

instance sixty-fold. A boy and girl are supported in Akidu. Membership 80. Sent to Foreign Missions \$34; Grande Ligne \$34.

Quebec.—This Band supports a student in Akidu. Membership 40. Sent to Foreign Missions \$17.

Savoieville.—This Band supports a student at Akidu and also raised by special effort \$5.59 for the Boys' School. Membership 20. Sent to Foreign Missions \$22.59; Home Missions \$8.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Osgoode.—This Band supports a student at Akidu. Sent to Foreign Missions \$17; Home Missions \$3.

Osnaburck Centre.—Membership 30. Sent to Foreign Missions \$8; Home Missions \$8.

Ottawa.—First Church Band is supporting a student at Cocanada, formerly of Tuni. The members sent a box of clothing to the North-West some time ago, and two barrels filled with clothing to Sorel. Membership 90. Sent to Foreign Missions \$34; Home Missions \$20; Grande Ligne \$5.

Ottawa.—McPhail Memorial Band meets after Sunday School, on "Mission Sunday," receiving one-third of the collection taken that day. A meeting for praise and prayer is also held on Monday evening, before the B. Y. P. U., attended by the older members of the Band. Membership 100. Sent to Foreign Missions \$37; Home Missions \$10; Grande Ligne \$15.

Rockland.—This Band supports a student at Akidu. Membership 35. Sent to Foreign Missions \$20.

Razorbo.—This Band has only six members. Sent to Foreign Missions \$1.25; Grande Ligne \$4.

Number of Bands which have sent in reports 17
Members reported 744.

Sent to Foreign Missions.....	\$328 95
" Home Missions.....	81 79
" Grande Ligne.....	69 41
" North-West.....	15 00

Total contributions.....\$405 15

Decrease in membership 29.

" contributions \$59.79.

The Board has decided that Bands supporting students at Akidu shall pay \$15 a-year, and at Samulcocta or Cocanada \$27, as the last two are under the Western Board. All money raised for Foreign Missions should be sent to Miss Scott, 482 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, and all money raised for work in Canada, to Mrs. Hudson, 220 Sparks Street, Ottawa, as these ladies are treasurers of the W. F. and H. Mission Societies. May all Sunday School workers present make an effort this

year to organize a Mission Band in each school, that the Baptist young people may be trained to give work and pray for the cause of missions, which is so dear to the heart of our Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE HALKETT,
Band Secretary.

Ottawa, Oct. 5, 1896.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM MRS. PEARL SMITH CHUTE, AKIDU.

AKIDU, GODAVARI DISTRICT, INDIA,

June 28th, 1896.

In my last letter I tried to tell you about some of the trees. This time I will write about the "Palmyra Palm." It is probably one of the most common and most useful trees in India, every part of it is utilized for some purpose.

I think you have probably seen small palmyras growing in tubs, they are the palmas with the big leaves, which are made into palmleaf fans; out here they grow to various heights, the average between forty and fifty feet. The trunk is not true wood, but consists of fibres; at the top is a clump of leaves but no branches; as the tree grows it sheds the old leaves and gives the trunk an irregular bark, something of the appearance of a pine cone; it is not correct to say bark, but I don't know what else to call it. They are usually pretty straight from top to bottom, and of almost uniform diameter except at the base, which often bulges, owing to accumulation of fibres, sent down from above. You would be surprised to see the roots, you could scarcely call them roots, they are small bundles of fibres about as big around as your thumb, and are very short, only running into the ground a few feet. It doesn't take a very great wind to blow them over.

The tree is used for a great many things; we have a hedge of them all the way around our compound, their broad leaves are splendid things to help keep the dust from flying into the bungalow.

Out of the trunk they make pumps, boats, rope, beams and firewood. I wish you could see their pump arrangements; a log is hollowed out and carried to the edge of the water, the big butt end hangs over the bank, right near it, a crotch is made, and in the crotch another beam is balanced, with the heavy end on the land side, the other end is fastened with a rope to the hollowed log, a man walks the length of the balanced log, and his weight makes the other log dip in the water; then he walks the other way, balancing himself with a bamboo pole, and the water runs out of the trough into a ditch, and this is the way these fertile geniuses water their fields.

The palmyra boats are about as funny as the pumps—as I said, the base of the trunk is larger than the rest of