Sam Belong?—Is a question I long to put to the brethren while the iron is biting into the women as they ponder the foregoing item.—Ed. Missions.

In Huchow, China, has been recently opened by one of our American Baptist missionaries an interesting school. So many of the young married women had never had the opportunity through early marriages, or lack of facilities, to attend school,—and in so many cases were married to men of education, for whom they could not be companions,—that a special school has been opened for them,—a school which will teach hygiene, domestic science and child training, and always and ever a Bible course. Finding another need growing out of this one supplied, a Children's Department has been added, where the mothers may bring their children. Among other things, the missionary is asking for pictures of "Mother and Child." She says in all her experience in China she has never seen one picture of mother and babe.

The Southern Baptist Convention has set a new objective before it in the way of missionary giving. The tide of enthusiasm ran high at Hot Springs, Ark., Convention, and they set themselves the task of \$2,500,000 for the coming year.

NEWS—AND A PROBLEM.

We all remember how disappointed we were that Miss Priest and Miss Murray were not with us for the Associations, as expected. We only knew that when all packed and labeled their trunks were ready to start, word came that the Government had commandeered one-half of the steamer on which they were to sail, and, alas! it was the half containing their staterooms. Efforts to find other accommodation followed, but for weary months of waiting nothing was found. Then a chance offered and they came safely on, guarded by angelic convoy, and landed at the end of May. Miss Murray is at her home in Arkona resting. She was especially worn and weary. Miss Priest is having a happy visit with her sister in Michigan. Some of us had the pleasure of seeing Miss Blackadar as she passed eastward to her home in Nova Scotia. Thrice welcome home to each of these dear and true yoke-fellows of ours, and we will repeat the welcome when we meet and clasp them by the hand.

Writing of the utter abandonment with which one of our own missionaries gives herself and her means to the work, a brother missionary said: "But this is not true of Miss — alone. She is just a sample of what the rest are doing. The really heroic work of this mission is being done by the single women." Nobly said! We know that such high service is not done by them alone, but it certainly is easy to be enthusiastic about the women the Lord has given our Society to represent us in India. Those who have just come will have a message for us at Convention in London. Let every one who can possibly be there, come and hear it.

But what of those waiting to return to their beloved work or newly appointed to enter upon it? This has been a grave question, and is not yet fully settled. Here are new difficulties. The cost of the journey has risen from three to five hundred dollars each. The rate of exchange is higher than ever before, it costing us at this moment ten per cent. to send over money to India. These facts make their own appeal, and we can and will, by His grace and for His sake, overcome these difficulties. But there remains the greater problem of getting passage. Steamer lines have been so depleted by the demands of Government that agents are powerless to book passengers farther than Hong Kong. At that port each must make his own arrangements for getting on to India as soon and as best they can. Is it safe and wise to send our missionaries under these conditions? They are eager for the venture—are we ready for the responsibility of letting them go? Dare we take the responsibility of holding them back? The work and the workers out there at the front are suffering for these reinforcements. How much we need your counsel, dear Directors and others, in this matter. Above all, we need the guidance of the Master Himself. For this we are asking, Will you not join us most earnestly in this? You surely will. He knows and loves and cares so much more than we do. Miss Baskerville, you know, is waiting to go. After almost a lifetime of devoted and efficient service, her heart's home is among the Telugus. Sister Laura Allyn longs to be giving her trained service as nurse, and a teacher of nurses, to the suffering women and children of India, and we long to speed both of these on their way. It is our hope that these may be followed by others next year. There are such woeful gaps in the ranks over there at the front. The sense of being surrounded by open doors and appealing voices which cannot be entered or responded to for lack of time or strength is heart-breaking and wearing out our missionaries too quickly.

So let us press on to their relief and to the rescue of those lost and loveless ones in India, till He shall reign whose right it is.

M. B. McL.

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

A GLIMPSE INTO RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Dr. and Mrs. Joshee took the full burden of all the leper work while I was ill, except that I could keep the general accounts and do the correspondence. The lacework we stopped for awhile. M. Manigegam had her training class of five. Of these five, one is at this writing in Avanigadda, and two have been sent for a few months' work to Miss Harrison, of Parlakimedi, who has no Biblewoman at all. So I tell M. M. that her teaching is reaching all the way from Parliakimedi to Avanigadda. Eleven lepers were baptized in the quarter, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the beautiful ceremony out under the trees in the Leper Compound. We had a great Red Cross Day, and though I could not take a very active part, am glad to report that our lepers gave R. 11-6-0 out of their small savings, saying they were glad to help the wounded soldiers, for they knew what it was to have wounds and sores, and lacerated limbs. My laceworkers contributed Rs. 20 of their own. Dr. and Mrs. Joshee gave R. 15, and the church gave other sums. Miss Jones got all the teachers interested, and they gave large amounts to them.

I have engaged a new Biblewoman, Subadeamma, a wife of one of the teachers, who has always done good work in her church. She is very earnest, and her little family is growing up, so that she can give more time than hitherto. Profits from the lace support her, and also a Sunday School evangelist in Kotapilli, who is in Miss Jones' charge, and a teacher there in my charge. There are sixty or more laceworkers now, and I am endeavoring to have them all learn Scripture portions, and those who can read amongst them will be expected this year to take the Bible Workers' Examinations. They are also urged to be witnesses of the Gospel, so through all these I hope to accomplish some evangelism. The cough that I have prevents me from using my voice much as yet, but through these laceworkers I tell them I expect to reach the people. I should add that three people in Kotapilli are asking for baptism. I believe God's people at home are praying for that work there, and we may expect great things. With loving regards to all,

S. I. HATCH.

FROM RAMACHANDRAPURAM ALSO.

A Testimony for the Lace-work.—My touring in the different villages has proved to me that this lace-work is having an uplifting effect upon our Christian women and the communities where they live. Prizes were given to the churches according to the way their women members had learned the Bible stories and verses. These ranged from annas 3-6 to Rs. 5-0-0, and it was remarkable that with one exception, where were the most lace-workers, had quite surpassed the others.

A Glimpse at the Biblewomen (surely these words give us a feeling of real acquaintance with these women on whom so much depends).—In my last touring I had only one of my own women. Two, sometimes three, of the Bible Training Class here came with me, but we felt a lack of blessing on our work, and missed the usual joy of it. My one worker, Tuluri Kruparati, may have been the one to blame, or it may have been one of the others, but it was evident the Spirit was hindered. Kruparati has given me much anxiety, and I sometimes fear I will have to give her up, and allow her to go her own way, which will not probably be best

for her or for others. Then again she gives promise of being useful, and I hope and wait. One of Miss Hatch's girls or women is quite as much of a problem, but has more natural ability. Both need special prayers.

Korati Martha, whose husband, Kantaraya, has been given charge of the work at Andarangi, has hardly taken hold of the work yet. She has a little first baby, who is absorbing much of her attention. I have great hopes for this young couple.

Budi Annamma continues to do good work, but her husband's sickness, and later her own, hindered her work a great deal.

Korati Ruth, in Kapelaishwarapuram, is looking forward to April, when her eldest son will come from his training in Cocanada to take up the work his father left two years ago. After that I hope Ruth will be able to resume the work she was doing while her husband was living. She has been responsible since her husband's death for the school and the work among the Christians, and has had to neglect the caste women. Her work among them need be limited only by her time and strength.

Satyala Mary continues her work in Kurmapuram. Her school and her influence among the caste people are increasing, but the Christians still hold aloof. It is hard to know just where to put the blame. Mary, her husband and children look much more comfortable and well since their new house has been built.

Ventru Lydia was only taken on to the work when she took ill, but she is better again. She is a thoroughly good woman, and if strength permits, will do good work in Nalluru and nearby villages.

L. M. J.

THE MISSION CIRCLE DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTORS' MESSAGES.

The following words from the Directors of our various Associations are the embodiment of their desires for the Circles under their guidance. Several of the Directors have failed to respond to the request sent out to them. A few others were not written to, as the Editor did not receive in time the names of the ones newly appointed at the June Associations.—Ed.

Western Association.

Dear Sisters,—As the holiday season is now almost past, and some of you may be thinking seriously about what you would like to accomplish during the winter for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, allow me to express the hope, through the LINK, that you all received a copy of the objectives that I sent you after the Associational meeting. Such should have been in my hands prior to the meeting, but was miscarried in the mail, but you will carry them out as far as you possibly can. Someone may say, "Well, I never saw them, or heard them read at our Circle meeting." If so, ask your President or Secretary for them, and get them fully discussed, and I trust you will go forward this winter with the full determination to let nothing come between you and your Circle and Band work, and that we shall have a rich harvest.

Yours sincerely,

JANE RITCHIE, Director.

Peterboro.

Miss Nicholls writes that, in an individual message to the Circles, she has communicated the decision of the Association meeting to give as a special this year \$75 to the passage money of a new missionary, to be in by Convention in November.

Norfolk Association.

Circle Presidents, will you please bring the following objective for 1918-19 before your Circle?

1. To attain to the splendid mark, financially, of last year, at least.
2. To endeavor to aid the Church that its offerings may be twice, better thrice, that of the Circle, but not at the expense of Circle finances. The Circle is an auxiliary of the Church and should endeavor to infuse the spirit of missions into every department of the Church. To that end, let the Circle encourage a monthly church missionary prayer meeting. See that a Mission Band is maintained, and that the young people receive missionary instruction in B.Y.P.U., Young Women's Circle or in the regular Circle. You are moulding the attitude of the Church of the future toward missions.
3. To give much time to prayer at the Circle meeting, when all Circle members may be encouraged to aid in sentence prayers.
4. To push LINK and Visitor subscription lists. We have fallen behind in this, which means fewer women are reading of our work. Fewer soon will be interested, and offerings will fall off. This is our weak spot. Will you not help repair the breach by pushing the LINK and Visitor lists in your church? This is a strategic point, which must not be allowed to weaken.

Faithfully yours,

F. M. PEARCE.

Oxford-Brant.

I am intending to ask the Circlee to increase their giving again this year, and make the objective for the Association thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500); also that each member become an "Intercessory Missionary" by taking one of our missionaries, learning of her special needs, and bringing those needs before the Throne daily. I am sure if many of our members were thus praying, the missionaries would be blest, as well as the persons praying. There is danger that we become satisfied with past attainments and cease to work and pray.

JENNIE WHITING.

Niagara-Hamilton.

Dear Circle and Band Workers:

While enjoying a complete cessation of work and a restful holiday in this beautiful city, yet, as I look at these Martello Towers round about me, and gaze up towards the other end of the lake, how our year's work looms up! I see on the horizon a tower which we hope will grow into a mighty temple, in which His praise shall ascend continually. It is not a log house nor a stable, but a tower that we of the Niagara-Hamilton Association have begun. Let it not be said of us, "This man began to build and was not able to finish."

True, it will cost to keep those Band members interested and active; true,

some of us may be forced to lay down our tools, even before the foundation is laid in our Young Women's Circle. A book has recently been written, where an attempt has been made to bring out the viciousness of temper of that great heroine, Florence Nightingale. The greatest Christian is one-sided, incomplete. Your Circle will not be a perfect one, but remember persistence is greater than perfection. How we despise the workman who lays down his tools before his task is completed!

Boys and girls, women—young and old—let us not turn aside from the work until each shall have finished her task. Let us ever keep our objective before us. Only by keeping firm our belief in the need of this world for Christ and His power to redeem it, can we maintain a strong and compelling interest in missions. The knowledge of the missionary needs and of the success with which God has crowned our efforts will strengthen the purposes of your society.

Yours faithfully,

GRACE L. STONE DOHERTY, Director.

Kingston, Ont., August, 1918.

Collingwood.

Dear Fellow-Workers:

It was a pleasure to meet a number of you at our Associational gathering, held at Stayner last June. We had a good time together getting acquainted and hearing of the work our Circles were doing—or not doing. Some of us were rather ashamed of what we had accomplished for the extension of His Kingdom, were we not? Nevertheless, I think, we all felt determined to do better the coming year, and now the question is, do we really mean it? If so, let us start by making our September Circle meeting so interesting and inspiring that the women will not want to miss the October meeting. Let us go after those who do not attend regularly, and let us invite and invite again those who do not belong. Then, how about the Band work? So many promised to organize. Have you done it? Have you prayed for a leader until she is forthcoming? She is in your church somewhere. Start her to work. How about the work among the young women? You will remember we had only one Young Women's Circle in our Association, and we should have ten. Can we not put forth a special effort and get these Young Women's Circles organized? It means work, but nothing is accomplished without effort; so I'm hoping to hear of you having a number organized before the Convention year closes. One more matter I want you to think and pray about, and that is, plan to send a delegate or two from your Circle to Convention, which meets at London, November next. As September comes around, Red Cross and Patriotic meetings will be demanding our attention, but let us again remind ourselves that "it is the King's business that requires haste."

Yours in the work,

BARBARA MOULD DENNISS, Director.

Elgin.

May the women of Elgin Association get Christ's vision of the world, this coming year, a broader, more correct knowledge of the work and need. May individual responsibility rest upon each Christian woman in our churches and all become Circle workers. Let prayer be foremost in all our activities. "Pray

without ceasing." As the missionary enterprise broadens, our financial obligations become greater. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

MARY B. McCANDLESS, Director.

AN INCIDENT, WITH OBSERVATIONS.

Rev. W. B. Glass, Hwanghien, China.

The Incident.

A little girl ten years old, from a very poor family, had been taken into the family into which she had been engaged, to be reared. This is a common custom in China. The little girl transferred becomes the property of the mother-in-law and father-in-law. Sometimes they fare well; sometimes far otherwise. The father-in-law in this case was an opium smuggler and user. On his cash board he had arranged the cash, from this illegal traffic, in long rolls and placed it on the floor. The little girl, in sliding down from the kang, or bed, struck the board and scattered cash over the room.

The man flew into a rage, reviled and beat the child, and made her kneel by his bed through the long, cold night. When he arose in the morning the child was not able to move, but was still breathing. He heated some water and thrust the child's feet into it, in this frozen condition, with the result that the little bound feet softened and have now come off. The agony endured is indescribable, and it is likely that the child will die.

Her parents brought suit for damages and the court has fined the man two hundred thousand cash, at present about sixty-five dollars, gold. The case is not ended, however; as they feel sure the child will die, they demand the absent feet that she may be buried whole. As these were thrown away, the case, like mountain feuds, may drag on for generations.

The Observations.

1. Heathen Cruelty.—The above is not an isolated instance. Conjugal affection and parental tenderness are not unknown, but cruelty is the rule. Wife-beating is all but universal. Parents break into a passion and beat their children over the head heartlessly. I have seen an old woman take a little girl and slam her against the ground repeatedly and then jump on her with such force that it seemed life would be crushed out.

2. Opium Traffic.—Incidentally this incident shows that the opium business still goes on. The fight is not ended. Conditions are infinitely better than they used to be; but much of the drug is smuggled in. It comes into this province chiefly through Manchuria. Many thousands of Shantung people go annually to Manchuria for work. When returning home with their wages, the cash is heavy to transport and opium is comparatively light. They buy it for one thousand cash per ounce, and, if they succeed in getting it safely through, it brings ten thousand cash per ounce here.

3. Foot-binding.—Imperial decrees against foot-binding, published years ago, lead many people in the homeland to conclude that this evil custom has entirely disappeared; but in this part it is all but universal.

4. Lawsuits.—The bane of this land is lawsuits. Multitudes of families know the literal truth of Jesus' words (Matthew 5: 26): "Verily, I say unto thee, Thou

shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the last farthing." Justice is seldom done. Bribery is openly practised.

5. A Question.—What are a little girl's feet worth?

6. Another Question.—Reader, what will you do to help relieve these deplorable conditions?—Sel.

DIVINE DISCONTENT.

Oh God! Thou'st made the earth too beautiful,
 Too full of wonders that o'ercome my soul
 And set it burning like a torch aflame
 With longing, e'en with greed for what is not.
 For, would I settle down to plain content
 And simple tasks that satisfy the hand,
 And reach not out to aught that is beyond,
 Sudden a little bird bursts out in song
 And gushes forth its note of praise to Thee.
 Or else I am arrested when I see
 The painful beauty of the foliage,
 Splendid in form and hues, that calls to me
 And draws my heart out from its resting-place.
 Sometimes it is the stillness of the night
 That talks to me in a mysterious way
 Of all I have not, all I ought to be.
 Then my poor finite mind is strangely stirred
 To action without knowing what is craved.
 It grasps at this and that that seem so good
 And finds a wisp of nothing in the hand.
 But God, forgive my folly in complaint.
 These longings and desires all come from Thee.
 They are what keep me from the poverty
 Of life in humbler creatures of the earth,
 To whom the grass is food, the water drink,
 And that is all.

O Lord! I ask Thee keep
 My soul awake, that it may feel Thee urge
 And goad it on to that supremest joy
 Of effort. Let me do my humble tasks,
 But never find content that is complete
 Until, in Thine own time and way I wake
 To find myself in Thy infinity.

EVELYN DAVIS GRAHAM.

Picton.

Read these stirring lines by Mrs. Graham. We knew her as Evelyn Davis, daughter of the sainted hero of our mission. We hope the LINK will again be enriched by her pen.

Two of her brothers are in the army overseas with so many of our best and bravest ones. Stanley lives in Norwich. The youngest is in the West. Annie, the sweet little invalid sister, as we knew her years ago, is with her sister, Mrs. Graham, and still needing a sister's care.

M. B. McL.

A SPLENDID GIFT BOOK.

"The Revolt of Sundaramma," a story of a Hindu girl, by Maude Johnson Elmore, is worth buying, and makes an excellent book for a gift. Helen Barrett Montgomery in her foreword says of it: "Here was a real Hindu girl allowed to live her own life before us. Its tragedy and comedy revealed themselves naturally, inevitably, as they do in life. At times one quite forgot that it was a story told for a purpose, and only realized it was a story—highest excellence of all."

Children and grown-ups alike will find pleasure and profit in this book.

Mrs. Taylor, 8 Rosedene Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, has a limited number of these books.

They may be obtained postpaid for \$1.25.

J. E. Z.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

"HOW ARE THE CIRCLES?"

When the trumpet of the King sounded over Ontario West, calling into being Young Women's Mission Circles, the women bowed their heads and said, "Praised be the Lord, for He has heard our prayers and is raising up laborers for His vineyard."

Month by month, from north and south, and east and west, came messages, saying, "A Circle has been born." In the Toronto Association there were so many births that there must needs be a feast. And well do we remember the autumn of 1915, when we rallied to this Feast of Rejoicing and Thanksgiving. The proud mothers—otherwise known as the Boards—could not conceal their joy in their offspring. An observant eye, however, could detect a look of anxiety mingled with the look of fond pride, for these mothers knew that the newborn Circles were much too young to understand what hard tasks lay before them, or what great things were expected of them. Before they could realize what their lives were to mean to the world, they must grow strong and healthy by means of pure air, good food, plenty of rest, and exercise.

So an atmosphere of love, fellowship, sympathy and encouragement was created, and these young things breathed deeply of an air free from all the impurities of strife. They were taught to feed upon inspiring and instructive missionary literature, the greatest of which is the Word. Then, the Master's Method of Resting was tried—the Soul alone with its God, on the mountain, in the desert, on the street, or in the study—no matter where, so long as God alone was there.

When the Soul is being filled with stimulating air, fed upon the all-sustaining Bread, and rested by daily communion with its Maker, it cannot keep still. Of course, the first step alone is a faltering one, but to grow, the child must keep on

until his step is firm and confident. And the first words of public prayer or speech are stammering ones, indeed, but persistent effort and persistent faith bring courage and strength and soul development. Thus, these Young Circles were encouraged and helped to speak for Him, and also to work for Him and to give for Him, for sacrifice of time and money for the great cause of Jesus Christ means soul-growth.

Three years have passed and we ask, "How are the Circles?" The answer comes back, "They are in glowing health," They are now the strong daughters of their fond mothers. Think of it! In nearly every Association this year the young women were given some part in the programme. And everywhere there was a feeling, among the women, which was expressed by an Owen Sound member, who said, "I never in my life had such a desire to be young again as I have had to-day. For the rest of my life I am going to work for the Lord three times as hard in order to keep up with the young women." Ah, that's it! The young women are inspiring the older ones. They know now what great things are expected of them. They are realizing, year by year, what their lives may mean to the world. They are constantly in high places learning from the Infinite how they can help in the valley. In giving, they are stepping into the front ranks. Don't forget to look, this year, for their annual financial statements. You will find nothing sickly about them. Finally, examine the Y.W.M.C. Medical Charts. You will find that they nearly all read thus:—GOOD HEALTH—SUFFERING FROM GROWING PAINS.

Oh, dear Young Women, keep right on having growing pains! No Circle can be healthy without them. If you have not yet felt any symptoms, GO TO THE CONVENTION AND GET INFECTED!

ETHYL ALDRIDGE.

WHY I BELONG TO THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLE.

I have been asked to tell "Why I am a member of the Young Women's Missionary Society, and what I am working for." First, I am a member of a Young Ladies' Missionary Society because I am a Christian. As a Christian, I hear Christ's call in Matt. 28: 19, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." This leads me to do what I can to keep this command. I would like to go as a missionary, and help proclaim this glorious gospel to those who are yet in heathen darkness, but as I cannot, I can help in other ways. I can help by giving money, for we are going to be held accountable for the spreading of the gospel. Christ was a missionary, and all through the Old Testament, as well as the New Testament, we read of different ones being called as missionaries, and if we are not going to be held accountable, why then are the missionaries called, and why did Christ command us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel"? (We have read in different books, also heard different ministers say, that there are twenty heathen whom every Christian should be the means of saving. It is a big opportunity for us who are Christians to give our money to our Lord's work.) We hear of Jesus' saving grace two or three times every Sunday, and sometimes twice through the week, in our churches, and as Christians professing to follow Christ we should let nothing come between us and giving one day's pay a week at least to missions, and pray at least once a day for those who have not heard the news. For God loves the heathen just as He loves one of us. In John 10: 16 we read where Jesus said, "And other

sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." When Jesus said this, don't you think He was thinking of those who had not at the time heard of Him? We are told in God's word, "To him who hath, of him much shall be required." Does that not mean us? For we have everything we need to spread the gospel, if we were not so selfish, and if we would give more to Christ's work and spend less for ourselves.

Jesus has saved me from my sins, and I love to fellowship with other people who love to fellowship with my Lord as I do, but in thus fellowshipping I remember there are a large number of other people in the world who do not know Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, in fact, have never heard of Him, and hence I hear the call more strongly of Jesus to be witnesses in Jerualem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth: Acts 1: 8. That is the reason I am a member of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society.

Our Society meets the first Friday of every month, and has as its aim the study of our missionaries and missionary literature, and for the raising of money for the proclamation of the gospel in these foreign lands. We study that we might gain a greater knowledge of the conditions and need of the world both at home and abroad; that we might study the work of the Home Mission fields and their difficulties; to become acquainted with our Foreign Missionaries, Native Workers and Christians, that we may intelligently give to carry on this great work, and that we may catch something of the spirit of sacrifice of our missionaries in India and Bolivia. We know we cannot all go to India or Bolivia or Africa or the other countries, but we all can pray for our missionaries and their work. I am quite sure, as a Christian, if we prayed more and perhaps with more faith, we would hear and read of many more heathen being won for Christ, for in Matt. 7: 7 we read, "Ask and ye shall receive," and in 1 John 5: 14, "And this is the confidence we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." So, to put it altogether, I am a member of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society to help in every way I possibly can to spread the gospel from shore to shore.

Now, what am I working for? Well, I think I have answered that question right in with the first. I am working in the Y. L. M. S. to help make Christ known as a personal Saviour, and I think, in fact I am almost certain, that is what all the girls in our Society are working for.

FLORA BROWN, Y.L.M.S., Chesley.

Y. W. C. A. SECRETARIAL TRAINING COURSE.

The Dominion Council of the Young Women's Christian Associations is offering a ten weeks' training course in Association work to qualified young women who wish to fit themselves for secretaryships in the work of the Young Women's Christian Association.

This course will be held in Montreal from September 28th to December 21st, 1918. It will include Bible study, social service work, both practical and technical, Association ideals and methods, training in Club work, and general administration of a City Association. Opportunities for practical work will be afforded through the kindness of the Montreal Association.

It is expected that about \$150.00 will cover the entire expenses of this course. For additional particulars and application form write to Miss E. F. Jones, 332 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

GIRLS AND BOYS.

THE NEWEST GIRL.

Dear LINK: I think the girls and boys would like to hear about our newest girl in the school. The other day, just before closing the morning session of school, I went over to the dormitories to see a woman who was sick (one who is here to be trained, in the hope that she will become a Biblewoman). While I was talking with her one of the children came in and said: "Come in and see the little girl who is in the next room." I asked who it was, but she said she did not know, so I went in to see. There on the floor lay one of the most pitiful-looking little objects I have ever seen—a poor, half-starved child in the scantiest clothing—just mere rags, and these very dirty, her hair cut short, and about half fallen out, as after a severe illness, her limbs half covered with sores of itch. Little by little we got from her her story. Her father and mother died when she was very young—she does not remember them at all. She lived with her married sister, who died suddenly (the child says the husband gave her something to drink that made her die, but I do not know whether this is true or not). All this happened in Natal, South Africa. Before the woman died, she gave all her jewels to the child, and told her to keep them. One day the man told the child he was going to take her to the bazaar, but instead took her on board a steamer, and they came with many others to India and landed in Cocanada. As soon as they landed, he took all the jewels from her and gave her a kick and told her to go. She showed us the spot on her ribs where he kicked her, and says the pain was dreadful, and it sometimes comes back even yet. Just how long ago that was, she does not seem quite sure—once she said it was a month ago, and another time she said it was five months, but she has no way of keeping account of time. Her only concern was to get enough to eat. She begged her food in the bazaar, and spent the nights in any corner she could find. At last she found her way to Elwin Petta, a part of Cocanada, where quite a number of our Christians live. They took turns in giving her food, then at last Narsamma, one of our oldest Christians, brought her to the school, to see if we would take her in, and while waiting till school was out that morning, had let her lie down in the boarding school. After talking to her for a little while, I asked her to come outside, where I could get a good look at her, and she began to cry, being afraid we would send her away. She is about 10 or 11 years old, I should think, but is small for her age.

That evening one of the English ladies was calling here, and I told her about our little waif, so next morning she sent over cloth enough to make her two dresses and a little slip. The child was so pleased with these. When we were measuring her I said, "After you get these new clothes, perhaps you will want to run away." A most distressed look came into her pinched little face, she put her two hands together and touched her forehead in the attitude of appeal, and said, "Where would I run to? No one wants me, you are all kind to me here, I must stay here." She had never had any Christian teachings, knows nothing of Jesus and His love and has never been to a church. We thank our Heavenly Father for leading her to us, and ask His wisdom to train her aright.

Cocanada, Feb. 5, 1918.

LIDA PRATT.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.**THE SECRETARY'S WORD.**

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Dear LINK Readers:

Although we are down at Birch Cliff, on the shore of Lake Ontario, the day has been very hot and makes one think of what it must be like in India. Our thermometer says 91 degrees in the shade of the verandah. That would be considered comparatively cool, I suppose, where our missionaries have to work.

Some of them who are home on furlough are longing to return to their much-loved people, and are hoping all restrictions may be removed by the time they are ready to sail. Miss Baskerville is among this number. Pray for her particularly. She has again been called upon to pass through sorrow. May the way be made smooth to her and the rough places plain, from now on.

The Collingwood Association Director has been greatly cheered by hearing that Stayner Band has already written to the Treasurer, Mrs. Campbell, regarding the support of three children in India. She hopes they will do special work for Home Missions as well.

Mrs. Renaud must have had a splendid gathering at her Association. She trained several boys and girls to take the part of missionaries on the Foreign field, and after they had described the work they were doing, she made the appeal, as set forth in the Foreign Missionary objective for this year.

Mrs. C. P. Day was appointed Director of Owen Sound Association for this year. As she was going on a trip to the coast, Mrs. Macintosh has kindly consented to continue the work till she returns.

The Mission House boathouse and wharf at Muskoka are almost in sight, as far as money is concerned. One Circle in Toronto sent two dollars, and we believe another has ten to send. We only need twenty-five more.

Sincerely yours,

L. LLOYD,

Secretary of Directors (Foreign).

EASTERN SOCIETY—IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The attention of the Eastern Society is called to the fact that the days, as well as the dates, of the Convention are changed this year. Foreign Mission Day, Wednesday, Oct. 9th. Home Mission Day, Thursday, Oct. 10th.

SECRETARY.

WOMEN'S CONVENTION—EAST—1918.

The 42nd Annual Convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec will be held at **Smith's Falls, Ont., on Wednesday, October 9th, 1918.**

Delegates.

The Constitution of the Society allows the following:

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

Each Band has the right to send one delegate. All are invited to attend the

meetings, but only delegates, officers, life members and members of the Board are entitled to vote.

The Convener of the Billeting Committee is Mrs. W. T. Ferguson, Smith's Falls, Ont. Delegates are requested to send in their names as early as possible.

Programme.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9—MORNING SESSION.

Keyword, "Forward."

- 9.30 Hymn. Scripture reading and prayer. Election of Convention Reporter. Introduction of Pages. Words of Welcome—Miss M. Washburn. Reply.
- 10.00 President's Address—Mrs. H. H. Ayer. Minutes last Annual Meeting. Business: Appointing Committees on Nomination, Resolutions and Appropriations. Report of Recording Secretary—Miss Bentley. Report of Eastern Association—Miss Chandler. Report of C. Central Association—Mrs. P. C. McLaurin. Report of Ottawa Association—Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe. Report of Grande Ligne Association—Miss Schaylitz. Hymn.
- 11.00 Quiet Hour—Mrs. W. G. Rickert.
- 11.30 Election of Officers and Executive Board. Prayer of Consecration.
- 12.00 Roll Call. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2.00 Prayer service. Hymn. Minutes of Morning Session.
- 2.30 The LINK and Study Books.
- 2.45 Report of Cor. Sec.—Mrs. P. B. Motley. Hymn.
- 3.15 Report of Treasurer—Miss F. M. Russell. Report of Committee on Appropriations.
- 3.45 Address—Miss A. C. Murray, India. Offering. Hymn.
- 4.30 Prayer. Adjournment.

Arrangements for the evening meeting are not yet completely made. It is expected that one of our missionaries on furlough will be present to give an address. Full notice will be given in next issue of the LINK.

WESTERN CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Women of Ontario West will be held in the Egerton St. Baptist Church, London, Ont., Nov. 13th and 14th, Wednesday, the 13th, being Foreign Mission day.

Among the principal features of the programme, aside from the regular reports, are the President's Address, by Mrs. McLaurin, and a Directors' Round-Table Conference, led by Mrs. Lloyd. May we say that the Committee hopes every Director will come prepared to make this a great success. The Young Women's Work will also be fully discussed at the afternoon session.

This year we hope to welcome more than the usual number of our "Light-Bearers" from the Foreign Field, and we expect to use them in giving personal glimpses and gleanings of their work.

The evening session promises to be one of unusual interest, as our speaker is to be Rev. J. J. MacNeill, D.D. With a programme so full of promise, we feel sure that we need not urge our women to make every effort to be present.

E. PUGSLEY.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Several of the reports of Associational gatherings came in much too late for July-August LINK, and at this late date a summary of them will be more acceptable than the report in full.

Elgin.—The annual meeting was held at Gladstone on June 11. Mrs. A. S. Rogers presided. The leaders reported the year as an encouraging one, in which the interest and offerings had been well sustained, particularly in the Bands. One new Circle was reported at First Yarmouth, and one reorganized at Rodney. The officers for this year are: Director, Miss Mary B. McCandless, Sparta; Assistant, Mrs. Brown, Iona; President, Mrs. A. S. Rogers, Aylmer; Vice-President, Mrs. Byron Marsh, Gladstone. Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, gave two addresses, one on "Methods of Circle and Band Work" and the other on "Answered Prayer and Home Missions." The Gladstone Mission Band was presented with the Associational Banner, which this year became theirs permanently, after three years of consecutive winning. They responded with an original song of thanks, and in return presented to the Association for competition a silver cup. The Young Women's Circle of Aylmer gave the Foreign Mission message in an exercise, "The Voices of the Women."

Canada Central.—The Association meetings were held in Brockville. Mrs. P. S. McLaurin, Drummond, Director, was able to report a marked increase in giving and interest during the year. Miss Anna Stevens, of Phillippsville, reported for the Bands. Mrs. G. V. Collins, of Lachute, presented the work of Foreign Missions, and Miss Clarke, of Ottawa, the Home work.

Oxford-Brant.—Calvary Church, Brantford, was the meeting-place. Mrs. Bowyer, the President, presided. Miss Whiting, the Director, was able to give a remarkable report. \$3,000 had been set as the objective for the Circles, and they had not only reached it, but surpassed it by \$391.81. In addition to this encouragement, four Young Women's Circles had contributed for the first time. The Band Report of Miss Hotson, Innerkip, showed two new Bands and one reorganized. Riverdale, Brantford, captured the Banner. Mrs. Inrig, Toronto, reported the Home Mission work in an address, and also led a Conference on Giving. Mrs. J. J. Baker, Toronto, represented the Foreign Mission work, and Mrs. Stark was also present to conduct a Young Women's Exchange and give an address. The officers elected for the year are: President, Mrs. Simmons, Springford; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Burgessville; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Mahon, Woodstock; Director of Circles, Miss Jennie Whiting, Brantford; Director of Bands, Miss Hotson, Innerkip.

Ottawa.—The meetings were held in the McPhail Memorial Church, Ottawa, on June 18, and were presided over by Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Directress. The Circles raised last year \$2,612.63, an increase of \$299.54. Foreign work was presented by Mrs. Weeks, Ottawa, and Home work by Mr. Kindrat and Mrs. McPaul. The officers for the year are: Directress, Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Thurso, Que.; 1st Vice-Directress, Mrs. J. B. Halkett, Ottawa; 2nd Vice-Directress, Mrs. Richards, Westboro; Cor. Sec., Miss Eva McCormack, Ottawa; Rec. Sec. and Treasurer, Mrs. A. Campbell, Rockland. The former Rec. Secretary, Miss Botterill, of Westboro, is leaving the Association this fall to prepare for missionary work in Africa.

Whitby-Lindsay.—Mrs. Bryant, of Lindsay, presided. Mrs. Madill's report

showed three new Circles to be organized; Lindsay Circle as having given the largest amount, an average of \$5.00 per member; Whitevale, the Banner Circle as to membership; 26 out of the 30 women church members being Circle members; Badgow as the Banner Band, as with 15 members they have given \$70 to Home and Foreign work. The advisability of holding two Thank-offering meetings during the year, one for each Mission, was urged, and the objective of \$800.00 was taken for next year's giving, which is \$1.00 for every woman church member in the Association. Mrs. Bryant gave an address on Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Jesse Gibson, Toronto, on Home. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. Bryant, Lindsay; Vice-President, Mrs. Biley, Lindsay; Directress, Mrs. Madill, Stouffville; Associational Directress, Miss Evans, Sunderland.

Collingwood.—This new Association, being the southern half of the former Northern Association, held its first annual meeting at Stayner on June 18. Miss Watterworth, of Orillia, was elected President, and presided. Mrs. Denniss, the Directress, conducted a Conference, and the objectives of the Home and Foreign Boards were clearly and forcefully presented. Miss Tapscott, Toronto, spoke for Home Missions, and Mrs. Denniss, Bracebridge, for Foreign Missions. The officers elected were: Directress, Mrs. Denniss, Bracebridge; President, Miss Watterworth, Orillia; Vice-President, Mrs. Morrow, Bracebridge; Secretary, Mrs. Stinson, Collingwood.

TREASURER'S CORNER.

During the summer months the money has been coming in unusually well for all departments of our Foreign Mission work. Miss Baskerville has interested nearly all our Circles in her school at Cocanada, and new teachers at Bolivia are being remembered, and the Medical Fund of the Middlesex and Lambton Association has almost reached its goal. The regular work also has been well sustained. I think for this we are greatly indebted to the untiring deputation work of Miss Baskerville and Rev. John McLaurin, to whom the Board are deeply grateful. Our new life members are Mrs. Hattie Campbell and Miss McNeill.

M. C. CAMPBELL.

Read this extract from an Indian paper: Everyone knows that earnest, strong men and women are the best gift that one country can give to another. Who can estimate the spiritual, intellectual, social, economic gain to India from the coming to this country of thousands of America's best men and women to spend their lives as spiritual gurus, teachers, writers, physicians, nurses, social reformers, industrial experts, philanthropists in service for the men, women and children of this land! That a country on the other side of the globe which has no political and but little commercial connection with a distant country should make such a gift of good men and women as America has made to India is unparalleled in history.—Dnyanodaya.

SPECIAL NOTICE—EASTERN SOCIETY

Will all Treasurers of Eastern Convention Circles please note that the books of this Society close September 30th. and all monies to be credited in this year's Statement must reach the Treasurer not later than this date.

FRANCES RUSSELL

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