

tributed also a large number of tracts. I was deeply interested in what I saw and heard there and elsewhere on this tour. There will be, I trust, some day, perhaps sooner than our little faith dare hope, a glorious ingathering on this field. The large amount of literature our Mission and the Bible Society are scattering over it is evidently taking effect. This is a branch of our work we want to push yet more vigorously; its importance is not easily over-estimated. When the people read of Christ in the quiet of their own homes they are more likely to calmly consider His claims than when they only hear Him preached in the market places to multitudes, among whom are always some ready to interrupt the message by pressing all sorts of captious and frivolous questions. It prepares them to hear the preacher when he comes round. We generally follow up, too, a preaching service in the street with a distribution of tracts and a sale of books, thus endeavoring to continue and increase the impression made. Our main reliance, however, must be upon the oral proclamation of the word, even as it was ordained, for the great majority of the people are unable to read. I wish we had a score of preachers to place in the field. If we had the men, I believe the money would be forthcoming. But, alas! we have, as yet, only two in the work. Two young men are in course of training, of whom we hope much. We trust also to secure soon a very efficient man, who is about to retire from the 41st Native Regiment.

Leaving Tekkally in the evening, we reached Nuranapet, 14 miles from home, next morning. You will have observed that most of our travelling is done by night, an arrangement which, if it is not the most conducive to uninterrupted sleep, leaves the days free for work. After preaching and distributing many tracts in this town, we left as the sun set and arrived at home next day to find all well.

W. F. ARMSTRONG.

Chicadeo, Oct. 8, 1879.

Bimlipatam and Bobbili.

The *Christian Visitor* says: From recent Missionary correspondence we learn that Miss Hammond has had a slight attack of fever. Mrs. Churchill has been very ill for a month, and news at latest date was that she was no better. Miss Hammond expects to visit her, and render her assistance. Mrs. Sanford was poorly. But with this depression through sickness, there is light in the fact that two Eurasian girls have recently been converted and several others are under conviction.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

MONTREAL.

At the Board meeting of the Women's Baptist M. S. Society, held in Montreal on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, it was decided to assume besides the \$500.00 pledged for the School-house-Chapel, the books and tracts in these stations: Cocanada, Tuni, and Akeed, amounting to \$120; and also the school at Akeed, \$50. The subject of what was to be done with the balance of the \$1500 sent by our Society to build Girls' Quarters at Cocanada, and of which only \$500 has been put into the building just erected, was brought up, and after much discussion the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, those in charge of the Canadian Baptist For. Miss. Society have decided that the building called the Girls' Quarters which was to be erected in the Mission Compound, Cocanada, at an expense of \$1500 (which sum was sent by the W. B. Miss. Society Convention East), is too large for the present needs of the Mission, and have built quarters for the girls costing only \$500, and as the remaining \$1000 will not be needed for some years for the purpose for which it was sent, and there are other pressing needs in the mission, Therefore resolved, that this sum be appropriated to the purchase of land and erection of the building needed at the new mission station at Akeed."

If no opposition is offered to this motion by the different circles and friends who contributed to the Girls' Quarters, the Treasurer is authorized to request Mr. Craig, the Treasurer of the General Board, to appropriate the \$1000 which the Board will place to our credit to the aforesaid building.

The attention of the circles composing our Society is drawn to the Treasurer's report for the past quarter, and we would urge them to make a great effort to get in their collections before the next Board meeting in March, as we would like to make our last payment for the School-house-Chapel then. The building is almost completed, and we should make an effort to forward

as soon as possible the amount—we have promised for it. As our receipts this quarter are so small, let us try and make up for it during the next.

A. MUIR, Cor.-Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Oct. 2nd to Dec. 11th, 1879:—Coll. at annual meeting, \$3.75; First Bap. ch. circle, \$16.30; Miss Priscilla Chandler and eight others, Barford, \$9; Olivet ch. circle, \$7.30; Perth circle, \$5; Thurso circle, \$15.60; from MISSIONARY LINK per Miss Buchan, \$8.33. Total, \$65.28.

NANNIE E. GREEN, Treas.

PARIS, ONT.—A member of the circle writes: "We held our third annual meeting in Nov. The addresses were excellent, especially that by Mr. McLaurin, whose stirring recital of hard times in India ought at once to silence the cry of 'hard times' among us who have so many mercies, both temporal and spiritual. And how great the contrast—they, sunk in the depths of sin and degradation; we, lifted up into the light of the Gospel.

The attendance was good, and the collection amounted to \$15.40. We are engaged with a "Missionary quilt," part of which was exhibited in Toronto last Oct. We have at present 250 subscribers who, on the payment of ten or thirty cents, have had their names written with indelible ink on the white blocks. Mrs. Dadson was elected Secretary.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—A circle has been formed in connection with the church at Woodstock, which is confidently expected to become one of the most successful, influential and active in the province. The officers are: Mrs. Ashley, President; Mrs. Landon, Vice-do.; Miss Sinclair, Sec.; Mrs. Carryer, Treas.; Miss Sawtell and Miss McKay, Solicitors.

A CORRECTION.—In the article "Work for the Circles of Western Ontario," in last month's issue, the appropriation for the schools at Tuni should have been \$150, instead of \$175.

Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Selden, the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Board for Nova Scotia, furnishes some extracts from the annual reports of the Secretaries of the W. M. A. Societies:

PINE GROVE.—"Part of the present year was fraught with much discouragement. Our numbers were small, and the monthly meetings for a time discontinued, but we are glad to be able to say that a somewhat brighter day has dawned: and at the commencement of the last quarter our meetings were resumed, although the attendance is small."

NEWPORT.—"We are so scattered that we cannot meet as often as we would like, yet we feel encouraged, as our number increases, and our meetings are interesting. We all feel deeply for the welfare of our dear sisters who have gone to the foreign field, and trust their labours will be blest and their hearts encouraged in seeing many of the heathen brought to a knowledge of Jesus, and to testify for Him."

WOLFVILLE.—"We are very fortunate in having very enthusiastic and persevering collectors in our Society, to which more than to anything else I attribute the gradual but steady increase in our yearly contributions. In these 'hard times' about which we hear so much, it is something to hold our own, if nothing more. I hope that Mrs. Armstrong still expects to return to her native land to rest and recuperate, and think her presence would do much to stir up a greater interest in the Societies she began among us."

PARRSBORO'.—"It is with a feeling of sadness I report our little Society, for, instead of increase, we are growing less; several of our members have moved away, and so few seem to be interested in the work of the Lord either at home or abroad. We have held a meeting almost every month, and some earnest prayers from loving hearts have gone up to Him who has said 'If two of you,' etc., and we wait for the answer."

AMHERST, N.S., WOMEN'S MISS. AID SOCIETY.

The LINK as a monthly messenger brings us words of cheer. It encourages us at home to bear in this way from those who have gone so far to labor. We were particularly interested in the letter from Mrs. Armstrong in the Nov. number; and feel thankful for the interest she still manifests in the Women's Miss. Aid Societies, which she, in such strong faith, founded some years since. We, in Amherst, can look back some nine years when she (then Miss Norris) was with

us; and well remember the motto, "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not," she spoke of as giving her such encouragement, and recommended to us.

Our society at its formation numbered but twenty-three, and though a few have since died, and some have removed, yet others have joined our ranks, so that now we have over sixty members. Our meetings have been regularly kept up once a month, with but very few exceptions during these nine years.

It is a source of much pleasure to us to have Mrs. George, recently returned with her husband from Burma to her native town, present at our meetings; and we are being much benefited by having returned missionaries of their stamp living with us. We were favored with a visit from Mrs. Boggs in April, 1878, and were deeply interested when she addressed a large meeting of the sisters on the manners and customs of those among whom she had formerly labored. Again in September of the same year we were made glad by having Miss Hammond at one of our meetings, and thus becoming personally acquainted with her on the eve of her departure for India. We are much interested in her occasional writings in the LINK.

While we are enjoying all the blessings that home—sweet home—can afford, we feel assured that we express the sentiment of each member of our W. M. A. Society, when we say that we deeply sympathize with our dear sisters who have willingly and voluntarily, in the strength which God can alone impart, sacrificed so much that the way of salvation may be made plain and clear to the perishing; and it is our earnest prayer that a merciful God may bestow upon them that great boon health, and crown their work with abundant success.

A. B.

Amherst, Nov 25th, 1879.

Circle Meetings.

From a little pamphlet, published in Montreal, containing the constitution, etc., of the W. B. F. M. Society of the Convention East, we select the following useful hints regarding circle meetings:

We hear from all the Circles already formed the same expressions of regret that so few attend the regular Monthly Meetings. While this is to be regretted, it need not be any reason for discouragement, as the large majority, who are interested enough to join and willingly pay their fee, cannot be induced to come to the ordinary meetings. It has been found a good plan in some places to have a Social Missionary Meeting occasionally in the place of the regular meeting at a private house and invite gentlemen as well as ladies. The ladies can retire into another room to transact their business, after which one of the gentlemen present can read some selected article on Mission Work in some part of the world. Music and conversation can fill up the evening and before closing a collection should be taken up. This will do more towards bringing the work of the Circle before the Church and increasing the general interest in it than a number of ladies' meetings where from five to ten attend. Such meetings might be held several times during the year.

In places where there are more than one Circle, a mass meeting can be held, when clergymen or other gentlemen can be asked to give Missionary addresses which with papers by some of the ladies, and music, will not only make a very enjoyable evening but prove the means of drawing the different workers in this work together.

While every effort should be made to keep up the regular Monthly Meeting of the Circle, in some places where the families are widely scattered this is impossible; in such cases the Circle can meet for a few minutes before the weekly Church Meeting to hear any letters which may have been received, hear from the solicitors and talk over the interests of the Circle. Some plan ought to be devised in each place so that every woman of the Church and congregation shall be asked to contribute something to the society, if they do not feel able to join it. If some few in each of the Churches will prayerfully take up this matter we will soon be sending over thousands instead of hundreds of dollars towards the preaching of the Gospel in Telugu.

LARGELY Thou givest, gracious Lord!
Largely Thy gifts should be restored.
Freely Thou givest, and Thy Word
Is "Freely give."

He only who forgets to hoard
Has learned to live.

—Kable.

THE SCRIPTURES have already been translated into no less than two hundred and fifty tongues. One of the latest has been made by the Rev. John Riss into the language of the Corea, a country to which the new native church at Japan has resolved to send a missionary.