MISS ELLA L. JONES AND FOUR OF THE GUINDY BABIES

This Twenty-Ninth Day of July
And Its Doings

Ella L. Jones

As dawn broke over the hill I called, "Manakam."
"Yes, amma," came the sleepy reply. "Day has come, hurry for the milk." "It rains, amma." "Only a little, call the teacher to see about the cart, and then hurry for the milk." The door opens and Manakam goes for the milk; but many words must pass over the wall to the teacher before he goes forth into the damp to see about a dump cart, to take a log to Perambakam for the new schoolhouse roof.

Before I was properly "booted and shoed" a glance out of the window showed a woman hurrying along with a baby. The baby's head is bandaged so I know it to be the one with a fearful abscess extending from the crown of the head down to the back of the ear. The mother was bringing it so early because I told her it was possible I should leave early. Matches were hurriedly scratched and the water put on to heat, but before the mother and baby reached the door the voice of Moses came over the wall, "Amma, I must go to work, please put medicine on my hand." Thereby hangs a tale of Indian superstition. Sixteen cents was missing from a house, and as Moses had been there he was said to have the money. To decide the question burning incense was put in his hand, they believing that if he were not guilty the fire would not burn him. If the depth of the ugly burn is a sign of his guilt it is certainly clear evidence.

His hand was attended to, and the wee baby with its painful head, also the boil on the mother's knee. This
done, three men stood in the yard, ready for an hour's wrangle over the price of straw, that I must have at any cost. "Wait until my driver gets back with the milk and he will look at the stack, then we will decide the price." They did not have long to wait as Manakam's cheery face came around the corner. He handed me the milk and went to see the straw.

Postum was soon steaming in my breakfast cup (bought a month or so ago but somehow marked "Made in Germany"), and I was enjoying my repast when two boys from Navaulam came in on the run bringing a letter telling us the yearly inspection, whereby the government grant is decided, was to take place at eight. Now perhaps you think that we did not fly about. My breakfast table and chair had to be taken to the schoolroom and heaps of things done before eight. Among the "hoops of things" the headmaster had to take a run to two villages a mile away to bring in the children, while the wise flew to the cheri to bring in the wee dancing tots in the first standard.

We were an hour late but the inspector was an hour later. As I sat writing I heard instructions being given in a stage whisper so knew the gentleman was arriving to be greeted by a hearty salaam which he returned with good spirit.

Soon all was in swing, the trembling children working sums, writing letters, reading their lessons, and singing their poetry. Very soon with great pride I said, "Mr. Govendarajalu, just come down here and let me show you how much that row of wee wiggling tots knows." He arose and followed my proud self to down my humiliation, for my wee tots did horribly, water was fly, letters stood on their heads, one plus one was lustily declared to be four. From the depths of my chagrin I had to laugh and tell him they did it perfectly two days before. At any rate he thought me a very nice body to take so much interest in the wee outcastes.

At one he told the wee ones to go and soon allowed the others to follow. He then settled himself for a talk on education. His head was no more than out of the door until the two stones that did throw our day's hard work out of the measure. We are in no wise sure that those two stones are true ones and thereby hangs another decision for the government, which will no doubt take a year as government, true to the old adage, "Large bodies move slowly," moves exceedingly slow.

The night school boys' Scripture lesson was over about nine, when in marched a crowd of Christians and outcastes. "What do you want this time of night?" "Nothing, simply came." Some half hour's talk revealed the fact that they had come for something. The headman of the cheri was pushed to the front and proceeded to make a statement regarding the burning of the hand of Moses, and wanted to know what punishment must be given the offenders, as he was most ashamed that such a thing had occurred in his village, and came to me, as the father and mother of the Christian boy whose hand had been burned, to know my will.

By this little incident you may see the place a missionary holds regarding the Christians under her care. What will the missionary say is a very important question when anything affects a Christian. After listening to his lengthy speech I told him to do according to custom, so he laid eight cents on the bench beside me, because his wife was one of the offenders; and a night school boy laid down another eight cents because of his share in the offence. "What shall we do with the money?" "What?" they replied. "Shall we put it in the church fund?" "No," in a fearful voice. "Shall we put it in the cemetery fund?" "Yes," with energy. With "plenty more talk" they went to their homes near midnight.

This ended a day that was to be followed by another one beginning at five.

"VELACHERIE NEWS"
C. H. Hudson

No sooner do we get one letter off than the time comes around for another and just what to write about is always more or less of a problem. The little everyday happenings of school life you perhaps get tired of hearing and would like to read something of wider import, "Unrest in India," "Home Rule," or "Political Reforms," but I fear that anything that I might contribute on these questions would be of little value. We are concerned here more with the individual rather than the mass. While many politically-minded men are aspiring for power in order that they might rule over the many, they are unable to control their own lives and households. With perfect sympathy towards India's legitimate aspirations for self-government we feel that there are many urgent, social and religious reforms overdue. By virtue of former membership on a governing body in this District, we have
a vote for members of Legislature, and consequently have been subjected recently to a very earnest solicitation by five different candidates all of whom are orthodox Hindus, with all that that involves, who marry their daughters in infancy and subject them to the untold evils that come in their train, they seclude their women, believe that the touch or shadow of the low-caste is defilement, and do their best to keep them in the lowly position they have long occupied. They worship and own allegiance to Hindu deities, accept and support the evil teaching and practices that belong to that system. Are men so enslaved fit to govern their fellow men, and lead a nation into freedom? Our interests are therefore enlisted in behalf of the outcaste and the oppressed and this letter as usual concerns such.

We all rejoice at the cessation of hostilities and the signing of peace. Our prayer is that the peace of God may dwell in the hearts of men that His spirit may have free course among us. Our contribution to the local festivities was in the shape of a couple of bullock carts, one decorated and fixed up to represent the ship "Victory." It was manned by small boys and girls with the well-known text in vernacular on the side. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks." etc. (Ploughshares is translated "shovels" in the Tamil.) The second vehicle was shaped to represent a cradle, filled with little children representing Welfare Work with the words of Christ on the side, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not." These vehicles as they travelled through Madras aroused considerable interest and the leaflets distributed from them were eagerly sought for.

I have just returned from a walk through the village and a visit to some of the homes. All are sorrowing because concerns such. After they have eaten the women dispose of the remnant, there are hundreds in the High Court and offices near by. To supply the needs of the villagers as well. I was interested yesterday in watching a performance of what might be described as a revival of Hinduism in our village. Two "swamies" (holy men) of a rather superior type have been sent here by a religious order and are doing their best to counteract the work we are doing. On entering Chapel one morning recently we found that with one exception all the caste children had absented themselves. This lad said that the swamies had tried to get him to remain away but his father wished him to attend here, instead of the school which they were starting. Besides the school they are planning to repair their temples and build a dispensary to dispense native medicine. Every evening they organize some kind of a "tamasha" (show) to arouse interest. Instead of inscribing their communications on palmyra leaf with the aid of a sharp-pointed instrument as is the practice even now among many, these men use up-to-date note paper with the word "Om" at the head, which means "the Supreme Deity." The name of their society and its officer is printed underneath. In conversation with these men recently I asked them why they did not do something for the low castes. The reply was that they were all sinners. They took life and ate flesh, caught fish and ate them, and their sufferings were punishment for this sin. This being the case I presume that we shall still have work to do for these are plenty of sinners in this neighborhood and it was such that Jesus came to save. While we are noting this new movement with interest we are not getting excited about it, but are just plodding along with our work, refraining from any step that will incite them to further endeavor, trusting that God will work things out according to His will.

O U R yesterdays oftimes furnish us with very interesting and pleasant memories. One of our mission yesterdays dates back to 1901 when a young lad came to us as a house servant. His home was a heathen home; the village in which he lived was a heathen village. After being here some time, the spirit of God called him from this environment and he was obedient to the call, in the face of strong opposition. The result of his obedience has meant the breaking away from idolatry of six other members of his family, three of whom have been baptized this year. Another blessing of this yesterday is the change of attitude of many of the people in the village toward Christianity. I can remember when one would not be allowed to enter the homes, and had to put up with considerable unpleasantness if they attempted to preach the Gospel. Today there is, every Friday night, an appreciative audience as Mrs. Peterson and her band of workers go there for preaching. Again, on Saturday evenings a special meeting is held for children, and on Sunday afternoons our Loyal Workers hold Gospel meetings there; added to these is the individual effort of the Christians living there. This yesterday boy is our Joseph Spence and the village is Guindy. We are assured that the God who worked in 1901 is working now, and the miracle that was performed then may be repeated, and even surpassed today. Our confidence is in God.
THE rate of exchange between America and India still continues to be very high, and we were obliged to pay forty-three cents per rupee for the money sent in September. All our workers, missionaries as well as native workers, receive their salaries in rupees. We speak of the missionary’s salary as being $400 here, they call it 1200 rupees there, for the rupee is their money standard. Before the war the par value of a rupee was call it 1200 rupees there, for the rupee is their money standard. Before the war the par value of a rupee was 43 cents. We are obliged to send $516 for them to cover their food and clothing allowances, which constitute forty-three cents per rupee for the money sent in India. We have advanced in price in India as they have in America, and the rupee is now worth 69 cents. We have therefore increased the amount we send each month to $1071, instead of $900. We should send $1161, each month instead of $900. We can do it if all who are supporting will do their share. Will you? That is the spirit which is needed in order to help the mission work along; and that we were again allowed to send one. We hope the other locals in the Province will also imitate their activity.

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

Let us give thanks:

For the advancement of the work, as shown by the yearly reports.
For having reached the goal set for our income for 1918-1919.
For the earnest, self-denying band of workers we have both in India and in America.
For the splendid response for things for the India box, and that we were again allowed to send one.
For the income for the past two months.
And let us pray:

For the Tiravamur school and its teacher as he rejoins the mission.
For the church at Guindy, that it may become sacred ground.
For wisdom and grace to be given Mr. Hudson in dealing with the swami at Velacheri.
For Miss Jones in her varied work in the villages mentioned in her article.
For the 500 souls for Christ for the year.
For the needed money to meet the bill for repairs at the New England School of Theology Home.

INDIA BOXES

A WELL-FILLED box containing approximately $200 worth of household and school supplies, garments, toilet articles, cloth, soap, sewing material, printers’ supplies, books and gifts for the missionaries, native workers and children started for India on the S. S. Roseric which sailed from New York for Madras, September 30.

If the income for August and September is an indication of the receipts for the year, we shall reach our $25,000 goal in good shape, for it amounted to $4,241.89; and an average of $2,083.33 a month will give us the $25,000.

It is encouraging to start off well and I am sure all will strive to keep the average up.

CORRECTION

In reporting the New Conference organization last month we should have mentioned the “New York Conference Organization,” instead of “Northeastern New York and Ontario” as reported. We gladly make the correction, and hope we can report that Northeastern New York and Ontario is organized soon.

THE local at Scott’s Bay, Nova Scotia, is alive and at work as was shown by the garden party and sale which they held in June which netted them $55 for the mission work; and the fact that they are now planning a Harvest Home supper from which they expect to get a good sum. This local, although located in a country village, a good many miles from a railway center, finds ways and means of helping the mission work along; and is a fine example of what can be done when there is a will to do. We hope the other locals in the Province will imitate their activity.
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parcels, nicely done up in white paper, for each of the missionaries, and for Miss Jones’ prize-box. These were put in the India box just as they were received and will give added pleasure to those to whom they were sent because of the personal touch of the senders. It also saved work at the office in packing. In doing up parcels to go, one must remember to either write a list of the contents on the parcels, or send it to the office, for otherwise the parcels will have to be opened in order to make the list of contents for the customs.

To one and all who contributed to the box, we extend the thanks of those who packed it, for it is a joy to have a good shipment to send, and we hope to have for the January paper, a letter of thanks from those to whom it was sent.

W. R. Chandler, president and secretary of our local society.

THE NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Home Department

School opened the 29th of September but the matron, Mrs. Jennie Tabbutt, and her assistant, Mrs. Elsie Rowe, were on hand several days before, getting things ready. The matron reports that there is a lack of white spreads for single beds, also hand towels. That the friends of the Home have it in mind was shown by the fact that before school opened, a box full of sauces and pickles was received from Mrs. H. A. Parker of Natick, who always remembers the Home when putting down her winter stores.

The following gifts have been received since our June report: 12 pillow cases, Hartford, Ct., local; 4 pillow cases, Mrs. George Brown, N. S.; 1 spread, Northwood Narrows, N. H., local; box of sauces and pickles, Mrs. H. A. Parker; a box of canned tomatoes and grape sauce, Mrs. Florence Richardson. For these the thanks of the Home are extended.

Potatoes, apples, and vegetables of all kinds as well as canned goods will be heartily welcomed and well-used if they are sent to the Home. All such should be addressed to New England School of Theology Home, 17 Rockville Park, Roxbury, Mass., and if a card is sent to the matron at the same time she will be on the watch for them, and acknowledge their receipt.

NOTES FROM DOWLING PARK

Flossie M. Quimby

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skins?' She quite captivated one gentleman on the train who promised to remember her and the rest of the children with a bunch of bananas later on.

My trunk is delayed on the way somewhere and it is causing the children no little anxiety. Florence asks every few minutes if it has come yet, and even Ted just called to me, 'Are there fishlines in your trunk?' Thanks to some good friends there are fishlines, candy, jam and cookies, all taking a long journey southward.

Sept. 25, 1919.

REPORT OF MAINE STATE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Maine W. H. and F. M. Society was held in Mechanic Falls A. C. Church, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1919. The subject of the opening prayer service was, 'Prayer Changes Things,' with Scripture from John 14:1-14.

Mrs. Nellie Fellows was elected chairman pro tem.

Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. The secretary's report showed that ten societies had reported and that two new societies had been organized during the year. The treasurer's report showed that the amount for the support of the Tiravamur school had been paid and $10.10 had been paid for the Maine room in Mr. Hudson's hostel. The amount paid from the State was $940.73, or $111.27 more than was paid last year.

Letters were read from the State president, Miss Retha Glover; the Supt. of Y. W. A. and Junior societies, Miss Alice Beardsley; Mr. R. L. Peterson and Mr. M. S. Samuel of India.

The convention voted that a letter expressing sympathy and regret for her absence be sent to the president, also letters be sent to Mr. Peterson and Mr. Samuel expressing appreciation of their work.

The roll call showed ten members representing three societies present. Miss Christine Lang was received as a member-at-large of the society.

The following officers were elected, after a special season of prayer had been held as Miss Glover requested in her letter:

President, Miss Retha Glover of Rumford; Northern Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ada Woodworth of Crouseville; Eastern Vice-Pres., Mrs. Benjamin Corliss of Milltown; Central Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ethel Haskell of Auburn; Western Vice-Pres., Mrs. Sadie Norcross of Portland; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Sara Shaw of Biddeford; Supt. of Y. W. A. and Junior Societies, Miss Alice Beardsley of Crouseville; Auditor, Miss Mary E. Marshall of Portland.

Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, President of the General Society, told of the increase in the cost of our school in India because of the high rate of exchange, and of the needs of the New England School of Theology Home. The Convention voted to continue the support of the Tiravavumr day and night school and to ask each society to endeavor to contribute five dollars towards the expenses of the New England School of Theology Home.

An invitation from the Auburn society to hold our next annual meeting in Auburn was accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Mechanic Falls society for entertaining the convention.

In the afternoon, Miss Christine Lang of Ridlonville, gave an address, subject, "The Deepening of the Spirituality of the Members of the Local Societies," which was much appreciated, as was that of Mrs. Chadsey's in the evening. Her subject was "Open Doors." Mrs. Grace Ellis of Auburn sang two solos which added much to the interest of the convention.

Because of the social intercourse, the exchange of ideas about the work, and the prayers together, it was felt that the meeting was a profitable one, and all went home with the thought of increasing the work another year.

Mary E. Rowe, Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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California—S. S. Union, Northern Cal., $22.30; San Francisco S. S., $8.50; Oakland local, $29; Santa Rosa local, $650; No. California treasury, $50; Mrs. and Mrs. C. W. Kerlin, $5; Mrs. Edith McKeaughan, $1.50; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis, $50; Santa Clara local, $14.50; Napa local, $34; Tustin local, $23.50; Colton local, $15; San Diego local, $15; Los Angeles local, $6.50; Mrs. Banthrum, $5; Lilian J. Williams, $15; Los Angeles Church, $100; Oakland local, $10; Alfred C. Blair, $30; A. W. S., $20.

Colorado—Mrs. E. A. Knowlton, $4.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Ee. E. Kilibin's S. S. class, $3; Mrs. M. F. Peters, $2; Lucy Harrington, $1.50; Mrs. E. M. Pierce, $1; Mrs. L. O. Barrett, $50 etc.; Mrs. E. J. Emerson, $2.50; Mrs. M. A. Shaw, $5; Harriet Smith, $2.50; one-third collection at Palmer Camp, $4.20; Mrs. E. M. S., $1.00; Mrs. H. C. Bartlett, $2; Mrs. S. H. Smith, $2.50; Springfield local, $41; Westfield local, $12.50; Bristol local, $38.50; Gladys P. Green, $12; M. Adeline Tiffany, $30; Bridgeport Y. W. A., $21.75; Bridgeport Church, Jas. Lockwood's pledge, $10; Mr. and Mrs. R. Herron, $10; Bristol Church, $6.88; Robert Hewett, $1.60; L. Reed, $20; Mrs. Berry, $5; Ellen M. Hills, $11; Mrs. Walter Byars, $5; Mrs. A. S. Williams, $1; Bridgeport local as follows: Mrs. F. A. Burnham, $10; Mrs. G. L. Lyons, $2; Mrs. Jas. L. Lockwood, $12; total, $24; one-half collection Plainville camp, $13.14; A. E. Douglas, $20; Nellie M. Northrup, $10; Rev. A. S. Williams, $5; Mrs. Wm. Mouthrop, $5; A friend, $5; Mrs. Wm. Alport, $5; Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, $5; Rev. W. S. Bezanson, $7.50; Mrs. C. E. Loveland, $2; Mr. Ayers, $2; Mrs. L. Lyons, $2; Mrs. L. O. Bar­

Delaware—Winnifred S. McKaugan, $5.


Florida—West Jacksonville Busy Bees, $1; V. P. Simons, $2; Gainesville local, $5.50; Odessa local, $8.50.

Illinois—Mrs. E. T. Stephens, $5; C. M. Booth, $38.75; Rev. O. R. Jenks, $1.

Iowa—Burl Oak Church, $4.34; Mrs. Emma McLuskey, $1; Iowa-Missouri L. W.'s, $2.

Maine—Auburn local, $12.50; Hettie Lougee, $7; Washburn local, $4; Angie M. Tibbetts, $2; Retha Glover,
$15; F. W. George, $1; Mrs. E. L. Lud, $1.50; M. F. Grane, $1; Mrs. and Mr. Frank Mitchell, $15; Portland local, $1.50; Cecile Small, 50 cts., Oxford local, $5; Mechanic Falls local, $6; A Friend, $5; W. T. Knightly, $1; C. S. Marshall, $1; one-fourth collection Mechanic Falls camp meeting, $1; A Friend, $1; Bellingham local, $2.50; Mrs. L. A. A. and S. H., $5; Maria Parmenter, $1; Ruth Gilbert, 15 cts.; May Pelkey, 50 cts.; Mrs. Ettia Smith, $5; Henry Fish, $5; Faustina Harpworth, 60 cts.; Myra Moran, 50 cts.; Mrs. Josephine Sparlin, $1; Mrs. S. M. Wales, $1; Mrs. Wm. Strat, 50 cts.; rent of cottage, Lakeside, $1; Mrs. N. E. Fellows, $4; F. E. Mitchell, $3; Mrs. Mabel E. Mitchell, $2; Elder S. Clark, 65 cts.; Auburn L. W.'s, $6.34; Mrs. Grace Ellis, $15; Crouseville Church, $15; Mrs. Etta Chute, $7; Northern Maine Conference, $5; Children Mechanic Falls campmeeting, $3; Children Big Lake campmeeting, $3.

Massachusetts—F. A. Waters, $4; M. E. Wedadley, $10; H. A. Drury, $1; R. A. Sheldon, $5; and Mrs. Perley Adams, $5; Volunteer Class, Brockton S. S., $8; Boston local, $6; Esther Ward, $2; Minnie Yeaton, $3; Class S, Boston S. S., $1.83; Boston S. S., $1; Minnie I. Gage, $1.50; Middleboro S. S., $3; Worcester Y. W. A., $2.25; Mrs. B. J. Butler, $5; Mrs. Abbie Keys, $1; Estelle Collwell, $8; Mittie Foster, 50 cts.; R. F. C., $5; Mrs. Augusta Thompson, $3; Dorothy Barker, $2.25; Lynn local, $1.50; Miss W. F. Churchill, $2; Woonsocket Heights S. S., $6; North Carver S. S., $2.25; Willing Workers, Acushnet S. S., $3.75; Acushnet S. S., $7.71; Westerly local, $1; Somerville local, $25; Mrs. Jennie L. Nichols, $2; Lynn Church, $11.20; Mrs. Amelia Boyd, $51; Grace L. Emerson, $5; Mrs. Chas. Osgood, $5; Mrs. W. G. Roach, $5; Eva Loud, $2; Mrs. L. A. Rice, $1; Miss Louisa Bodge, $1; Grace L. Reynolds, $5.


Missouri—Harriet E. Eyer, $10.

Nebraska—Lincoln S. S., $15.

New Brunswick—Woodstock local, $14.

New Hampshire—Rev. F. E. Bushkin, $1; Rev. G. F. Harkness, $1; Manchester local, $5; one who is interested, $57; Portsmouth Y. W. A., $15; Lovenia Bisson, $5; Annie S. Dyer, $1; Henrietta B. Beebe, $2; Helen E. Davis, $10; Mrs. T. Kerrill, $2; Northwood Narrows S. S., $3; Bethel S. S., Manchester, $5; Grace Emerson, $10; Cora Varney, $5; Mrs. E. R. Emerson, $5; Alice M. Blount, $10; Mrs. C. D. Garland, $3; Northwood Narrows local, $4.50; New Hampshire State Funds, $55; Etta Downing, $5; G. W. Kimball, $55; Mrs. Abbot Williams, $5; one-third collection Alton Bay camp, $7.04; J. Gilbert, $1; Myra J. Lud, $10; Meredith local, $8; Charles B. French, Jr., $5; Annie Kirby, $1; Isabel Moore, $5; Farmington S. S., $5; Mrs. George M. Rankin, $1; Boys' class, Laporte S. S., $3.75; Portsmouth L. W.'s, $19; Mrs. L. A. Thompson, $1.65; Sarah S. Paige, $50 cts.; Lakeport local, $1.35; Loudon Ridge local, $4.60; Dover local, $10; Mrs. B. H. Richardson, $3; Northwood Narrows S. S., $2.69; Sunbeam class, Dover S. S., $7.50; Mrs. Henry Simonds, $10; Mrs. Addie Leavitt, $2.50; Mrs. Abbot Williams, $5; Cash, $25.

New Jersey—Louise N. Hall, $10.

New York—Mrs. E. M. Van Dyke, $4; Hoosick Falls Church, $5; Mrs. Olive S. Aitla, $10; Mrs. Olive S. Aitla, $10; Bean class, Magog, $1.25; Mrs. Oliva S. Aitla, $10; Arena local, $20; Massena S. S., $15; So. West Hoseus local, $7; Rochester Helpers' Union, $15.

Nova Scotia—Scots Bay local, $2.

Oregon and Eastern Washington—Portland local, $14.27; Portland N. S., $15; Mrs. L. J. Davison, $25; Oregon and E. Wash. local, $20; Lydia P. Reemer, $5; Pleasant Hills local, $1; Hillisboro local, $4.22; Clarkson local, $9.50; John Day local, $7.50.

Pennsylvania—Geneva S. S. and L. W.'s, $10; East Branch Mission Society, $4.10.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Morrisville Willing Workers Junior Mission, 20 cts.; L. J. Marsh, $1; Ella R. Marsh, $2; Lewis Magone, $2; H. W. Demick, $2; Collection Magog camp, $1; Gifts Magog, $4.73; one-half children's collection, Magog, $1.80; Wm. McCormick, $3; Waterloo A. C. Church treasury, $50; Chas. E. Durant, $10; Newbury Church, $10; Conditional gift, $100; Frances M. Marston, $5; Rev. and Mrs. Ralph W. Linnell, $5.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—E. M. Spencer, $15; Providence local, $13; Gussie M. Pierce, $15; Lafayette local and Mrs. Smith, $5; Stanley and Dorothy Hayter, $15; Mrs. Esther Dockham, $5 cts.; C. and P. L. Gale, $5; Rev. C. H. Hewitt, $1; Mrs. Wm. Durfee, $1; Mrs. Sadie Remington Williams, $5; Mrs. Florence Moulton, $5; one-half collection at Greene, $1.88; Rocky Brook local, $18.

Virginia—Anna B. Lyman, $5; Mr. Lyman, $2; A Friend, $2; John Gasper, $1; Mrs. J. B. Brock, $5; A Friend, $1; collection White River Junction, $15.75; Elizabeth Osborn, $5; Helen Osborn, $5; one-fourth collection, Mechanic Falls camp, $1.88.

Western Washington and British Columbia—Western Wash. and B. C. A. C. Sunday-school Union, $10; Seattle local, $2; Bellingham local, $8; Mrs. Ethel Forester, $3; L. Kaas, $1; Western Wash. and B. C. treasury, $20; G. A. Alexander, $5; Alice Weeks, $5; Mrs. N. R. Cloud, $5; Mrs. Dean, $5; Charlotte Cloud, $6; Thomas Rouse, $2; Mrs. J. Enos, $3; Tivola Parsons, $3; Mrs. J. E. Brown, $2; Maria Guffin, $1.25; Mrs. D. Germain, $1; Dr. G. E. Boynton, $200.

Received by Miss Quimby for A. C. Home and Orphanage, not to apply on our $500 pledge—H. A. Drury, $1; B. H. Barnard, $50; Dr. J. Porter, $15; Dr. J. J. Porter, $15; J. Adams, $5; Danville Church collection, $15; Norris Perkins, $2; Center Haverhill Church, $36; Ella R. Marsh, $2; E. P. Davis, 50 cts.; Mrs. A. L. Gardyne, 50 cts.; A Friend, $1; A Concord Friend, $1; Mary A. Pelkey, $50 cts.; Henry Fish, $5; Mrs. Etta Smith, $5; Collection Lakeside, $1; Cash Lakeside, $2.50; Somerville Church, per W. W. McDonon, $10; Mrs. Holman, $1; Mrs. Powers, $5; Edward Lawrence, $2; Mrs. Fred Clark, $5; W. T. Knightly, $1; Mrs. Johnson, $5; A Friend, $1; Geo. Tripp, $1; Mrs. E. E. Pender, $5; O. A. S. Mayberry, $2; Sister Babb, $1; one-fourth collection, Mechanic Falls camp, $1.86; Mrs. Flora Churchill, $1; Mrs. Berry, $2; Mrs. Eva Loud, $2; Mrs. L. A. Rice, $1; Miss Louisa Bodge, $1; Mrs. C. D. Garland, $2; Mrs. A. L. Perkins, $5; Grace Emerson, $5; Mrs. Chas. Osgood, $5; Mrs. W. G. Roach, $5; Jennie A. Watkins, $10; Mrs. Elise Fish, $5; Lafayette Church, $7; Rocky Brook Church, $5.17; Frances M. Marston, $5.

Treasurer of W. A. C. Mission Society, $31.85; Payment on note, $61.25; Alton Bay Cottage for year 1918-1919, $110.90; one-third interest on Webster Fund, $7.05; S. S. Hemstock, $6.50; General Helpers' Union, $31.95; rent, $70; from Melrose property, $520.02; Sales, $53.59; Subscriptions All Nations, $70.61; total receipts $4,241.89.

Maude M. Chadsey, Treas.
Our Guindy Church

Marie O'Loughlin

We do not aspire to a church building as grand or as beautiful as the "Booth Memorial" at Velacherie. No impressive dedicatory service has been held here. No vista of blue hills and green and golden plains, stretching away in the distance, can be viewed through gothic-arched windows here. (Nor indeed have we a single gothic-arched window!) Nevertheless we have a church, a real church, with a platform and pulpit and carved communion table inside, a library, and a porch outside, which some day is going to be covered with trailing flowers and creepers.

The building is not a new one. It dates back from 1909, but its use as a church is new, as we only began to use it as such the beginning of this year. It was originally built to accommodate the weaving rooms for the new weaving industry then started in Guindy. In 1916 this work was found impossible to keep up so it was discontinued, and from that time the room was used as a sewing room, and a kind of a spare class room.

It is built on the end of a long straight row of rooms all with whitewashed walls, and doors and windows picked out in green; it used to directly face our bungalow, the lawn and garden lying in between, but by putting in a door at the extreme end, and throwing out a porch, it has now been made to face the road, and every morning at 8.30 passers-by are able to hear the girls singing their morning hymn before going into school; while on Sundays it seems to make it easier for outsiders to step in. At the opposite end of the row are the hospital and dispensary, and in between is the room where we used to have our church services, and which has been turned into a kindergarten.

Last year we started a fund, made up of local contributions from friends, which we intended using to beautify our church room. When Miss Saunders first announced that she thought of making this room over into the Guindy church, my heart went down into my shoes. I had had visions of converting it into a beautiful kindergarten room. It measures fifty by twenty-five feet, is twenty feet high, and has a flag-stone floor, and its possibilities as a church, when it is completed, for the congregation will sense and appreciate its beauty, and learn to love it, and that it may become sanctified to them as God's House.

Last year, however, we feel more satisfied with the result. The grey dado harmonizes and tones with the grey corrugated iron roof (unless it is examined very minutely), and later on, when we are able to put a coat of paint on the iron work inside, and tiles on the outside to make the room cooler, and have added three long narrow windows fitted with stained glass, over the front door, and one or two good pictures on the walls, and a few other things, our church is going to look beautiful. We want to make it so that the girls and teachers and the outside congregation will sense and appreciate its beauty, and learn to love it, and that it may become sanctified to them as God's House.

We shall not forget to send a picture of our Guindy church, when it is completed, for the All Nations.

Promoted Cradle Roll Members


Cradle Roll

Carl Vernon Nickerson, March 17, 1919, Knowles Post Office, Shelburne Co., N. S.
Blanche Evelyn Wilson, April 16, 1919, Lower East Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N. S.
Anton Nickerson, August 26, 1917, Pubnico Beach, Shelburne Co., N. S.