

to hear them recite a lesson.—I leave here at half-past six, open at seven, return between nine and ten. My conveyance is a push-push, a small carriage pushed by coolies; price 200 rupees. I find it serves my purpose very nicely. One day last week Miss DeMaizer, an Eurasian, and I went out into one of the many villages in this vicinity. Children, chickens and calves darted away as we approached. Some women gave us a seat of sticks and ropes, yet very comfortable. We sang a hymn and soon more than a dozen, of all ages, gathered about us. Miss DeMaizer did the general talking; I had to confine myself largely to questions. Some of them had heard the story of Jesus before, and after repeating it, I asked why He should come to earth to die for us. Of course they did not know; and neither of us could make them understand, that He did it, because He loved us. As they were told again and again, they would say, 'yes,' but still looked as if they could not grasp such an idea."

THE WORK AT HOME.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL-HOUSE FUND.

As will be learnt from the report of the Recording Secretary, the \$1,000 which the Central Board of Western Ontario undertook to raise with "as little delay as possible" has been obtained, and the last remittance is now on its way to Cocanada.

When a little over eight months ago, at a special meeting held in November, the members of the Board resolved to raise this sum, they did not dare to *pledge* themselves to do it even within two years: \$1,000 seemed such a very large amount to collect, in addition to the money already promised for the girls' school, etc., that only one or two of the most sanguine ventured to hope it might be raised within one year. But the money was sorely needed in Cocanada, and every effort was made to obtain it as quickly as possible. Generously and promptly did the circles respond to the appeals made; and while thanking the sisters for their aid, the Board with deep awe and reverence, acknowledge the mighty hand of God working in direct and immediate answer to prayer, and putting it into the hearts of the sisters to do this work.

In this country, the expenses of building frequently exceed the estimates, and it may be that Mr. Timpany will find the same trouble in India; therefore, if any of the circles have special money still in hand for the chapel let them not hesitate to send it to the treasurer. It will be needed.

Ontario.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WESTERN CONVENTION.

The third regular meeting of the Central Board was held in the usual place on Friday July 18th.

The most interesting item of business was the treasurer's report. Mrs. Laird indicated that the collections for the last quarter, after all payments falling due had been met, that is—for the girls' school, Amelia Keller's salary, and current expenses,—would amount to \$429 00. Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Rose, then moved that \$340 00 of this be sent to Mr. Timpany for the Chapel School-House.

This amount makes up the thousand dollars which the Society has raised in less than nine months—a shorter time than any of us had hoped. The women of Ontario have done nobly in this matter, and no one can help feeling sincerely thankful for the great success of the Society. God has surely helped us—for it is His own work.

A few circles have intimated that they will send delegates to the Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto on the 10th of October. It is hoped, however, that more will decide to come. Let us meet together and talk over the interests of the Society. There is inspiration in numbers, and we need to have our hearts fired and touched by intercourse with each other.

The remainder of the meeting was occupied with less important business and details connected with the arrangements for the Annual Meeting. More of this hereafter.

LOUISE MORSE, Rec. Sec.

TORONTO.—The combined Circles of the Toronto and Yorkville churches held their fourth union meeting on the 3rd of July, in the College Street Church.

The unexpected presence of Mr. McLaurin made this a more than usually interesting meeting. The attendance was good. Short reports were given from each Circle, stating what had been done during the past three months. A paper was read by the President of the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario, which gave much valuable information about both the home and foreign work.

Towards the close Mr. McLaurin made a brief address, in which he drew a vivid picture of a Hindu woman, contrasting her misery and degradation, with the cultivated women of Christian lands. The impression left on the minds of all those present, was a deep sense of their personal responsibility and duty to do all in their power to rescue those poor perishing ones.

UXBRIDGE, ONT.—A circle has recently been organized in connection with the church at Uxbridge, Mrs. M. D. Crosby, President. The brother who sends us the information says, "All the sisters are the right stamp, and the money raised will not in any way affect our contributions to the Home or Foreign Missions, or any other cause that we as a church are interested in. The *Link* is always anxiously looked for, and it is to that we are indebted for the formation of the circle."

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The ladies of the First church have made the pastor's wife, Mrs. W. H. Porter, a life member of the W. B. F. M. Society.

DENFIELD, ONT.—The ladies of the Denfield Circle recently held a social, by which they raised \$12 for the chapel school house.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—It augurs well for the future usefulness and prosperity of the Baptist church in Winnipeg that a W. F. M. Circle is already in existence, and that simultaneously with the announcement that the church has become self-sustaining the treasurer of the Ontario and Quebec Foreign Missionary Society should receive \$20 from the circle for the Chapel School-House in Cocanada. We welcome our sisters of the "Great North-west" as another band of workers, and trust that the *Link* may more and more become the means of uniting all the circles and aid societies throughout the Dominion in fellowship with one another and in work for our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

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ROCKLAND.—From a communication by Mrs. March, in the *Christian Visitor*, we learn that: "During the Association at Rockland, a meeting of the Women's Missionary Aid Society was held in the old church, and, although the day was hot, and parties had to come from a distance, a goodly number had assembled at the appointed hour. The society there had gone down, no meetings had been held for a year, but it was apparent that this had been from neglect and not for want of interest in Foreign Missions. Extracts of letters from Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Churchill and Miss Hammond were read, followed by remarks bearing on the needs of the Foreign Mission field, and also the necessity of more heartfelt consecration to the work at home, that the hands of our sisters should not be tied, and that we should endeavor to carry out more fully than ever, the command of the Master, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'" The former officers were re-elected, and the Society was cheered by the addition of eight new members.

MISSION CIRCLES.—The Committee on Foreign Missions, of the Western Association of New Brunswick, report: "The work being done by our Women's Aid Societies is worthy of our warmest endorsement. Every church ought to strive, if possible, to have a Mission Circle."

Mission Bands.

Mission bands are auxiliary to the mission circles, and are composed of young persons who have joined together to work for the missionary cause. There are a great many in the United States, and the money raised by them forms a very valuable addition to the income of the Women's Societies there; while in Canada, from the last report of the Presbyterian W. F. M. Society, it was shown that quite a large sum was raised by their means. The importance of training young people to be liberal in giving is too often lost sight of, and when we consider that in this particular instance a missionary spirit is cultivated at the same time, the benefit resulting from it is two-fold. We have heard of several bands having been formed among our young people in Ontario during the past year. We hope there may soon be many more, and we earnestly urge our young friends everywhere, who as yet have taken no interest in missionary work, to begin to do so at once.

The frequency with which meetings are held, and the manner of conducting them, vary considerably in different places. We give a few simple rules for the formation of these bands, which may be helpful to some who would like to unite together for such a purpose:—Choose for a president some one with sufficient experience to advise and correct. Let the membership fee be one cent a week. Meet either fortnightly or monthly. After short devotional exercises, let the time be spent in work,—where bazaars are objected to the work may be disposed of privately. Appoint a reader for each meeting who should always provide interesting and suitable missionary information, the *Illustrated Missionary News*, an English monthly, costing 75c. a year, will be found to meet both these requirements; we hope too that the *LINK* may contribute its share in this respect. In some places musical and literary entertainments, and even strawberry festivals have proved very successful, but these things must be left to the discretion of older friends, for what would be very suitable in one place, might be quite the reverse in others.

SOUTHERN INDIA.—Rev. A. Brodhead, D.D., American Presbyterian missionary in India, is reported in the last number of "The Foreign Missionary" as saying, "Great as have been the triumphs of the cross in Southern India, upon hearing which the people of God could say, 'Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing,' we cannot lose sight of the fact that, through these successes, the two strongholds of Satan in the Indian Empire, Brahminism and Mohammedianism, have scarcely been touched. The accessions to the Christian church in India, during the past year, were largely from a class outside of these charmed circles. They were mostly from among those whom the Saviour, were he on this earth, would receive as gladly as he did the 'publicans and sinners,' but from whom the proud Brahmins and the other castes shrink, as from some loathsome thing."

Rev. W. B. Boggs writes a friend in Halifax, under date, Ongole, April 20:

"We are both in most excellent health, and very happy. The hot season is now upon us, the thermometer frequently rising to 106 in the shade on the verandah, and standing somewhere near 90 in the house nearly all the time, but I never was better in my life, and we are very happy in the work of this great mission. I have baptized 67 converts, and there are many hundreds waiting for the ordinance in the distant villages, which must be visited after the hot season is over.

Mrs. Boggs and I now have sole charge of the mission, as Mrs. Clough and family have left for America, and Mr. C. goes with them as far as Egypt, perhaps as far as England. He expects to be back here in July. Our hands and heads and hearts are full of work—work which I believe will, by the blessing of God, produce blessed results."