

for thankfulness for the work God is doing in India, and for the privilege of having a part in sending the Gospel to the Telugus. Are you not happy on having a finger—if it is only a little finger—in it?

Our Board has met harmoniously during the past months and has faithfully endeavoured to deal wisely with the questions that have come before us. We have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of our number, Mrs. A. E. Tud-denham, a faithful and devoted worker, in every branch in which she was connected. After a long and tedious illness she passed away on June 1st, and though we miss her presence, we thank God for her consistent christian life.

Our sympathy has gone out also to the several members of our Board who have suffered severe bereavement by the loss of dear ones during the past year.

Although unable to send a representative to the Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Mission Boards in the United States and Canada held in New York in January, or to the summer school for training missionary workers at Northfield, our sympathy was with their aims and undertakings and we trust that such gatherings may result in the extension of the Gospel, the increased study and knowledge of christian missions.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald and Mrs. Moulton as Directors, but are sure that their interest in the work will continue. We welcome Mrs. James Kellock, of Perth, and Mrs. D. McLaurin, of Metcalfe, as worthy successors as Directors of the Canada Central and Ottawa Associations respectively. Miss Chandler continues to carry on the good work in the Eastern Association as heretofore.

An effort has been made this year to secure complete statistics of the Circles, but owing to the failure of some to return the forms on time, and to the incomplete answers of others, it has been quite impossible.

We should like to impress upon the secretaries the importance of filling out accurately and returning promptly these forms, that are so necessary for a knowledge of the work.

Circles at Hawkesbury and North Nation Mills, have been added this year. Three more Circles have reported to the Treasurer this year than in 1903, making a total of fifty-two Circles, which have given \$1,344.68, being \$221.72 less than last year.

Mrs. Geo. Blair, our new Superintendent, has carried on the work of the Bands efficiently during the year, and reports two new Bands, one at Vankleek Hill, and a Young Peoples' Band at Coaticook, from which we expect great things. Five Bands have dropped from our books, making the total number that reported twenty, giving \$285.10, being \$56.20 less than last year.

As our estimates for the work we have been supporting were not so large for the coming year, and our books closed with a surplus, it was left with the Board at our annual meeting to make further appropriations as was thought advisable.

We therefore felt justified in granting the sum of \$200 towards the village schools on the Vuyyuru field. In addition to this, to centre our interests around Miss Murray, \$135 was appropriated for her work on the Yellamanchilli field.

In view of the pressing need for new bungalows for our single lady missionaries, it was decided to pledge ourselves to raise \$1,000 for this fund, and that the \$303 balance from last year, be given to this object. To this our Circles have contributed \$55.55.

It may be encouraging to state here that we have received \$300 from the late Miss Jennie McArthur's estate, and are looking for a final settlement in the near future. This money we expect to use for the Bungalow fund and for much needed repairs on the Akidu school building. We have sent to conference in India for plans, estimates, etc. for this rebuilding which is so necessary for the comfort of the children.

We are not discouraged at the falling off of our contributors for we are sure that this work is for God and that He will continue to bless it, and that He is calling us to greater liberality and more earnest endeavor in the work so important and needy.

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Miss Murray, our missionary, reached Cocanada on Dec. 2nd and was appointed by Conference near the end of January to the work among the women and children on the Yellamanchilli field and to the oversight of the same on the Narsapatnam field till other provision could be made. While awaiting appointment, a tour of ten days with Miss McLeod, on the Peddapuram field, proved a good preparation for her return to field work.