

Missionary Library.

There is a Free Circulating Library for the use of the Circle of the W. F. M. Society, of Ontario, in charge of Mrs. Wm. Craig, Jr., of Port Hope, and of which books may be obtained by merely sending a postal card. Fifty books have been received by Circles since January 1st, 1888. Several new books have lately been added to the Library. The following is the list as it now stands:

1. *Pagoda Shadows; or Studies from Life in China*, by Adele M. Fields.
2. *Missionary Sketches*, a concise history of the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union, by S. F. Smith, D.D.
3. *Rambles in Mission Fields*, by S. F. Smith, D.D.
4. *From Darkness to Light; the Story of a Telugu Convert*, by Rev. J. E. Clough, Ongole, India.
5. *Our Gold Mine; the story of American Baptist Missions in India*, by Mrs. Ada C. Chaplin.
6. *Heroines of the Mission Field*, by Mrs. Emma Raymond Pitman.
7. *Day Dawn in Dark Places*, by Rev. John MacKenzie.
8. *Alfred Saker, Missionary to Africa*, E. B. Underhill, LL.D.
9. *Around the world; Tour of Christian Missions*, by W. F. Bainbridge.
10. *Mission Life in Greece and Palestine*, by Mrs. E. R. Pitman.
11. *Work on the Congo River*.
12. *Our Eastern Sisters, and their Missionary Helpers*, by Harriet Warner Ellis.
13. *Self Giving; a story of Christian Missions*, by Wm. F. Bainbridge.
14. *Prize Essay on Missions: The Heathen World; its need of the Gospel, and the Church's Obligation to support it*, by Rev. George Patterson, D.D.
15. *Every Day Life in India*.
21. *Decennial Missionary Conference*
22. *Hindu Women*
23. *Fortune's Wheel*.
25. *The Crisis of Missions*, by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D.
26. *Days of Blessing in Inland China*, with an Introduction by J. Hudson Taylor.
27. *Telugu Mission Scrap Book*, by Thomas S. Shenton, Brantford, Ont.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Mission Band Report ending Oct. 26th, 1888.

As the reports of the different Associations have already been given, it is unnecessary that details should be entered into now as formerly. A correct report of the whole amount cannot be given this year, as no reports from the Directors of four Associations have been sent in, viz., Grand River, Toronto, East Ontario and Owen Sound. This, of course, causes a great deficit in the totals of the number in attendance and the amount of money raised. The number of children in attendance last year was 1,688, and the amount contributed \$1,001.04, while this year the total in attendance is only 1,227, and \$671.50 the amount raised. This no doubt falls far short of the actual number and amount, as there have been 23 new Bands organized since our last meeting. Every year shows a slight increase over the previous other years, but this year the increase has been greater, eight more being organized this year than last. Perhaps this ought to be

cause for encouragement, but when it is considered that the Circles are multiplying in far greater proportion, is it not time for those who admit that this branch of work is not of less importance, if it be not of greater, pause and consider their duty towards it. If there are greater obstacles in the way, if it is more difficult to create and sustain the interest of the children, is there not the greater need for energy, for thought, for discussion, for action upon the part of our women? But are there greater obstacles to surmount? Is the task more difficult? It may require more patience and tact, but the obstacles, the difficulties lie in the apathy, the indifference of the parents and those who should be interested. I have been informed that during the ladies' meetings of the Eastern Convention recently held, that the Mission Band was not even mentioned. How can they prosper under such circumstances? But there are a few who object to the Mission Band on principle. They say that the children meet together, give little recitations and sing and have more fun than profit. In a measure, in some cases, there may be more amusement than instruction, and the children may attend more for fun than the benefit they may derive. That is but childlike and natural. While it is to be regretted that instruction is not always given, and when given, not always made as attractive as it might be. It is to be remembered that these recitations are not hurtful, they generally breathe the true missionary spirit, and are calculated to awaken the sympathies. They also contain a certain amount of instruction and food for thought.

I have never heard of, or known of injury resulting from Mission Bands, while I have been repeatedly told of good being accomplished. Some time since I received a letter addressed, "To the dear missionaries," written by a little girl of eight. She said she and her little sister of six had been told of the poor little heathen girls who had never heard of Jesus, and they felt very sorry for them, and so had been praying for them, and saving up their money, and now send (I think it was \$4) to help to pay the missionaries for teaching them about Jesus. And in Port Arthur a poor little half-breed girl, almost a heathen herself, came to the Mission Band, heard the story and shortly after went to see the leader and gave her one cent for the heathen. This meant a great deal to a poor little girl who seldom saw money. And when in our treasurer's report the Daisy Blackall Mission Fund was mentioned, you no doubt wondered what that could mean. A few years ago there lived in Winnipeg a little girl named Daisy Blackall. She was an earnest little Christian, and was largely the means of her father's conversion. She was so interested in Missions that her weekly allowance of 25c. for spending money always found its way into her mission box. When she was dying (for God took her to Himself) she called her father and asked him if he would not always keep her mission box, and each week put in her 25c., and send it for missions. Her father promised that he would always do so if possible. These facts I received in a letter from her father, stating that he had then on hand \$25 of Daisy's money, and that he would like to devote it to some special object. I replied that I thought no way could be more appropriate than the education of a little Telugu girl, and gave him Ruth, of the Cocanada boarding school to support, and so Daisy's work is still going on. "Being dead she yet speaketh." Any Band, Circle, or person wishing to support a student, or Cocanada boarding-school girl, or information concerning Mission Bands, or the address of a child's missionary paper, please address the Secretary, J. E. DAWSON.

The following are the names of the girls and young men now being supported, and those supporting them: