The twenty-third annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, convened in the tabernacle at Alton Bay, N. H., Tuesday August 17, 1920.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Ruth Foster and special prayer was offered for Sister G. F. Haines.

In the absence of our president, Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, the first vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Bemis, called the convention to order for business. The following committees served the convention: Credential; Mrs. Myrtha Johnson, Mrs. Lettie Reynolds, Miss Ursila Marshall, and Miss Grace Reynolds. Resolution: Mrs. Florence Raymond, Miss Ruth Davis and Mrs. Edwin Joy. New Business: Mrs. Eva I. McKenna, Miss Mary E. Rowe and Mrs. Lottie Frye.

The "Survey of the Field" by our business manager, was full of interesting and encouraging features. This will be printed in full in All Nations; be sure to read it. The subject of uniting the All Nations and the Prophetic Mission Record was discussed and a favorable vote was taken, all arrangements to be left with the Executive Board.

The report of our treasurer was very gratifying as the $25,000 goal was nearly reached in July; since then many dime calendars have been sent in, which will carry us beyond the desired goal. Miss Rowe reported an increase in interest also in membership in the Y. W. Auxiliary and Junior Societies.

The Home of the New England School of Theology reported all debts paid and a balance in the treasury.

Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith and six young ladies from South Carolina were introduced to the convention. We were glad to have this addition from the southland to our convention.

Mrs. Smith conducted the devotional service at 2 p. m. Miss Jones gave us an excellent talk on India work, its buildings and grounds, pointing them out on the charts which hung on the walls of the tabernacle.

The officers were all unanimously re-elected; the new director elected being Mrs. Anna Shattuck of New Hampshire. At this time a telegram was sent to Sister Chadsey informing her of her re-election and our united support.

Rev. L. F. Reynolds, the chairman of the Forward Movement, was introduced and presented that subject in an earnest manner, soliciting our undivided co-operation and support. It was recommended that the use of the calendars be continued and that each State president stress the need of a calendar agent in each society to push this work, especially among the young people of our denomination.

To relieve our president, Mrs. Chadsey, from all field work during the year, the following workers may be called upon to present our mission interests in their respective localities when needed: Mrs. Helen Keeney, South Vernon, Vt.; Mrs. Alfreda B. Wallace, 17 Rockville Park, Roxbury, Mass.; Mrs. Florence Raymond, Danville, Que.; Mrs. Edna B. Smith, Lafayette, R. I.; Mrs. Susie W. Davis, Canaan, N. H.; Mrs. Millie Arms Gibb, Bristol, Conn.; Miss Retha A. Glover, Mechanic Falls, Me.

At 8 p. m. Mrs. Anna Shattuck conducted the evening devotional service. Miss Ella L. Jones was the speaker, portraying the real need of mission work and the thorough conversion of the Indians, the great sacrifice they make when they take Christ for their Saviour, the earnestness and zeal in bringing their own people to accept salvation, etc.

As usual, Brother Blackmer and the chorus of splendid singers were present, adding so much to the evening service, which is greatly appreciated by our mission society. A vote of thanks was extended to them, also to the officers of the campground association, for their kindness. It is the desire of the General Society that our locals become so interested in our mission work that each society will send one or more delegates to this annual "Get-together."

Among the resolutions which were passed are the two following which we deem very important and should be of much interest to all of our people:

Whereas: The Advent Christian General Conference of America in biennial meeting assembled at Aurora, Illinois, June 10-13, 1920, adopted without opposition, the General Forward Movement Program covering a five year period and embracing every department of our denominational work, and have urged the co-operation of all departments of our work and
Whereas: The Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society was represented at this gathering and finds itself in full harmony with the proposed Movement:

Resolved: That we pledge our support to the Movement and to its leaders and further pledge ourselves as a body to make the attainment of the Forward Movement a success during the five years included in the Movement plan.

Whereas: The future of our work depends largely upon the work and efficiency of our young people, and

Whereas: A knowledge and increased interest in the work is deepened by attendance at the meetings of the State and General societies, therefore be it

Resolved: That we recommend that the members of our Y. W. A. and Junior societies be urged to attend these meetings and be given an interesting part in the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie E. Fellows, Clerk.

VELACHERIE ANNUAL REPORT, 1919-1920
C. H. and Anna Hudson

Dear Fellow-Workers:

It is with a feeling of gratitude to God that we attempt to render an account of our stewardship for the year 1919-20. While in many respects it has been a year of great blessing, in some branches of our work we have had to make strenuous efforts to hold our own, in others there has been some advance.

During this year of famine and disease many around us have fallen, especially among the aged and the weak has the mortality been heavy. Through it all the protecting hand of our Father has been manifest and only one death has been recorded among the family at Velacheri, and this was a little famine victim sent to us in a very emaciated condition, urgently in need of medical treatment. We sent him to the hospital where the flickering light went out and one more was added to those who are waiting the coming of the Resurrection Morn.

To those who have been reading Velacheri News it will not be necessary to recount what might be called the advance steps of the year for they have been recorded. For others a brief reference is necessary.

The opening and dedication of the Booth Memorial Church provided us with a home where we could meet together for the worship of God. Every morning before school, at the sound of the bell, school children, teachers and industrial workers will be seen filing towards the church to gain some inspiration for the work of the day. After half an hour spent in God’s house they go off in various directions to perform the little daily duties that fall to each one’s lot, better for having joined with others in offering praise to God.

The next big event of the year was the opening of our Hostel. This was indeed a great contribution to the material comfort of Velacheri. With class rooms on the first floor and dormitories on the second, we have a building capable of accommodating, in individual rooms, twelve students, and about sixty in the dormitories. At present it is not filled to capacity, but with the new lads joining the school for special work the first of July we expect it will be. This building was opened Feb. 26, 1920 by Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon, who took pleasure in voicing the thanks of the Government to the many friends at home who have made the building possible.

Our great need in this connection is a man who will be prepared to devote his whole time to the teaching of the Bible. We have such a man in view and pray that he may be helped in his work of preparation for a splendid opportunity awaits one who is willing to devote his life to that line of work.

What we trust will be another advance step is the opening of our Home to Anglo-Indian boys. We have twelve of them with us at present and more are expected. The need of these lads is without question. Victims of circumstance, over which they have no control, in most cases orphans with very inadequate educational facilities, living in slums of the very worst type, they are objects of pity indeed. Called by the name Christian but in many cases more pagan than Christian, they present to Christian missions a challenge, which if not taken up and adequately dealt with will resolve itself into a stumbling block, to the spread of Christian teaching and ideals in this country, which will be very hard to overcome. Charity begins at home, we are often told and if the needs of these children of these mixed bloods are not met, the words of the Master, “I was a hungered and ye fed me not, naked and ye clothed me not,” may be said to us. The excuse of the Levite that led him to pass by on the other side will not serve in that day. So let us feed and care for these other sheep also. While the Government gives us a grant of money sufficient to provide these boys with food, it is not sufficient to clothe them. In this connection let me draw your attention to another need, that is, good serviceable clothes suitable for boys ranging in age from six to fourteen. Anything worn by boys in America from caps to shoes (except very heavy clothing) would be acceptable. Clothes all ready made over and ready to wear would meet an immediate need and be gratefully received.

We are very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Macher, a resident of Madras, who will undertake the work of Matron to the Anglo-Indian and Indian boys; which we trust will be a great contribution to the home life of Velacheri, and go a long way toward supplying that element that is so valuable in the upbringing of a child and is not always found in an “orphanage.” Our aim is to provide a home that will be as home-like as it is possible to make it. In order to do this we must have a staff devoted to the work, drawn toward it by the highest motives, willing to accept the compensation it offers which cannot be shown by the rupee or dollar sign, but comes in the satisfaction felt in serving the Christ who said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not;” and in seeing them come and the change that takes place in their lives through contact with Him and those who are striving to follow Him.

A very important department of our work in Velacheri which has been practically standing still, but which is beginning now to take on new life is the printing and publishing department. For obvious reasons we have not been able since the war started to carry on that branch of our work with the activity that marked it hitherto,
but now we are making a forward move. In answer to much prayer we have been enabled to secure a very central property in Saidapet, almost opposite our former location, just a little nearer to Saidapet College. Standing on the site were three tumble-down houses and a fourth, the inmates of which have a very bad reputation. We are now engaged in tearing down these old buildings and in preparing plans of a building which, when erected, will be a credit to our people. The first floor of the building is intended to provide a home for our press and distribution department. Being in the midst of the educational center of a large town, in close proximity to the new Engineering College, Teachers' College, District Headquarters and what in the near future is to be Government Headquarters for the Madras Presidency, we should be in a position for coming into contact with a large number of people and in a favorable center for obtaining a sufficient amount of work which should make the work after establishment more than self-supporting. On the second floor will be the reading room and lecture hall, which will give us a decent home for that work with its varied and far reaching possibilities.

While the price of paper and printing supplies is still high, we believe that the lovers of truth will support us in this forward movement which we are making in Saidapet. If it were not for the confidence we have in the willingness of our Home constituency to stand behind us in a work of this kind we would hesitate to start it; but we believe you are with us. That God approves and is behind this move we have had marked signs. The very week that we made our move and purchased the property the wherein to start the building was received. Not sufficient to take us far it is true, but sufficient to justify us in going ahead, and we are going, trusting in the Lord God Jehovah to take us far it is true, but sufficient to justify us in going ahead.

We believe that he alone has made the purchase of land possible. We have secured property for a much lower price than adjacent land is being held for. This gives us confidence in anticipating His blessing and future guidance.

This report has resolved itself into more or less a forecast of the future rather than a record of work done and indicates lines of thought and prayer for our co-workers at home. Inasmuch as Velacheri has reported monthly at home, this seems justifiable. While grateful for what has been accomplished we must gird our armor on for strenuous efforts for the future. India's Reform Act comes into force this year and a large measure of self-government is to be given to the Indians. And as an Indian thought-leader (non-Christian) recently stated, "The body of Christian missionaries will be a wonderful asset to the country in its entrance into responsible government." Without question we have reached the most critical period in India's history. The situation calls for a large faith, and unhesitating advance, immense sacrifice and complete devotion. If we with you in all human weakness and humility do our part God will do His. Ours is a conquering religion, the Christ of God is our Leader. Let us follow where He leads.

"There would be many good Samaritans if it were not for the two pence and the oil."

REPORT OF J. M. SAUNDERS, 1919-1920

"ONE sound always comes to the ear that is open; it is the steady drum-beat of duty, no music, perhaps only a dry rub-a-dub."

We have not been merely marking time the past year, but have been keeping step with "the steady drum-beat of duty."

Dry statistics may not be very entertaining but they are necessary in order to give the information concerned with the progress of the work.

The number of girls in the orphanage has kept up to sixty throughout the year. This is the limit for our present accommodation. There are several waiting to be admitted as soon as vacancies occur. Four girls are passing out of the school, and their places can be filled by others.

The health conditions have been good except for the "Flu" epidemic, in no case did this prove fatal.

The industrial work has been the same as last year, namely sewing, tatting and gardening. These have brought a little grist to our Guindy mill. Only fifty cents was spent during the year for vegetables, so we can say that the girls by their own efforts have provided at least fifty rupees of vegetables for themselves, and some very nice peas and tomatoes for the missionaries' table. Other products of the compound were sold for $8.50, the sale of needle work was $62, boarding fees $239, school grants, $48, a donation to provide sleeping rooms upstairs in the bungalow $567, making a total of $1,424.50 that we have contributed to the year's expenses.

Considerable was spent in fixing up the church. This was paid for from private donations and no account was kept.

The Bible Class has been conducted throughout the year and a number of girls are preparing to take the "Indian Sunday-school Union" Scripture examination in September.

Faithful village work has been done every Sunday by our band of consecrated teachers and girls. Guindy side of the field can only report ten baptisms, this is a very small contribution toward the five hundred we are praying for.

The social side of the work has, I think, been enjoyed by all. Some very pleasant evenings have been spent with our Christian workers and village Christians; at these gatherings questions of all sorts are asked and it gives an opportunity to drive home good lessons on more than simply Bible doctrines.

Some who have met with us are non-Christians. We are pleased to welcome such as it gives an opportunity to have personal talks with them, a few of these we believe are almost persuaded to take a public stand for Christ.

The side of the work that shows the greatest progress is the school, Miss O'Loughlin is reporting this.

Some of you who have adopted Indian girls were no doubt pleased if not edified with the English letters you received from them, especially those who requested you to reply in English if possible.

We cannot say that we have accomplished near all that we set out to at the beginning of the year, but we can say that in keeping "step to the drum beat of duty,"
TWO QUESTIONS
R. L. Peterson

WHEN we think of writing a report there are two questions which present themselves for an answer. What have we done? What have been the results of the effort put forth? We can easily answer the first, but the second one is more difficult.

The year just passed has been one of hard work and many difficulties. Not the least of the difficulties has been our finance or exchange problem. Losing one-third of the money sent to us in exchange while the purchase value of the local coin has diminished to one-half, has made us exceedingly careful as to how we have used the means at our disposal.

We have sought wherever possible to obtain the cooperation and help of the villagers and have succeeded to a greater degree than in former years, and sometimes better than we had hoped. While this has been true in some places, we have also met with a great spirit of indifference in others, and we are constantly reminded that we are in troubled waters, especially politically. The “Westerner” we find is not so welcome as heretofore in our villages where we meet. Saturday is spent in study and socializing. These classes have been a source of pleasure and mingled joy and sadness. We shall appreciate the teachers is evident from the interest taken. Coming together on Friday evening after school hours, that even­­ning is usually spent in preaching in the village or near­by villages where we meet. Saturday is spent in study and some spend Sunday with us in evangelistic effort. In many of the villages there are sure signs of a great harvest. Not the least of the difficulties has been our finance or exchange problem. Losing one-third of the money sent to us in exchange while the purchase value of the local coin has diminished to one-half, has made us exceedingly careful as to how we have used the means at our disposal.

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This spirit we have felt in our Reading Room Work in Saidapet. Avoiding the more popular subjects we dealt largely with purely spiritual and religious themes in our work there. The result was smaller audiences, but a deeper spirit of conviction. A young Brahmin student confessed, “I do believe, and I want to be a Christian, but my people, my caste ridden people! I too cannot break with them. I am bound until a more favorable opportunity presents itself.” And there are thousands of others throughout India who feel the same. Not only the Brahmin but all the other castes of India present almost unbreakable barriers and only those who know the difficulties can appreciate them. May that opportunity, which the young man seeks, soon come to him and to the thousands of others who are like him, and may many of them come to Christ some golden day if our prayer.

Things move slowly in India but there are signs of awaken­ing. Who knows but what the present spirit of unrest may not turn upon its own corruptions and cast fetters to break them and create a new and free order of things, create this very opportunity.

We were unable to purchase the property which we were renting but secured a piece of land on the opposite side of the street where we hope to have a nice new building shortly. There are bright prospects ahead for our reading room work in Saidapet. More will be said later on in another write up.

Since Miss Jones’ illness all the village work has fallen to our lot, that is the care of the village schools and village evangelism. Keeping in mind that, if the Lord wills, we are to go home on our furlough next year, we have and are doing a considerable lot of rebuilding and repairing of schoolhouses and teachers’ quarters. We desire to have all of them in such a state that they will require little or no attention until we return again. While these buildings are of small structure and very rudely constructed, yet with the labor and material one has at hand in the villages it often requires the patience of Job and the persistence of a Moses to complete one of them. We often wished for a competent native helper who could be trusted with this work so that we could give ourselves more fully to evangelism. Yet there must be Marthas, and young men to serve tables, but we would like to see others if not ourselves given, “continually to prayer and to the ministry of the world.”

Once each month on the canal side of our field, and also on the other side we gather the teachers together for Bible study. These classes have been a source of pleasure and profit. And a marked appreciation on the part of the teachers is evident from the interest taken. Coming together on Friday evening after school hours, that evening is usually spent in preaching in the village or near­by villages where we meet. Saturday is spent in study and some spend Sunday with us in evangelistic effort. In many of the villages there are sure signs of a great harvest. If only a continual effort for a few consecutive weeks could be put forth in each place, we are confident the results would be worth the effort but we cannot do it, the laborers are too few.

We look forward to our home coming with a feeling of mingled joy and sadness. We shall appreciate the privilege of going home where the needs of physical and spiritual upbuilding can be met as not here. Yet we are not a little anxious about the work we leave behind. Our fellow missionaries already have their hands full and Satan sows tares amongst the wheat. “God’s word shall not return void,” do you say? True, yet again come the two questions this time in the future tense. What will be done? What will be the result? Only we who know the nature of our work, the nature of our native Christians, and the burden of the work can surmise an answer. The remaining months we shall by God’s help toil on and leave the results with Him.

REPORT OF GUINDY GIRLS’ SCHOOL FOR
YEAR 1919-1920

Marie O’Louhlin

THIS last year has been uneventful as far as big and visible happenings go, but for those of us working here, much change is apparent in the little events that
occurred daily, the growth in character and spirituality of our children, the stand they have taken on various occasions, the strengthening of the ties of love and friendship between them and us, all these count for more with us than mere mental development and the passing of examinations.

The members of the teaching staff remain as last year, a headmaster, four women teachers (three of whom are our own girls) and a professionally trained tailor, Mr. Devanson, to teach the girls how to cut out and sew their own clothes and those of their families. Two of the teachers are to be married early next month: Mary Bakiam (whose adopted mother is Mrs. E. M. Ives) and her brother Devanson, our tailor. Mary has been in the mission from the age of nine or ten and has worked here as a teacher for the last four years. Her fiance is employed as a writer in the American Mission at Madura, so we are losing Mary from school work, and I hardly know how I shall get accustomed to doing without her as she has been my right hand helper all this while.

Devanson is marrying one of the girls who graduated from school last year. They will settle down on this compound.

There are at present eighty-four children on the rolls. We were up to ninety-six the end of last year. We usually suffer from a fall off in numbers during the first term owing to the children not coming back regularly after the Christmas vacation. Four girls graduated the end of last year, three of them obtaining first class passes. Of these, three are going to study for teacher training in July, and one is to be married. Of the two girls who graduated in 1918, one is taking her teacher training course in the Government Training School, and the other, Jessie Kamalam (supported by Sunday-school, Messina, New York) has been awarded a scholarship and is studying in the Congregational Church American Mission High School at Madura. She is doing very well, and the reports we get of her are most satisfactory. She is, I understand, the first girl in this Mission who has been sent on for higher education, so she goes as our pioneer in this line, and she seems to fully realize the responsibility that rests on her. In a letter we had from her last year she asked us to pray that she should be led to glorify God in her studies. We are praying that this venture may turn out well that it may act as a precedent in future for girls like Jessie.

There are some of our workers who do not send their girls to our school because they consider it out of place for girls to dig and plant in the garden, and split their own wood for cooking, and wash their own clothes, and in short, do all the work our girls do; and also because this is not a High School. So we want to show them that we recognize ability and good work on the part of the girls, and although they are required to work hard and though this is not a High School, the Mission is willing to stand at the back of those who really deserve and need help to continue their studies. The condition we have made with Jessie is that she repay us in service and this is not a High School. So we want to show them that girls, and although they are required to work hard and wash their own clothes, and girls to our school because they consider it out of place in short, do all the work our girls do; and also because and she seems to fully realize the responsibility that rests on her, "Who cares if she attends regularly or not?" She very soon learned that we cared. The problem of getting and holding these children is always in our minds and hearts, and we are hoping that compulsory education for girls will be one of the questions settled earliest.

With regard to school work, a few changes in subjects and methods of teaching have been made during the last year. More emphasis is laid on plain sewing, domestic hygiene and cooking. Cooking classes are held twice a month for the older girls and they are proving very successful. In connection with domestic hygiene, scientific instruction in temperance is also given. This year I have attempted to introduce a new industry into the school, that of basket and hat weaving from local material, such as the palmyra date palm and the bamboo. I have always felt the need of some industrial work, other than fancy needlework and tatting. There are some of our girls who will never make good needlewomen, and who would probably excel in some other work not requiring so much fineness. Last year, Mrs. Drysdale, the Deputy Directress of Indian Female Education in the Madras Presidency, visited the school at our request in connection with the industrial question. She expressed herself well satisfied with the school, but recognized that it was necessary for the girls to do something more in the industrial line, and she very strongly encouraged the idea of the basket industry. She wanted me to send in my plans to the Government immediately, and ask for a special grant for an industrial room, but before I could do this it was necessary for me to find out just how much help the Mission could afford to give, and it was thought best to leave it over for this year's budget.

At present we are working under difficulties, but the eager interest shown in the work by the teachers and children, and the measure of success we have met with in these four months, are very encouraging, and I cannot help but feel that this will be a step in the right direction towards giving a sound, practical training to the type of girls for whom we are laboring. During February this year Mr. Hudson arranged an exhibition of village and school industries on the occasion of the opening of his new Hostel. This acted as a spur to our school and some really good and ingenious work was turned out.

Her Excellency, Lady Willingdon, the wife of the governor of Madras, was struck with some of the baskets and hats she saw, manufactured out of the palmyra leaf, and later on, when she paid Guindy a visit, she saw the girls at work, some cutting out patterns for book markers on the young white leaves, some braiding the prepared strands and others engaged in sewing it into hats, or weaving baskets. Even the babies in their kindergarten room were doing their little bit, tearing the long leaves into strips. She seemed very much interested, and suggested that I specialize in hat making. She has since sent me some hand-woven hats that she got from Ceylon for me to try and copy. Before leaving, she
THURSDAY, August 26, I came home from the hospital, having been there just eight weeks; and although still a little shaky on my limbs, am gaining strength every day under the splendid care of Mrs. Fellows whose kindness in coming is greatly appreciated, and I hope soon to be much better than for many months. It was a great disappointment not to be able to attend the Annual Convention, but the cheering news that came from there has encouraged me to give a more detailed survey in the columns of All Nations, later.

The year under consideration has been a very trying one for some who have had the work in charge, not only because of the advanced prices in everything, and unexpected expenses, but also because of the drop in exchange between America and India, which has necessitated, for the past nine months the sending of one dollar and a half for every dollar we formerly sent, in order that they might have as much when it was exchanged into rupees.

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The Master Shepherd sounding down along the ages, “Feed My lambs,” and “Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these ye have done unto Me,” and then the trivial round, the common task take on a new significance, and the work becomes a glorified service, done as unto Him.

As speakers for the coming year, and thus relieve the president from the field work is much appreciated, as is also the arrangement for Mrs. Keeney to come to the office while Mrs. Alley has her well-earned vacation; I also wish to publicly express to Mrs. Alley my appreciation of the splendid work done by her in looking after the office work during my illness, and to Miss L. F. Welch and my son and his wife who closed the books and compiled the annual treasurer’s report; and to the many friends, from all sections, whose letters, cards and gifts helped to brighten the long days in the hospital.

But most of all do I desire to thank our Heavenly Father who heard and answered prayers in my behalf. He being my Helper, I shall endeavor to show my thankfulness by faithful service.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE FIELD, 1919-1920

Maude M. Chadsey, Business Manager

This survey is written under difficulties, the writer being flat on her back in the hospital, and much of the data she needs not available. Nevertheless she will do the best she can under the circumstances, and endeavor to give a more detailed survey in the columns of All Nations, later.

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Following the custom of former years this survey will cover the different departments of the work commencing with the Home Field.

Home Field

For the third year in succession we have the privilege of reporting a State organization. The one organized this year is in connection with the New York State Conference. This leaves us with but five Conference sections, in which we have societies, where we have not a Conference organization.

Fourteen new societies have been formed during the year, some of which stand for much as they have been organized in sections which herefore have not felt to organize, and are the result of patient, painstaking work on the part of some of our quiet workers.

We are pleased to note the steady, healthy growth of the organization, but let us not rest satisfied until we have an organization in every church of our denomination.

FINANCES

Although the income this year has been the largest in the history of the organization, we have failed to reach
the goal fixed at the convention last year to raise $25,000. Our gross receipts for the year have amounted to $24,974.20 and as this is nearly $4,600 in excess of what has been raised by the society in any previous year we need not feel at all discouraged. Your Business Manager had plans made for July which she hoped would bring the receipts well over the $25,000 mark, but her illness prevented them being carried out.

Note—When the above was written the business manager did not know we were within $25.80 of the goal.

Although the receipts have been larger than ever before, the expenses have more than kept pace with them, for not only has the matter of exchange between America and India obliged us to send more money to the field, but the sharp advance in prices of the necessities of life in India during the past twelve months, has made it necessary to advance the salaries of the missionaries. A single missionary according to the advance, receives 1,500 rupees a year, a married couple 3,000 rupees. When money is at par this is $500 for a single missionary and $1,000 for a married couple. At the present rate of exchange it means $750 for a single missionary and $1,500 for a married couple.

However, the regular running expenses on the field have not only been met regularly each month, but the balance for the Velacherie Hostel has been paid, funds raised to bring Miss Jones home, and $700 for an auto for Guindy. Nor has the Home department of our work been neglected. Our $500 pledge for the A. C. Home and Orphanage has been overpaid, and a good sum towards the dormitory which was pledged when Miss Quimby presented that need last summer. Nearly $400 was raised and expended in renovating the New England School of Theology Home, while Aurora College, and Sanderlin Academy, as well as sundry other interests have received some assistance.

Right here the business manager desires to express her gratification at the fact that our women are, more and more, making it a practice to send their gifts through the society's treasury and thus give the credit to the women's work.

**Field Work**

During the early months of our fiscal year your president visited several of the churches in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and attended different conferences in the interest of the work. The months of March and April, and a few days in May were spent on the Pacific Coast visiting the churches and locals from San Diego, California, to Sumas, Washington. The many letters containing gifts and expressing interest freshly aroused on this trip, have been very gratifying and proven again the value of personal contact.

Nor has the general president been the only one who has done field work. The State and district officers and others have faithfully done their part and in some cases have done considerable traveling to speak in the interests of the work.

"All Nations"

The advance in the price of paper stock, and printing, is making the publishing of our paper more and more of a problem. In 1910 we were paying $25 a month for each issue of 3,000 copies. The year just closed we paid $68 for the same number and doubtless the price will be advanced when our yearly contract ends in September, as the price of paper has advanced considerably since September 1919.

Your business manager and the secretary of the A. A. M. Society have conferred regarding the advisability of uniting the two mission papers, and agreed to bring the matter before this convention and the annual meeting of the A. A. M. Society in October and be guided by the decisions of the constituencies. As long as the expense of issuing *All Nations* was a nominal sum, it seemed for many reasons wise, to have the organ of our Woman's Society separate from that of the General Society, but with the already trebled cost, and the prospect of a still greater advance the question has another phase. It may be well to note here, that most of the other denominations have united their woman's and general mission organs in the past few years.

We started out last fall, with a great deal of courage, to increase our subscription list by adding 1,000 new names, but have only succeeded in securing a scant 400. This does not mean that an effort was not made by the sisters in the different sections, for many of them did splendid work, but the bald fact is that the paper is already in most of the homes of our people who care to have it; 3,700 copies of the paper are now issued each month.

**Conditional Gifts**

The amount of the conditional gifts received for the past twelve months is $300. This makes $3,900 of these gifts now held by the society.

All the workers are urged to use their influence in securing such gifts as opportunity offers, and full information, as to the rate of interest paid and other details will be gladly furnished from the office upon application.

**Mission Boxes**

Two boxes have been sent this year. One from Southern California which according to all reports from the India field, contained a splendid quantity of good things for the mission and which reached the field in splendid shape. The other went from Boston in November and although carefully packed, and a complete invoice of contents sent was in a very bad condition when it reached the mission, having been very thoroughly overhauled at the customs, and some of the smaller packages were missing. This is the first box that has met with such a fate. Whether a box is to be sent this fall or not should be decided at the convention. The advance in freight rates makes it very expensive sending, and it would seem to your business manager that a special gift of money for Christmas would be a better arrangement for this year, all things considered.

**India Field**

In former years the work and needs of the field have been briefly summarized in this report. But this year we shall ask you to read the reports from the field and gather this data for yourselves, for the India reports are at the office and this is being written in the hospital ward. We will say, however, that the work on the field has made
good progress during the year. The dedicating of the Booth Memorial Church and the New Hostel and Bible Training School at Velacheri, as well as the new undertaking of receiving Anglo-Indian boys who are wards of the government into the industrial school work are advance steps.

At Guindy, one of the buildings has been remodeled into a cozy and attractive chapel. A new industry in the shape of basket and hat making from the leaves of the palmyra palm is being introduced.

Land has at last been acquired at Saidapet and steps are on foot to erect a building thereon, which we hope will mean the enlargement of our work there in a very definite manner.

In the villages good work has been done and two new schools opened. But where are the "500 souls for the Master" that we asked for at the beginning of the year? One of the missionaries told me not long since that if they felt it right to count all those who would stand on their feet, or raise their hands when the question was put as to how many of them would like to become Christians, 500 and more could be reported, but if they only count those who are willing to go forward and take on Christ in baptism this number is small. Just how many you will learn from the statistical reports from the field. (These statistical reports have not been received.) But let us not be discouraged, but keep on praying that the seed which is being sowed and watered will bear fruit, and the harvest of souls be gathered in.

**Needs**

At home we need to co-operate in every way with the "Forward Movement," and we feel sure this Society will do all in its power to help reach the goals fixed.

The Society has been allotted $40,000 a year for five years as our share of the budget, this of course is providing the full amount is raised, but as the financial drive of the "Forward Movement" will not be held for several months yet, we must plan to raise our funds as usual until that time.

We also need to be ever on the alert to interest others in our work, and inspire the young men and women of the denomination to consecrate their lives definitively to the Mission work, for new missionaries must be sent to the field not only to meet the growing needs, but to be ready to take the places of those who furloughs are soon due. At the present time with Miss Jones home on sick leave, and Mr. and Mrs. Peterson's furlough due in 1921, we surely need some one to look after our village school work.

On the field, besides the funds needed to meet the regular expenses of the work, the India Board have asked in their budget this year, for more funds to equip the work at Saidapet, and to enlarge the work at Guindy by erecting an industrial building and enlarging the school building so as to accommodate the pupils who desire to come, nor has the extra story and new roof been put on the big bungalow yet.

Added to all these we need the continued, united prayers of God's children for the workers both on the field and at home.
### Headquarters, 5 Whiting Street, Boston

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Total Assets of the Society: $12,812.87

### THE PAST YEAR

Zella A. Peterson

A NOther year has passed, and in looking back, we wonder what we have to report to you for our portion of work done. We feel that we have nothing to say that is worthy the name of "report." Climatic conditions and ill-health have combined, it seems, ever since we have been in India, to hinder us in doing what we wished. Each year we have hoped and prayed that that year might prove to be better than the one before, and that we might gain in health and efficiency; but such has not been the case.

In reading Miss Carmichael's Things As They Are (a book on Mission work in Southern India), we were impressed with one of the statements in the beginning of a chapter. She says, "There have been times of late when I have had to hold on to one text with all my might: It is required in stewards that a man be found 'faithful.'" Praise God, it does not say 'successful.'"

These words have helped us a great deal. God expects us to be "faithful" but we may not always be "successful." What bit we have been able to do, we cannot look upon as successful; but we have tried to be faithful in carrying the Gospel, and trust that some good may have been done.

For some time, with our Bible woman, Jennie, we visited the homes in Saidapet three days each week. In each home we sang and taught hymns in Tamil and in English; where English was taught we read the Scriptures with them, and told them Bible stories. Along with the English, sewing, crocheting and tatting were taught. These latter to gain an entrance into the homes. In one case, we know that one of the young girls learned to pray to the true and the living God. But just at this time her parents informed us that they need not come to their home any more as the daughter was going on an extended visit to her husband's house. Whether this was only an excuse, we do not know, but if they knew the girl was learning to love the "Jesus religion," we feel that they would do something of the kind. Another woman told us, she knew it was all true; but what could she do? If she became a Christian even her mother would cast her off and have nothing to do with her. She would have to give up everything to which she had been accustomed all her life and she cited cases of the sort.

Two days in a week during the time we were able to work we visited homes in Guindy. Each Friday evening we took some of the girls and teachers from our Guindy school and with others who would accompany us, held open air services in Guindy, in the caste village and in the cheri.

On Saturday evening we held children's meetings in the village. These meetings were all well attended, and some manifested special interest. In the meantime, Mrs. Moses, another one of our Bible women worked in Adyar in both the caste village and the cheri carrying the Gospel story from house to house. After the hot weather began, we were unable to physically endure visiting from house to house, and so have directed the work of the Bible women. Since Miss Jones' illness, we have also had the work of her Bible women in charge.

Once each week we meet for a prayer service and a talk concerning our work and the best methods of doing it, once each month we meet for Bible study. We have been studying Romans since taking up this class.

More than this we cannot say. It is little enough and we have felt discouraged in trying to do even this little bit. We are in God's hands. If He wishes us to labor for Him in this country, we believe that He will give us strength to do so, if not—whatever He wills is right and our service is His and we are His, and we leave ourselves in His hands. We ask your prayers for health and strength and courage to press on.

Note: Mrs. Peterson's little daughter, Margaret Alice, was born May 2, 1920.

### REPORT OF THE NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY HOME 1919-1920

It is a pleasure for me to be able to begin this report by saying that the year just closed has indeed and in truth been a good one for the New England School of Theology Home.

There were thirteen resident students at the school during the year, and when we consider the fact that the home has always furnished board at an exceedingly low rate per week, we are forced to face another fact, namely, that the matron must plan in a most careful way in order to come out even. However, the gifts from the local societies and friends of the school were many and came with encouraging regularity each month. We thank God for you all and for your assistance in helping to solve the problem of the "high cost of living." Inasmuch as the societies and friends have been able to do so well
the past year, we feel assured they will do as well if not better the coming year.

Aside from the regular students the matron has taken roomers and furnished extra meals from which four hundred and sixty-four dollars and four cents ($464.04) was received.

The total receipts for the year, including the balance from 1919 amounted to two thousand ninety-five dollars and fifty-five cents ($2,095.55).

When the school closed June 1, 1920 there was forty-five dollars and ten cents ($45.10) in the treasury. The bills for cleaning, for gas, and for milk were not in at that time, but there will be a small balance after those bills are paid.

The total expenditures up to June 1, 1920 were two thousand fifty dollars and forty-five cents ($2,050.45); this includes three hundred forty-six dollars ($346.90) the cost of painting, decorating and putting the building in good condition before the school opened last fall.

We trust very little will need to be done along that line this summer. Of the amount received, four hundred sixty-six dollars and thirty-four cents ($466.34) was received from the W. H. and F. M. locals.

Rev. Alfreda Brewster Wallace and husband are in the home during the summer. Their rent is five dollars ($5.00) per week so we have a little financial aid during the time the school is closed.

Faithfully submitted,

Jennie Armstrong, Sec.

ANNUAL REPORT OF Y. W. A. AND JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT, 1919-1920

To the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, Greetings:

Your Superintendent of Young Woman's Auxiliary and Junior Societies submits the following report:

Number of Y.W.A. Societies reporting last year fourteen. Number reporting this year fifteen. A gain of one in reports. New societies have been organized in Newburyport and Melrose Highlands, Mass.; Exeter, Dover, and Manchester, N. H.; Newport, Vt.; and one reorganized in Crouseville, Me., making a total of twenty-five societies on my list.

Twelve of the societies reporting have a combined membership of 214. Four societies have Cradle Rolls. Three societies report some form of mission study.

The average attendance at their meetings is very good. One society reports a larger average attendance than it has membership which indicates that their meetings must be of interest to others.

The amount given by the fifteen societies to aid their home churches is $96.60, to the N. E. S. of Theology, $10; to the N. E. S. of Theology Home, $5, and articles to the amount of $4.95; to the A. C. Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, $3, with articles valued at $5 and a Christmas box and clothing for a child; to other home work $90.10, or a total of $214.65 for the home work.

To the foreign work they have given to support children in India, $98; to educate a child, $3; for the Guindy automobile, $15; for Miss Jones’ transit fund, $25; for other work in India, $110.90 (Navalur school, $2.50; famine fund, $8; Mrs. Peterson's salary, $10; scholarship, $5; Vengavasal school, $60); a total of $303.90 for the foreign work. The total raised for the year including dues is $870.37, a gain of $242.88 over last year.

Junior Societies

Number of Junior Societies reporting last year ten, number reporting this year eight. These eight societies have a combined membership of about seventy-four. One of these has a cradle roll membership of six which is a very good way for a Junior society to keep its number good. Some of our Junior societies have grown old enough to become Y. W. A's. or have disbanded. Five societies have been organized this year.

The eight societies reporting have given to the home work, $6.66 and one society provided a tree and treat for the children of their church at Christmas time, one sent a box of pop-corn to the Dowling Park Home and Orphanage, and another sent a box containing a gift for every one at the home.

For the foreign work they have given $7 to the Armenians; $1 to Dr. Powell’s hospital, and $7.37 for the India work, a total of $19.37.

Some of these societies are organized Sunday-school classes and work in connection with their Sunday-schools. One society reports supplying flowers for their church.

All these helpful things that are found for their little hands and feet to do make good training for their young lives. The leaders of these Junior societies work under many difficulties but these little ones are worth the Saviour’s special attention and He commends all who minister unto them.

King’s Jewels

August 1, 1919 there were 187 names on the list of King's Jewels. Forty-five of this number have been promoted to the Junior list and 125 new names have been added making a total of 266, the largest number that has been enrolled at any time. The banner year for the babies. If it is true that “the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,” what proportion of the power of this society is due to the King’s Jewels? If a representative group of the members was present at our meeting they would surely let us know theirs was not a silent partnership.

Some letters have been received by the General Superintendent inquiring about our work and these are always welcome and gladly answered. One letter printed in the All Nations brought two responses of appreciation which were very acceptable.

Much hard work has been done by many of the members, by the local superintendents and by the State superintendents, but results do not always meet our expectations. Perhaps they do not meet your idea of what young people should do. But we must remember this is only one side or phase of their work. If a busy person squeezes out a few minutes of her time for this branch of the work we feel to be thankful. That seems to be the situation with most of us and only the Lord knows if we could do more.

Much self-denial has been practised to save or earn the money that has been given and no doubt the givers
have given of themselves with their gifts. We have reason to be pleased with the work of our auxiliary and junior societies and we expect they will be ready to bear their share in the work of the "Forward Movement."

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rowe.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH GEORGIA AND FLORIDA SOCIETIES, 1919-1920

OUR meeting at Dowling Park was a grand success, every one says it was the best that we have ever had. We certainly have undertaken to do greater things in the future than we have done in the past.

The secretary reported eight new societies organized during the year and one reorganized. Twelve societies reported this year showing a membership of 235. Last year four societies reported, their membership being 39. The secretary wrote 230 letters and communications pertaining to the mission work during the year and prepared twenty-four articles for publication.

The treasurer reported that $1,058.81 was raised by the societies for home work, and $356.39 for foreign work, and $94.85 for miscellaneous, making a total of $1,510.03 raised during the year.

The following officers were duly elected: Southern Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Downs (her election was ratified at the annual convention of the General Society); President, Mrs. O. O. Williams; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. P. Thornton; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Susie Stevens, Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Hall; Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Strickland; Director, Mrs. W. C. Broome; Editor Mission Column in Present Truth Messenger, Mrs. B. A. L. Bixler.

Bible and Missions, the new mission study book, was reviewed by Miss Susie Stevens and Mrs. Flossie Quimby Dalbo gave an address her subject being, "Women of Other Lands."

South Georgia and Florida have as their special work in India the support of the Guindy school. They voted to erect a W. H. & F. M. camp on the Home and Orphanage grounds for the use of delegates at campmeetings.

The above items which have been compiled from the detailed report in Present Truth show that the southern sisters are making splendid progress along mission lines.

REPORT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE MEETING

THE annual business meeting of the New Hampshire W. H. & F. M. Society was held August 25th in the Lowell chapel at Alton Bay. Eleven locals were represented. Mrs. Lettie L. Glazier was elected president; Mrs. Susie Davis, northern vice-president; Mrs. Mamie Andrews, southern vice-president; Mrs. Nellie J. Jenness, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Grace P. Stearns, superintendent; Mrs. Angie M. Joy and Mrs. Harriette B. Beede, auditors.

Our State has done good work the past year, having held six special meetings, and the amount of money received was far ahead of any other year; $1,306.72 was sent through the State treasury.

Nellie J. Jenness, Sec.

NOTES FROM DOWLING PARK, FLA.

Flossie Quimby Dalbo

THE third campmeeting at Dowling Park has come and gone. The large attendance, and the interest manifested, were very encouraging. A permanent campmeeting association was formed and plans discussed for buildings and other equipment; for this meeting now has passed the experimental stage of its existence, and will soon have a place among the important gatherings of the denomination. Each day was crowded with work, as the South Georgia and Florida Conference was held at the same time. There was Mission Day, in charge of the W. H. & F. M. of Florida; Sunday-school Day, and Home and Orphanage Day. A nice program was given by eight of the smaller children, which, by request, was repeated Sunday afternoon. Funds totalling over $2500 were raised in cash and pledges toward the new dormitory for the boys. It is, of course, quite out of the question to care properly for over two dozen boys in a small eight-room house. Some of them are now sleeping in the attic of the new, partly finished, building for the old folks, the boys being really homeless until a shelter is provided for them.

Although the meeting came in the midst of the rainy season, we were blessed with a week of unusually nice weather. It was quite comfortable in the large tent where the sessions were held; and only once were some of the audience obliged to move their seats on account of rain. The visitors enjoyed making the acquaintance of the children during the week, feasting them on gum and candy. Rides were taken on the old Suwanee, and swimming enjoyed by some of the most venturesome.

Brothers Butler and Hearn made reports from the General Conference at Aurora, and the constituency of this meeting gave the Forward Movement their hearty commendation. Their motto for the ensuing year is, "FORWARD!"

AS INDIA CHRISTIANS PRAY

OUR native Christians in their prayers talk to their Father in heaven as if He were at their right hand, and with all simplicity and childlike faith they make known their divers' needs. For directness and purpose in praying, for faith and childlikeness in prayer I have never seen their equal. India is saturated with prayer, and it is as natural for these native Christians to talk to the Heavenly Father as it is for most of us to talk to our earthly one.—Selected.
THE TRUE STORY OF A MISSION SCHOOL PUPIL

In the mission school of a remote country town in the Punjab there was a clever boy called Devi (pronounced Daivee) Dass. His father was a Brahman and Devi was a zealous Hindu. But the Bible teaching and the life and prayers of the missionary did their work, and Devi Dass became a Christian. When he was of age he received baptism, which at once created a storm of opposition among his people. They took him from school and hurried him away to Benares, to be reinstated as a Hindu. The anxious missionary waited longingly for news of the boy; he feared poison, or, still more, that Devi might deny his Master. At last came a letter from the boy; it contained nothing but empty compliments, and the missionary's heart sank. Looking carefully at the envelope, however, he spied a rough drawing of a man's profile, the ear pierced by a nail. Devi had remembered about the slave in the Book of Exodus who, in token of his wish to continue in his master's service, had his ear pierced in this way. This drawing was all Devi had dared to put, to show that he was still faithful to his Master, Christ.

As Devi continued to stand firm, his family gradually reconciled themselves to his change of religion. He was sent to a Christian boarding school where, year by year, he grew to be a better Christian. He chose to study medicine, and at the end of his training took a good degree and obtained a post under the government. By his ability he reached the position of civil surgeon (doctor in charge of a station) at an unusually early age. He did such splendid work during an outbreak of plague that he was awarded a gold medal for his services. Devi Dass has never become a mission agent, but he has done and is doing valuable Christian work, while carrying on his duties as medical officer. He is a tower of strength to the Indian church, and witnesses for Christ among his countrymen by his consistent life and by his noble public service.

It is Indian Christians like this who commend the teaching of Christ to their countrymen; it is men like this, as well as mission agents, whom we want to send out from our mission schools.—Talks on India.

TWO LETTERS

To the student gathering in Boston last November messages were received from sister colleges in other lands. Here are two of the letters:

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN UNION COLLEGE,
Tokyo, Japan.

To the young women gathered in fellowship to celebrate the Jubilee Year of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in America, we the Christian students of the Woman's Christian Union College in Japan, send hearty greetings, sincere congratulations and heartfelt thanks.

We realize that we are ourselves to some extent the product of the work begun fifty years ago, and it is our earnest purpose to carry on this work, and help forward, as you have done, the establishment of His kingdom Who is the Prince of Peace and the Brother of us all, of every clime and race.

SHIGE NAMBA.

ISABELLA THOBURN COLLEGE, INDIA.
Lucknow, Sept. 1919.

Dear Fellow Students:

In this great schoolhouse of the world we are all students together, though in different classrooms. We study different text-books, but we learn the same truths. Our instructors are many, but we are under the same Master Teacher.

But when we graduate we go out to face problems such, we are told, as have no parallel in America. We therefore need your fellowship, and with its help we pledge you a new India. You already have our love and devotion for what you have done for India's women and girls. You set the college bells ringing their message of the Kingdom of God. Help us a little longer till we can help ourselves. Yours in comradeship of service for the generation to which we belong.

THE STUDENTS.

CRADLE ROLL

Maurice Earle Kierstead, January 15, 1920, Hampton, N. H.

PROMOTED CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Mildred Lois Brampton, Vancouver, Oregon; Pauline Adella Carter, Manchester, N. H.; Cecil Hutchinson, Celia Hutchinson, Weld, Maine.