REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY

The eighteenth annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society convened in the tabernacle on Alton Bay, N. H., campground, August 17, 1915.

The morning session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Anna Shattuck, of Loudon Ridge, N. H. Following these the Convention was called to order by the president, and organized for business. The morning session was fully occupied with reports from the home and foreign fields, many of which are given in this issue. All these reports showed a growing interest and an advancing work.

This session was closed with noontide prayer conducted by Mrs. Bertha F. Ward of Worcester, Mass.

The afternoon session was opened by a Bible reading conducted by Mrs. Emma G. Hall, of Worcester, Mass. After listening to the reports left from the morning session the Convention proceeded to the election of officers.

The credential committee reported fifty-seven delegates, representing seven States, present with a voting power of 252 votes. The following officers were duly elected by ballot: President, Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey,
Resolved, That we return heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father for giving us at last an evangelist for our India work, and a superintendent for our schools, Bro. and Sr. Peterson.

Resolved, That this Convention express their appreciation of the kindness of Bro. W. N. Tenney in giving our society such a generous share of the sales of his book, Jesus Our Friend, and that a copy of this resolution be sent him.

Whereas, Our brethren of the Southland have erected an orphanage and old peoples' home at Dowling Park, Florida, and whereas the need of such institutions in the Advent body has long been evident, be it

Resolved, That we as a society pledge to these brethren and the institution they have founded our appreciation, sympathy and support so far as our interest and obligations to other denominational institutions will permit, and would bid them God speed and wish them most abundant success in this good work.

Whereas, The most effective instrument for the communication of intelligence, and inspiration to holy endeavor is found in the religious periodicals of our time, be it

Resolved, That we urge upon our entire constituency the necessity and desirability of an increased circulation for our little monthly visitor All Nations Monthly, also be it

Resolved, That we, in convention assembled do recommend the faithful study of the Mission study books as approved by our Mission Committees.

Resolved, That we extend to Sr. Flossie Quimby our sympathy in this hour of her trial, resulting from forced retirement from her missionary work in China, on account of ill health, and pray that she may be restored to health and divinely guided in her work for the future.

Resolved, That we in annual convention assembled extend to our missionaries in the foreign field, who are isolated from the social and religious privileges, and congenial associations of the homeland; and are laboring unselfishly and zealously for the moral and spiritual uplift of our less fortunate brothers who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; an expression of our appreciation and sympathy and assure them that they shall have our prayers and support in their labor of love.

Rachel T. Richardson,
Lottie E. Frye,
Bessie E. Fish,

Resolution Committee.
ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE FIELD

Maude M. Chadsey, Business Manager

"To Thee, my God and Saviour
My heart exulting springs;
Rejoicing in Thy favor,
Almighty King of kings."

THE words of this familiar hymn came involuntarily to my lips as our work for the year 1914-15 came to a close, and I realized how greatly the “favor” of God has been shown towards us, for which I desire to render a thank offering of praise; for not only have we been enabled to keep all departments of our work open and meet all expenses of the same, without incurring any indebtedness, despite the financial stress which is being felt all over our land; but we have enlarged our work both at home and on the field. Another cause of thankfulness is that we are sending to the field this autumn two missionaries, well equipped to fill the places to which they have been appointed. In our Prayer and Thanksgiving list we for some time requested prayers for a consecrated man to take charge of our evangelistic work, and the Lord has heard and answered our prayers and given us even more than we asked. For in Brother and Sister Peterson, we have not only the man for our evangelistic work; but a thoroughly equipped woman to take charge of the school work, a need we have long felt; for although those who have had its charge, since Sister Allan was obliged by ill health to give it up, have done well, yet they have had their own special departments to look after and have felt the need of having some one whose special department would be the school work, and the Lord has given us Mrs. Peterson for the place.

In looking over our year’s work we shall endeavor not only to note our strong points; but also our weak ones, and seek wisdom as to how to overcome them.

THE HOME FIELD

Societies

Last year we were able to report twenty-two new organizations for the year; this year we can only report thirteen; the difference, however, is largely due to the fact that last year Mrs. McFadyen made a tour of the Pacific Coast States and organized several locals in the different churches most of which are now active in the work. We have also to report two societies as disbanding during the year leaving us a net gain of eleven societies or making one hundred and ninety-seven in all.

Last year all our States sent in their reports, and all the scattered locals but three; but this year we lack two State and three local reports.

We desire to impress on our State and local secretaries the importance of filling and returning their report blanks promptly. Our aim is to have an annual convention at which it can be said every society has reported, and this can only be brought about by each secretary faithfully doing her part.

Financial

When we come to this part of our survey we feel that there is great cause for thanksgiving; for with the war on in Europe and the consequence increased cost of supplies in India; and the hard times which have been felt so keenly by many of our supporters in America, the outlook for the year from a financial standpoint was not a bright one; but “God has been better to us than our fears,” and we were enabled, as will be seen by the treasurer’s report, to close the year with all bills paid and a small balance in our treasury.

Our receipts for the year were $42.16 more than for 1913-14, and aside from conditional gifts $274,31, more than 1912-13. That fact is a source of encouragement for as there have been no large individual gifts for the year, this shows a steadily increasing number who are becoming contributors to the work.

The gifts for our special home work, the Boston Bible School Home, show an increase of $12.73, over those of last year; but last year we paid $303.77, on the mortgage while this year we have only paid $94.57. The reason for this drop in the mortgage fund can be explained by the fact, that because of the new dormitories our most pressing need was for furnishings; therefore special attention was given to that fund while the mortgage fund was not kept to the front as in previous years. We hope, however, that the coming year will see the mortgage substantially reduced. It now stands at $2,305.06. It may be of interest to the sisters to know that this society although it hopes to eventually pay the balance of the mortgage on the original building has not assumed any responsibility of the expense of the new dormitories, aside from the furnishings.

Our locals have sent more of their offerings for China through our treasury than before, we having received for that work $158.10, this year as against $38.55 last year. This is a step in the right direction, and we trust that next year still more of our societies will send their gifts for the China work through our treasury, in order that we may have a complete report of what our societies are doing. These gifts are each month paid over to the treasurer of the A. A. M. Society who has charge of that work, so there is no delay in their reaching the work for which they are intended.

It will be seen, by the treasurer’s report, that more has been done through the general treasury for home work aside from the Boston Bible Home than in previous years, we are pleased with this and trust that each year will see an improvement on this line; for although we hardly dare hope to ever see the time when all the funds expended for home work by our locals shall pass through our general treasury, we gladly welcome the advancement along this
line. According to the reports received our locals have raised $3702.59 for home work during the year, and $4607.97 for foreign.

The receipts and expenditures for cottages on the camp grounds as given in the treasurer’s report require a word of explanation. The Connecticut and Western Massachusetts sisters have erected during the year a mission cottage on the Plainville, Ct., camp grounds, and the greater part of the money reported as received and expended was for this, although the amount includes the income and expenses of the other cottages. The Connecticut and Western Massachusetts sisters still owe the society about $100 on their cottage, which they hope to raise this fall.

All Nations

This is one of the parts of the work which we should give more attention, and which we consider at the present time as the one which is the weakest. For although we are sending out some three thousand three hundred papers each month, which if each was paid for at the regular subscription rate of twenty-five cents a year would bring us in eight hundred twenty-five dollars ($225) in subscriptions; we actually received only three hundred twenty-four dollars ninety-six cents ($324.96) or less than one half of the regular subscription price. To be sure there are several hundred who receive the papers under the condition that anyone who contributes one dollar or more to the work during the year receives the paper freely; and about two hundred more who renewed in 1913 at the rate of five years for a dollar; but this does not account for all and we feel we are not over-estimating the fact when we state that there are at least one thousand, whose subscription has become due during the last year who have not as yet renewed. Many of them we know intend to renew, and we hope they will do, but although twenty-five cents is not much to each and send in their subscription when due our receipts would have been two hundred fifty dollars ($250) in our treasury if paid.

Some of our locals are doing noble work in looking after the subscription lists in their locality, and these we are very grateful to, but many locals seem to fail to realize the importance of taking up this work in a systematic way. The expenses of our paper for the year exceeded the income by one hundred sixty-six dollars ($166). But if all had paid their subscription when due our receipts would have been eighty-four dollars ($84) to the good. We trust, that this plain statement of the matter will lead all to look at the date on their next paper and send in their renewal if their subscription has expired.

Field Work

Our Eastern Field Secretary has been unable because of other duties, to do any field work this year; and we have not at this writing received the report of our Pacific Coast Field Worker; however, we know that she has visited several of the churches in her section, and had charge of the Advent Christian booth at the Panama Exhibition for two weeks. At which time she gave several illustrated lectures on our India work.

Mrs. Nellie E. Fellows, our clerk, visited several of our churches and locals in Florida and did much to create a fresh interest in that section.

The State and District officers have done considerable field work in their own sections and during the last five months Miss Saunders, our missionary, has been busy most of the time, in the field; while the general president has spoken many times in the interests of the work as opportunity offered.

New Home Work

We have felt ever since its establishment a keen interest in the American Advent Christian Home and Orphanage, at Dowling Park, Fla., and had a desire in our heart to have our societies have a definite interest in its maintenance, therefore when we found that one of our Executive Board, Mrs. Nellie E. Fellows, was to attend the National W. C. T. U. Convention in Atlanta, Ga., last November, we made arrangements for her to go to Florida and visit the Home and Orphanage and report to us of the work being done there. She did so and as a result of her report, the Executive Board voted to endorse the work and to request our societies to consider this part of their regular home mission work. Several of the societies have already sent offerings and we hope that another year more will be done for this worthy enterprise. If each local and Y. W. A. Society would give twenty-five cents a number for this work, it would amount approximately to five hundred dollars ($500) for the year. I trust that this Convention will advise the societies to do so.

Conditional Gifts

We have received but one conditional gift this year which was of five hundred dollars ($500). We desire, however, to urge upon those who are planning to leave something in their will to the society, to make a conditional gift of the same to the society, thus insuring for themselves a higher rate of interest than they would otherwise receive and making sure that the society would have the money when they no longer need it. These gifts are not used in the work of the society during the donor’s life; but are invested where they are interest bearing thus securing the donor. We will be glad to give information, as to conditions, rate of interest paid, etc., to any who are interested.

India Boxes

No shipment has been made from the East during the year, because of the European war, nor can we tell when one will be made, although...
supplies for a fair sized shipment have been received at headquarters, which will be sent on as soon as conditions will admit. A small shipment was sent from California in June and they are planning on sending another in October.

The non-receipt of the usual large September shipment, will mean much to the work, as they depend upon this for their Christmas gifts to the children and workers; therefore, it has been suggested that the locals in the East be asked to contribute a gift of money instead of the usual supplies for the box, and that it be sent to the missionaries in the November remittance as an extra to be used for their Christmas. We believe this suggestion will meet with a hearty response and hope to have at least twenty-five or thirty dollars ($25 or $30) to send for this purpose.

The India Field

The reports from the field will give us a general knowledge of what has been accomplished during the year and we will simply summarize in this survey.

A medical evangelist has been added to our staff of evangelists. The Zenana or Bible Woman’s work has taken on new strength since Miss Jones’ return to the field, and we now have two of our own girls who have finished their training, and are at work in the villages.

The work at Saidapet has been steadily carried on. We are expecting that this work will be greatly advanced when Brother Peterson reaches the field, as this will be one of the branches of the evangelistic work of which he will have charge, and he will be able to devote more time to its development than the other missionaries with their many duties have been able to.

One new school has been opened this year but this does not increase the number of our schools, as the caste and cherie schools at Jeldenpet have been united, which is an advance step and does away with the last of our separate schools for caste and cherie children. There have been opportunities for opening other schools, but lack of funds has prevented us doing so. The government grants this year amounted to one thousand five hundred twenty-three dollars ($1,523) including the special grants for the industrial work.

The press has been kept busy, there having been one million eight hundred sixty thousand eight hundred pages printed. At the time the war broke out they were at work on an order for twenty thousand copies of Matthew’s Gospel for the British and Foreign Bible Society; having a short time before that filled an order for forty thousand copies of the book of Jonah. We call attention to this for it shows that the work done on our press is of good quality or the second order would not have been given.

The earnings of the Vilacherie Orphanage and Industrial School, on the field, amounted to four hundred forty-four dollars thirty-eight cents ($444.38), and that of the Guindy Orphanage to about seventy-five dollars ($75). This does not include the value of the food stuffs grown at either orphanage, nor of the needlework, printing and wood carving sent to America from which three hundred twenty-two dollars eighty-eight cents ($322.88) has been realized with approximately one hundred fifty dollars ($150) worth still on hand. Each missionary and native Christian gives systematically to the support of their church and the collections received for 1914–15 amounted to one hundred forty-four dollars ($144), making in all approximately two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) that has been raised on the field. Surely we have a right to feel well pleased with such a showing, and it would not hurt our missionaries if this convention should send them a message to that effect.

Needs

Last year we gave as our greatest need “more missionaries.” This year we are having that need supplied in the missionaries who are soon to sail, and one of our needs at the present time is for money for their transit, and pledges for their salary.

There are still four schools for whose support nothing is pledged. The cost of maintaining each school is one hundred forty-four dollars ($144) a year and one dollar pays for a share in the same.

Fifty shares in the salary of Brother and Sister Peterson have been pledged, but we need pledges for the remaining three hundred. The shares are two dollars ($2) each.

At home we need at least one thousand new subscriptions for All Nations; a regular monthly income of one thousand dollars ($1,000) with an extra hundred occasionally to meet extra calls.

A concentrated effort on the part of our locals, especially in the East, to reduce the mortgage on the Boston Bible School Home is also needed.

We need most of all the prayers of God’s people for the work and workers both at home and abroad, for we are coming more and more to believe that the success of the work and the gifts which come in for the same, depend in a great measure upon the faithfulness of the intercessors for the work. We are looking for the soon coming of our Master, let us be faithful to the task He has given us and be found occupying when He comes.

1. Missions are a matter of common honesty. We are trustees of the Gospel we hold, and embezzlers if we withhold it from others.

2. Missions are a matter of simple obedience. Whatever the world says of missionaries or converts, our duty is plain—to obey Christ, who unquestionably commanded us to carry the Gospel to all the world.—Sel.
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BOSTON, MASS., SEPTEMBER, 1915

ON mission day at Alton Bay, Brother Tyler invited all who were desirous of doing so to spend the noon hour the following day, Saturday, Aug. 28, in fasting and prayer for the mission work of the denomination; and named the place of meeting as the Lawrence chapel. The following noon some forty-five gathered in the appointed place, and many earnest prayers were offered. We believe this was pleasing to our Heavenly Father and that the work will be blessed as a result.

WE have already received several pledges, and payments for shares in Brother and Sister Peterson's salary at two dollars a share; but there are still several shares that are not taken and we shall be glad to hear from others. Two dollars will keep these two young, consecrated missionaries at work a day in India. How many days do you want them to work for you?

THE annual meeting of the Massachusetts Corporation of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, will be held in the vestry of the Boston Church, Wednesday, October 13, at 4 p. m.

WE would call the attentions of the sisters in the East, to what is said in the Annual Survey about sending a gift of money to India in place of the boxes formerly sent. We trust there are many who will desire to have a part in this.

OUR missionary, Miss J. M. Saunders, expects to leave Boston enroute for New Brunswick, Sept. 15. She will be absent some two months during which time we hope she may have the opportunity of presenting our work in all our churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Northern and Eastern Maine. She also plans on visiting the churches in Central and Western Maine on her return trip. If any church desires to secure her for some special time, please write to the office.

BECAUSE of the discontinuing of the Pacific Mail Liners, Brother and Sister Peterson will not sail from San Francisco, Sept. 18, as previously reported, but are booked to sail on the Canadian Pacific S. S. "Monte Eagle" from Vancouver, Oct. 8.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELPERS' UNION

WE, the Helpers' Union, Loyal Workers, and Campmeeting Committee held a farewell service for Brother and Sister Peterson at the Aurora Campmeeting, at which was raised some $171, in cash and pledges for their work. It was thought at first to send it for their transit; but after Brother Peterson told how their salary was to be raised in shares of two dollars each, some wanted the share cards; but we had none to give them. This money will be sent through the General Helpers' Union.

The service was very nice, two mottos adorned the tent, one "We Will Hold The Ropes," and the other "Expect Great Things From God." Brother Paquette sang "God Will Take Care of You," as a solo.

There is a growing missionary interest in the Middle West. We had six stirring missionary lectures from Miss Worthing. She certainly has had a vision, she is so earnest that she inspires her audience.

The Loyal Workers are sending Miss Jones a present; and the Helpers' Union are going to send something too. We secured several new subscribers for All Nations.

Quite a sum of money was raised this year at our General Helpers' Union meeting, and I think we will do more foreign mission work than usual. We are sending Brother Malone a sewing machine and cobbler's outfit.

Yours in Christ,

Agnes G. Alford.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE W. H. & F. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1915

Balance in general treasury, July 31, 1914, $273.38
In reserve fund 3.00

Total receipts for year $11,202.13
Available funds for year $1,478.51

RECEIPTS

Membership dues $ 915.17
General fund 2,586.18
India fund 5,756.00
China fund 158.10
Boston Bible School 417.23
Mortgage fund $ 83.30
Home fund 94.57
Furniture fund 137.85
School fund 61.52
Cottages on Campground 377.24
Special home work 167.25
Conditional gift 500.00
Subscriptions to All Nations 324.96

Total available funds 11,478.51
October, 1915

ALL NATIONS MONTHLY

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| In India—                                 |              |
| Property valued at                        | 20,000.00    |
| Making total assets of society at the close of the fiscal year, with no liabilities | **$29,753.63**|

Respectfully submitted,

Maude M. Chadsey, Treasurer.

VILACHERIE ANNUAL REPORT 1914-15

C. H. Hudson

We pen our report this year under the shadow of a great war. Not long after our last report had been written, while growth and activity was evident in every branch of mission work, a cloud burst suddenly over Europe which has made itself felt in every country and every enterprise that men are engaged in. It was foreseen by the few, unexpected by the many. It found the missions uniting their forces for the common object of making the supreme effort towards bringing the nations to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Missionaries were working together in harmony and good-will with that aim in view when the cloud burst and those who were yesterday friends are today technically "enemies." As those of the German missionaries, who are non-combatants but have been taken and interned and their mission stations have been left un-manned. It proved a testing of the bonds that bind us together in Christ, to which they proved equal; and we now see the other missionaries straining every nerve to care for the work and the flocks of their brethren in misfortune. It is proving a testing time for the Indian Christians also. Many have lost their employment and have been led to seek elsewhere for a living. Many congregations have been left without a shepherd and the emissaries of Rome in many cases have crept in and are trying to win their allegiance.

What to us is an occasion of thankfulness, is the turning of many missionaries and Indian Christians to the Word of God to see what the outcome of these things is to be, and many who were looking for the establishment of a world-wide peace through the preaching of the Gospel are now looking for the personal return of our Lord from heaven.

Our mission force during the past year has been small but we are looking forward with joy to the arrival of Brother and Sister Peterson who will in due time, if the Lord tarries, take the portion of work which the Board has assigned them.

While some discouraging things have happened, yet we have much to be thankful for in blessings material and spiritual, the whole-hearted support and co-operation of our fellow missionaries; and the confidence of those in the Homeland who are supplying the means for carrying on the work.

Our work has been as varied as ever. It has consisted of the care of the boys' orphanage, industrial, press and evangelistic work when time could be found for it. Since the departure of Miss Saunders this work has had the addition of the village schools and the treasurer, which different branches of the work will be reported on in order.

Orphanage

This work has been very easy to manage. The health of the boys has been very good, also their conduct. There has been hardly, if any, sickness. We only know of one real fight and unfortunately the best boy got beaten, but it was made up to the other fellow afterwards. He has since "begged pardon" and they now seem to be good friends. There are now forty boarders in the Home. Several having grown up have obtained work and are doing well. We are proud of our boys for they are more manly than the average Indian boy and are free from the bad habits that so many are addicted to. The past year having been a prosperous one in India we have not had many applications for admission, but the indications are that there will be many in the near future on account of the war, and the shutting down of so much mission work. Our effort of last year to collect small fees from those able to pay them has been continued this; and the sum of $113.23 has been received, which shows an increase over last year. While some are not able to
pay more than sixteen cents per month we believe that it is better they pay that little amount than receive everything free as it tends to pauperize. This alongside of the work the little fellows do gives them the idea that they are paying their way, and that is a pretty good feeling for one to have.

School

This work has gone on as in former years. There has been a slight falling off in attendance, the daily average being seventy-six children as against seventy-eight last year. This is owing to the smaller number in the orphanage. The teachers have performed their duties faithfully and we trust that the gratitude of the children and the “well done,” of the Master will be their reward. We desire to gradually improve the standing of our school and introduce more English. This will open up a wider field of study to our boys and girls among whom we wish to recruit our future workers if time continues.

Industrial

In spite of the prejudice many of our Indian friends have toward anything that savors of “earning your bread by the sweat of the brow,” the industrial work is still going on. Twenty-five dollars and fifty-two cents has been taken for work done in the carpentry shop. This is less than the amount taken last year but it does not represent by any means the full value of the work done. Some has been sent home and we have considerable stock on hand. Further, the boys have been doing a lot of work for the mission for which there is no financial return.

Press

The war found us very busy in this department of the work but it soon began to slacken down, word came from the British and Foreign Bible Society to say that they would not be able to have any more work done till the condition of their treasury improved. Printing supplies went away up in price and it is only with great difficulty that we have been able to get paper of any kind. Our stock of tracts is not so great as against seventy-eight last year but some of it is for work done. Special gifts have been made to the Belgian Relief Fund, done well in freewill offerings. The assistant pastor’s salary has been paid and special gifts to pauperize. This alongside of the work the little fellows do gives them the idea that they are paying their way, and that is a pretty good feeling for one to have.

Evanglistic

We aim to make all of our work evangelistic, direct or indirect. While visiting the schools much of this work is done, and with the motor cycle that our friends on the Western Coast have helped to furnish me, I am able to make trips to distant places and dispose of large quantities of literature. Zachariah and Sigamoni are telling the message of the coming Kingdom as they go from place to place. Their reports are sent herewith so I need not detail their work. Rajamarnikam is working as medical evangelist, going off every day with his medicine case and literature, serving in a double ministry of physician and preacher. Requests for our literature continue to reach us from places far and wide. Our greatest need in this work is a number of Spirit-filled native evangelists; and more than that the prayers of God’s people for we know that numbers are not necessary to the accomplishment of God’s purpose.

An effort was made this year to bring our people together for a two weeks’ Bible study and a very profitable time we had. Teachers and others with their families came together and camped on Vilacherie Compound with each other, subject of study and spiritual intercourse. We hope to have another such gathering this year. The subjects considered will be, Prophecy and the Return of the King. The work in Saidapet Reading Room has been maintained. A separate report of that work is sent also for those especially interested. The number of readers continues to increase and the books and papers sent there are greatly appreciated. Not so many meetings have been held there this year as last, but when the students return to the college again after vacation we shall endeavor to push this part of the work which our Pasadena friends have helped to establish.

Church

We have not witnessed the growth here that we would like to see, although I believe there has been considerable development. Eleven have been baptized and taken into the church. One who went from us with others about five years ago and gave much trouble through his conduct, going so far as to assault a worker and then the police, for which he was convicted, made a public confession in the church only last Sunday and desired to be taken back again into fellowship with us. Others also who were a cause of much sorrow at that time are now meeting again with us, for which we thank God and rejoice. An effort was made at the beginning of the year to make every member of our church an active worker. Fifteen hundred Gospels were purchased and each one who would, took a certain number and pledged to sell them. Many have been reached by the Word of God in this way, who perhaps would not have heard otherwise. The church has done well in freewill offerings. The assistant pastor’s salary has been paid and special gifts have been made to the Belgian Relief Fund, also to the Scotch Mission Hospital, which has rendered our people great service at times. We
request the prayers of God’s people for our church.

Treasury.

“My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory through Christ Jesus.” This has truly been our experience.

A MISSIONARY WIFE’S REPORT

Anna N. Hudson

“NECESSITY is the mother of invention,” but in this case the necessity of writing a report does not make its invention possible. One wished it were, especially as on looking back over the year it seems difficult to find anything that has not already appeared in previous years’ reports.

This has been a year, especially in regard to my own labors, when one wonders where it has gone and what has been accomplished. I have not been able to get out very much, and yet never have I known so strenuous a year. But the strain has come in doing the routine, everyday duties, with none too good health and two babies to care for.

Under Martha’s care the sewing school went on nicely, hundreds of handkerchiefs and several large pieces were made, which, with the exception of a few sold here, have all been sent to America for sale. An average of fifteen girls have attended regularly during the year, not so many as the previous year on account of the strong opposition of the caste people to the teaching given. We tried very hard to draw the girls to Sunday-school but no amount of persuasion would bring them, not even the cheri girls. So Mr. Hudson decided to hold the Friday afternoon Teachers’ Sunday-school lesson in the sewing school and have them teach the girls under his direction. Owing to this all of the caste girls stopped coming; but we felt that we should not let down on our teaching and wait and see if the wage earned for the embroidery would not draw them back again.

In April the school was closed for a while, but we hope to open it again within a month or two.

It would be a great help to me if some ladies who do fine embroidery work, would write me about the new stitches, send me books and materials if possible, with directions for working. Also a list of the things that are in demand and would have a good sale; this would help me very much.

The new building, put up by the boys last October, has been a great boon, for many parents would not send their girls because they had to work in a part of the boys’ dormitory, but the location and arrangement of the new building gives them every required convenience and comfort.

The hospital work has had to be left a great deal to the care of Jebamoni and another young woman, who has recently taken up the work. My mornings being so full I changed the hospital time to 5.30 p.m., when I could better spare the time to attend to it, but even then it was often crowded out for other things more pressing. Several patients were treated at the bungalow. This is not wise for the children’s sake, but one cannot turn needy people away. I feel myself to be a missionary’s wife more than a real missionary, and consequently a report of my duties done would be impossible. Nevertheless, I feel I am in the place God would have me, and if by showing to the neighbors and friends around us what a Christian home is—a vast contrast indeed to some of theirs—then perhaps my work, though varied and so often appearing to be of no consequence, will not have been in vain.

ZENANA REPORT

Ella L. Jones

“SET the trumpet to thy mouth,” is an old command but it thunders in our ears; so we trumpet:

“Behold the Bridegroom; go ye out to meet Him!”

As we labor here, the vision of the noble sisters gathered at Alton Bay comes to us with strength and courage. We send to you our warmest heartfelt greetings and gratitude, for all the loving labor given needy India.

The womanhood of India has not changed during these two years; they make the heart ache as of yore, and some of the dear old souls with their welcome embrace as they cooed and patted made the heart warm. Yes, it was sweet to return to one’s own.

The work has changed much in the two years; and there have been so many things to do in these five months that I have not grasped my work as yet. There were the school treats, the replenishing of the Indian wardrobe, the Scripture examinations, and for the past six weeks, the Guindy Girls’ Home. But after a cooling spell in the hills, I hope to be daily in the villages with my trumpet.

There have been very sweet seasons in the homes; times when heart seemed to beat against heart and we were one.

Often in a quiet hush upon bended knees salvation has been craved; and someway, no matter how stammering the message, one feels that a great blow has been struck for Christ, when, by a heathen family altar, erected to a heathen god, Satan is made to tremble by the Christian on bended knee praying that salvation may come to the household.

Some of you will remember the phrase, “It is only prayer that is of worth.” Two years have added graces to the Sivite speaker. She says she has had a vision in which the missionary and the Bible woman were sent to teach from a book. She takes a great interest in the Word of God; and walked some three miles to church a few weeks ago. Let some one become an intercessor for her. Prayer must batter down
the strong Sivite citadel, a stronghold erected by Satan with much cunning craft and clever forethought.

Our first two Guindy girls, trained as Bible women, begin work this month. They are very anxious to be about their Master's business seeking to ease the pain of their sisterhood which in thousands of cases may be described as:

"A grief without a pang, void, dark and drear,
A stifled, drowzy, unimpassioned grief,
In word, or sigh, or tear."

We are here to awaken our sisterhood to their thraldom; but God grant that we may not fall short of our full duty, but that in the awakening they may find Jesus as their fulness of joy and satisfaction.

REPORT FOR GUINDY HOME AND SCHOOL

Bertha E. Keeney

GOD has very graciously and tenderly led and cared for us at Guindy during this past year. No serious illness has hindered the school life of any of our girls, and death has not been permitted to take any from us. Because of the forethought and generosity of our friends at home, we have had sufficient for all our needs. We have, even yet, a few yards of home cloth that, on some special occasion, can be used for girls' jackets, and is a pleasant change with their other clothes, which are made from cloth they weave themselves. I wonder if another lot of girls could be found in India, or anywhere, who cook their own food, keep their house and yard clean, raise all their vegetables for curry twice a day throughout the year, make and wash their own clothes and weave the cloth for them, and many yards besides, and go to school five hours a day and, with few exceptions, obtain promotion. Personally, I think they are doing wonderfully well, for the class of girls they are. I do not often feel a bit ashamed of them.

All were saddened and a little anxious when Miss Saunders had to leave us so suddenly, owing to ill health. But with the assistance of our good Indian sister, the wife of one of our evangelists; and the advice, in times of necessity, of our fellow missionaries we have pressed on, day by day, to fulfill our duties; and through our experience and God's Word to come to know and love Him better.

During the year five girls have left us, and six have been taken in, which makes our present family of girls number thirty-five. To correct this, I should say that one is a boy, who has just had his fourth birthday, and you can imagine what a pet he is, and how spoiled he might be, if we allowed it.

One of those who left, was supported by a missionary of another denomination, and went back to her, on completion of her school course with us. She is a bright girl and did well in her studies and work, and we feel sure will do much good in another part of the great Indian field of God's vineyard. Sugunthi, who belonged to the Boston Y. W. A. members, entered the hospital for nurses' training, and is doing very well. Their love and prayers for her have been answered in large measure. The third girl did not love school particularly well, and, as she has a mother, though poor and a widow, she decided to go with her. We are inclined to believe that a marriage was being arranged for her. She was a loyal Christian Endeavorer, and was baptized about two years ago. The other two have an older brother, who is now able to earn his living and take care of his sisters, so that they will attend day school.

The six who have been admitted are very needy. One is an orphan and the others have either no mother or no father. They are between six and thirteen years of age.

Only three of our girls failed to obtain promotion at the end of the last school year. Beside our own children, we have twenty-five day pupils, who have come very regularly.

I cannot give you the number of yards of cloth woven this year. Our aim is 300 yards per month, but since the European war began thread has been very expensive, and at one time we could get only a very poor quality. So much time had to be spent tying broken threads that we could not reach our mark, and a less patient lot of workers would have been very discouraged. This cloth can be given as presents for village school children at Christmas time, as it was last year, and for the boys' vaisties, besides the girls' clothes.

Like our friends in China, we find that soap is a necessary article in a Mission School. Long ago our supply was exhausted, and we have to pay six cents for a cake, which is small and new. How we have missed the arrival of those boxes so full of all kinds of surprising and good things. Without them the year seems much longer.

But we do feel thankful for all the blessings of the past year—for our quiet and safe home in these troublous times; for the privilege of regular church worship and the constant teaching of Bible truth; and for the conversion and baptism of three of our girls. We long for the coming of our Saviour and King and want to be found occupying when He comes.

THE annual meeting of the W. H. and F. M. Society of New Hampshire was held in the Lowell chapel at Alton Bay Aug. 25th. Nine locals were represented. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Pres., Mrs. Bertha E. Little; Northern Vice-Pres., Mrs. Helen Pottle; Southern Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lettie L. Glazier; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Nellie J. Jenness; Supt. Y. W. A. and Junior work, Mrs. Lettie L. Glazier. The full amount, $144 for the Injinbakam school which is supported,
by New Hampshire as the State work, was reported as raised and a balance besides. The interest in the work was never better and if the Lord tarries, it is hoped that the coming year will see still better work done.

Nellie J. Jenness, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from Aug. 1 to Sept. 5, 1915

California—M. L. Sherwood, $15; Southern California, $27.10; San Diego local, $16; Tustin local, $2.50; Lordsburg local, $2; San Francisco local, $5; Oakland local, $2.50; Brother Whitney, $1.75; Santa Rosy, dues, 50 cts.; Napa local, $5; Mrs. Olive Massey, $7.50; L. A. Terrill, $2.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—New Haven local, $1; Mrs. Robt. Thompson, $3; East Norwalk Tithing Class, $10.16; Class No. 2, Hartford S. S., $2; Hartford local, 50 cts.; Mrs. G. L. Porter, $15; Mary S. Staplin, 75 cts.; Helen Louise Butterworth, 75 cts.; East Norwalk Y. W. A., sales, $12.11; Collection at Plainville, $5; E. E. Pillsbury, 25 cts.; Mrs. M. J. Magoon, $2.50; West, $1.


New York—New York local, $1.35; Fivecote, $1; Miss Rasa, 75 cts.; Mrs. E. E. Pillsbury, $1; Mrs. E. Emerson, $7; Israel, $50; Mary A. Elliott, $1.05; Mrs. Lottie Freeze, $60; Dover local, $24.25; Hampton local, $10; Danbury Y. A., 75 cts.; Loudonville local, $7; New Jersey, $5.30; Ruth Davis, $1; Cash in envelopes, $1.75; H. L. Faull, $35; Rev. A. F. Tolman, $1; Miss Keyes, $1.50; Naomi Marshall Pinkul, $15; Mrs. Mittie Foster, $3.

New Hampshire—Verrill, $2; New Hampshire friend, $10.00; Biddedford Y. W. A., $4.50; Biddedford local, $7; Mrs. Mary Tucker, $1; Church, $1.75; South Hope local, $2.50; Mechanic Falls local, $7; Oxford local, $5.50; Children, Mechanic Falls, $5.03; Mrs. J. E. Sterling, $1; Flora J. Cummings, $5; M. M. A., 50 cts.; G. L. Vannah, $1; Vermont local, $1; L. L. Faull, $5; Cash, Mechanic Falls, $2.69; Mrs. W. T. Knightly, 25 cts.; Emily Elizabeth Merrill, 20 cts.; Nellie Tracy, 25 cts.; Dorothy Foster, $2 cts.; Ruth Foster, $2 cts.; Estella Staples, $2 cts.; Hilda Perry, $2 cts.; Mrs. G. C. Gilmour, $1; Myra H. Poole, $1; Murion Clifford, $1; Beatrice Adams, $1; Mrs. Mary Barton, 50 cts.; Waterville Mission Society, $3.50; Charles Jackson, 50 cts.; Josiah Fernald, $3; E. H., $3; T. J. Coolbroth, $1; Mrs. James Mathers, $1; A. C. Halpen, $1; Mrs. W. M. Stout, 50 cts.; Cash, Lakeside, 76 cts.; Eva Coolbroth, $1; Mr. Tripp, $1; Mrs. Nettie Wentworth, $1.

Massachusetts—Mrs. F. Stanton, $5; Collection at Marion, $5.30; Ruth Davis, $1; Cash in envelopes, Marion, $6.15; F. A. Waters, $1; No Adams Mission Society, $3.75; Geo. Coburn's S. S. Class, $1; C. W. Burt, $1; T. J. Coolbroth, $1; N. J. Miles, $1; Mrs. L. M. Lyman, 50 cts.; Eva H. Wilmot, 50 cts.; N. J. Miles, $5; Minnie B. Phinney, $2; Laura E. Alley, $1; Mary Johnson, $2; Fim Murra, $1; Mrs. E. L. Loud, 50 cts.; A Friend, $2; C. C. Terry, $2; Ella M. Burns, $2; A. White, $10; Emily, $1; A friend, $5; M. E. W., $3; Maude M. Chadsey, $1; Class 12, Boston S. S., 10 cts.; Class, $10.16; Class No. 2, Hartford S. S., $2; Hartford local, $2; Mrs. G. L. Porter, $15; Mary S. Staplin, $50 cts.; Helen Louise Butterworth, 75 cts.; Mrs. J. E. Sterling, $1; Flora J. Cummings, $5; M. M. A., 50 cts.; G. L. Vannah, $1; Vermont local, $1; L. L. Faull, $5; Cash, Mechanic Falls, $2.69; Mrs. W. T. Knightly, 25 cts.; Emily Elizabeth Merrill, 20 cts.; Nellie Tracy, 25 cts.; Dorothy Foster, $2 cts.; Ruth Foster, $2 cts.; Estella Staples, $2 cts.; Hilda Perry, $2 cts.; Mrs. G. C. Gilmour, $1; Myra H. Poole, $1; Murion Clifford, $1; Beatrice Adams, $1; Mrs. Mary Barton, 50 cts.; Waterville Mission Society, $3.50; Charles Jackson, 50 cts.; Josiah Fernald, $3; E. H., $3; T. J. Coolbroth, $1; Mrs. James Mathers, $1; A. C. Halpen, $1; Mrs. W. M. Stout, 50 cts.; Cash, Lakeside, 76 cts.; Eva Coolbroth, $1; Mr. Tripp, $1; Mrs. Nettie Wentworth, $1.

Oregon and Eastern Washington—Hood River local, $5; Clarkson local, $5; Pleasant Hill local, $5; Susie M. Tupper, $5; Gales Creek local, $1.50.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Emily Adams, $5; Mrs. A. E. Cas and son, $1.50; Hall Street local, $4; H. W. Demick, $2.50.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Mrs. Geo. Ferguson, 50 cts.; Collection at Greene, $1.69; Mrs. Sweet, $5; A friend, $7; Bertha S. Bemis, $3.

Virginia—Emily A. Brundage, $1.

Vermont—B. M. Caswell, $1; Mrs. P. M. Lord, $5; Lucy G. Dunn, $4.75; Aurelia D. Lyman, 50 cts.; Alice B. Lyman, 50 cts.; Eva H. Wilmot, 50 cts.; N. J. Miles, $3.

Western Washington and British Columbia—Edgemont local, $2; Mrs. F. H. Siemens, $3.


Rent, $19; Sales, $113.72; Subscriptions to All Nations, $2.50; Total receipts for month, $825.54.

Brother Tenney's Book Offer previously reported, $173.65; Received this month, $6.50; Total received as our share, $180.15.

Note—It will be seen that our treasurer's report includes four days of September. The reason for this is that several of the campmeetings were held during the last days of August and first days of September, and in order not to divide the receipts at these meetings the four days of September are included.

Maude M. Chadsey, Treasurer.

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AND JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the A. C. Denomination,

Greeting: Your superintendent of the Y. W. A. and Junior Societies presents the following report:

I have a list of twenty-one Y. W. Auxiliary Mission Societies located in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, California, and Nova Scotia. Three, those in Rochester and Northwood Narrows, N. H., and Biddeford, Maine, were organized this year.

Sixteen societies have reported. Nearly all the reports are in good shape and show interest in the work. These sixteen societies have a combined membership of 228. They have given to the home work $203.02 and to the foreign work, $373.23, making a total of $576.25. Their special work in the foreign field has been to pay Miss Keeney's salary. Besides this they have supported three children and educated two.

As a special work at home they have raised $40.85 to furnish a room in the Boston Bible School Home. Besides this they have given of their time and money to help in their church and neighborhood in various ways. When we think that the members of the society are in school or stores through the day, we can realize that they must make some sacrifices to accomplish as much as they have.

I feel very thankful for the number we have but there are more who should have a share in this work and in the reward that is sure.
Some material has been provided for the page in the All Nations and letters from Miss Keeney have been printed. I ask your earnest prayers for this work. No one can engage in this work without becoming stronger and more efficient Christians, so pray that our membership may be increased.

Mary E. Rowe.

REPORT OF JUNIOR WORK

To the members of the W. H. and F. M. Society of the A. C. Denomination,

Greeting: The number of Junior societies on my list is fifteen. The societies in Carver, Attleboro, Middleboro, Melrose, and Worcester, Mass., and Littleton and Northwood Narrows, N. H., have been organized during the past year. Eleven societies have reported. Their combined membership is 155. Adding to this the members promoted from the Cradle Roll and the probable membership of the societies not reporting we have about 250 Junior members.

The amount given to the home work by these eleven societies is $42.46 and the amount given to the foreign work is $45.84, making a total of $88.30.

As a special foreign work they are educating five children and supporting two. In the home work one society is helping an orphanage in Iowa, one is helping the Dowling Park Orphanage, one has dressed dolls for a District Nurse, and all are finding ways of helping their “neighbor.”

Last year we began to promote our Cradle Roll members when they reached the age of six and had on the list thirty names and four enrolled names. Three of these have united with a Junior Society. This year forty-three names have been received from the Cradle Roll and six names enrolled making eighty names on our Junior list. These names like those of the Cradle Roll are widely scattered.

One Junior certificate has been sent to a Cradle Roll member in Chao Hsien, China. In answer to our prayers who can doubt that their innocent lives manifested in those dark countries may be as lights that cannot be hid, or as jewels of great brilliancy.

In answer to the question on the report blanks, What can you report of interest in connection with your work during the past year? one superintendent wrote, “It is all interesting.” If more of our members could find the time to devote to this work, I am sure they would find it interesting too. Four years ago four societies reported. This year eleven have reported. We are thankful for this gain and ask your continued prayers on our behalf.

Mary E. Rowe.

CRADLE ROLL REPORT

The number of names on our Cradle Roll last year was two hundred and forty-four. Of that number forty-three have been promoted to the Junior list and two have died. Forty names have been gained making the present membership two hundred and thirty-nine. Twenty-seven of the names added were of very new babies showing that their parents or friends are much interested in this branch of our work.

The pictures of Cradle Roll groups and accounts of their receptions, printed in the All Nations, are an evidence of increased interest on the part of our local superintendents; and I am quite sure the Cradle Roll corner in the All Nations is watched and read by many.

Birthday cards and tracts have been sent out as usual and Junior certificates and mite-boxes to the forty-three who were promoted when they were six years old.

I feel very grateful to all who are helping in this work and ask you to pray with me this prayer to their and our Heavenly Father:

“Bless all our cradle babies, Wherever they may be; Although in homes so scattered, Thou every one dost see. We love them, and Thou livest them, Oh! may they grow to be A band of little Christians, Obedient, Lord to Thee. Amen.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rowe.

JUNIORS

Roland Coombs, 118 Leighton St., Bangor, Me.
Ruth Elizabeth Haskell, 19 Harvard St., Auburn, Me.
Dorothy Jenkins, Brewer, Me.
Estella Staples, 12 Nash St., Waterville, Me.
Hilda Perry, 46 Elm St., Waterville, Me.
Dorothy Forrester, 2 Beacon St., Waterville, Me.
Ruth Forrester, 6 Allen Road, Waterville, Me.
Parker Robinson, 12 Maple St., Augusta, Me.
Ruth Mildred Gilbert, Esther Minnie Rose Gilbert, Corinna, Me.
May Pelkey, June Pelkey, Closson Pelkey, Susanna Pelkey, Oakland, Me.
Fanstina Hapnorth, Madison, Me., Box 246.
Dennis Waldron Long, Richmond, Me.
Elmer Lloyd Mitchell, Sabattus, Me.
Paul Alexander Braisland, Arena, N. Y.
Jennie Ella Miltimore, Sweetsburg, Que.
John William Thompson, Mt. Dennis, Ont.
Hazel Ruth Wells, Torrington, Conn.
Gordon Hamilton, Sumas, Wash.
Elsie L. Woolsedge, Somerville, Mass.

CRADLE ROLL

Carlton Hunter McAllister, June 17, 1914, Auburn, Me.
Marjorie Vivian Mitchell, June 22, 1911, Sabattus, Me.
Frederic Emerson Mitchell, Sept. 27, 1913, Sabattus, Me.
Beulah Dean, Aug. 29, 1915, Hartford, Conn.