

scheme of the work, from what it did when first initiated, and in all probability will never again be used as a girl's school. The railway from Madras to Calcutta, running through Tuni, with the branch to Cocanada, together with the cheap rates prevailing there, have brought Tuni too near the large and efficient school at Cocanada to be of the same value as formerly. These are the facts that darken our present outlook, but they may be only changes that go before better progress.

The school at Akidu is now under the charge of Rev. and Mrs. [Dr.] Chute and a good native staff of teachers, and will probably be kept open at least till the holidays. It will interest you to hear that Mrs. Chute's success in the practice of medicine has been immediate and almost phenomenal. We fear, but cannot complain if Mrs. Chute finds the two professions, that of doctor and teacher, incompatible. But, for financial reasons, rumor has it, there may be changes in the immediate future even here.

Miss Murray's health continues good. She, accompanied by her native Bible women (who are supported by two ladies of the Ottawa Association) has been diligently at work now for nearly a year and is just now enjoying her first holiday in the hills. Her happiness in her work is great, but she needs a tent very much, before she can work over the whole of her field. May her health and success be precious in the sight of our Lord.

Financially we are not quite as well as we could wish. The payments made for the half year are not quite equal to the half of the year's appropriations and as you know the dullest time of the year is upon us. We earnestly hope that this year may not be completed with the first deficit in our history. As the General Society is some \$8,000 in arrears, we are desirous that we who are expected to be an aid, should not become a drag to them at this time.

Now a special word to Circles and Bauds. A remark made during the recent Convention in Montreal, to the effect that, sometimes churches allowed all the missionary work to be done by the ladies to the detriment of the general work is a sufficient excuse for asking all the members of Circles to use their influence against this report being ever again founded upon truth.

As it is likely that another interest may be pressed more urgently upon the Woman's Circles during the year, i.e., Manitoba and North-West Missions—we think it in place to ask you to see that it is an added interest and not one to subtract from the income of the old work as we fear has been done formerly. You will acknowledge that as your executive we have been very quiet about this matter; first, because this course has not been pursued by all the Circles, and also because of our intense interest and sympathy with all the work of spreading the Gospel; but at this time we take the liberty of directing your attention to the matter, knowing that you will do your utmost to prevent injustice being done.

Organization is useful to concentrate effort and relieve labour, and that every society have different Circles we do not think necessary, when one can easily do the work of several societies. Not only this but the highest success is not always achieved by large Circles, large Associations, or large Societies. The small may as fully do the work of the Lord in its sphere as the large, and the commendation, "Well done good and faithful servant," you will remember, is not given to any group but to the individual.

Trusting and resting in the Lord, may you hopefully prosecute his work till he gives it a glorious success.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

NANNIE E. GREEN, *Cor. Secretary.*

### UNCONSUMED SACRIFICE.

[Written when learning that a number of young women wish to be sent to India and there are not funds sufficient to send one.]

They loose the earth-ties that have bound them;  
The mantle of love is around them;  
True hearts! scoring even to falter;  
They lay down their lives on the altar.

We bring not the wood for the burning;  
To unblessed fires we are turning;  
On us is the sin of denying;  
On us is the blood of the dying.

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### MISSION BAND WORK.

BY MISS K. M. FISHER, FAIRLEY.

The great need of establishing a Mission Band in every church is being felt more and more, as we try to solve the problem of providing the necessary funds to carry on the Lord's work at home and abroad.

We find the young in every church ready to be organized, but the chief difficulty appears to be, how to secure a qualified leader to take charge of the Band. They so soon grow discouraged, or give up the work for lack of knowing how to conduct the meetings, and keep up the interest. To such we would heartily recommend a copy of Miss Tapscott's paper, now in pamphlet form, entitled, "The Golden Rule Mission Band," which is so complete in all the details of Mission Band methods, that it would be indeed difficult to offer any improvement along those lines.

We will, therefore, have a talk with our comrades in Band work, suggested by the "Macedonian cry" that has come echoing down the ages to us. "When God called Paul to go to the city of Philippi, and speak to the women who had come together by the river side: Paul hastened his journey that he might meet and instruct them. They were women whose hearts the Lord had opened." When the Lord opens the heart to make us