GENERAL REPORT OF INDIA WORK

J. M. SAUNDERS, SUPERINTENDENT

In beginning my report I can do no better than to quote the words of a contemporary.

"In one aspect, the task of the foreign missionary is always the same, for his supreme purpose is to bring individuals into vital contact with a living Saviour, and to make the principles of Christ dominant in their lives. In another aspect, the task of the missionary is ever varying, with the character of the people for whom he is living, with the conception of the implications of the gospel that he and his home Board hold, and with the forces and movements in the midst of which he is laboring."

Today in India public opinion is changing. Social reform, in such matters as caste, the marriage age and the treatment of widows is being much agitated, the progress is slow, but the influence of all these movements are in the direction of higher ideals and we who are engaged in Christian work consider them strong allies, and appreciate the enlarged opportunities they give us in our gospel work.

OUR MISSION FIELD

We think it is quite possible that some do not know that we occupy the same territory that was worked thirty years ago by Mr. J. C. Welcome. After that work stopped there was no settled work done here until our society began its work in 1898.

The section of country we work lies east of the South Indian railway and extends to the sea, it extends north as far as Saidapet. In the past the Wesleyan and the Adventist mission societies have worked here. The two first have now given up their work and the field is left to the two latter.

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OUR WORK

The special work that I have to report is the school and evangelistic.

Schools—Christian education is in itself a boon because it is the only true education, and as we are servants of Him who came that we might have the true light, and life abundant, we believe it is our duty to give the same privilege to others that we have enjoyed; and believing this we are in harmony with our master, for He said, "go ye into all the world and teach all nations." Our school work is destructive as well as instructive. We seek to destroy idolatry, superstition and sin; and instruct the young in truth and purity. During the past year two new schools have been opened for this purpose, namely Sememcheri and Injinbakam. These bring our number up to fifteen. In connection with three Palakarani Cheri, Parambakam and Tiravamur, there are night schools, the pupils in these ranging in age from 12 to 40 years.

Aside from the break, that came in some of our village schools the first of the year on account of cholera, (of which disease a number of our scholars died) this work has gone on steadily. The government inspections showed progress in the secular studies. The scripture examination coming as it did right after the cholera scare was not as satisfactory as we could wish, the Nukampaliam school stood first and got the school prize of R's 5 ($1.65).

Some of the young men in the night schools seem on the verge of taking the all important step, but their fear of relatives and friends holds them back. The boys and girls, who are allowed to attend school until they pass the fourth standard are spoiled for idolatry; in their hearts their faith in God is true, but they do not dare to make it known except to the teacher or evangelist. With one exception, in every one of the villages where we have schools there are inquirers. These mostly from the class termed "untouchables," "depressed," "oppressed," "outcasts." The leaven of the word is working and we hope.
Evangelistic—No part of our work the past year has been more encouraging than this. The arrangement for it has been more systematic, more ground has been traversed, more people reached, more literature distributed, the magic lantern has been used to great advantage. The attitude of the people, as a rule, is more encouraging. The hardest class we have to deal with are the Mohammedans. They try to stop our open air meetings sometimes. The year closes with two distinct advance steps taken in this department, namely the opening of the Jeldenpet dispensary and the reading room in Saidapet both of which have justified their existence. Two have been added to the evangelistic corps. We believe that faithful and earnest work has been done throughout the year.

OUR AMBITIONS

Of our fifteen schools five of them are fully supported by friends in the Homeland, four partly supported. There are still six we would very much like for individuals or societies to take up as their special work. Also some of our evangelists are not fully supported.

1 We wish to reach every village in our mission territory once each month with the gospel message. We ask you to send us a man who will take up and push this particular work.

2 We long to have every one of our schools manned with true, conscientious teachers. Will you unite with us in prayer on this behalf.

We desire a better location and building for our Saidapet reading room. We can have both if the funds can be had.

We join in Mr. Hudson's appeal to have the needs of Vilacheri supplied.

In closing we wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to our home friends and supporters for the many encouraging letters; the constant reminders of earnest prayer being offered for us, the continued confidence, and the noble way in which the work has been supported. Your hearty wishes and prayers are needed.

Our Dispensary has proved beneficial to many, We have kept no figures so cannot tell you the number of cases treated. We have about six or eight cases daily, some have been of a very serious nature, these after administering "first aid" we send off to the hospital, much against their will perhaps, but they generally thank us for it afterwards.

Press Work—This is a side of our work that has been receiving special attention on account of the important place that we all give it. During the last year altogether 515,280 pages of printed material have been issued, in the following languages: English, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

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Seeing that reports have been frequently sent in, we submit our report of work for the past year.

We feel very thankful to God, and humble before Him, for the great honor He has conferred upon us and trust that the vast opportunities at hand may be made better use of, day by day, as experience is gained and the lessons that God is teaching us are learned. Having done our best we leave it all with God, trusting that He may even make our mistakes redound to His honor and glory, and comforted by the fact that whatever might be said, "Our Father knows."

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The past year has been one of quiet and steady growth, notwithstanding what has been going on around. All hands have worked together in peace and harmony for the good of the cause. Some deserve special mention at this time for their faithfulness and their willingness to travel and help in every way possible in any effort that was being made. Especially do I need to thank our Secretary for his faithfulness in accompanying us on all occasions, for the purpose of putting my feeble utterances into a tongue that could be understood by those we ministered to. Nineteen have been baptized and taken into the church since last report, making twenty-nine since our arrival here. Of these only one, by his life, has given us cause for sorrow, but we trust that a desire, recently expressed by him to live right, is sincere.

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Several of our larger boys have been induced to leave us, and throw in their lot with others, this has given us great sorrow; but we trust the lessons learned, and the seed sown may bear fruit in days to come. God has been gracious to us and our large family by keeping us all from sickness, no one has suffered with anything worse than the simple childhood ailments that come to all. New boys have come in to take the place of those who have gone and so our numbers remain about the same.

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We have in hand at present, besides our regular work, a two hundred page book, "Jesus is Coming" in Malayalam, which is being paid for privately, also a Bible Questions and Answers Book by Eld. H. F. Carpenter, in Tamil, for use in schools, etc. We have received during the last year $35 for work done for other parties. Much
work of this kind has had to be refused on account of its nature.

Now in closing I must speak of our needs. I will not mention our wants, they are too numerous, but our needs have been promised to us and I presume that it is necessary to make them known, otherwise how will they be supplied? Our first is Medical Supplies, and we hear that the good people in Oregon have sent a box full, but they have not arrived yet, still we expect them daily, so that need will be met. We need a lot of new type, we have not sufficient for our present work. Is there a Local or L. W. Society, East or West, who will give us $50 for this purpose? A wire stapling machine is required for binding booklets, etc. We can buy one here, the kind we want, for $60. Would anyone care to provide us with this? One more we will mention, there are others but we shall be very thankful if we get these three supplied, this last is a pump. We have an engine working in the Industrial, and some five acres of ground upon which we grow rice, etc., we have raised very little this year on account of the shortage of rain, and not even in the most favorable years can a crop be raised without irrigation. With a pump we could raise two crops a year; this will cost us $135. Government will give us half the cost of this, who will give us the other half? We think this should appeal to the Western friends where the benefits of irrigation are known and realized.

Praying that God will bless and help you who are making it possible for us to do this work.

We remain yours in the Master's service.

C. H. and A. B. Hudson.

REPORT OF GUINDY

E. Dora Allan

The work at Guindy can only claim the wages of going on and still to be." After ten years of strenuous running, we have settled into something of an even pace, though this is not to be taken as meaning that we are not pushing on as sedulously as before.

Our Numbers. These have kept very steady all through the year. Two have left while nine have been admitted. About a month ago we realized with some consternation that half our girls were rapidly growing up and that we would be presently faced with the problem of settling them in life. But since then a surprising disposition of our girls is taking place.

Three are to be married on June 26th and a fourth marriage is in the air.

One who went to her sister's for a holiday is engaged in marriage to her cousin.

Another, who has passed through all the classes here, has returned to her home to help her parents teach school.

Yet another, who has for some time been engaged to one of our Vilacherie boys, is going to her home shortly to nurse a sick mother and will be married from there.

And last on the list our little widow Rebecca will soon leave us for a nurse's training in a mission hospital in Bangalore; making in all a disposal of eight of our number. Marriage is the safest refuge for our girls and we hope that our young brides, in their new life, will prove a recommendation for their sisters still left in the mission home-stead.

Our Health all through the year has been a profound cause of thankfulness. Ephemeral fevers, sore eyes, itch, ulcers, whitlows, boils and blains of all sorts, and all the attendant evils of a scrofulous condition are almost absent now. There are only two girls ailing and they are having the best attention. We attribute this healthy condition of the girls to their sturdy out-door exercise in wood-chopping, sweeping, watering and trimming the gardens, mending and even making paths, roads, etc. An experienced lady doctor, during a visit to the school, said the girls were surprisingly free from tuberculosis and that there was only one other female institution she knew of whose girls were not mentioned.

Our School. We have had all the teachers changed since last year; and to see the girl's present enthusiasm and dire earnestness in their studies is justification enough for the change. We have been very fortunate in our choice of the present headmaster. Besides our own girls we have twelve day scholars. The grant for the school this year was settled after a special visit of the Inspector of the circle, as the assistant inspectoress had already recommended an increase and the head inspectoress wished to see whether we deserved it. It resulted in a grant far exceeding our expectations; and our "Government wages" jumped from $150 to $250. This makes good hearing but to live up to a reputation and a grant, under a vigilant and exacting Educational Department like ours, makes one rather quail.

Our Industries. We have woven 809 yards of cloth, as against 679 the previous year, and more might have been done but for the necessary removal of many of our big girls who pass on and out. The large girls have sewn all their own clothes and many of the boys' shirts. Their crochet and drawn-thread work are now finding a market in America.

The vegetable and fruit gardens have provided about three-fourths of the stuff consumed by the girls, and represent a saving of about $50 to the Mission. (Our friends must understand that fruit and vegetables are very cheap in India.) Then on the economic side of things, the sale of our silk-cotton and ink pods from our trees brought in $4. Three dozen silk-cotton trees have been planted this year, as these are sturdy and their produce sure after the first two years of care.

Our Compound. A picture of this, as true as we could make it, has been forwarded to headquarters and I am sure our friends will endorse our pride in our fine "estate." The scenic and sanitary sense that led Government to choose Guindy for the governor's country residence covers our ground also, for you will see from the picture that geographically we are a part of Government House Park. Our appreciation of Guindy was always keen; but now with all the

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The $500 pledged for the room at Aurora College board being re-elected.

Any Young Woman's Auxiliary of five members or less shall be entitled to one vote for each member; and local societies having more members or less shall be entitled to one vote for each additional seven members.

The printed program, as given in the August issue, was adopted as the order of business for the day. The reports from the field, as well as from the General and State officers, were encouraging and showed a steady growth in most if not all departments of the work. Several of these reports are given in this issue, for the benefit of those who were not privileged to attend the convention. Section 3 of Article VII of the By-Laws was amended as per notice. This article will now read as follows:

Each active member not connected with any local society shall be entitled to one vote, either directly or by proxy. Any local society of seven members or less shall be entitled to one vote for each member; and local societies having more than seven members shall be entitled to an additional vote for each additional seven members. Any Young Woman's Auxiliary of five members or less shall be entitled to one vote for each member; and Young Woman's Auxiliaries having more than five members shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional seven members; but no individual shall represent more than a single membership. Delegates sent by states or districts to the Convention shall be empowered to cast one vote for every local society and Young Woman's Auxiliary in their state or district not otherwise represented. In case no member of the local society or Young Woman's Auxiliary can attend the convention or annual meeting, the Secretaries of these societies can send the votes to the Clerk of the General Society, on the authorized ballot blank of the Society, who shall cast them for the societies.

The balloting for officers resulted in the full $500. This we hope to get before the college is dedicated.

A large audience gathered in the tabernacle for the evening session. Brother Beals was the speaker and his address was very encouraging. He spoke of our work as he found it on his recent visit to India, and gave the testimony of others on the field, both native and foreign, with whom he talked regarding the work. The musical part of the program was under the charge of Brother F. A. Blackmer, who for several years has looked after this for us, and left nothing to be desired. Special mention should be made of a beautifully rendered selection by the three Whitney Sisters of Biddeford, Maine. A special feature of the evening was a collection for Brother W. J. Edwards which amounted to $29.17.

Our society has recently received a fine collection of African curios, the gift of Mrs. Georgia Russell of Springfield, Mass. These added to those of India and China which we already had, make a very interesting and instructive collection. What we need now is a cabinet to hold them.

INDIA BOXES

Our April boxes reached India in fine condition July 27. The missionaries desire to express their thanks to the kind friends who so generously remembered them and the needs of the work. Our next boxes will go on the “Franconia” which sails October 1. All goods for the same should reach us by the 24th instant.

Writing regarding our library at Saidapet, Miss Saunders says: “Yesterday (July 30) I went to Saidapet to get the library set in order. We have 100 good books, including those which came from America, and are quite proud of them. Mr. Raju said a number of students were in last night and were pleased to see what we had provided for them to read. We hope to add more books from time to time. Such books as “Titus, A Comrade of the Cross,” Sheldon’s books, or any other books of that class will be very acceptable. We have a good supply of doctrinal books, and several on other religious topics; some not quite so deep as these are what we need now.” If any of our readers have books of the class desired and desire them to be doing good, we should be glad to receive them to send in our India boxes which go each April and September.

Miss Bertha E. Keeney, our outgoing missionary, is booked to sail on the “Arabic” which leaves Boston September 24. She goes in company with a band of thirty missionaries of the Baptist Board. Her picture and an outline of the plan for raising her salary, by our young people, will be given in the next issue. Do not forget to pray for her, as she leaves home and friends to obey the Master’s command.
THE money for the pump, which Brother Hudson asks for in his report, has already been pledged. This is the gift of Brother J. M. Currie. Twenty dollars has also been received towards the wiring machine. Who will help make up the remaining forty  

We were pleased to have with us at the annual convention, a delegate from California, in the person of Mrs. H. L. Field of Los Angeles, Cal.

The Annual Survey of the Field is given as a supplement this month.

GUINDY REPORT

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improvements to our buildings and the removal of the hundred and one little 'teasing wants that for so many years were awaiting funds, we feel more than ever in love with our inheritance. How I wish our generous friends, who helped to bring about this, could hear us dilating on the present comfort of things. Girls, teachers, servants, missionaries—all say that it could not be nicer, and no more grateful lot of recipients exist anywhere today. We thank you all very very warmly.

OUR SPIRITUAL SIDE. Ah, here we may well exclaim—'We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.' But by God's great covering mercy we are still in the race and pushing on. He knows that silent "soul-chemistry" has been going on under the outward seeming of things, and only His balances can be trusted to weigh the work.

Nine girls have been baptized since the new year and are living consistently, if we hold that "we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better." In the same sense, ten others show a very definite change, while two, the erstwhile bane of our lives, are signally changing.

The care of our orphanage children is a stupendous responsibility, and we realize, more and more, that we have "stepped in where angels fear to tread." In sitting here and calmly reviewing the work under God's own searchlight the following lines best express the situation:

"Let who has felt compute the strain
Of struggle with abuses strong,
The doubtful course, the helpless pain
Of seeing best intents go wrong,
We who look on with critic eyes
Exempt from action's cruel test,
Human ourselves, at least are wise
In honoring one who did his best."

THE ZENANA REPORT

FROM JUNE, 1911 TO JUNE, 1912

ELLA L. JONES

"T"HE life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is, with what he vowed to make it." Sitting taking account of the year's work has proven the foregoing true in our file among the zenanas. The year has been full of surprises. Some have sent our hearts bounding with delight, hope and praise; others have chilled the very springs of life and sent us in dumb agony on to our knees.

We are here fighting with the principalities and powers of darkness in a land of contradictions and surprises. One's work appears in one light today and in another tomorrow. What seemed a success yesterday, seems a failure today, and what seemed a failure yesterday, seems a success today; or as someone has put it, "Lost in the very wooing and won from a lost beginning."

But, friends, this is as man sees it; God sees the grand whole and no doubt He smiles in pity and tenderness on our view of the year's work and would say, my children, you have obeyed the command, "Go," it is enough.

Indeed we, fifteen Bible women and myself, have gone into the streets and lanes, the highways and hedges. Driving along the highways we have entered the homes of the wealthy and influential; talked with and taught the gentle, richly clad daughters of the upper classes. In the lanes and hedges we have picked our way through cactus and sand, and entered the low homes of the poor on our hands and knees, to plead even more earnestly with the dirty, ill-clad, lowly ones. In season and out of season, we have given the message of love.

As our work lies in three distinct sections, we will speak of it thus, bringing out the contrasting features:

Guindy circuit comprises the villages that surround us on all sides, in eighteen of which five full time Bible women are kept more than busy. Being near Madras; and Saidapet being an educational center, we come in contact with educated and influential people, and sorely feel the need of a highly cultured worker to enter the homes of the refined higher classes.

There is a great desire for English education among the women and young girls of Saidapet and we are searching for a spiritual woman, educated in English, who will be able to conduct a class to the glory of God.

Little timid requests for English come, now and again from the villages, where we are waging a terrible battle to get the young girls interested in their own language. A class of say from six to twenty will start with a great flourish and run for a month or so, when the tide recedes and all pleading is vain, not a child will come near the study veranda for days and weeks, till suddenly, in they come with the returning tide. If it were not that one remembers, that the scripture study, for the time they are taught, is of infinite value it would be discouraging.

In Vilacherie we have gained access to the Brahman houses, where four girls are studying. One, a young wife, is a splendid player in Tamil music on the Indian organ and violin and sings most beautifully. The whole family sit about and listen to the Bible stories. The father says that the children have grown obedient and industrious
since we have been teaching them. We consider this a real victory. Last year we were bid to sit in the street when we wanted to call here.

The Palakarini circuit is over a beautiful paddy country that gives us bits of water to wade sometimes, and a round about journey to take, yet the charm of lofty palms, waving fields of paddy, and shimmering tanks is ever a delight.

Eighteen of the villages in this section have been visited by zenana workers. Three villages, Palakarani, cheri, Parambakkam cheri and Nukampalliam are fortunate enough to have women teachers who do one hour Bible woman’s work a day. The other villages are only visited by our department when we are on tour. We hope to settle a full time Bible woman at Palakarani in the near future.

A heathen home in this circuit was transformed into a Christian one, only last Easter, when husband and wife were led in to the waters of baptism. In their case we were not the only sowers, but we rejoice that a Christian home has set its beacon lights aglow.

Successful care of the sick has done much in the year to soften hearts, and win us friends among some of the very hardest villagers. Most surprisingly God has given us favor with the caste people.

The lowly always receive us warmly, but the spirit of friendship and trust among the caste people has gained wonderfully during the year. Their friendship is shown by constant offers of milk and fruit and pressing invitations to spend the rest of my life with them. Their whole attitude has changed and they are most surely softening toward the name of Jesus, the great rock of offence to the Hindoo.

The canal circuit is by far the hardest section of our work. We live in low canal boats and have long walks through deep sea sand to reach the villages, twenty-four of which have been visited during the year. While our accommodations are by contrast the hardest, the people are the tenderest and most friendly in the whole field.

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REPORT OF JUNIOR WORK
To the Members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the A. C. Denomination.
A NOTHER year, with its lights and shadows, has passed since we took our last annual survey of the work; and we are called again to look back and see what that year has meant to us as a society, and to sum up our present conditions.

The past year has been one of many trials; and had we been able, at our last annual convention, to have foreseen what the society would have been called to meet during the year, doubtless we would have faltered; and perhaps felt that we could not endure what was before us. But the all wise God, who has promised never to fail them that put their trust in Him, has been with us in all hard places and brought us through victorious; and we desire to render to Him our humble, heartfelt thanks. We also feel very grateful to the sister boards of the denomination, as well as to our own constituency, that have so nobly stood by the society, both with their moral and financial support. We believe that at no period in the history of the denomination, has there been a time when the different denominational organizations were more in harmony than at the present, which is another cause for thankfulness.

THE HOME FIELD

SOCIETIES

The growth in the number of our organizations has been very encouraging this year. There have been thirty-two new organizations formed during the year, namely: Eighteen Locals, eleven Young Woman's Auxiliaries and four Junior Mission Societies, while ninety-three names have been added to the list of King's Jewels, or cradle roll members. This, we believe, is the largest growth our organization has had, in any one year, since the early days of its history; and we are not sure that even then this number was exceeded.

As in former years we have to report the loss of some societies. This year the reports, as far as they have been received, show that we have lost five. A word of explanation as to why the societies go down may be timely. Often the reason is for the lack of a leader. Many times death or removal takes away the one who has stood at the head and there is no one to take her place, the result is that the local disbands, or as is more often the case simply goes out of existence. Another reason is that the spirit of independence and a desire not to be subject to any general society or organization, which has ever been in our denomination, is felt in some local and they withdraw and become independent. This latter has been the case with at least three societies this year, although we are pleased to report that some, that have formerly been independent, have joined the general organization during the year.

The growth of our Young Woman's Auxiliaries has been very encouraging; and is one of the most promising features of our work. These, with the help of the Junior Mission Societies, have taken Miss Bertha E. Keeney, who is appointed to go to the field this autumn, as their missionary. They have already raised nearly the full amount for her outfit and we are very hopeful they will be able to raise her salary. We are also delighted with the number of names that have been secured for the Cradle Roll; and believe that this department of our work should receive especial attention. Literature, membership cards, mite boxes, etc., for this department can be procured from headquarters; while anyone wishing for special information regarding it should write to Miss Mary E. Rowe, 35 Frederick St., Portland, Maine, who is the general superintendent of the department.

We note with pleasure that the demand for missionary literature is increasing among our locals. This is a most hopeful indication, for increased knowledge means increased interest.

FINANCES

Our financial condition can be easily ascertained by referring to the treasurer's report; but there are a few things which we desire to call your attention to in this survey. You will note that our receipts are $1,818.48 less this year than last; and will wonder where the falling off has been. Last year we received a legacy of $1,632, this year we have received no legacies at all. Last year a generous brother and sister gave us $5,000, this year they have given us $1,825. Thus, from these two special sources, we received $2,857 more last year than this. Deducting this sum from last year's receipts; we find that our general receipts for this
year exceed those of last by $988.52, which is an encouraging fact, for it shows that the constituency in general, are giving more, although we are very sorry to have the specials fall off.

It is especially gratifying to note the increase in the membership dues. These show an increase over last year's of $61.60, and is, we believe, the largest amount the society has ever received in any one year, for membership dues.

You will note also that our reserve fund, which has been such a blessing to the society for the past two years, has all been used; and now we must look to our monthly receipts to meet our monthly expenses. These monthly expenses too will be increased, for with another missionary on the field we must send an additional amount for her salary, besides which her transit expenses must be met. On the other hand, for the past two years we have been doing considerable building, on both the Guindy and Vilacherie compounds; and have sent, during that time upwards of $3500 for that purpose. We do not expect to have to do any building this coming year, therefore we can use our funds for the fresh demands that are before us.

For the first time in our history, we have taken up during the past year as a general society, some special home work, and although we have fallen far short of accomplishing what we desired, we believe that the coming year we will be able to do more along this line. The reports of the locals received show that those which have reported have raised $3,109.97 for home work and $3,058.68 for foreign work during the year.

An average monthly income of one thousand dollars would enable us to meet all the demands of the work and provide for its legitimate growth. This would not include our special home work. It may be of interest to know that the cost of administration this year has been eight and one-tenth per cent.

FIELD WORK

Our Eastern Field Secretary spent several weeks in Northern Maine and the Maritime provinces last autumn; and did a splendid work organizing several societies and rousing a fresh interest in those already organized. We regret that her home cares have prevented her from doing more field work. Considerable work has been done in the different states under the auspices of the state presidents; but we wish there might be much more of this done, and that each state president would feel it obligatory upon her to have at least one special meeting in the interests of the organization in every church of our denomination, in her state, during the year if possible. Your president, although not making as extended trips as last year, has presented the work, on an average, once a week during the year.

ALL NATIONS MONTHLY

Our subscription list is slowly creeping up, but we are confident that it could be greatly increased if all our locals would do as some are doing. That is, appoint a committee who keeps a list of all those who take the paper in their vicinity, collects the subscriptions, and endeavors to secure a subscription from every family who attends their church. This saves a considerable expense for the office and the work is much more satisfactorily done; for many a subscriber simply neglects to send in their subscription and would gladly pay it to a committee. One local who has such a committee has some forty-five subscribers on their list, and they are all paid up to January, 1913.

We have been pleased to note that several articles, written by our missionaries, for All Nations, have been copied by some of the Woman's missionary societies. Thus showing that they are considered of merit by others outside our own ranks. We wish we might have more articles from our workers in the home field to publish. Write up what you are doing and thus encourage one another.

INDIA BOXES

Two shipments have been sent from the East during the year, one in September, 1911, the other in April, 1912. These two shipments consisted of $350 worth of supplies, valued at wholesale rates. A fine shipment of prunes and hospital supplies was also sent from Oregon last autumn. Our next shipment from the East will go the latter part of September. How much these boxes mean to the missionaries, only those who have lived there can realize.

THE INDIA FIELD

The different reports from the field will give the details of the year's work, and we will but summarize in this survey.

During the past year we have increased our missionary force by engaging Miss Winnie Allan, the daughter of our missionary, Mrs. E. Dora Allan, to assist her with the care of the Guindy orphanage, as Mrs. Allan now has charge of that in addition to the literary work. This makes us a force of six foreign and sixty native workers.

Two new village schools have been opened during the India Board's fiscal year, although but one during ours. Their year closing May 31st in order for them to have time to prepare their reports and send them to America in time for this convention. This makes us sixteen day and three night schools with a staff of forty teachers. That these schools are doing good work is shown by the fact that the government grants for all the schools were raised during the year. The grants amounted this year to $940, as against the government grants for all the schools were raised during the year. The grants amounted this year to $940, as against the total amount approximately to $1,000.

Five native evangelists are now employed who give their full time to the work. Fifteen Bible women are also employed; six of whom give their full time to the work while the other nine spend part of the day teaching in the schools.

The doctrinal course for the workers, which was introduced last year is still followed. The annual examination, which was held in April, occupied five sessions of three hours each and a copy of the questions set shows that it was a thor-
through one. This makes sort of a theological course for our workers.

Two papers are now printed regularly on the press. The "Young Pilgrim," which is a weekly paper printed in Tamil for the schools, and "Wayside Helps," a sixteen page sheet which is issued quarterly for the use of the teachers. This is also printed in Tamil. An English book entitled "Leaves Worth Turning," has been printed, bound and sent to America. This book contains twenty stories of incidents that have occurred in connection with the mission work; and has been compiled by Mrs. Allan. A large amount of other work making 515,280 pages in all has been done. 54,261 tracts have been given away during the year, and 500 papers and Bible portions sold.

At Guindy 809 yards of cloth have been manufactured, and quite an amount of crochet and drawn thread work done. This latter has been brought to America for sale.

NEW BUILDINGS

During the year several new buildings have been erected: At Vilacherie the Alice Spence Memorial has been finished; a home for the workers and a bungalow for Brother Hudson erected. At Guindy a dormitory and verandah have been added to the girls' orphanage; a home for the Bible women built and the little bungalow thoroughly repaired. The foundations were started for the church on the Guindy compound, but the building has not been erected as there is a feeling that Guindy is not the best place for the church, and they are waiting the leadings of the Lord in the matter.

NEW WORK

A dispensary has been opened at Jeldenpet, where one of our evangelists, who has had some training as a chemist, is in charge. He reports treating 1232 patients during the year. Brother Hudson reports treating on an average six or eight daily at the Vilacherie dispensary.

A reading room has been opened in Saidapet, which has had an average of 15 men visitors daily. Lectures on religious and social subjects are also held there. Mrs. Spence has given the mission Captain Spence's library, to which some thirty books have been added from America. These will form a library to be used in connection with the reading room.

MONEY RAISED ON THE FIELD

The financial report from the field shows that some $1600 was raised the past year. $1100 of this being the school grants; $600 the church collections; and the rest made up of sales, earnings, and gifts. An interesting thing to note is that the church gave their mite to mission work, sending $6 to China for the flood sufferers; and giving $4 towards the erection of a hospital.

NEEDS

Our great need for the field at the present time is a strong, well educated man and his wife, who have had some experience in religious work, to take charge of our evangelistic work. A pump, some type and a wire stapling machine for Vilacherie are among the minor things needed, and as $250 would procure all these we are sure we shall not need them long. Thankful indeed are we that no new buildings are needed on the field this year.

We find that we have three evangelists, three Bible women, and six schools for whose support no one has pledged, and four other schools that are not fully supported. The support of an evangelist is sixty dollars, Bible woman twenty-five dollars and a school $108 a year, on an average. We need supporters for these.

At home as has been mentioned before, we need a steady income of at least one thousand dollars a month. We need also to make a special effort to gain members for our society, and subscribers for our paper.

We need the prayers of every Christian, both for the work at home and on the field, that God may give us wisdom to meet the many problems that arise, and that Christ's name be glorified in all that we do.

OUR NEW MISSIONARY

My Dear Girls: Our missionary, Miss Bertha Keeney, will sail for India the 24th of September in company with a band of Baptist missionaries.

In the meantime she is busy with the last things necessary for such a journey and saying good-bye to friends and old associations. While she is thus engaged let us pray that she may be encouraged by a clear vision of the work to which the Master has called her; and be upheld by a constant sense of his divine companionship.

As associate missionaries we try and realize what it means to leave home, friends and native land to carry the gospel message to a far country; and may we enter so closely into the spirit of the work with her as to actually deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow Christ in our daily lives. We shall thus learn what it means to love Christ and sacrifice for Him, and also receive the hundred fold in this life and eternal life when Christ comes.

Christ's command was to go into all the world and preach his gospel. As we cannot go ourselves we are going to send Miss Keeney to work for us; and I wish that you might feel that you are helping carry out the command of the Master through her. She is your representative in so far as you support her by your sympathy, prayers and money. Some of the societies have pledged toward her support and now that she is so soon to take up actual work, I hope you will begin to feel your responsibility. Her salary will be $300, which we can easily raise if all work heartily toward that end. Shares are to be issued for her salary, which will entitle the holder to a certain share in her work. Would you like to feel that on a certain day Miss Keeney is working for you? If so, buy a share for that day. Set the day aside for your work in India. When the day comes write Miss...
Keeney a letter, pray much for her, and do something to interest others in the work. Remember that much prayer should be offered for missionaries. Demon worship is practised in India and the evil one has a strong hold on the people. Christian workers should be supported by a constant volume of prayer.

Cordially yours,

MARY E. ROWE.

A MOUNTAIN CLIMB

Anna B. Hudson

We were spending the day with some missionary friends, while on our vacations, when after dinner they suggested that we all climb to the top of “Dodabetta,” a mountain beyond their place which is the highest in South India being 8642 feet above sea level. We all felt in good spirits, so started out. There is a good made path for climbers all the way, which winds about until the steepness of the climb is practically lost. We had heard of the wonderful view to be obtained from the top of this mountain, so we were glad of the opportunity of climbing it. About half way up we became surrounded with misty clouds that grew so dense that we could see but a few rods ahead. We did not give up the climb, for we were half way there and we hoped the clouds and mists might roll away before we reached the top. We kept on and finally came in sight of the Government Observatory which is on the highest point. As the mists were still about us we were really quite near the building before we could see it, and soon were inside trying to get warm and shake the mist off our clothing.

We were shown the different apparatus for taking the temperature, pressure of the air, and velocity of the wind, etc.

We waited about some time hoping the mist would clear, but it didn't, so we had to start back. We became so interested in our conversation that we missed the by-path for returning to our destination. After many inquiries we reached their home and were indeed glad to sit down to a hot cup of tea.

“Aversion to reproof is not wise, but is the mark of a little mind. A truly great man can bear reproof for the benefit thereby gained.”

“Whoever will take one step to please God will soon want to take another.”

RECEPTION AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

It has been the custom several years for the Woman’s Mission Society of Providence to hold a reception for the elderly and shut-in members of the church and congregation, usually in the month of June.

A special program is arranged, light refreshments served, and a boutonniere provided for each guest; the flowers being furnished this year by the Flower Mission Department of the W. C. T. U. Automobiles helped to bring those who otherwise could not come.

For two years this annual reception has been held in the new church vestry and ladies’ parlor; and the occasion this year was marked by a large attendance and by a pleasant surprise, at least to one present.

In token of the love and esteem in which our faithful president, Mrs. Bertha S. Hazard, is held, a beautiful gold watch, with gun-metal chain was presented to her, in behalf of her many friends, by Mrs. Annie E. Leman who fittingly expressed in words the love and appreciation which were back of the gift.

M. E. PLACE.

Boosting the W. H. & F. M. Room in Aurora College

L. Grace Corson

An interesting feature of our work in Los Angeles is the “Out of Door Institute” we have each summer. We go to one of the parks for the day, each one taking something for the lunch which we spread out on the tables and eat together in a very enjoyable way. In the afternoon there is always a program of some kind.

This year we invited the other Southern California locals to meet with us, and twenty-five from Pasadena, and eight from Tustin were entertained by forty-five Los Angeles people.

The climax of the afternoon’s program lay in the boosting of the W. H. & F. M. Room in Aurora college. Sister Twining was with us and described the interior of the college. Questions and answers about the college had been arranged by Sister N. L. McFayden, and put in walnut shells which were passed at the close of the lunch. The last question was, “Will someone draw a picture of the college?” Brother M. Grant Nelson, of Pasadena, promised that Archie McFayden would draw the front elevation of Eckhart Hall if we wished; but that he would only do it as we paid for it. He said that there were 5000 shares in the W. H. & F. M. Room to be sold that day at one penny a share; and told the story of the penny, who thought it was better than all the other coin because it went to church the oftener.

The steps, doors, foundation bricks and windows were soon sold; and we had fifty dollars for our room in the college. As the building stood completed, on the blackboard, we wished that all our work was completed so the Savior could come and claim His own. Matt. 24:14.
TREASURER’S REPORT

RECEIPTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

California—Santa Clara local, $1.50; Napa local, 6.50; Treasurer of Southern Cal., 48; Colton local, 6; Lordsburg local, 27.01; L. A. Turrell, 5; Pasadena local, 7.50; Tus­
tin local, 2.50; Los Angeles local, 28.16; Treasurer of Western Board, 73; Mrs. H. L. Field, 4; Treasurer of Northern California, 3; Santa Cruz local, 2; Westminster S. S., 10; M. E. Backus, 4.50; San Diego local, 11.25; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Davis, 100; Northern California Local Workers, 12.

Connecticut—L. H. Kniman, 3; New Haven local, 9; Danbury tithing class, 13; Mrs. Theodore Tompkins, 7.50; E. C. Pease, 1; a friend, 1; H. E. Hathaway, 1; East Norwalk church, 23.75; from estate of Marion C. White, 200; Emma L. Tucker 1; Mrs. Richard Bland 2. Flour—V. F. Simmons, 3.10; England—Eastbourne A. church, $6.86.

Illinois—L. P. Olsen, $5; Treasurer of Mission Board 90.

Kansas—Lora S. Marshall, $1.50; Mrs. S. M. Snow, 1.

Maine—E. C. B. Coutts, $1; Milltown S. S., 4; Old Or­chard S. S., 4; Auburn local, 7; Oxford local, 5.35; Belle Jordan, 1; State Road local, 5.50; Ellsworth II. Wallace, 5; Grace Ellis, 7; Elizabeth Sweetser, 1; Mary J. Cook, 1; Mrs. J. A. Gardiner, 1; T. W. Kenington, 1; children Mechanical falls campmeeting, 2; Mrs. Carrie Hassan, 75c; Westrock local, 1; Children of Oxford S. S., 3; Chas G. Finney, 10.

Massachusetts—Adams local, $3.75; Hida Husco, 5; Boston church, 1; F. A. Waters, 1; Zion Hill S. S., 2; M. A. Shaw, 5; North tarry local, 50c; Boston V. W. A., 5; Mrs. A. E. Lee, 1; D. L. Houghgail, 1; a friend of missions, 2; Mrs. L. B. Warren, 1; one-third lost collection at Springfield camp­meeting, 1.88; cash, 2.57; Mrs. J. W. Parker, 3; one-third loose collection at Boston convention, 7.75; Mrs. E. C. Higgins, 2; Windsor local, 23.80; Lynn local, 1; 36; Brock­ton local, 8; Somerville local, 6; Whitman local, 3.40; Fall River local, 3; collected by State President, 6; Augustus White, 20; Ursula M. Marshall’s S. S. class, 1; Mrs. H. H. Fuller, 10; Springfield local, 5; Worcester Y. W. A., 18.25; Taun­ton local, 2.50; Florence Peckham, 3; Abbie Keyes, 5; Pa­tience Howland, 5; Amanda Bfles, 50c; Carrie Bolles, 50c; Mrs. G. W. Scoferqust, 2; Etta Ij. Tobie, 25; C. W. Burlingame, 5; M. A. Johnson, 5; Mittie Foster, 1; Mrs. James Campbell, 75c; Whitman Cradle Roll department, 80c; Albion Bellows, 4; E. G. Hall, 3; Mrs. Lois Emlin, 1; Mrs. C. L. Walker, 15; Vinal N. Edwards, 5; Acushnet S. S., 40; Boys’ S. S. class Westport, 2; Ethel Kenney, 25c; Carrie Hamblin, 1.25; Joseph Hamblin, 1; Mrs. E. L. Pond, 50c.

Missouri—F. A. Waters, 1; 8; E. Dyer, 8; Nebraska—Mable Venable, 84.

New Brunswick—St. Mary’s Y. W. A., $3; Young Woman’s class St. Mary’s S. S. S. 3; Mrs. Parsons, 10; Mrs. Flora Parsons, 5; Woodstock local, 6; Mrs. J. Anderson, 1.

New Hampshire—Mrs. Geo. E. Green, 80; Elder and Mrs. Joy, 5; Northwood Narrows local, 2.12; Center Haverhill local, 12.90; collection at mission convention, 29.17; a friend, 1; Miss Patterson, 1; Mrs. W. W. Norcott, 15; Margaret Cur­tie, 1; Woodstock Narrows S. S., 1; 5; Eastport local, 7; N. J. Jenness, 1; Betsy S. Elliot, 5; Mrs. Elliot, 1; Daniel Moore, 5; Mrs. O. A. Johnson, 1; Annie Kirby, 89c; Belmont local, 1; Sarah Piper, 50c; Mrs. Herbert French, 1; Belmont S. S., 15; Rochester V. W. A., 4; Lizzie A. Wel­come, 50c; Florence Welcome Baker, 50c; Meredith local, 10; Sarah S. Page, 50c; cash given by mission class, Alton Bay, 10; Rochester local, 5; Mrs. L. A. Thompson, 75c; N. H. State Treasurer, 5; Mrs. L. H. Olmstead, 2; a friend, 1; Mrs. Juliette Hayes, 75c; Mrs. J. P. Gilley, 1; one-third cash collection mis­sion day, 9; a friend, 1; a friend, 1; C. C. Carrier, 1; Evelyn Emerson, 1; cash, 2; W. W. Norcott, 10; Isabelle E. Moore, 1; E. L. Mauduit, 1; Mrs. Lewis A. Porter, 50c; Mrs. H. E. Frye 5; Portsmouth local, 2.50.

New York—Class No. 2 Arena, 3; E. M. Van Dyke, 2; O. W. Brook, 5; Hoosick local, 3;

Nova Scotia—Charlottesville S. S., 1; 25; Mrs. A. C. Baird, 1; North Carolina—C. A. Du Rant, 25.

Ohio—Nathan Morse, 4.75; Ontario—Toronto local, $11.58; Ontario local, 25.95; State Treasurer, 340; Hood River local, 5.50; Hillsboro local, 6.50.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—M. E. Barton, 60; San Diego local, 11.25; All Nations subscriptions, 43.98; total receipts, $1,753.46.

Aurora College Fund

Amount desired, $500 00

Previously reported, $323.50

Received since report, $176.03

Balance needed, $900 00

Of this balance $860 is pledged. Is there not some one who will give the remaining 90 that we may have the full amount when the college is dedicated the first of October?

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1912

Balance on hand July 31, 1911, $10,024.88

Total available funds for the year, $13,466.68

RECEIPTS

Sent to India, $9,178.26

Missionary’s outfit, 20 00

For support of school, 28 00

For support of home, 10 00

Missionary’s outfit, 20 00

Subscriptions to All Nations, 383.17

Total receipts for the year, $10,924.88

Total available funds for the year, $13,466.68

EXPENDITURES

To Aurora college, 279.57

To NYA conventions and board meetings, 88.31

General expenses, 708.88

All Nations Monthly, 491.68

Total expenditures, $11,634.34

Of this balance $86 is pledged. Is there not some one who will give the remaining 90 that we may have the full amount when the college is dedicated the first of October?

Balance on hand, $13,196.68

Besides the balance on hand the society has the following property:

Cap. Spence Memorial Fund

at interest, $500 00

Reserve fund, 3 00

Cash on hand, 31 14

Total balance on hand, $13,196.68

Rochester local, 2.50.

New York—Class No. 2 Arena, 3; E. M. Van Dyke, 2; O.

Rhode Island—Providence Y. W. A., $10; Treasurer of R. I. & Eastern Conn., 5; Providence local, 1; F. S. Davis, 1; B. S. Haz ard, 1; C. Carpenter, 1; Mrs. Doctors, 25 cts.; L. H. Reynolds, 2; Mrs. Tillinghast, 1; M. I. Barrac, 50 cts.; one third collection at Greene 1.88; Roland G. Albrow, 2.

Vermont and Rutland local, 50; Newbury local, 7.95; Waterbury local, 6; A. E. Phelps, 2; Arilla D. Lyman, 50 cts.; Alice R. Lyman, 50 cts.; Mrs. Wm. Bagge, 50 cts.; Lucy G. Dunn, 2.75; P. F. Lord, 10.

Virginia—E. A. Irlandage, 81.

Washington—Loyal Workers of Western Wash. and British Columbia—$7.50; E. Bissell, 25c.

Sails, 61.56; All Nations subscriptions, 43.98; total receipts, $1,753.46.

MAUDE M. CHADSEY, Treasurer.
REPORT OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

To the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, Greeting:—Your Superintendent of the Young Woman's Auxiliary mission societies submits the following report:

The exact membership and amount of money raised cannot be given because of uncompleteness of some of the reports sent in.

Maine is supposed to have three Auxiliaries but only one Presque Isle reported. This society has 19 members, has raised $2.65 for home work and $2.75 for foreign work.

New Hampshire has five societies, Belmont, Danbury, Lakeport, Manchester and Rochester. The society in Danbury is so recently organized that they have not got into working order yet. The combined membership of Belmont and Lakeport is 28. Amount raised for home work $10.15, for foreign work $15.20.

Massachusetts has five societies and all reported. Their combined membership is 87. Amount raised for home work $43.96, for foreign work $86.76. Boston, Chelsea, Lynn, Melrose Highlands and Worcester. For special work two orphans are being supported and one child educated.

Rhode Island has one society in Providence with a membership of 26. Amount raised in last three months, for home work $1.02, for foreign work $13.25.

Connecticut has one society in Bridgeport with a membership of 13. Amount raised for home work $6.65; for foreign work $35.

Nova Scotia has two societies, Delaps Cove with a membership of 16 and West Head.

New Brunswick has one society in St. Mary's with a membership of 16. Amount raised for home work $6, for foreign work $10.

This gives a total of 15 societies, ten of them organized within a year. Amount raised for home work $70.43, for foreign work $162.96. Total amount $233.39. Total membership of those reporting 205.

They have raised nearly enough for Miss Keeney's outfit; and when the question, of becoming associate missionaries with her and assuming the responsibility of her support, was presented to them many responded favorably.

The work of the Cradle Roll has been taken up during the year. Membership cards and mite boxes have been provided and 93 names enrolled.

Material for the page in the All Nations has been furnished and letters and reports from some of the Auxiliaries have been printed. These letters and others received show keen interest on the part of some for mission work.

The value of these Auxiliaries cannot be measured by number of members or by dollars and cents contributed to the work. Their aid in the development of character is already manifested, and as time continues the results will show that many, if not all, the members will have acquired a broader view of mission work in general through the study of mission books, and a more intimate knowledge of our denominational work. In visiting the sick and shut-in, and in assisting the mothers of Cradle Roll members, they are learning to be thoughtful of others. In assisting in the support of their home church and, as one society did, supplying for their pastor on Sunday evening, they are learning to bear responsibility. In conducting their own social and business meetings, they are acquiring confidence in themselves and developing ability which may result in able and competent officials for our senior societies of the future. More than all this if they can grasp the true mission spirit by being associate missionaries with Miss Keeney, they are going to learn what it means to love, serve, and sacrifice for the Master.

I ask for them your earnest prayers and hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. ROWE.

CRADLE ROLL

Helen Louise Woodworth, Bear River, Nova Scotia, June 20, 1906.

Wilbur Obediah Parker, Bear River, Nova Scotia, March 6, 1908.


Evelyn Lea Stewart, Bear River, Nova Scotia, June 12, 1910.

Beatrice Roberts Reed, Bear River, Nova Scotia, July 7, 1909.

Herman Charles Smith, St. Johnsbury, Vt., November 8, 1910.