

little self-respect, and we have had many long, earnest talks, and few really unsatisfactory ones. I would like to see the people coming in now, and there is an overcoming faith; but in the spiritual kingdom are there not what may almost be called natural laws, and is not "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear" one of them? Moreover, God has ordained the preaching of his word to be one of the great means of salvation to the people, and how can we expect full grown corn where a seed has never been sown?—Do you know, my friends, that as we went about among the thousands of the people finding only here and there a few who cared to remember that they had ever heard before, our hearts almost grew sick, and we felt nearly overwhelmed by the waves of heathenism, and the cry came up in our hearts "How long, Oh Lord, how long!" Christian men and women of the Maritime Provinces are you praying for your missionaries and their helpers, or are they going out among the people unclothed with the Divine strength, which should be the result of your prayers?

We came in here to Bimlipatam on Tuesday last and found Mr. Sanford well and hard at work. He is building, house-cleaning, keeping house, preaching, and since we came, we have done a good deal more talking and less sleeping than usual. Last evening we had a long conversation on the work around us, and this noon one of equal length on the work at home.

On the afternoon of the 25th, at four o'clock, the corner stone of the new mission chapel was laid. The foundations, except this stone, were already finished, but I do not think the good friends at home have heard much about it.

This building has long been talked of, but only in October last was any action taken in reference thereto.

It occupies a piece of land, which the donor especially designated for this purpose.

Mr. Sanford spoke to his church, and in due time called a meeting, not only of the Eurasian and Telugu members, but of his former carpenters, masons and coolies, stated his desire, spoke of the duty and privilege of all and called for subscriptions, saying that he himself would give—rs.—no small sum. A most enthusiastic meeting followed, and nine hundred and sixty-seven rupees were subscribed.

The Eurasians, without exception, gave liberally. I dare not say how liberally lest the cheek of some Canadian among you tingle a bit, but their donations were grand. One young woman, a noble girl, who is drawing a salary of fifteen or twenty rupees per month, gave fifty. She had been saving money for a long-desired sewing-machine, but said she could do without it. Mr. Sanford felt called upon to remonstrate with one or two, as he thought they were contributing more than their share, but they said they understood what they were doing. Every one of the Telugu Christians did well also, and all deserve great credit. They have not given from their wealth, but from their love to the Master, and may He bless every one of them. Another young woman, who is not a member of this church, and who does not attend nearly all the services, gave largely.

The house servants, the masons and the bandy men gave each a rupee. The carpenters, two days work or eight annas, and the coolies four days' work or not quite eight annas. And one of the good things about the whole thing is, that nearly all has been paid and the rest is said to be sure. Now friends do you not think this rather more than quite encouraging?

So as I said the corner stone was laid on Christmas

day, and was a most enjoyable occasion. Mr. Sanford read from first Kings part of the 8th chapter and from the latter part of the 7th of Matt, or, at least, he asked one of the native brethren to do so; he then stated the object of the gathering, and after Mr. Gibson had given a short address, Miss Eva De Prezer had the honour of using the trowel. It was not a fine silver one, but one that has done good faithful service in the building work at this station.

Then Mr. Archibald said a few words, and all the Christians, Telugu and English, came to the mission house and school house, where refreshments were served, after which prayer was offered again and all dispersed.

Several Hindu gentlemen contributed and were up to see the ceremony. A bottle containing sundry mission records was put into the stone, and we hope before this foundation crumbles away, thousands of Telugus will have submitted to Christ and that their names will have been recorded in the Book of Life.

CARRIE H. ARCHIBALD.

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### Ontario and Quebec.

EARNEST PRAYER is requested for Mrs. Timpany and her children, that they may be sustained in their sore trial; also for Mr. McLaurin, that strength equal to his day may be granted, so that he faint not beneath the heavy load of work and responsibility which now devolves upon him.

ST. THOMAS, ONT. :—Our Mission Band is called the *Willing Workers*; it was organized on the 16th of November, with the following officers: Mrs. Lindop, *Pres.*; Miss Perry, *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. Welter, *Sec.*; Miss Lipsyze, *Treas.* We have, at present, seventy members; and have undertaken the support of Bellum Thomas. We would urge upon every Sunday School the importance of this work, not merely for the amount of money raised, but for the education of our children in mission work. I fear that we, as teachers, have sadly neglected our duty in the past, hence we find in forming a Mission Band that the older scholars, and some of the teachers, have no sympathy in the work. Have we discharged our duty faithfully when we allow children to think their only duty is to bring their penny to Sunday School that they may receive in return papers and books?

E. WELTER, Sec.

### ANOTHER ASSOCIATIONAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. Welter, of St. Thomas, sends the following: The delegates from Fingal, Sparta, and Port Burwell met with us in St. Thomas, on the 20th of January, and formed an Associational Society. We appointed the following officers: Mrs. P. McDiarmid, Sparta, *Pres.*; Mrs. Phelps, Fingal, *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. Welter, St. Thomas, *Sec.*; and Miss Perry, *Assistant Sec.* We expect to meet with our Elgin Association the first Thursday in June.

DOMIONVILLE, ONT. :—*Dear Link*,—I desire to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of one dozen copies of the annual report of the Baptist F. M. Society. Also a package of tracts and maps. I tender to the donors my sincere thanks. Wishing you, dear LINK, every success,  
MRS. D. D. DEWAR.  
January 31st, 1885.