

Of the fifteen girls, one belonged to the Cocanada school, but we took her to Akidu; six others had attended this school, and the remaining eight are new girls. More wanted to come, but we refused them for the present. Lizzie, one of the older girls, who taught in the Cocanada school for some time, is our chief teacher at Akidu, but Joseph, the preacher there, has been helping her. In a few months we expect to secure a well-educated man as our head-teacher; and then we shall be glad to see our school grow in numbers.

The Akidu school has been supported from the first by the Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. The Cocanada and Tuni schools have been cared for by the Society of Ontario. There is no school at Tuni, but some girls are attending the school at Cocanada. Circles and Bands, wishing to support a girl, should remember this fact. Those connected with the Eastern Society should select a girl in the Akidu school; those belonging to the Western Society should choose a Cocanada or Tuni girl.

In closing, let me say how glad and thankful we all were to welcome the three lady workers who have just come. For the present their task is to learn Telugu, but by and bye what helpers they will be!

JOHN CHAIR.

Cocanada, Oct. 31st 1888.

COCANADA, NOV. 16, 1888

My Dear Mrs Newman,

Enclosed is a paper of Mrs DeBou's, read at our last Circle meeting.

The subject of our meeting for this month, was the "Widows of India." There were three original papers read besides a few selections by others, and a duet, sung by two of our new recruits. The meeting keeps up in interest. We are supporting one Bible woman and at last meeting, voted \$40, for the Samuleotta Seminary building. Although we are supposed to be an auxiliary of the society at home we are taking the privilege of voting our money independently, as we can see the immediate needs, and it would hardly be worth while sending post office orders back and forth, across these vast seas. Still, I hope you will let us feel that we are a part of you, and may your prayers mingle with ours, that God may abundantly bless the work of our hands upon us. We are all pretty well here, with much love.

I am yours sincerely,

S. I. HATCH

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### News from the Circles.

PORT PERRY. Three years last July our Circle was organized with a membership of thirteen; since then our number has increased to thirty-five, but on account of deaths, removals, etc., we now number twenty-one. All but two are residents of the town. One member has been present at every meeting. We have raised \$99, which has been equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The meetings have been held regularly once a month. Average attendance during the past year, nine. Although we never have had any special gatherings, yet we find the interest growing. Mrs. Evans is our President. Occasionally our pastor visits the meeting giving us new thoughts and encouraging us in our work. The usual programme consists of opening exercises, prayer meeting, business, readings, singing, and free conversation

on subjects pertaining to Mission work. Very often the hour passes too rapidly for the exercises. Offerings are given monthly, using the envelope system. Membership fee ten cents a month. A short time ago a circulating library was started, since then we have received one of Mr. Shenston's "Telugu Scrap Books," which is very interesting. During the past year a committee of two have been appointed monthly to visit any sick or afflicted, and others. Once a year a report of our work is read before the public, that they may know how we are prospering. Only a few families receive the LINK. We would like to see every female member of the church a member of the Circle.

A. E. DRYDEN, Sec.

WHITBY. The Annual Meeting of the Home and Foreign Mission Circle was held at Miss Starr's, on Tuesday, November 27th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Miss Starr, *Pres.*; Mrs. Richardson, *Vice-Pres.*; Miss Thompson, *Treas.*; Miss Ida Batesman, *Sec.* The Annual Report of Treasurer and Secretary showed a marked increase over last year, and so it should be ever increasing when we consider that it is one of the most interesting and profitable parts of the Master's work, one in which there is "such a vast area, great need and such wonderful possibilities" for work, as there is in sending the Gospel to the heathen, and yet how few, in comparison with the many who profess to be His children are so filled with love for their sin-darkened brothers and sisters and gratitude to God for Gospel privileges, as to be willing to do what we might in sending His Gospel to take the place of superstition and idolatry. We have been called upon to lose some of our most energetic workers during the past year, but we trust those of us who remain will ever remember the command "Go ye forth, etc.," and with that associate the text "If ye love me keep my commandments," and each decide personally that during the coming year a greater effort will be made to send the Gospel to the vast "Unoccupied Fields," and each to be "Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Retiring Sec.

LAKEVIEW. The Jubilee Church Circle was formed as a Foreign Mission Circle in June, 1887, with a membership of ten, which has since increased to nineteen. At the close of the first half year we took up Home Mission work, to which only a part of our members contribute. We have raised \$33.21 for Foreign, with an addition of \$6.00 for the Garside Fund, and \$25.50 for Home Missions, \$9.21 of which was raised at an entertainment. We have thirteen subscribers to the LINK. At our November meeting our hearts were made sad by the resignation of our president, Mrs. S. McConnell. At that meeting the following resolution was unanimously carried:

*Resolved.* That we learn with deep regret that our much esteemed President is about to remove from our Circle, church and community, and our best wishes and prayers will go with her to her future home. We are not discouraged in our work, although our numbers are few, with very little prospect of increase as far as numbers are concerned; still we hope to grow in interest, and labor on and leave the result with Him who "doeth all things well."

AMIE MCINTYRE, Sec.

MAPLE GROVE. The Maple Grove Mission Band was organized in May, 1884, with twelve members, and officers: *Pres.*, Miss Marquis, *Sec.*, Susie E. Smith; *Treas.*, Aggie Ferguson. Five of these, through removal,