

published it." Next in order came the reports from the three societies; that of Greenville coming first. This showed that while there had been no increase of the membership, yet there had been greater interest manifested in the monthly meetings for prayer.

In view of the larger demands on the finances from the uniting of the Home Missions with the Foreign, mite boxes had been distributed among the sisters, which it was hoped would materially increase the contributions to both objects. It was to be regretted that so few copies of the LINK were taken, because "as a medium of communication between the workers in the foreign field and us at home, and also as an agent in quickening our zeal and enthusiasm in this department of the Master's work, it is invaluable and to be strongly recommended." News from the missionaries, Miss Wright and Miss Gray, was encouraging, their health continues good, and they are making good progress in acquiring the Telugu language. The Treasurer reports by subscriptions and donations, \$49.04.

The Mission Band had taken a new departure this year, and now included the whole school. "Lizzie," for whom the Mission Band is working, is, Miss Gray writes, living a faithful, consecrated life and is already engaged in active service for the Master. Miss Gray adds, "I wish you could come with Lizzie and me some evening as we go to the villages, you would be as proud of her as I am, she is second teacher in school and is doing nicely."

The Dartmouth society was next called upon. This though the smallest, having only been organized in 1882, could report steady increase, nine new members had been added during the past year. The monthly meetings had been better attended, though not as well as they might have been, and several changes made in the order of service which had tended to make the meetings more interesting, mite boxes had been placed in the hands of new members, and had done good work. The number of LINKS taken this year was 15, and the Treasurer reported \$30.53 sent in to the Union.

The report of the North Church was the 16th they had made. Letters from the missionaries had been frequently read at the monthly meetings. Miss Wright after her trying illness is rapidly regaining her usual health, and is now actively engaged in Zenana work. Miss Gray is in the Mission School. Mrs. Archibald who has had much care and responsibility during the absence of the other missionaries, is not as well as we could wish; but still faithful to her post, is working as far as her strength will permit. This society could report an increase of membership during the year, and \$126.50 sent in to the treasury. The Mission Band is prospering, \$100.92 having been raised, \$25 of which had been voted to make the President of the Aid Society a life member.

A new and pleasing feature in this annual meeting was the presence of delegates from the Aid Societies of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, who gave encouraging reports of the work done among them.

The paper read by Mrs. Manning, Treasurer of the Union, would be only spoiled by any condensed report, so we give it in full. Songs and recitations were interspersed throughout, one especially good being entitled the "Missionary Clock." One of the recitations was by Miss Katie Armstrong, the little daughter of the missionary.

A meeting of this kind cannot fail to do good, and surely we shall hear as the result of this one, not only added faithfulness on the part of the old workers, but also that many, not hitherto engaged have been roused to come up to the help of the Lord.

Dartmouth, N. S.

A. F. J.

IN the January number of the LINK, I noticed and read with interest an article entitled "Christ the First Missionary;" and what happiness it affords us to know that He completed the work for which He was sent into the world; and as we follow His life, from the beginning even to Calvary's Cross, what meekness, humility and love do we find displayed! We pause to ask for whom was all this endured? Why should the King of heaven and earth undergo all the humility, shame and death? The answer comes, and what hope it does hold out to us!—that "God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then should not we, to whom He has revealed His saving power, endeavour to let our light so shine that those around may "take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus;" and when we realise that we are privileged to be "labourers together with God," are we doing our duty in idling the time He has given us to do His will, while thousands—aye millions—are dying for want of the bread of life? Then let our cry ever be, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" And as our hearts yearn, and our prayers ascend for the salvation of those who are yet surrounded by the dense cloud of heathenism. For we are not told that "Jesus is to have the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession?" And while it may not be ours to carry the glad tidings ourselves to the dark places, still it is ours to hold up the hands of those who are sent to bring the news of salvation to the perishing. We must do it by our sympathy, prayers and means. Oh, let us strive to gain more of the spirit of our blessed Redeemer, who laid aside the glory He had with Father before the world was, to take upon Himself our nature and died in our stead. May we ever be willing to give up *all* for His sake.

A. V. M.

Cow Bay, Jan. 18th, 1886.

New Circles.

MANILLA.—Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized Dec. 14th, by Miss A. E. Dryden. *President*, Mrs. James Ellis; *Vice-President*, Miss McIntyre; *Secretary*, Miss K. A. McDonald; *Treasurer*, Miss C. McLean.

BROCK.—Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized Dec. 15th, by Miss A. E. Dryden. *President*, Mrs. J. Bagshaw; *Secretary*, Miss Reekie; *Treasurer*, Miss Janet Bagshaw. Yours, etc.,

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BROOKE.—A Home and Foreign Mission Circle, organized Nov. 4th. Officers: *President*, Mrs. S. Zavitaz; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Ross; *Secretary and Treasurer*, of Home Mission, Miss Ella Gubbins; for Foreign Mission, Sophy Zavitaz. Eight members.

GREENHANK.—A Home and Foreign Circle was organized in Goodwood, on January 4th. Officers: *President*, Miss McGuckin; *Vice-President*, Mrs. R. Hamilton; *Secretary*, Miss Hamilton; *Treasurer*, Mrs. I. Wagg.

A. E. DRYDEN.

MORRISHURG.—A Mission Band was formed on Dec. 3rd, with eleven members, including the officers.

EDMONTON.—Home and Foreign Circle and Band organized Jan. 9th, Miss McKechnie and Miss Harris.