

by a native Christian woman, to assist her in the singing, etc., when she visits the Zenana. All this, of course, requires additional funds. Then there is the Samulcotta Seminary in which, I think, the women should take as deep an interest as in any work that is being done. In a recent letter Mr. McLaurin, the principal, very heartily thanks our Board for the money we have sent unsolicited more than once for this object.

I have said that we should feel deeply interested in this Seminary, and for this reason: It is not only intended as a training-school for native young men that they may become pastors and teachers, but instruction is also given to the women so that they may be true helpmeets, and not hinderers of the good work, as they otherwise would be. So you see any money that we send there is a grand investment, and must be productive of the very best results. In a short time I will be necessary for me to write to each of the Circles for a report of the year's progress, and a statement of the present condition of each, to be presented at our Annual Meeting in October, also about the sending of delegates. Please bear this in mind.

If any of you would like to obtain copies of the tract called, "The Twenty-one Millions of Widows in India," or of Mrs. Keer's paper on, "Zenana Teaching," or Mrs. Newman's on "The Duties of Collectors," I shall be happy to send them if you will let me know.

All of you who read the LINK will have noticed in the April number Miss Muir's letter to the Circles of the Eastern Convention. Much of what she has said is equally applicable to us in Ontario. I am sure she will pardon me if I remind you of her remarks about the object of our organization being threefold: to pray for our missionaries in India and for a blessing on their labours, to contribute what we can to the mission, and to seek to interest those about us, so that they will give to its funds. A great deal might be said under each of these heads. Miss M. has already referred largely to the first—allow me to say a few words on the second—that of giving. The subject of Christian giving was recently brought very specially under the notice of teachers and scholars in all the Sunday Schools, not only of this Canada of ours, but in the United States and Great Britain, and wherever throughout the whole world the international series of lessons is taught. As the majority of Christians everywhere fall short so deplorably of their duty and privilege in this respect, the conviction grew upon me, as I pondered the lesson, that surely many earnest prayers were ascending to the God of all grace that He would abundantly bless the teaching of that day, and that we might speedily see the answer. It is time that a grand revolutionary movement in this respect should set in, sweeping away the old landmarks and bringing us all a little nearer to the Divine standard. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich yet for your sakes," &c. 2 Cor., 8th chap. 9th verse.

Let us all, therefore, strive to be more faithful in any work we have undertaken to do for our Master, and pray that we may have grace given to us to deny ourselves, that we may give to His cause.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the Brant Association Society, in connection with the Foreign Mission work, will be held in Jerseyville, on Friday, June 6th. Afternoon session in the Temperance Hall to commence at 2.30 o'clock. A public meeting will be held in

the evening in the Baptist Church. Special efforts are being made by the committee to make the meetings interesting and profitable, and they hope a large number of delegates will be present.

A. MOYLE, *Assoc. Sec.*

THE TREASURER of the Ontario Women's Society has sent Mr. Shenston for remittance to India, \$102, which she has received during the last six months in small sums, specially designated for Samulcotta Seminary.

MISS FRITH asks for \$75 more for the prosecution of her Zenana work, than appeared on the "estimates" for 1884. This extra amount will be sent to her at once.

TORONTO.—Through the efforts of Mrs. Ebbles, of the Parliament Street Church, a Circle has been formed in connection with the Lewis Street Church.

BOSTON, ONT.—A Circle has recently been formed here.

#### MISSION BANDS.

CHESTER, N.S.—Since last Convention I have been present at the formation of three W. M. A. Societies, and two Mission Bands. The Band at Chester Basin, numbers over 100. They gave a very interesting concert on Jan. 7th, and will give another soon. One of the exercises will be the dialogue, "A Telugu Girl's Story," and Mrs. Sanford has lent us a Telugu suit. One of their members has prepared another good dialogue, and the young people vie with each other in trying to do their best. I am glad to hear of the formation of so many bands. Hope many hearts may be consecrated to Christ, and many lives spent in His service, that His Kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Yours, in love for the lost.

P. M. B. KEMPTON.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.—Our Mission Band is called the "Riverside Mission Band." It was organized March 29th, with thirty-one members. Our number is steadily increasing, and we hope before long to have quite a large band. Our membership fee is ten cents, and we also take up a collection at every meeting. We meet once a fortnight, on Saturday afternoons. We have begun a scrap and find it quite interesting to the members. Our pastor preached a missionary sermon on the last Sunday in March. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the band, which amounted to \$3.50. We are going to support a native child at school. Quite a number have subscribed for the "Little Helpers." Our band is quite young yet, but we hope it will be a success and prove a help to the mission cause.

ALICE L. TUPPER, *Sec.*

April 14th.

#### Brahmin and Brahmo.

BY ROBERT SPURGEON, BARISAUL.



WHAT IS A BRAHMIN?

To this question many answers might be given, but it will be best to reply in the very words of the Mahabharat. Gorooro was a sacred bird on which