

small silver bit for the mission box, as a thank-offering and said, "This is a small offering for the Lord, but I shall give more the next time I come home as all I have is the Lord's and I must give something for His work." I believe, writes Miss Beggs, "she has the true light in her heart."

Miss Gibson cites the following little episode as of interest, being different from the usual routine of work.

"On the day of the annual meeting of the English Baptist Church, I was visiting in some of the homes, where the women are particularly interested, and I told them of the meeting to be held that night and of the thanksgiving offering and what it meant. They thought it very good, but said nothing further. Imagine my surprise to see four of these women walk into the meeting and remain to the end although they could not understand a word of what was said. At the close they came up with their thanksgiving which they said they wished to give to prove their gratitude to God. They all four profess their belief in the Saviour. They expressed their joy at being present and thought it was like Heaven. One told me, the next day, that she was quite sad when she returned to her heathen home and surroundings. Like Peter they would stay on the mount always.

Another woman had made a pilgrimage to Benares, and was satisfied that the idol was a god because she saw it helped to its meals with a golden spoon. The fact that the streets of Heaven are said to be paved with gold, seems to make a more lasting impression on their poor deluded minds, than anything else."

Samulcotta Seminary.—An annual grant of \$150 gives us an interest in this institution, and as a thorough account of the work appears in the report of the general Board it is only necessary to state here that the school is being constantly improved. New class-rooms are in the course of erection which will afford increased accommodation to meet the needs, and it is hoped that new dormitories may be added during the year. Principal Stillwell reports a fine attendance at the Seminary, in Literary, Theological and Normal Departments.

And now after hearing these reports, and in view of the fact that the greatest need in our Telugu Mission, as in all other fields, is a sufficient force of native Christians trained for the evangelizing work of carrying the gospel

to their own people, and that a Forward Movement is asked for by conference, in order to meet the requirements of training a staff adequate to our force of missionaries, that extras are required for the completion of the Dormitories and for Bible-women's houses at Vuyyuru, that our missionary, Miss Murray will in all probability return on furlough in 1910, leaving our Society without a representative in India, and her work unprovided for, it is quite time for us to study the question of finances. Our income has not come up to our anticipations and it remains with you, as Circle members, to see that the confidence reposed in us by our missionaries is not misplaced during 1908.

God bless these noble missionaries of ours, and help us to help them, until the time shall come when "the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

Respectfully submitted,

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#### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There has been six meetings of the Executive Board of this Society during the past year, four regular at which the attendance averaged twelve, and two special. Though the attendance has not been as full as might be desired the meetings have not lacked in interest, the reports from the field in India being carefully and regularly made by our missionaries, while reports from our directresses and superintendent of Mission Bands have kept us informed of the progress of work at home. Mrs. McLaurin's tour through the Circles of the Ottawa Association was much appreciated by the Board. This feeling of being in somewhat closer touch with the work at home was assisted by the appointment of representatives to the Associational meetings.

We were happy in having with us at one of our meetings Miss Morrow, who is so shortly to return to her work in India, and whose personal report on the progress of our Bangalore make it seem far more real. Another matter for congratulation is that we have obtained an excellent map of the Telugu field of which the great value has been proved on several occasions where it has formed the basis of an address. This has been a long felt need.

The half yearly Days of Prayer have been duly observed and the establishment of a