

jumping the pony across ditches, and wading him through quagmires, we succeeded in reaching our destination. As in the morning at Taaragunta, the attention of the people was immediately attracted, and following us to the market-place, they stood around in a large crowd by the time I had dismounted. After singing a hymn, Timothy spoke to them, and was listened to with interest. Some Brahmins were gathered in a group a short distance from the listening crowd, and their mutterings of displeasure could be heard where we were, occasionally loud enough to cause disturbance, but they offered no direct opposition. I had been invited to a seat on the verandah of a merchant's house, which I accepted while Timothy was speaking. While I was sitting there, an old man near me, when he heard the name of the Saviour, began repeating it to himself in a low voice, "Yaasu Chrestu, Yaasu Chrestu." I was surprised to hear him, as I knew that very few of the natives can pronounce the name when they first make the attempt. I asked him if he had ever heard that name before. "Yes." "Where?" "In Tuni." Another proof that those who hear the Gospel from us in Tuni on every fair-day, and on other occasions, do not always forget it when they reach their homes in distant villages. When Timothy had finished speaking, I read and explained the parable of the Prodigal Son, the spiritual meaning of which they seemed to comprehend without much difficulty, and some of them appeared to feel its personal application. When we had concluded, and were coming away, the old man before mentioned and others followed us a short distance, talking and asking questions about what they had just heard, as if deeply interested in the subject. After returning to the bungalow, later in the evening we went to the *mala pilli*, and sought to deepen the impression made the evening before. Next day we visited two other new villages—one in the morning, the other in the afternoon, at each of which we had an encouraging hearing; and in the evening we again repaired to the *mala pilli*, to sing and converse with the people there. During the night we returned to Tuni.

The ignorance of most of the people in the lower castes is very great, and their minds are so dull of apprehension that the truth dawns upon them very slowly. They need oft-repeated instruction in order to an intelligent understanding of even the simplest doctrines of Christianity. If slow progress is made at first in gathering in converts, those who understand the nature of our work will not be very much surprised. I have been encouraged by various circumstances connected with the recent tour, and feel assured that the fruit will appear in time, though perhaps it may be somewhat delayed. I desire that the work on the Tuni field may be remembered in the prayers of all the readers of the LINK. If so, we may expect a great blessing upon our efforts to rescue the perishing in this region.

G. F. CURRIE.

Tuni, Sept. 29, 1879.

THE WORK AT HOME.

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK.

It is with feelings of deep gratitude to God, that the managers of the LINK have been enabled to divide among the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, the sum of \$60,—profits of the first year—retaining a sufficient amount to carry on the paper, as at present conducted, to the close of the second volume. The \$60 has been divided, in proportion to the number of subscribers from each society, as follows:—Western Convention of Ontario, including Manitoba, \$38.86; Eastern Convention of Ontario and Quebec, \$8.33; Nova Scotia, \$9.07; New Brunswick, \$3.27; Prince Edward Island, .47 cents.

Although the renewal subscriptions have come in remarkably well, to enable this division to be made so soon, a good many of our friends are still in arrears. Will these remember that it must depend upon the subscribers whether or not there will be any surplus to divide next year? Will they please renew at once? A twenty-five cent piece can be enclosed in a letter for the same postage and is greatly preferable to stamps, of which the business manager has more than an abundance. Our friends in the East will also please

note that there is a discount in Ontario on Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and United States bank bills, and, if convenient, remit in *Dominion* money.

Ontario and Quebec.

ESTIMATES FOR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Cocanada Station.—Salary Rev. A. V. Timpany, \$1,200; girls' school, \$450; Amelia, \$50; native preachers, \$220; boys' school, \$170; village teachers, \$50; taxes, \$50; travelling, \$100; school books, Bibles and tracts, \$50; colporteur, \$40; Bible women, \$50; compound repairs, \$150; new boat, \$250—total, \$2,830.

Tuni Station.—Salary Rev. G. F. Currie, \$1,200; building, compound wall, etc., \$200; preachers, \$150; schools, \$150; school books, tracts, etc., \$20; travelling, \$50; taxes, \$10; contingencies, \$50—total, \$1,830.

Akeed Station.—Salary Rev. J. Craig, \$1,000; land, \$150; building, \$800; preachers, \$100; colporteur, \$40; books, tracts, etc., \$50; travelling, \$100; schools \$50; contingencies, \$50—total, \$2,340.

Rev. J. McLaurin's salary, \$1,200. Deficit from last year, \$800.

Total estimates for the year passed by the Board:	
Cocanada	\$2,830
Tuni	1,830
Akeed	2,340
Rev. J. McLaurin's Salary	1,200
Deficit	800
	\$9,000

WORK FOR THE CIRCLES OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

At a special meeting of the Central Board of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Western Ontario, held on the 21st of Nov., it was decided to become responsible for the following items, selected from the estimates passed by the General Board:—For Cocanada: the girls' school, \$450; Amelia Keller's salary, \$50; Bible women, \$50. For Tuni: schools, \$175. Altogether, \$700. The remittances to be made, as heretofore, half-yearly, on the 1st of December and the 1st of June.

The mission boat *Minnie Wilson*, purchased and presented to the Mission by the Olivet Sunday-school, Montreal, was wrecked in the last cyclone and so seriously damaged as to be beyond repair. Mr. Timpany is having a new one built, and hoped when he forwarded the estimates that it would not cost more than \$250, but later advices state that at least \$400 will be required.

The Central Board resolved to pay for this new boat, and \$100 was voted to be sent for it on the 1st of December, with the \$350 for the school work, etc. The remaining \$300 is to follow as soon as it can be collected.

The boat is a necessity—as is much needed for work for the women as for the men—no travelling can be done on the field until it is completed, and Mr. Timpany is pushing forward the work with his customary energy and vigor.

The members of the Board feel that they can appeal with confidence to the Circles to sustain their action in assuming the expense, and believe that the women of Western Ontario will esteem it as great a privilege to pay for the mission boat, as it was to assist in building the chapel-school-house.

TORONTO, ONT.—Two new circles are reported in Toronto. The ladies of the Queen-st. Baptist church have entered on the work with great zeal, and have already collected \$5. It was with peculiar pleasure that this circle was welcomed as an auxiliary of the Women's Bap. For. Miss. Society, at the last Board meeting.

The Parliament-st. sisters, having worked nobly and successfully to free their church from debt, are now in a position to assist in more general work and have, within the last month, organized a F. M. circle.

DUNDAS, ONT.—The Pastor of the church at Dundas says: "The ladies met last week and formed a circle. The officers are: Miss C. S. Palmer, President; Mrs. Hartley Rushton, Vice-President; Miss Annie Wrigley, Secretary; Mrs. Chas. Patterson, Treasurer. They are entering into the work heartily, and I have no doubt but that the circle will prove a success. I am very glad they have formed it; I look for more general work from them as a consequence; more joy in the fellowship and service of Christ, and more heart-pity for perishing souls."

YORKVILLE, ONT.—On Monday evening, Nov. 24th, a large number of children with a few of their teachers, met in the Yorkville Baptist Sunday-school room, and formed themselves into the "Willing Workers' Mission, Band." At their request, one of the junior tea-

chers was made President. It is through "Sister Belle's" letter in last month's LINK that this band has been formed, and we hope before long to hear of many more children's bands. J. G. B.

HULL, QUE.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Bap. For. Miss. Society of the Convention East, the name of Miss Hamilton was added to the list of life members by the Hull circle.

Nova Scotia.

NOTICE.

The Secretaries of the W. M. A. Societies in Nova Scotia, will oblige by sending in their Annual Reports as soon as possible, or before the close of the present year, to the Sec. of the Central Board,

M. R. SELDEN.

Halifax, Nov. 17th, 1879.

Five Dollars.

DEAR LINK.—We were only five dollars. Until lately our lives have been uneventful and comparatively aimless; but now a life of usefulness has opened up before us. Hoping the way this has been brought about may encourage you, and stimulate your readers, to increase the number of dollars used in this way, we submit to you the following:

Last February, you suggested to the Circles the idea of united effort in raising money for "Life Members." Miss C—, in whose possession we were read the suggestion and said to Miss E—, that if the Circle here would make an effort she would give us (five dollars) in aid.

The effort was made, but when she offered us she was told the required sum had been raised without us.

We were disappointed, but Miss C— said the missionaries would get us sometime, and that was a comfort.

Since then another effort has been made, when we were again offered, with the same result. Then Miss C— said when Mr. McLaurin came here she would give us to herself,—but she had not the opportunity.

She appeared as much disappointed as ourselves. Then she said if a third effort was made for a Life Member, she would give us toward that, and as she had kept us so long she would add one dollar for interest.

It is worth while to be disappointed two or three times when the result is seventy-five dollars into the F. M. Treasury instead of twenty-five.

And now dear Link "good bye," we hope soon to leave Canada for Cocanada, and be placed in the chapel-school-house, where many of the Telugus will be converted, educated and taught to live for and worship God; our lives will not then be aimless and uneventful.

Wishing you still greater success in your department of this work we hasten to our own.

SIX DOLLARS.

New Testament learnt by a Chinese Boy.

There is a wonderful Chinese boy in connection with one of the Mission schools at Peking. The Rev. Daniel M'Coy, the Missionary, after affirming that most of the scholars have made commendable progress during the year, says:—"One boy at our late examination repeated the entire *New Testament without missing a single word or making one mistake*. He is well up in the Chinese classics too. He is now committing to memory Dr. Martin's "Evidences of Christianity," a task which he will soon complete. He united with the church last year, and we have been greatly pleased with his example. He is a diligent student of the Bible, and we have great hopes of his future usefulness, as we have of several others in each of our schools.

Sad Tidings from the Congo Mission.

All our readers will learn with feelings of the deepest sorrow of the death of Mrs. Comber, of the English Baptist Mission, which took place at San Salvador, in the Kingdom of Congo, on the morning of Sunday, August the 24th, after an illness of only nine days, from brain fever. Thus, after a married life of only some four or five months, Mr. Comber, is left alone, sore stricken by this most heavy bereavement. Yet not alone, for we are sure that in this time of his dreary desolation he will have the presence and support of the dear Master, who has said—"Lo! I am with you always."