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THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

Our sister society, the Home Mission Society of Ontario West, has just been celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. The women of that society have now a long and honorable record of work accomplished throughout the length and breadth of our land, and they have unlimited opportunities before them to spur them on to increasing efforts. The full story of these twenty-five years of preaching, teaching, praying, giving, of conversions and baptisms, of lives strengthened and sent out to do work for the Master—the full story can never be written, though Mrs. Lillie's inspiring historical sketch gave it just as fully as it could be given.

The Foreign Mission Society would rejoice in this work of the Home Mission Society because it means the saving of souls and the development of Christian character. But there is another very close interest for us. One way of increasing Foreign Mission offerings is to give more ourselves. Another way is to get someone else interested who will help. Every one of these little Home Mission churches established gives us as one of its first collections, a Foreign Mission offering, which grows from year to year. It is a fact that more than half of our present Foreign Mission income comes from churches which have been, or are being, supported by the Home Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, to which the Women's Board is an auxiliary. This simply means that the Home Mission Society is not simply doing a magnificent work in the evangelization of our own country, but is laying the most substantial foundations for extending

our borders in foreign lands. We must see to it that we realize that these two branches of our Mission activity are inseparably bound up in each other. The success of the one means the success of the other, and the reverse is equally true. We hope that all our Circles will consider this fully and realize that there must be no specialization on one or other, which could mean exclusion of either.

On account of the publishing of the annual reports in this issue, we have been compelled to omit many Circle and Band Reports, which we hope to publish next month.

CONVENTION NOTES.

A resolution was passed by the Convention in appreciation of the hospitality of the London churches. Every one in attendance at the meetings will heartily second this resolution. There was nothing left undone which would add to the comfort and convenience of the delegates—in billeting, in postoffice arrangements, in the providing of the noon-day luncheons, or in the provision of rest rooms and writing rooms. We are all very grateful to the Mission Circles of London for their welcome in speech and action.

An invitation has been received from the churches of Woodstock to meet with them next year. Our popularity must be growing, as we have not been accustomed for some years past to invitations extended so long beforehand. Our Women's Convention has not met in Woodstock for nineteen years, but we are sure that "Woodstock"—a name

to conjure with in Baptist churches—will bring a large number together to discuss the affairs of the Kingdom.

It is often the case that Circles appoint a President for the Mission Band under their care, and then leave them to struggle on as best they may till the time comes round for reappointment. A remedy for this separation, which so often ends disastrously, for the Band at least, was suggested in one of the papers given,—that a visitor be appointed by the Circle every three months, whose duty it shall be to attend the Band meetings for that length of time, and bring in reports to the Circle. This is said to result in much closer relations between the two organizations, and consequent gain to both.

The Band Report, which appears elsewhere in this issue, contains many helpful suggestions for workers, and we would like to draw special attention to the varied methods suggested of increasing interest and raising money at one and the same time.

Our contemporary, the Baptist Visitor, though not celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, as was its patron, the Home Missionary Society, dealt somewhat in reminiscences also, when Mrs. McMaster, who has been its guardian angel from the beginning, told of its growth from two pages in the "Canadian Baptist," to its present size, with the splendid circulation of 7,300 subscribers and its aim of 8,000 for next year. The "Link" rejoices in the prosperity of the "Visitor," but fails to see why it should not grow at the same rate. These two papers are complementary to one another. Both are absolutely necessary to an intelligent appreciation of the Mission work undertaken by our Mission Circles. Surely it cannot be that the difference in the subscription price has anything to do with

this. Both subscription prices are so small that they can prove no hindrance to any one. We do sincerely wish that our "Link" agents everywhere would look up the difference in number of subscribers between these two papers, and see if the startling discrepancies cannot be made up. The "Link" and "Visitor" ought to grow side by side, and would do so if we would arise in our strength and see that it is so.

All honor to the Mission Circle of the Haliburton church—the banner Circle, when we compare the women members of the church with the women members of the Circle. They have twelve women members in the church and fourteen members in the Circle. "Crusade" is a word which has no further meaning for them,

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER FROM MISS JONES.

Woodside Bungalow,
Ramachandrapuram, Sept. 6, '09

Dear Home Friends,—

As I write I am sitting in Miss Hatch's room. It is the time of the Bible Women's Monthly Meeting, and ten of them are sitting on the floor before us. Just at this moment Martha, with her bright face, smoothly-combed hair, little red jacket, pretty white quaka, pretty glass bracelets and pretty ear-rings, is telling about the work she has been doing. Among other interesting things, she has been causing the rest of the Bible women, Miss Hatch and myself, to listen very intently to the account of a blind Christian's escape from a snake. Some one came at night and found a cobra on the ground very close to the cot on which the blind woman was lying. She feels quite sure that the Lord Himself saved her that night. This blind woman was a caste woman. Though blind, she does her own work

and sells different things, by which she makes a good living and is able and anxious to give to poorer Christians, and to the Church. She used to be an opium eater, but has given up that habit since becoming a Christian. Miss Hatch heard that she was selling opium now. Through Martha a message was sent that this was wrong and against the law of the land. As soon as Mavulfama received this message she said she would give up selling it. She did not wish to dishonor Jesus. To show her sincerity she stood the loss of the opium she had in stock.

Just now Mary, who learned to read after she was the mother of several children, is telling of her work. I cannot understand her words very well, as she speaks very quickly, but it is very interesting to watch her expressive face and frequent but appropriate gestures. I wish I could report to you as these women are telling them, the stories of people who are listening well and with interest. Monikyamma has told us of a caste husband and wife, both of whom are educated. They are asking questions about baptism. She also tells of one of her little day scholars who was ill, and could not come to school. In her home this little girl, Gungamma, told the whole story of Joseph. Veeramamma told of a good month's work in the school. The fourth class, and little ones especially, are coming very regularly and learning well. An old Mohammedan man calls for the children and brings them to school. Lately his sight has been getting very dim and we have thought the work was suffering on that account, so this month we added to our staff an old caste woman. It is decidedly funny to see how much more earnest the old grandfather is in his work, since the old grandmother has joined the forces. Rivalry is a good thing.

I wonder if you have heard of our Grace. She is the wife of Miss Hatch's adopted son, Joshee, is a matriculate and very sweet and charming. Last Wednesday afternoon, at the request of Mr. Krishna Rao, my munshi, I called on his wife and mother, taking Grace with me. His house is a fairly large one on Brahmin street. Opposite his house is a small temple. At the front of the house, as is usual here, is a raised platform a yard or more wide, and covered. The steps of the door arc in the centre. The door enters into

a large room in the centre of which is a low place where water is drained away, I think. From this large room all the other rooms open off. The munshi garu's wife had three chairs placed. She sat in one, Grace in another, and I in the other. At quite a distance from us, over by one of the rooms at the side, stood the mndnshi's mother. She is a widow, and therefore must not be treated with respect. However, in spite of this fact, she is the real ruler of the house. Mr. Krishna Rao is very anxious to improve his home, have things neat and clean, as he thinks they are here. He is a high school teacher, and teaches science, altogether in English. His wife is quite willing to carry out his wishes, but the mother holds to the old customs, so they are obliged to give in to her. Mrs. Krishna Rao's little two-year-old daughter sat in her mother's lap all the time we were there. We talked of different things in the home, and I showed some Toronto picture post cards. We sang a hymn and talked of the meaning. Several little girl relatives were there, and were each glad to receive a picture card. The mother remained at a distance and listened to, and talked with us. It is needless to say that Mrs. Joshee did most of the talking. My Telugu is not yet very free or extensive. They told how the son and husband scolded them for keeping things untidy, but I imagine they can also scold. I do wish I could introduce you to this sweet young wife. Will you not pray very earnestly that her heart may be opened to receive the truth as it is in Jesus? Also pray that the munshi who has ceased to believe in his own religion may have courage to live up to the light he has in order that further light may be given him.

You will be glad to know that two of his younger brothers who are High School students are among the young men and boys who come to me on Sunday afternoons for English Bible. Last Sunday ten were present, some of them from the senior classes. The munshi had advised them to come to my little class. I have promised a small illustrated gospel of Luke in English to those who attend regularly. Pray that the truth may be brought home to these young Brahmin boys.

Yours, in Jesus' name,

LUCY M. JONES.

Young People's Department.

A BRAVE MAN.

You boys and girls will be wondering where "Sister Belle" is, as she has not written anything for you since July. It is only because my head, hands and heart have been so full with caring for my son, in Victoria, B.C., who met with such a severe accident that the doctors feared he would never see again. Many friends prayed that the Great Physician would show His power in giving back the precious sight. After many long weeks, he is able to go around the city again, but of course his eyes are still being cared for by the specialist. My visit to British Columbia, though such a sad one, made me understand about the Hindus, Japs and Chinese better than ever before, as many of these people are to be seen every day in Victoria.

One little sentence in the "Link" for November said: "Mohammedanism is apt to seem a long way from us here in Canada." Do you know that in India there are 62,458,077 people who own Mohammed as their leader? No wonder our missionaries long to win these people to Jesus Christ.

I have been reading of such a brave man, named Raymond Lull, who was born 664 years ago. He was rich and of a noble family, very fond of music and society's claims, but after he learned to love Jesus Christ, he gave up worldly pleasures, and at forty years of age began to preach to the Moslems, a people who claim Mohammed as their prophet. In North Africa he spent many years in witnessing for Jesus Christ. The Sultan had him put into a filthy dungeon and bitterly persecuted. After being set free he returned to Europe, trying to arouse others to the great need of this work. Then he went back to Africa, preaching Christ in the market place. Again he was put in prison and even while there tried to tell of the love of Jesus to all who visited him. Banished once more from this dark land, with the threat of being killed if he ever came back there, he could not resist trying to work secretly and for ten months labored with great zeal in a quiet way for these African people so dear to him. At last he preached once more in the market place. The angry people caught him, then an

old man over eighty years of age, dragged him out of the town and stoned him to death, and for five hundred years no one dared to take up the work Mr. Lull had left unfinished. Perhaps he thought his life work did no good, but the Master took care of the precious seed sown in so much love, and others who in after years read of this brave man, wanted to spend their lives in the same way. I think we must talk more about this subject next month.

SISTER BELLE.

518 McLaren Street, Ottawa.

CHILDREN OF THE MISSION.

In the land of ice and snow.

Lives the little Eskimo;

Dress of skin

Fur-side in,

Keeps him warm from head to toe.

Running wild in blazing sun,

Plays the little African;

Not a thread,

From his head,

Wears this little black-skinned one.

Far away, o'er distant seas,

Dwells the little Japanese;

Silken gown

Falls way down

Far below his yellow knees.

On the sweeping prairie wide,

Does the Indian child abide;

Beads in rows,

Buckskin clothes,

Serve his copper skin to hide.

In the crowded city's street,

Poorest child of all we meet—

Feet all bare,

Rags to wear,

Homeless, friendless, naught to eat.

Now to all these children dear

Let us send a word of cheer;

Tell them how

Jesus now

Waits with love to draw them near.

Of our plenty let us send

News of Him, the children's Friend;

That from sin

We may win

Souls to serve Him to the end.

—Selected.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Convention of Ontario West

Held in the Adelaide St. Church, London, November 11, 1909

(Mrs. M. J. Mulock, Reporter).

Mrs. John Firstbrook, President, occupied the chair and greeted a large audience of delegates. The warm welcome voiced by Mrs. A. W. Woodburne, was felt to be doubly sincere, coming from the mother of our beloved missionaries, and proven by the efficient way in which we were provided for by our entertainers.

Mrs. M. P. Campbell, of Bothwell, read the Scriptures and Mrs. Dadson led in prayer. The report of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Glenn Campbell, was then given. As this report will appear in full in the "Link," no comment is necessary.

The Secretary of Bands, Mrs. G. W. Barber, reported a little decrease in finances, but more children interested and working. Ninety-seven Bands gave \$734.10 to Home Missions, a gain of twelve contributing Bands to the Home treasury. One hundred and twenty-two Bands gave \$1,379.35 to Foreign, \$169.40 less than last year. Thirteen new Bands were organized.

The new Treasurer, Mrs. D. N. Robertson, 29 Havelock Street, Toronto, who has lately come to us from England, was introduced by the President, and welcomed by the whole Convention rising and singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

When it was found that we had a large deficit in our treasury, owing to unexpected demands, an Emergency Fund was started. This brought in \$635.84, reducing our deficit to \$277.74, but if our estimates are to be met, \$2,000 will have to be added to our regular income. This will have to be done by each Circle aiming at a higher mark in their regular contributions and making a determined effort to get every woman in the church a Circle member.

The new editor of the "Link," Miss J. M. Norton, B.A., in paying a tribute to the retiring editor, Mrs. Porter, said: "The machinery was so well oiled and in such good running order, that when a change in manager was made, the friction was reduced to a minimum."

The receipts of the "Link" for the year were \$1,068.03, disbursements

\$841.62, leaving a balance on hand of \$226.47. Number of "Links" taken October 31, 1908, 3,968; October 31, 1909, 4,476, an increase of 508.

The Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, reported that out of 13,376 women on the church rolls, only 4,935 contribute through the Circles to our treasury. The thirteen associations reported, showed progress to be fluctuating. Young Women's Circles were growing in number, and were filling a long-felt gap.

Miss Jeffrey and Miss Claypole spoke on Young Women's Circles. The paper by Miss Claypole is to appear in toto.

The election of officers and members of the Board resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. John Firstbrook.

First Vice-President—Mrs. John McLaurin.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. J. Ross.

Members of the Board, 1904-14—Mrs. Thos. Urquhart, Mrs. Jas. Byrie, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Miss Webster, Miss Nasmith, Mrs. P. C. Cameron, Mrs. Nancy, Mrs. Senior, Mrs. St. C. Balfour. 1909-13—Mrs. T. S. Johnson. 1909-11, Mrs. Zavitz.

Very cheering greetings were received from sister societies of London and also the W.C.T.U., these societies being represented personally.

As on the previous day of the Convention, the Bible, and its bearing upon our lives, and upon those whom we sought to win, was the theme of the addresses.

Mrs. Lloyd, in her talk on "the Bible, on Home and Foreign Missions," declared that if we took Missions out of the Bible, we took it to pieces. She gave many instances of God's displeasure at, and judgment upon, heathenism, and urged all to follow its precepts by being such true missionaries that if we could not go ourselves, we would help to smooth the way for others to go and tell the story.

Resolutions of thanks to Mrs. Porter, Miss Webster, Miss Nancy and the entertaining London friends, were adopted unanimously.

A resolution was passed by a standing vote of the Convention to have the entertaining church charge twenty-five cents for the mid-day meals, when the Convention met with them.

Miss Baskerville, in speaking on "the Bible in Cocanada Girls' School," gave us an insight into the everyday life of the school and revealed to us what a power the Book had in moulding the characters and lives of these girls. She told of the great revival that came to them in the midst of their school life, how God spoke to these souls and they wrestled with their sins until confession and repentance brought peace.

A paper on "Mission Study Classes" was read by Miss Lulu M. Smith, of London, setting forth so fully the value and methods of work of these classes that it is to be published later in our paper, so that a larger number may benefit by it.

Mrs. Holman followed this soul-stirring address with a prayer to God to grant that we at home might be revived and yield ourselves wholly to Him.

Our President, Mrs. John Firstbrook, in her address, reviewed the difficulties that had beset the Society during the year, and how they had been solved, and suggested that the state of our treasury might be owing to the fact that we had omitted taking it to the Throne of Grace sufficiently often. In reminding us that the theme of the Convention had been the Bible, she pleaded for its larger place in our lives and in the upbringing of our children.

In the evening the first address by Miss Priest of Tuni, India, on "The Bible among the women of India," took us into the homes of those Hindu women who heard of God's love for the first time, and marvelled that the Book was a book of love. These women seemed to grasp it quickly because of its stories fitting into their own lives, and when they accepted the Word of God, it became a stronghold against the bonds of caste which held them down in superstition and ignorance.

Miss Corning told of her work among the Eurasians, who number 26,125 in the Madras Presidency alone. She dwelt upon the value of educating these children and the great possibilities for usefulness in them and she cited instances where they had risked their lives to tell others the story which had re-made theirs. As she traced out some of their histories, our hearts went out in sym-

pathy to these in need, who will always hold a warmer place in our memories because of Miss Corning's eloquent pleading.

The Convention was brought to a close by the benediction being pronounced by Rev. A. J. Vining.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the Convention year which has just closed, there have been held, besides the four quarterly meetings, at which the average attendance was thirty-two, an emergency meeting, and eleven monthly meetings, with an average attendance of eleven. The Executive has not met during the year.

As is the custom at the first meeting of the new Board, the estimates for the ensuing year were passed, and the necessary officers elected. The financial side of the "Link" was then considered thoroughly.

At this meeting it was found necessary to increase the amount of passage money to or from India from \$325 to \$350. A motion to increase the allowance of missionaries on furlough from \$300 to \$400, met with the hearty approval of the Board and was carried.

At the February meeting, Mrs. Porter tendered her resignation as editor of the "Link," on account of ill health. The Board has placed on record its hearty and sincere appreciation of Mrs. Porter's long, efficient, faithful and self-sacrificing services as editor of the "Canadian Missionary Link." At a subsequent meeting, Miss Jaqueline M. Norton, B.A., was the unanimous choice of the Board, as the new editor, to begin her duties with the September issue.

To safeguard the health of missionaries on furlough, it was decided to require each missionary upon returning to Canada, to undergo a medical examination, and be guided by the physician's advice, in all work undertaken during furlough. As all engagements with missionaries must be made through Mrs. Lloyd, the health of the missionaries will be further protected, while the Society at large may benefit as much as is wise, from the sojourn of our missionaries in Canada.

The Board has sent out no new missionary this fall; nevertheless, this has been a year of steady progress. Besides increasing the money for furlough passages, and the allowance of missionaries

while home, the Board has this year undertaken the support of Miss Zimmerman, who was sent out by the special provision of an individual contributor.

In addition, the Board gladly became responsible for the entire salary of Miss Edna Corning, B.A., thus relieving the Timpany Memorial School of whatever part of Miss Corning's support they have hitherto supplied.

We are very sorry to note that the amount received from thank-offerings has fallen off some during the past year. This is difficult to explain, in view of the notes of progress sounded all along the line in report after report. Surely in view of the abundant mercies of our God, we will move forward from strength to strength, ever looking forward to the full realization of our goal, to give the Gospel to all the world, till He shall reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

The following life members have been added during the year:

Mrs. Eliza Stevens, Aylmer; Mrs. Mary Hoffman, Aylmer; Mrs. Phoebe McDonald, Aylmer; Miss Alice Wood, Aylmer; Mrs. John McIntosh, Round Plains; Mrs. Martha Davis, Beamsville; Mrs. W. R. Evans, Guelph; Mrs. James Hyde, Toronto; Mrs. John Dixon, Toronto; Mrs. W. W. Abra, Toronto; Miss Christine Palmer, Dundas; Mr. A. S. Imrie, Brantford; Dr. Gertrude Hulet, Norwich; Mrs. L. A. Mentennick, Ingersoll; Mrs. Thomas Truss, Brantford; Mrs. Lucy Groat, Gladstone; Mrs. John Sanders, St. Thomas.

Band life members:

Dr. Gertrude Hulet, Miss Gertrude Haydon, Brampton; Miss Jennie Beaupre, Waterford; Master Carl Clarke, Belleville; Miss Lydia Chute, Lakeshore Calvary.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,

Rec. Sec.

HOME SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." So sang the Psalmist of old, and we would claim the promise as ours.

Another year has come and gone, and again we bring before you our annual report. This year we have 13,376 women reported as being on our church rolls,

and of this number 4,935 contribute through the Circles to Foreign Missions. This is slightly over one-third. Let us aim for at least two-thirds this next year. We can do it if we will.

The 243 Circles have contributed \$9,299.50. This sum has been augmented by Bands, other organizations and collections at Associations, to \$11,000.82. This seems a goodly amount, but our work is ever increasing and as it does, more money is required to carry it on. Some of our Associations, of which we have thirteen, have done nobly, and an interest is evidenced that has never been shown before. Women are joining the ranks as the result of the crusade work and as they know more of the need they are all the more willing to contribute towards it. One means of conveying information about our sisters on the Foreign field, is through a little paper called the "Link." 4,476 women take this, but it should be not only taken but read by all our women. We cannot afford to neglect it if we wish to keep abreast of the times. Let us never cease to pray for our young editor, Miss Norton, who has just started on this great labor of love. May the mantle of her predecessor fall on her. Your Secretary has been kept quite busy this year, answering questions and writing letters. She is glad to be used in this way, and will always try to get the desired information, even if she has not it herself when it is asked for. One director who is full of enthusiasm states that she is not very proud of her report and that if all the Associations have decreased as much as hers has done, she is not surprised that we are \$3,000 short in our estimates. She says: "It is hard to get our women to realize that a little more than ten cents a month is expected of them with the enlargement of the work," but she cheerfully adds, "We will just have to continue telling them." That is the way, sisters. Tell them our work is growing and let them grow with it.

In the Northern Association there is one church where the members live so far apart that the Circle disbanded, and another where they did so because they only had three women. If one of these had been made President, another Secretary, and the third Treasurer, I believe they could have continued the Circle. We hope to hear from Sturgeon Falls next year. Orillia Circle is supporting a Bible Woman in India, and

also sent \$18 to help support a missionary in Africa.

Peterborough Association reports that a Circle has been recently reorganized at Picton. We wish the new Circle every success. We welcome Miss Nicholls to the Directorate, but Peterborough Association will long remember the faithful services of Miss Annie Walton. Gilmour Church sent a bale of clothing to the needy.

Mrs. Ryley, of Lindsay, reports the Circles under her care in a fairly healthy condition. She says: "Of course, it's the same old story, small meetings, so many removals, etc., but there seems no help for it in our weak churches. She mentions Haliburton Circle—fourteen members of Circle, with only twelve women in church. Most of us would be satisfied if we had as many women in the Circle as we have in the church, but they belong to the honorable few who have exceeded this. Let us aim high next year.

Guelph Association, under the enthusiastic young Director, Miss Dayfoot, reports two of the youngest Circles as doing splendidly, away ahead of her most sanguine expectations. Change, sickness and church difficulties are among the drawbacks, but many of the Circles are in a good healthy condition. One Circle that has not been holding meetings, has started again and promises to "pay up." Two German churches came into the Association on condition that their Mission offerings should be sent to the German Board of the U.S.A. Some sister who is gifted in this language will perhaps persuade them in time to come in with us in our work for women and children in India.

Norfolk has encouragements and discouragements: Some of the churches are small and the work is kept up with difficulty. Mrs. Davis says: "There is reason for encouragement, for there is deep interest in some of the Circles." No report came from some of her Circles although urged to send one in. Some failed for the first time. Let us hope and pray that they may soon rally.

Mrs. Mulock reports that quite an impetus has been given to their work by the young women forming themselves into Circles. This she has long advocated and it is gratifying to see the fruitage of her labors. This is one of

our largest Associations and great things have been done in it for several years past. We hope it will long be under our sister's care. It would be hard to find one who has the work as much at heart.

Mrs. J. G. Taylor, who takes the place of Mrs. Campbell, comes to the work untried as it is, with a spirit of willingness to do all she can to further the interests of her Master. Her report was among the first to arrive. May the spirit and zeal of the former Director be given to her successor.

Little Elgin Association has cheered the heart of Mrs. Binch by increasing its gifts to Foreign Missions. When the emergency call reached them they were able to say: "We have done all we can this year." Can the rest of us say that?

Walkerton report was not so complete as it might be, owing to some of the largest churches failing to report to Miss Stovel. There may be some good reason for this, but we hope as soon as a Director sends out the blanks, a great effort will be made to have them returned properly filled out.

Owen Sound returned a very full, clear report, and there was only one church missing.

Good work has been done this year in Toronto Association. New Circles have been formed and others are asking for constitutions and any information they can get, so that they too may have a Circle in their church. Mrs. Scott is ably assisted by Mrs. Urquhart in the formation of these gatherings, that mean so much for our women at home, as well as abroad. Thirty-six Circles are reported in Toronto Association this year. Last in this report, but not the least by any means.

"Every woman in the church a member of the Circle" was our motto last year. Let it be the same this, and let us not be satisfied till we get them in and give them something to do.

"Go, labor on while it is day:

The world's dark night is hastening on; Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away, It is not thus that souls are won."

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LLOYD.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and bath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." (James 5: 7, 8).

There is perhaps no calling in life in which the cardinal Christian virtues of faith and patience are more indispensable than in the work of the foreign missionary. There have been times of great ingatherings, times when long seed-sowing has culminated in most glorious harvests, but the everyday, faithful, unceasing work of preaching or teaching or ministering to the diseased is what lays the foundation for these great results, and it is by patient continuance that our missionaries must and do hope for the coming of that day when the nations shall know God.

Our Society has not such a golden record this year as last when we were enabled to send out three new missionaries. It must be said for us, however, that we have in reality Miss Zimmerman as our new missionary this year. When Miss Zimmerman was sent out, she was to have been supported by a person who is greatly interested in Missions, but owing to unforeseen events this arrangement has become impracticable, and, consequently, in our estimates for the ensuing year, our Society is providing for Miss Zimmerman's maintenance. Owing to this, we have been unable to send out a new missionary from the homeland.

During the greater part of the past year we have had thirteen single ladies at work among the Telugus, under the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Ontario West, while two have been at home in Canada on furlough. The nature of the work is varied, medical, educational and evangelistic. Touring about among scattered villages, teaching in the zenanas and carrying on day and boarding schools, caring for the sick and having oversight of the leper work, are some of the forms of the activity of our workers in India.

We are thankful for the safe return to Canada this year of Miss Baskerville, Miss Corning and Miss Priest, and we believe their presence here will mean much for the work at home. We hope too that many of our women in the home churches may come into personal touch with them, and so strengthen the ties of personal interest in our foreign work.

We expect to hear soon of the safe arrival of Dr. Hulet and Miss Selman in India. They were to sail on October 6th from Vancouver to Hong Kong by the western route.

VUYURU.

Undoubtedly one of the most effective means of reaching the heathen world and of breaking down prejudices, is through the medical missionary, whose skill in relieving distress almost always opens the door for the Gospel. We are very grateful to have two medical women among our band of missionaries in India. Dr. Hulet is now returning to her old field, Vuyuru, after her furlough, and the work in this place has been carried on during the year by Dr. Allyn, who writes:

"Shortly after your convention, one year ago, it was my great joy to complete my Telugu examinations and since that time I have been able to give more time to the medical, evangelistic and school work which has been entrusted to me.

The little Vuyuru Hospital has continued to be a centre of light and helpfulness. As it is the only hospital within a radius of twenty miles, it has an unrivalled claim upon the affections of the people. To be sure, there are plenty of quack doctors all around us and truly they do wonderful things. We have an educated friend in the village here who does some medical work and he was telling me one day that he could cure toothache in a moment by putting the juice of a certain leaf in the ears of the patient. He uses arsenic for many diseases, but the patient must be very strict about his diet,

while taking the arsenic, for should he eat an onion, for instance, he would get dropsy at once! After a course of arsenic, he always gives an antidote to the poisonous effect of the arsenic. The antidote is a broth made by boiling in water, with certain leaves, the head of a goat, split in the middle. The goat must be killed in a certain way and the leaves must be tied in a white cloth! When an educated native, who speaks English fluently, believes such things and practises charms, is it any wonder that the ordinary quack doctor uses cow manure, ashes, lemon juice, lime, mud and hot irons freely? They burn to relieve every kind of pain, and even the Christians, with a very rare exception, burn their little babies across the abdomen for colic. They say a baby cannot live if it isn't burnt. The heathen do it to let the evil spirits out, just as they snap their fingers before their mouths when they yawn, to scare away the evil spirits from entering.

Every morning we have preaching service at the hospital, and during the year thousands of people hear the Gospel in this way. Last year we had nearly 6,000 new patients, and with their relatives, over double that number of people heard the preaching, many of them returning daily for treatment for some time, and thus hearing daily.

Thirty-one days were spent on tour. Once a month, and sometimes oftener, I have been over to examine the Caste Girls' School at Valluru. Its whole history has been one of progress, and it is a joy to examine the girls on their Bible lessons. They know the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles almost perfectly and the third and fourth class girls also learn Genesis and Exodus. The school in Vuyyuru is in a promising condition now and the women in the zenanas here are listening and learning well and still the look-for break amongst the caste people does not come. At the last Conference, the message of one of the devotional meetings was: "Go ye into the vineyard and whatsoever is right I will give you." *Whatsoever is right I will give you.*

Vuyyuru is situated in a very orthodox Hindu district and is a somewhat isolated station, twenty miles from the railroad, and our doctor must necessar-

ily depend very much upon her own professional judgment, if not entirely so. Next year, Dr. Allyn is to be stationed at Pithapuram, where she will have a large hospital work in charge. Let us not forget her in this new responsibility.

AKIDU.

During Miss Selman's absence, the women's work in Akidu has had to depend on Miss Robinson and Mrs. Chute, so our Woman's Board has no report from Akidu this year.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

At Ramachandrapuram a many-sided work is carried on under the direction of Miss Hatch. During the latter part of 1908 Miss Hatch's health was greatly impaired, but we are very glad to know that she has been restored and has been able to do almost full work from January to April, while she spent May and June at the hills.

The two women reported last year as having fallen were not regular Bible women, but widows, who, it was hoped, would become such. Miss Hatch has had ten Bible women and two volunteer workers, who go about among the villages, visit in the zenanas, and help in various ways. The number on the rolls of the Cockshutt Girls' School and the Savaram School is 45. Mrs. Joshee has given valuable aid in the oversight of the school work. A wealthy Sudra farmer, who for some years has given the shelter of a good verandah for the Savaram School, is now promising a house on purpose for it.

In order to give Miss Hatch more time for touring and zenana work and Mrs. Joshee more time for increasing medical, Gospel and literary work, the schools are to be given over to the charge of Miss Jones, who is greatly interested in them, the permanent appointment being subject to the decision of the Board and Conference.

The Bible women and teachers are rejoicing this year in a home of their own. This has been called after the donor, "The Matthews' Home," and is built of burnt brick, plastered with mud, with a covering of lime in the interstices. It will accommodate six persons or three small families, and there will also be room for the Bible women

coming in from distant villages to the monthly workers' meetings.

Miss Hatch reports the completion of the wall around the entire compound, with a large gate opening on to the road and a small one into the other Mission compound. She writes: "As our little compound is so 'woody' we think the name, 'Woodside Bungalow' very appropriate, as well as euphonic. It is redolent to me also of the happy associations of my girlhood. The sum of \$60, given by a kind friend at home, has been spent for solid furniture, and that, with our own, makes us feel comfortably furnished, so our home is an increasing joy and comfort to us."

The medical and leper work, under the supervision of Dr. Joshee, have gone on much the same as usual. Several gifts have been brought to the church in acknowledgment of health restored, and who can estimate the far-reaching results of this Christ-like work of healing the sick?

One very striking instance of the importance of medical work in paving the way for the entrance of the Gospel is given by Miss Hatch as follows: "We have quite a Christian community in the large village of Sodaram, about four miles from here, but the caste part of the town I have always found hard to work. But this year a prominent citizen came here for medical aid. He put up, with his family, in the quarters the doctor provided, and was here several weeks. The whole family listened gladly whenever I went to read or sing to them, and so when they returned I made a visit to their village. What a welcome we had!"

The Godaverri Association of Churches met in Ramachandrapuram this year, and the large room in the bungalow was very well suited for a goodly gathering of women which was held there. At a large general meeting held in the church one evening our missionaries were surprised and delighted to have some caste women attend, and one, Suramma, gave a very bold and clear testimony of her faith, telling how she had been sending her children to the Cockshutt Girls' School, had learned the Word, and had given up idol worship. She expressed the hope that grace might be given her to overcome the obstacles in the way of her baptism.

During these meetings an elderly woman was brought in by two of Mr.

Stillwell's workers, saying she wanted baptism. She had been to see Miss Hatch once before and had been required to learn more of the truths of Christianity. Miss Hatch visited her home and received a most cordial welcome, while the numerous family connections of this woman, reaching to the fourth generation, listened most attentively to the Gospel story. The oldest son-in-law gave special heed and in a long speech expressed his satisfaction in at last seeing the missionary lady whom he had so often desired to meet. Before this great family gathering, Sattayama spoke out fearlessly of her trust in Christ as her Saviour, and, somewhat like one of old, she asked: "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Miss Hatch told her to come the next Sunday to be examined for baptism, and Sattayama accordingly appeared, gave a good testimony, and was baptized. This woman has shown her steadfastness in no uncertain way. Miss Hatch writes of her: "Another day, early in the morning, I saw her passing the hospital. She called in for a minute or two, said she had been at her daughter's, five miles the other side of Ramachandrapuram. The night before she had been unable to eat anything, as her daughter had offered the evening meal to an idol before partaking. She therefore had refused to eat with them and had this morning taken a drink of rice-water only, and was hurrying home. How many great-grandmothers in Canada would like a walk of twelve miles or more on a drink of rice-water? We do pray that this dear woman may be the means of bringing her family to the feet of Jesus."

Miss Hatch's meetings, visits, etc., for the year number 569, and the days she has spent on tour are 81. Thirteen of the lepers have become Christians, four of whom are from the Sudra castes.

Miss Jones shares with Miss Hatch in the joys and responsibilities of the Ramachandrapuram field. We are glad to know that Miss Jones was able to pass her first examination in Telugu in June. We are also happy to know that she has recovered from the attack of typhoid fever which marked her first year in India.

Shortly after entering the work at Ramachandrapuram, Miss Hatch gave

over to Miss Jones the charge of the Sunday Schools or evangelistic schools, which are held on verandahs, roadsides, or wherever children can be gathered together. (The Sunday Schools held in connection with the churches are under Mr. Stillwell's charge).

During the past year, Miss Jones, with her twenty-three native helpers, have conducted thirteen of these evangelistic schools, with a total average attendance of two hundred. This does not include the eighty or ninety in the Leper School, who study the Sunday School lesson every Sunday morning under Dr. Joshee. Besides these, there are the school for the Christians' children and the boarding boys, as well as five schools among the caste children and two among the outcastes. Miss Jones writes: "Such wild-looking little creatures come to some of these schools, and yet they learn to sing and to repeat texts. They are so fond of pictures that they almost do the impossible to win one of the little picture papers which we give for a recited verse. To listen to one of these little bare things lisping sweetly the name 'Yasu Christu,' makes coming to India feel worth while." Miss Jones goes about among these schools, and her heart has been stirred to gather the children in the outlying villages into schools. With some help from Mr. Stillwell's workers, a beginning has been made, and great enthusiasm prevails in this new department of work. Miss Jones appeals to the children at home to send their picture cards to India for these little learners. "I already need quite one hundred a month to supply the children who gather. I know the Lord will lead the little ones at home to send enough to supply as many children as we can gather together." A special children's evangelist has been engaged to forward this very important work among the young.

Miss Jones' sympathies go out to the lepers, and she has been struck with the gratitude and cheerfulness of these afflicted people. She has come in touch with twenty-three different villages by touring, and she has been impressed with the earnest attention frequently given to the Gospel message, and by the almost invariably kind reception given to the missionary and Bible women.

But Miss Jones, while rejoicing at the work already being done, is almost overwhelmed by the thought of the great fields yet untouched. "What are we and what can we do?" she writes. "We are nothing and can do nothing unless our arms be strengthened by the hands of the Mighty One. Such words as 'ye have not because ye ask not.' 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven' are wonderful. Pray that this year I may enter into their meaning and practice more fully than I have hitherto done. As your prayer is answered, next year's report will be one of praise for power and blessing."

COCANADA.

Passing on to Cocanada, where more of our missionaries are gathered than in any other station, we hear very encouraging reports of the zenana and school work. During Miss Baskerville's absence, Miss Pratt is taking charge of the Boarding School so that she has little time now for zenana visits. The first half of the year this work was carried on regularly, but, owing to various hindrances, it has been impossible to do this during the latter half of the year.

We cannot but admire and wonder at the energy with which our missionaries seize their opportunity to enter new doors of service, and at their readiness to give themselves to others in whatever way they may serve them. Miss Pratt writes of new experiences:

"Being impressed with the fact that there must be many in Cocanada who had not yet heard the Gospel, we determined to make a special effort to reach these and so we found our way into many streets and lanes where we had never been before, and many heard for the first time, the story of Christ and His love.

"Among the women who have heard regularly for years, ten have given in their names, asking for our prayers for themselves and their families. This is to them almost like a public profession of their desire to live for Christ. Some who are believing have asked special prayer for their husbands that they too may know the joy and peace that comes from trusting in Christ. One tells how her husband's mind has changed and

she found him reading the Bible one day. But another has had her faith sorely tried, for her husband, who thought she was spending too much time over these Christian books, commanded her to bring them all to him. He took them all—her Gospel portion, book of Psalms, hymns and tracts, and burned them all before her eyes. However, she is not discouraged, but is praying more earnestly than ever before.

Caste Girls' School. — Several unavoidable changes in the staff of teachers have been detrimental to the best progress of the school. The attendance during most of the year was about 70.

We have been encouraged to find that the children are not afraid nor ashamed to tell at home what they have learned from the Bible in school. A few weeks ago, when visiting, we came to a house where several little girls were playing about—all of them either pupils or ex-pupils of our school. When we went in to talk with the women these little girls all came in and sat down on a bench in the large room to listen. When asked if they would sing, one little girl ran upstairs to get her hymnbook and they chose a hymn entitled: "Ye must be born again." It was good to hear their happy, childish voices ringing through that large house, in a hymn of praise to Christ our Lord. The widowed mother of one of the girls said that they often sang to her and helped her to bear her great sorrow.

"At the first of April, when I took up the Boarding School, Mrs. Craig very kindly relieved me of the charge of the Caste Girls' School. She goes each morning and teaches the Bible and has the supervision of the work there. We are very grateful for this help.

Sunday School Work was carried on enthusiastically for about eight months of the year by some thirty teachers—most of them from the boarding school. A regular course of lessons was set and the work was very hopeful, when a very severe epidemic of smallpox swept over the town, and so it seemed best for us to discontinue, for a time, our Sunday School work, as it was quite unsafe to go out into the streets and lanes, where our schools are held. The Sunday School rally in October was a very successful one. The order was good and the attendance the best for at least four years.

"Village Work — "We have been able to visit more villages this year than any year before—forty altogether. Many were new villages and in these our experiences were varied—received gladly by the women in some places and ordered away peremptorily by the men in other places. In one village a young man stirred up the whole village against us and as we left we felt we had been defeated, but we went back again the next day, entering the village at the other end, and had a better time.

"We were able to get to one village that we had not visited for a year and three months, and to our joy found some women who had remembered the verse we had taught. On our former visit, four young widows had heard gladly, and we were eager to see them again. One had passed away a few months before, but her mother said she had never forgotten the message of salvation, and that they had often talked about it. However, in most places, when asked if they remember what we told them before, they say, 'How can we remember for a whole year?' This makes us realize the need of regular and continued work, and so it is with sadness that we think of the 52 villages that we have been able to see altogether and of the many that we have not visited, and realize that they must be left alone for at least two years.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust forth laborers into the harvest."

Miss Baskerville gives us an outline of the work done in the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School from July 1st, 1908, to April 1st, 1909.

"School began after the hot season vacation on the 1st of July. The first term brought many hindrances in the work. One teacher left at the end of July, and another in August, while an unusual amount of time was lost through the illness of the teachers themselves or members of their families, so that the classes had to be carried on with the help of such substitutes as were available. It was almost a surprise that the Inspection report was fairly satisfactory and that the children did about as well as usual at the annual examinations at the end of the year.

"When school closed for the Christmas vacation, there were 87 girls in the

boarding department, and 20 day scholars, but the usual reinforcements came in in January. Of the five widows who were in the training class in 1908, one dropped out of the boarding department at the end of the year, but continued in attendance as a day scholar.

"Twelve of the girls in the boarding department, and three of the day scholars were converted and baptized, and give promise of usefulness unusually bright.

"There were twelve marriages among our girls, four of whom were in the school the whole, or a part of the year 1908.

"The Christian girls in the school are still earnest, and anxious to help in the outside Sunday School work, and it depends largely on their efforts. We were pleased to note signs of their development in Christian character and conduct.

Though quite a number were attacked by smallpox, which was raging in almost all parts of India in the beginning of 1909, there were no serious or fatal cases. We gratefully acknowledge our Heavenly Father's goodness in thus sparing the little ones committed to our charge, while so many were carried off by this dread scourge.

"Mr. Israel's widowed sister, Yavelamma, who had come to us as matron in 1908, decided that the work was too trying for her, and resigned at the end of the year. Kundanamma, Josiah Burder's widow, who had been obliged to give up her studies for a time on account of her health, consented to take the position for a year, and we rejoiced to secure the services of one so conscientious and trustworthy, more especially as double burdens were to fall upon the one who was to take charge of the work during 1909.

"The last months before furlough are usually very full and busy ones, and in my case it was no exception to the rule. The building of the new kitchen and stable made some extra work, but we were very thankful to have them after the old mud huts we were used to so long.

"There were other things that had to be attended to before leaving, which gave considerable care and worry, but the pleasant voyage home and the sight of the dear friends in the homeland, have driven away all remembrance of worry and care."

The Timpany Memorial High School under the leadership of Miss Folsom, shows hopeful signs of advance along new lines, and we cannot do better than quote in full Miss Folsom's very comprehensive and concise report.

REPORT OF THE TIMPANY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

"*Strength*—Our numbers on opening school in January 1909 were four in the High School and forty-six in the Secondary; boarders, eight in the first class, and nine in the second. In February five more children were admitted to the second class of boarders. Total number at present, twenty-two. During the year several day pupils have left the school, some to go to work, others because of ill health. Their places have, however, soon been filled by new ones, so that our total remains about the same.

"*Staff*—Miss Corning taught till March 8th, the day that she left for Canada, and Miss Findlay took her place. Miss Girling resigned her post in December, 1908, to take a rest, and Miss Vigor, of Bangalore, was engaged in her stead. No other changes were made in the staff.

"*Working of the School*—In the month of May the Inspectress' report came to hand, and in it were suggestions that we felt it would be well to follow. Miss Findlay studied them thoughtfully, adapted them to our school and staff, and when the new term opened introduced them. One was concerning specialization of subjects, another suggested starting a teachers' meeting or normal class, to be held once a fortnight or oftener. Miss Findlay has, I think, mentioned these in her report. We are already realizing the wisdom of both, for we perceive increased interest of both teachers and pupils, note more satisfactory results. Time tables were altered also, giving longer periods to the subjects taught in the High School. We have wished to do this before, but could not manage it. It has now been made possible by Miss Findlay giving more hours to teaching.

"*Improvements*.—Early in the year, Miss Findlay had the cloth screens dividing the dormitories upstairs, recovered, and new doors put in. This makes the rooms look far more respectable. Doors were cut in a dark, hot room downstairs, converting it into a bright,

cheery room possible to live and work in comfortably. Walls have been repaired and a dozen shade trees set out.

"*Outlook*—The changes made in the conduct of the school will, we confidently believe, result in far more effectual treatment of the subjects taught, and the criticisms and teaching in the normal class will raise the tone of the teaching, insure better discipline, and inspire the teachers with more love and enthusiasm for their work. People are enquiring about the school, and pupils are coming from many directions. Miss Findlay has brought a practical, well-trained brain, youth and enthusiasm, and a sunny, optimistic spirit into the work, and we already feel the stirrings of new life among us. She has, by means of various devices, inspired the pupils with new zeal, and work is moving on harmoniously and encouragingly.

"We would thank all those who have sent books for our library or papers for our Sunday School. They are read with much pleasure."

We are very glad to have our first official report from Miss Findlay, who went out last fall to assist in the Timpany High School. There is no doubt from Miss Findlay's tone that she is happy in her work, for she says that time has gone so quickly and so pleasantly that she can hardly realize its flight. Owing to the peculiar nature of the work and to the demands made on Miss Findlay's strength in such an undertaking, as she is trying to fill Miss Corning's place, it has been deemed wiser for her to put off her examination in Telugu till June, and she is therefore spending only two hours a day on her Telugu study. Miss Findlay has been the moving spirit in some of the changes that have been made in the program of the school, and we shall listen to her own account.

"During the vacation, having time to think things over, I came to the conclusion that it would be better for the school just now for me to give more time to teaching and supervising. I also felt I could do more justice to subjects with which I was more familiar than Indian history. When school reopened, therefore, we made an exchange of subjects, I taking mathema-

tics and science from Mr. Peters, and giving him Indian History—a subject which he has made a speciality. I was greedy, and took more than I gave, and so I have to spend all my time from eight to eleven in the morning, and from two to four in the afternoon in the school now, supervising work in the other classes when I have a spare period.

I am carrying on Miss Corning's Saturday morning sewing class with one change, namely, that instead of spending two hours on fancy work, I give them one hour's practical work in drafting patterns for cutting and making their own clothes. We aim to have each girl make a complete set of patterns and clothes during the year.

There is one advance step we have taken this term, which I may mention, that is in regard to a teacher's weekly meeting. We meet every Thursday and discuss methods of teaching the various subjects, the teachers taking turns in giving model lessons. I think we all appreciate the discussions, and it gives Miss Folsom and I a chance to keep in closer touch with the work throughout the school.

I would like to tell you, too, how much I have enjoyed being associated with Miss Folsom. I thank God for the privilege of being with her.

I have enjoyed, too, very, very much the Telugu services. Our church—for I feel that I have a share in it—is small, but it seems so homelike that it has been a source of comfort to me.

I have been rather disappointed in not being able to carry on the native Sunday School work which Miss Corning left in my care, for there has been smallpox in the village for almost five months now, and it is not yet safe for us. Several girls are very anxious to join in the work, so that when we do get an opportunity of working again we will have a larger number of helpers than formerly.

I feel as though I have just made a start in the work here, but it is a great, great work, and our hopes are big for the future. Pray that God may give us the strength and wisdom we need to meet the problems as they come to us."

Miss Corning's report supplements those of Miss Folsom and Miss Findlay. Miss Corning says:

"I suppose that Miss Folsom has as usual fully reported for the Timpany School, so I need not say much about that branch of the work. We were very glad to welcome Miss Findlay, and to know that she would be ready to take up the work when I had to lay it down. The Eurasian work is full of promise. The fact that the Government is insisting upon a higher grade of education for European schools is one that ought to cause us to rejoice. While just at present it seems almost impossible for us to meet their demands, yet we believe that as soon as the Christians at home realize the importance of this work, money will be forthcoming to provide suitable buildings and make the school the power for good that it ought to be in that dark land. Travelling in India opens one's eyes to the far-reaching influence of the Timpany School. In almost every town and city one meets old pupils who speak of how the Christian influence of the school has followed them. In Bombay, on my way home, I met a woman who is doing a grand work in connection with the Y. W. C. A., who told me that she was one of the first boarders received into the school. She gave her heart to Christ there, and as I listened to her testimony I felt that it alone was enough to convince anybody that the work was worth while. I fully believe that if more had been done for the Eurasians in the past we might have had a far larger number of earnest, consecrated Christian workers from among these people, helping now in the evangelization of India.

"Our new building fund is growing very slowly. We have something over Rs. 4,000 in the bank, and another thousand promised to be given as soon as the building is begun. This is only one-third of the amount needed.

"The work of our Missionary Training Class was kept up until I left for furlough. As we visited our zenanas, schools and villages for the last time the girls who had helped so faithfully seemed to feel almost as badly as I did over the fact that the work must stop until my return. Again and

again the question was put to us, "Will nobody come to teach us while you are away?" and we had to answer every time, "There is nobody who can come." One thing pleased me very much: For some time I had been urging the head man of the village where we had our largest school, to take the children from the Hindu day school they were attending and send them to our new mission school in Jagganackapuram. He himself, while not a professing Christian, is very favorable to Christianity and was willing to do it, but the heathen influence of the village was too strong. On my last visit, he came to ask if anybody was to carry on the work during my absence. I told him the only way I knew of by which the children could have regular Bible teaching would be for him to send them to the Mission day school, where they would have a Bible lesson every day. He did not promise then, but before I left Cocanada I learned that more than fifty children from that village had entered our Mission school. This strengthens our faith to believe that before very long that village will be no longer heathen, but Christian.

"It is not easy to leave India for furlough, but it is good to be home again, and, oh, how we enjoy life in a Christian country. We had a most delightful trip home. The month spent in Egypt and Palestine has made the Bible a new book to me. I shall always be thankful for the privilege of spending those days travelling over the country so full of interest to us because of our Lord's life and work there."

Miss Ryerse and Miss Zimmerman, who also went to India last fall, have sent us their messages, and we rejoice in their progress. Miss Ryerse writes:

"From the time of my arrival here in December up to the present, God has graciously given me the best of health.

"The study of Telugu has, of course, taken up the most of my time, but the task grows more interesting all along the way. Owing to illness and other circumstances I have had some variety in the matter of munshis. The one with whom I started still comes, his younger brother acting as substitute as occasion demands. My other mun-

shi is also an office man, a very intelligent young Brahmin, who, considering this is his first experience in the work, is giving me good satisfaction.

"Since January I have taught in English in the Telugu Sunday School a class of young men, mostly ex-seminary boys. Three were recently received into the church.

"Last term I began, and will resume now, the teaching of drill in the Boarding School. I am also beginning to take one of the daily Telugu classes in Bible stories. These, with the presidency of the English Christian Endeavor, constitute my work, aside from study and housekeeping.

"The best part of a year has literally flown past, and it has been such a blessedly happy one. I know you have been praying for us, and would ask you to pray that I may be fitted for the task to which I am appointed when Miss Pratt goes on furlough."

To Miss Zimmerman, during her first year in India, has come a sore trial. Her brother, a devoted young Christian, who has been actively engaged in the Young Men's Christian Association work in Canada, was drowned last spring, and Miss Zimmerman's faith has been put to the test, but we know that she will be given the victory, and we would assure her again of the sympathy and prayers of those of us at home who have many times remembered her in her bereavement.

Miss Zimmerman has been privileged to visit many of our stations and to get an insight into the different methods employed. About three months were spent in Akidu with Miss Robinson, while since July 1st Miss Zimmerman has also become acquainted with the work and workers at Ramachandrapuram and Pithapuram, and as she is a trained nurse, the medical work in these stations appealed especially to her. Miss Zimmerman has been particularly impressed with the largeness of the work carried on at Ramachandrapuram, and she mentions the great love the lepers show to Miss Hatch. She says: "I never saw anything more beautiful, nor do I expect to."

The new hospital in Pithapuram under Dr. Smith's charge interested Miss Zimmerman greatly, and as Dr. Allyn

is to go to Pithapuram when Dr. Smith leaves for his furlough, our Board will have a peculiar interest in this hospital, too. Miss Zimmerman says: "It would take too long to tell you about the buildings and the wards and the work that is being carried on there. I wonder what the men in our homeland would do (I mean our medical men) in a hospital the size of this one, with no nurses and only a few native men who have to be watched closely every day lest they make mistakes which might cost lives or cause great harm."

Miss Zimmerman had the honor during her visit to Pithapuram, of turning the first sod on the spot where soon the new missionary ward will stand.

Miss Gibson's and Miss Beggs' latest reports have appeared in "The Link" and will not be repeated here. We are glad to number them among our workers.

PEDDAPURAM.

To the northeast of Cocanada lies Peddapuram, where Miss MacLeod labors, and where there has often been displayed the same eagerness to hear the Word of Life as in other districts. Truly it would seem that the fields are white to the harvest.

We are glad to be able to give Miss MacLeod's message in full:

July 1st, 1908—June 30th, 1909.

"Two and a half months' holidays at the close of a year's work make one forgetful of some of the things which help to make a report interesting. With the exception of this long holiday it has been my privilege to serve another almost unbroken year.

"*Touring*—One hundred and three days were spent on tour, and busy days they were, busy and happy ones, for one has the privilege of telling the way of escape from sin to so many who have never heard, when on tour, to say nothing of the many words of encouragement, exhortation and instruction given to the Christians as each village is visited in turn.

"*At the Station*.—As usual, my mornings were spent with the children's classes and afternoons in the homes of the women. The classes aver-

aged about seven a week, with about an average of seven in a class during the year. Since the New Year we have made an increased effort and have eleven classes a week at the present, but this is "looking forward," while a report is supposed to be "looking backward."

"This class work is more or less irregular, but we feel that it has His approval and many are the words of encouragement He gives us by the way.

"*The Work Among the Women.*— This work, too, is taking more of the form of teaching than hitherto. I have had, on the average about three women to help me when at the station, and they have still been working while I was on tour. Many of the women in Peddapuram are now ready for the second part of the commission, indeed are calling out for its fulfilment. "You must come once every week and teach us God's word," a woman of the goldsmith caste said not long ago. In accordance with their expressed desire to be able to read the Word of God, Sayamma has been going every afternoon to teach some high caste Sudra women to read, until now one at least of the two sisters whom she has taught, can read the gospels quite fluently.

"Recently, in a Brahmin home where both men and women were listening as we read selections from Scripture illustrating the "Way of Life," we had the joy of hearing an educated young Brahmin says: 'Krishna lived for himself. Christ lived for others.' 'The entrance of Thy word giveth light. Oh Thou who saidst, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" shine on! Till all is light.'

"*Bible Women in the Outside Towns.*— These have been about an average of eight in number during the year; double any year hitherto.

"In three large towns all during the year, or nearly so, the caste women have been taught day after day as never before that God is more than a mere idol."

NARSAPATNAM AND TUNI.

While Miss Priest is at home our only representative on these two fields is Miss Morrow, who is striving bravely to overtake this additional work of the Tuni field. She is strong in

faith and hope and her outlook is bright and cheery. She says:

"A farmer cannot say much about his seed-sowing except that he sowed certain seed in certain fields, but at harvest time he will have something to report. It is with us yet sowing time, and in many, many hearts growing time, but the harvest time has not yet fully come. Nevertheless there are ripening fruits appearing and these give us joy and encourage us to work on and be patient.

"Most of last touring season was spent on tour, that is, away from Tuni, for although a good many days were spent in Narsapatnam, I have to call it touring or camping, for I was living in a tent because we had no bungalow. We camped in six different centres besides Narsapatnam, and visited all the villages in the vicinity of each centre within about a distance of four or five miles. We were unable for want of time to reach all the villages visited the year before, but we reached many new ones. Many of the people in these villages had never seen a white person and had never heard the gospel message, but almost all were willing and eager to listen, and many were interested enough to ask questions about the way of salvation. Several said that they never knew that God had forbidden us to worship idols, but that now they knew they would never do it again. They meant it, too, but we fear that Satan would take good care that they forgot their promise very soon. One visit to them means such a very little bit of light and their darkness is so great!

"This year I will not be able to visit nearly so many villages on that field because I have charge of the Tuni field too, but I hope to work through the two Bible women, Kanamma and Annamma, by sending them out with the small tent to work at some of these camping centres.

"We are called from every side, so there is no lack of soil, but oh! the laborers are so few.

"I have taken on four new Bible-women and have put in an estimate for them for next year. Three of these are in Narsapatnam now, as they are the wives of Mr. Woodburne's workers, but some of them will be removed to out-stations as soon as we can get houses for them.

"We all believe that Narsapatnam is a very fruitful field for work amongst the caste people, but the church must be cleansed, for the condition of the members is a great stumbling block to the heathen, and some of these same members are those who are being paid to preach this Gospel. Oh, the church is in a sad condition, but we have hope that it will be better now that we have a missionary whose whole time will be used for that field alone.

"Work on, dear sisters, the harvest time is near and then will be the rejoicing. Perhaps it is harder for you to wait than for us, for we see the fruits growing and know that there must be a harvest, while you at home only hear about a very little of what we see and feel and know."

Miss Priest carried on her work in Tuni till the spring, when she left for Canada, and she has many interesting and inspiring words for us. Especially has she been cheered by the "untils" of Isaiah, and by the thought that she has been permitted to share in bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth.

"*Work at the Station,*" writes Miss Priest, "has gone on as usual, and yet should I say that, when there has been such real interest in the Word on the part of many. The Bible women have spoken so often in our monthly meetings of the way they have been welcomed. The visits to the homes of the women by no means sum up all the work at the station. Here is an extract from my diary for one Sunday: talked for some time with two men from Veerarapett on the importance of seeking God. Then followed a talk with a young man who has travelled a good deal and says he is thinking seriously of becoming a Christian.

"Just after I had lain down for a rest, Sanyasama came over begging me to come over and see the Permanent Way Inspector, who is very ill. Getting dressed quickly, went over but found there was nothing at all I could do. Talked with our people in the afternoon service on the characteristics of God's children and afterwards visited with the school boys for a while. Then two Hindu young men came to talk with me and stayed until dark."

"Although all the days are not as full as that one, many are, and I am coming to believe more and more strongly that we must be ready to give ourselves freely. How many times I thank our Father for the home provided for me, which has its own mission in being a place that is quiet, and restful, and clean. More than one has thanked me for letting them come so freely.

"So many homes are open to us and a number of the women listen with much interest. In how many hearts the Word is taking root is not ours to tell, but His promise is, 'My word shall not return unto me void.'

"*Work Among the Christian Women.*—The regular Friday afternoon women's prayer meeting, which is quite often led by one of themselves, the monthly meeting of our Society, visits with them at their homes, setting portions of hymns for them to learn, etc., are some of the ways by which we are trying to help these, our sisters. In March our Society gave an open meeting in the church, in which nearly every one had some part. It was a great undertaking for them, but it did them good and they enjoyed it.

"*Sunday School Work* does not diminish in interest. Indeed we feel that it is of growing importance. The Bible women help some in this work and if we had the suitable person and the means, one could find enough work in this line to keep them busy every day. On Rally Day in October over 300 children from the various schools, caste and non-caste, gathered in the compound for our regular annual meeting. At the Christmas season each school is invited separately, when they are examined and a treat is given them.

"The monthly meetings with the Bible women have been seasons of helpfulness. The Spirit has spoken to our hearts through the Word in a very definite way often, sometimes in reproof, and at others in comfort. These women need that you should help them by your prayers as well as your gifts. 'Help these women who labored with me in the gospel,' is the word that comes to my mind in thinking of them.

"*Touring.*—How my heart rejoices as I think of the days and weeks spent on our last cool season! We worked

in over seventy villages outside of Tuni. Some of them only had one visit and some of them were new, in the sense that no woman had been to the women in them before. With the joy of being privileged to take the gospel message to these women there was mixed sorrow as we wondered when they could have a chance to hear again.

"In one of the villages we had visited years ago we hunted up an old friend of the goldsmith caste. He was so pleased to have us come to his home, and insisted that we have a meal there. After we had finished and washed our hands, I said to him, 'If you were a Christian we should have prayers before leaving, you have treated us so kindly, and if you have no objections we would like to ask God's blessing on you and your home.'

"He was quite pleased and called a number in, amongst them his religious teacher, and they all sat so quiet while we sang, and I read a portion, then prayed, Martha following. It was a new experience to hear any one talk to God as we did, and before we left he thanked us so much and said it would mean much to his home.

"Not all days bring such encouragement as this one did. Here is one of another kind: We went to a village new to us and at first the folks were afraid of me. Then one woman ventured to ask us into her yard, and soon a good crowd gathered to listen. An old Brahmin widow stood on the outside edge for a while, and then asking us to come to her street went away. Later on we went to Brahmin street and were so pleased to be welcomed by two bright young women who had met Miss Morrow while visiting relatives. We were just getting

nice started in conversation when a small boy came and said something on the quiet to them, upon which they got up quickly and ran away into the house without any explanation, but we understood a few minutes later, when on retracing our steps we were confronted by an angry Brahmin, who asked us how we dared go on Brahmin street and ordered us off, saying they had no need of our teaching or of our Jesus Christ. I told him there was no compulsion, but that now the responsibility was his, as we came so gladly to tell the message, but he was sending us away.

"And so the weeks and months were spent and meant much to me personally. We look forward to the time when the Kingdom of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We rejoice in the faithful band of women who, as our representatives, are giving themselves without stint to these sisters in India, whose lives have little or none of the brightness which has been ours. We would that all our women in the home churches might feel more the responsibility and the privilege of entering more intimately into the lives and work of our missionaries. Let us keep our minds alert and conversant with the work in the various stations; let our imagination picture to us the scenes in which our missionaries are mingling; but, above all, let our prayers go up daily for these godly women, who often, amid discouragements, loneliness and weariness, are still counting it joy to be laborers with God.

Respectfully submitted,—

M. L. ANGUS.

Toronto, Oct. 26th, 1909.

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TREASURER'S THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

From October 21st, 1908, to October 20th, 1909.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—Mrs. J. H. Rinch, St. Thomas.			
Aslmer	\$124 45	\$8 00	\$132 45
Calton	13 50		13 50
Dutton	8 00		8 00
Fingal	6 00	1 75	4 75
Gladstone	81 94		81 94
Iona Station	21 00	21 12	42 12
Jaffa	11 65	4 30	15 95
Lakeshore, Calvary	30 00	7 10	37 10
Malahide-Bayham	13 00	8 50	21 50
New Sarum	10 75		10 75
Port Burwell	6 50		6 50
Shedden	16 62	2 75	19 37
Sparta	161 10	*15 50	187 55
St. Thomas	6 75		6 75
Collection			5 00
	\$586 31	\$73 02	\$664 33

15 Circles. 7 Bands. *1 Other Organization.

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—Miss Gertrude Dayfoot, Georgetown.			
Acton	\$6 50		\$6 50
Berlin, King St.		5 00	5 00
King St.		*7 10	7 10
German		5 00	5 00
Brampton	32 75	30 00	62 75
Cheltenham	29 00	70	29 00
Fullarton	10 00		10 00
Galt	33 75		33 75
Georgetown	13 75	*22 00	35 75
Guelph	{ 69 25	{ 5 00	{ 91 25
Hespeler	{ 19 70	{ 2 50	{ 22 20
Nisour, East	{ 11 00	{ 5 75	{ 11 00
Orangeville	{ 7 50	{ 5 75	{ 7 50
Preston	{ 7 50	{ 1 00	{ 10 00
Snellgrove	{ 10 25	{ 24 00	{ 34 25
St. Mary's	{ 57 25	{ 5 00	{ 62 25
Stratford			4 55
Collection			4 55
	\$315 65	\$130 05	\$450 25

14 Circles. 10 Bands. *3 Other Organizations.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—Mrs. J. G. Taylor, 112 Forsyth St., Sarnia.			
Alla Craig	\$13 35		\$13 35
Alvinston	17 15	1 14	18 29
Arcona	3 60		3 60
Brooke and Enniackillen	27 70	85	28 55
Calvary	18 50		18 50
Courtright & Moore O	8 00		8 00
Denfield	22 75	4 50	22 75
Forest	2 00		2 00
Lobo	77 22		77 22
London, Adelaide St.		36 90	119 44
Y. P.		5 32	5 32
Jr.		20 55	20 55
Egerton St.	12 00		12 00
Maitland St.	13 25	3 50	31 25
South	11 50		11 50
Y. L.	29 50	88 00	67 50
South	154 61		17 00
Talbot St.	28 00		7 00
Y. L.	7 00		18 00
Oil Springs	4 00	14 00	18 00
Parkhill	22 54	9 25	31 79
Petrolia			

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Plympton	7 00		7 00
Sarnia	{ 44 51	{ 9 44	{ 56 45
Y. L.	{ 2 50	{ }	{ 6 00
Sarnia Township	31 00	8 00	39 00
Strathroy	8 50		8 50
Watford	6 50		6 50
Williams, East		*4 00	4 00
Wyoming			2 32
Collection			
	\$506 13	\$172 45	\$770 90

27 Circles. 13 Bands. *1 Other Organization.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—Mrs. (Dr.) M. J. Mulock, St. Catharines.			
Beamsville	\$25 50	\$3 00	\$28 50
Binbrook	11 40		11 40
Burlington	4 00		4 00
Caledonia	10 50	10 75	21 25
Dundas	43 94	11 25	55 19
Dunnville	10 50	1 25	11 75
Fonthill	7 00		7 00
Freelton	7 65		7 65
Grimshy	24 87	11 00	35 87
Hamilton, Barton St.	42 36	2 00	44 36
Ferguson Ave	5 50		5 50
Herkimer	{ 35 65	{ 34 00	{ 84 65
Y. L.	{ 15 00	{ }	{ 15 00
James St.	123 40	*5 00	150 90
Y. L.	10 50	*12 00	43 76
Victoria Ave.	37 61	6 15	43 76
Westworth St	14 75	25 00	64 75
Niagara Falls	{ 17 00	{ }	{ 22 00
Y. L.	{ 5 00	{ }	{ 8 00
South	8 00		14 80
Port Colborne	7 25	7 55	14 80
St. Catharines	{ 98 60	{ 35 00	{ 167 16
Y. L.	{ 8 56	{ *25 00	{ 1 73
Welland			1 73
Westover	36 50		36 50
Collection			7 38
	\$611 04	\$215 68	\$824 10

24 Circles. 12 Bands. *4 Other Organizations.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Director—Mrs. G. Davis, Simcoe.			
Bloomsburg	\$7 50	\$3 00	\$10 50
Boston	{ 26 50	{ 25 00	{ 61 50
Y. L.	{ 10 00	{ }	{ 2 50
Courtland	7 00		7 00
DeCewville	28 65	12 00	40 65
Delhi			8 83
Forestville	10 30	9 00	19 30
Hartford	17 00		17 00
Houghton, First	2 50	10 00	12 50
Langton			2 29
Middleton, South	5 05	1 75	6 30
Pine Grove			1 00
Fort Rowan	59 50		59 50
Round Plains	6 00	4 00	10 00
Selkirk	{ 17 00	{ }	{ 16 00
Simcoe	{ 12 50	{ }	{ 17 00
Y. L.	{ 17 00	{ }	{ 17 00
Townsend Centre	12 00		12 00
Villa Nova	5 00	15 85	18 85
Vittoria	52 00	58 87	110 87
Waterford			
Collection			
	\$281 00	\$174 09	\$455 09

17 Circles. 14 Bands.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. R. Cummer, Parry Harbor.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Barrie	\$23 75	\$17 00	\$40 75
Burk's Falls	13 60	10 00	23 60
Collingwood	22 00	.....	22 00
Dryden	3 00	.....	3 00
Port Franca	5 00	.....	5 00
Port William	18 95	20 00	38 95
Gravenhurst	32 00	.....	32 00
Haileybury	10 07	.....	10 07
Huntsville	5 00	.....	5 00
Kenora	9 00	.....	9 00
Midland	33 00	5 00	38 00
New Liskeard	14 50	.....	14 50
Orillia	38 40	*20 00	58 40
Parry Sound	13 50	7 00	20 50
Port Arthur	16 10	17 00	33 10
Sault Ste. Marie	25 00	.....	25 00
Stellton	10 00	.....	10 00
Collection .....	.....	.....	.....
	\$292 87	\$96 00	\$388 87

17 Circles. 6 Bands. *1 Other Organization.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. W. L. Newton, Durham.

Bentick	\$7 45	.....	\$7 45
Daywood	17 25	.....	17 25
Durham	9 00	3 00	12 00
Flesherton	2 00	.....	2 00
Keady	9 95	.....	9 95
Meaford	1 75	.....	1 75
Owen Sound	31 75	25 00	56 75
B. B. ....	.....	1 50	1 50
Paisley	8 50	17 00	25 50
Port Elgin	22 00	.....	22 00
Southampton	20 84	.....	20 84
Strathaven	6 00	.....	6 00
Thorburn	3 00	.....	3 00
Warton	11 60	.....	11 60
Williscroft	5 00	.....	5 00
Woodford	4 00	.....	4 00
Collection .....	.....	.....	.....
	\$160 09	\$46 50	\$210 59

15 Circles. 4 Bands.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, 111 Erie Ave., Brantford.

Beachville	\$5 15	.....	\$5 15
Brantford, Calvary	\$7 25	3 50	10 75
First	37 50	35 00	72 50
Immanuel	73 00	14 60	87 60
Gleaners	30 00	.....	30 00
Park	109 11	13 00	122 11
Shenstone M.	14 00	.....	14 00
Burford	3 95	.....	3 95
Burgessville	21 16	58	79 16
Burich	14 00	10 50	24 50
Cainsville	1 25	1 25	2 50
Hatchley	5 00	.....	5 00
Ingersoll	57 32	9 28	66 60
Jerseyville .....	.....	12 00	12 00
Norwich	49 00	17 50	66 50
Onondaga, First	8 00	80	88 00
Second	1 21	.....	1 21
Oxford, East	21 50	17 00	38 50
West	5 00	.....	5 00
Paris	28 24	10 00	38 24
Salford	28 55	.....	28 55
Scotland	29 50	9 20	38 70
Springford	18 72	6 00	24 72
St. George	13 87	10 95	24 82
Y. L.	10 00	.....	10 00
Tillsonburg	23 50	.....	23 50
Woodstock, First	49 25	.....	49 25
Oxford St.	13 75	18 00	31 75
Zorra, East	6 00	.....	6 00
Collection .....	.....	.....	5 97
	\$1,076 08	\$223 16	\$1,305 16

27 Circles. 17 Bands. *1 Other Organization.

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss M. A. Nicholls, 216 McDonald St., Peterborough.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Belleville	\$5 00	.....	\$5 00
Jr. ....	.....	\$10 00	15 00
Girl's .....	.....	17 00	32 00
Boy's .....	.....	17 00	49 00
Campbellford	8 75	3 06	11 81
Cobourg	16 25	.....	16 25
Colborne	9 00	1 50	10 50
Cramahs	10 30	.....	10 30
Gilmour Memorial	26 80	.....	26 80
Haldimand	8 75	1 00	9 75
Lakefield	11 00	10 00	21 00
Norwood	5 00	.....	5 00
Peterboro, Murray St.	135 55	52 79	188 34
Y. L.	13 00	.....	13 00
B. B. ....	.....	1 75	1 75
Park St.	14 63	25 00	40 63
Port Hope	57 55	8 00	65 55
Collection .....	.....	.....	2 90
	\$321 58	\$147 10	\$471 58

13 Circles. 11 Bands.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Director—Mrs. Wm. Scott, 22 Delaware Ave., Toronto.

Aurora	\$5 00	.....	\$5 00
Bethel	14 50	.....	14 50
Markham, Second	25 78	5 50	31 28
York Mills	55 85	.....	55 85
Toronto:—	.....	.....	.....
Annetie St.	15 20	2 68	17 88
Beverley St.	77 40	5 00	82 40
Bloor St.	273 05	.....	273 05
Century Y. L.	86 75	17 00	103 75
Chester	32 10	.....	32 10
Y. L.	7 25	.....	7 25
Christie St.	11 00	.....	11 00
College St.	95 48	27 30	122 78
Dovercourt Rd.	63 55	.....	63 55
Y. L.	12 00	.....	12 00
Dufferin St.	1 68	.....	1 68
Elim	25 00	.....	25 00
First Ave.	59 47	.....	59 47
Y. L.	62 00	.....	62 00
Immanuel	67 32	.....	67 32
Y. L.	7 50	3 30	10 80
Jarvis St.	2,540 21	9 16	2,549 37
Memorial	10 00	2 25	12 25
Moulton College.	*64 70	.....	64 70
Myrtle Ave.	14 00	1 50	15 50
Oliver	37 45	.....	37 45
Osington	50 00	.....	50 00
Pape Ave.	6 00	.....	6 00
Parliament St.	61 65	.....	61 65
Reid Ave.	3 70	.....	3 70
Roncesvalles	385 91	43 00	428 91
Wahner Rd.	84 25	*17 00	101 25
Waverley Rd.	83 02	.....	83 02
Western	9 50	*17 00	26 50
Y. P.	11 35	*4 25	15 60
Willoughby Ave.	39 65	20 00	59 65
East Toronto .....	.....	.....	10 28
Collection .....	.....	.....	.....
	\$4,381 28	\$239 39	\$4,620 95

36 Circles. 10 Bands. *5 Other Organizations.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Director—Miss Ruby Stovel, Mount Forest.

Atwood	\$10 15	.....	\$10 15
Clinton	10 00	.....	10 00
Glamis	9 00	4 00	13 00
Goderich .....	.....	*2 50	2 50
Kincardine	8 75	.....	8 75
Listowel	11 46	.....	11 46
Mount Forest	23 38	2 00	25 38

Summary.

Receipts for extras		\$1,939 25	
Ramachandrapuram Building and Bungalow Fund		150 80	
Harris Bungalow furniture		53 00	
Regular work (inc. \$105.25 for New Missionaries' Fund, \$250.00 for Miss Corning, and \$268.07 for Dr. Hulet)		10,214 68	
Emergency Fund		333 50	
Total Receipts during the year		\$12,691 16	
Total Disbursements during the year		18,637 01	
To balance forward October 20th, 1908:			
Investment Account	\$25 00		By Investment Account balance in Bank.... \$25 00
Balance reported from India	86 00		By balance with Treasurer in India..... 86 00
		\$111 00	
			\$111 00

Audited and found correct.

E. C. FOX,
H. A. CALVIN.SARAH J. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

"THE LINK."

To give the readers of the "Link" some general idea of our standing without publishing the Annual Report in full, we would say that our finances are now in a fairly satisfactory condition. Our total receipts for the year were \$1,068.09, and our total disbursements \$841.62, leaving a balance on hand of \$226.47 with which to begin our new year. The number of "Links" taken a year ago was 3,968, —now the number is 4,476, an increase of 508. We are hoping that at least this same increase may be made another year so that we can report at our next Convention a subscription list of 5,000.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, London, Tuesday evening, November 9th, at 7.30 o'clock, Mrs. Firstbrook in the chair. There were thirty-two members present, including Mrs. John MacLaurin, Misses Baskerville and Corning.

The annual reports of the various officers were read and adopted.

The resignation of Miss Webster as Treasurer was read and accepted. It was resolved to place on record the Board's appreciation of the work of Miss Webster as Treasurer of the Society for four years. Mrs. D. N. Rob-

ertson, Toronto, was appointed as the new Treasurer.

It was decided that in future the monthly meetings of the Board should be held on the second Thursday in the month, excepting in February, May, September and November, when the quarterly meetings are held.

The Recording Secretary was authorized to receive subscriptions for the periodical "Among the Telugus."

Meeting adjourned.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Recording Secretary.

FIRST QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING.

The first quarterly meeting of the Board was held in the Adelaide Street Church, London, Friday, November 12th, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Firstbrook in the chair.

The following officers were elected:—Recording Secretary, Mrs. Glenn Campbell; Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Angus; Treasurer, Mrs. D. N. Robertson; Editor "Link," Miss Norton; Secretary Bands, Mrs. G. W. Barber; Secretary of Bureau of Literature, Mrs. Thos. Moore; Executive Committee, Mrs. Bates, Miss Elliot, Mrs. Urquhart and Mrs. Wm. Davies, jr.; Committee to meet with General Board, Mrs. Lloyd.

Miss Norton, Miss Nasmith and the Acting President.

Mrs. Hall, of Woodstock, having found it necessary to resign her position on the Board, Mrs. St. Clair Balfour was appointed to fill this vacancy.

Mrs. Ross was appointed as our delegate to the World's Conference in Edinburgh in June.

The following estimates for the year 1909-10 were then passed:

Akidu—	
Miss Selman and work	\$ 713 00
Cocanada—	
Girls' Boarding School	1,160 00
Miss Pratt, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. and Zenana work	535 00
Miss Folsom	500 00
Miss Zimmerman and Munshi	575 00
Miss Findlay and Munshi	575 00
Miss Ryerse and Munshi	575 00
Narsapatnam, part of Miss Morrow's salary	200 00
Peddapuram, Miss MacLeod and work	685 00
Pithapuram, Dr. Jessie Allyn and work	587 00
Ramachandrapuram, work	413 00
Miss Hatch and Miss Jones	1,000 00
Tuni, work	175 00
Vuyuru, Dr. Gertrude Hulet	500 00
Furlough passage and allowance, Miss Pratt	584 00
Furlough allowances, Misses Baskerville, Corning and Priest	1,200 00
Passages to India, Misses Baskerville, Corning and Priest	1,050 00
Fraction of 1910, after return, Misses Baskerville, Corning and Priest (about)	150 00
Village schools, grant	425 00
Samalkot Seminary, grant	400 00
Expenses of the Society	200 00
Total	\$12,202 00
Income, 1908-09	10,214 00
Necessary growth this year to overtake present obligation	\$1,988 00

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,
Recording Secretary.

NOTICE TO CIRCLES.

Expenses of missionaries, including postage and carfares, must be met by Circles giving invitations.

L. LLOYD.

MISSION BAND REPORT, 1909.

The preparation of a report is a perplexing problem, because it simply cannot be done. We give the financial statistics, we state a few facts in a few words, and, beyond it all, unknown to us, unseen by any human eye, is the real report. The work for young people, through Mission Bands, would be important were it only to fill the present hour with that which is interesting and good. But God planned a whole, of which "youth is but half." The future problems of life are to be solved by that which to-day is instilled into the minds of the young. "Touch but the heart of a child and ages hence your fingermarks will be found upon him still."

One Band worker writes: "I am intensely interested in Band work, so that it is a joy to me to talk about it. The president asked me to be her assistant, and she did not know what a pleasure she was giving me." It is such interest as this that we need in Band leaders. One great element in securing success is a genuine enthusiasm. But true enthusiasm is more than a mere, bustling energy, which flits about, always doing something, but never accomplishing anything; it is reasonable, as well as hopeful, and leads to wise planning and continued persevering effort.

"Be strong,

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,

We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;

Shun not the struggle; face it; 'tis God's gift."

Ingersoll once said that if he had made the world he would have health catching instead of disease. It is a fact being more and more recognized to-day that health is catching—so is courage, and faith, good cheer and enthusiasm. That we have such Band workers is indicated in many letters whose tone is that of encouragement. Here are but a few samples: "Two

Bands have been organized in small churches. The members work with considerable enthusiasm. The training will be invaluable." "We have just closed a Band contest, which resulted in the addition of 110 to our membership." "This has been the most successful year in our history." One director says: "All the reports are full of encouragement. Meetings are well attended, and very interesting; and new members are being added." One strikes a contrasting note: "B— has a splendid leader and is doing good work. C— is half dead for want of a leader."

Were we to look only at the financial side of the question, there might seem to be little cause for any encouragement. As we glance at the records of the past few years, we find a constant fluctuation: 1908 showed a gain both for Home and Foreign Missions; 1907 showed loss in Home, and a very small gain in Foreign. In 1906 there was gain in Home, and a large loss in Foreign; 1905 showed increased funds for Home, and decreased funds for Foreign. We cannot, therefore, be greatly surprised over this year's accounts.

This year, for Home Missions, 97 Bands gave \$734.10, a gain of 12 contributing Bands, but a loss of \$42.35. Since Oct. 15th, however, \$26.78 has been received, which doubtless was intended for this year's account, hence the real loss is but \$15.62. Ten gave to Home Missions, and not to Foreign. Life membership certificates have been obtained for members in Walkerton, Waterford, Boston, and Delhi.

For Foreign Missions, the comparison shows a greater loss. 122 Bands gave \$1,379.35, a loss of \$169.40. But ten more Bands have remembered this treasury than in 1907-08. Last year 17 reported who have not been heard from this year; but this year 27 who were not contributors last year; 13 new Bands reported; 25 sent money to Foreign, and not to Home. Five life membership certificates have been issued.

The fact that more Bands have sent funds to each treasury, shows in reality a widening interest. The difference in funds of itself does not prove that

there has been everywhere lessened giving. There are many causes contributing to this. One director writes that several of her Bands have been merged in the Junior Unions, yet in one instance only did they send their missionary money to our treasury. Sunday School classes are being organized for work, as never before. Many of the older girls have withdrawn from the Band to work through Philanthropy Classes, or Young Ladies' Auxiliaries. Certain Bands sent their money to the General Convention treasurer. Some have contributed to objects, very worthy in themselves, but not at all in connection with our women's societies. In this they fail to fulfil the object of their organization. In all 125 sent reports through the Associational Directors. Boxes of clothing and gifts have been packed for both Home and Foreign fields. One box, valued at \$12, was sent to the Labrador Mission. One Band holds a monthly prayer meeting in addition to the monthly missionary meeting, and there are blessed spiritual results. Another purchased a small missionary library, and the members are studying diligently.

Thus in many ways is the seed being sown. Shall we not some day see an abundant harvest? A motto hangs above my desk speaking out this daily admonition: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it, nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Talmage says, "Opportunities fly in a straight line, touch us but once, and never return." Dr. Bonar has long lain asleep in the old kirk-yard in Edinburgh, but through his poem he still urges us to diligence.

"The time is short,
If thou wouldst work for God, it must
be now,
If thou wouldst win a garland for thy
brow,

Redeem the time."

SARAH STUART BARBER,
Band Secretary.

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