

vile with accretions and often covered with nameless diseases. They are guiltless of clothing or manners. I have often seen two of them during prayers engaged at a safe distance over the bare back of a more devout fellow in a spitting duel.

No reverence nor fear, and with souls as devoid of light as their bodies of garments. Brought up in surroundings that defy description, they seem to be an utterly hopeless lot. Yet, after a few weeks these same children will be seen coming to school, perhaps with no more clothes on than would fairly fill a vest pocket, but enough to cover the upper part of the body, with faces shining and hair well kept, a little bundle of books and a slate, and every indication of a new life within. Not the Life of Christ, but the first step toward Him. They soon learn to sing like nightingales, and no question in the Catechism is too hard for them. I was moved to tears at hearing a class of the very lowest lads singing one day last week.

Some three or four of the boys from the Compound school were baptized last year and have united with the Church and they gave the best testimony we have had for years in the church meeting that received them. Some of them had been converted and then set to work to lead others to Christ, and God blessed their feeble efforts. They are the children of Christians but we have reason to believe that those same people were themselves brought to Christ through just such schools. 140 boys and girls attend the village schools in Cocanada. At Akidu and Vuyuru they have been carried on with a fair degree of success. A dying school has been revived. Two excellent new ones have been established. There has been a general quickening in education, due principally to the re-establishment of the Girls' and the Boys' Boarding Schools. Children now have the hope of getting into one or other of these schools, and thence to the Seminary, hence all are eager to attend the village schools. At Ramachandrapuram there are thirteen schools with 212 pupils. These are the nurseries where our workers receive their early training.

Yellamanchilli has only one day school on the field. It is at a wealthy village distant about eight miles, has two teachers and an attendance of about twenty-eight. The Bible is taught daily. Except for the teachers there are no Christians in the town but Dr. Woodburn feels that the daily teaching of the Gospel to the young is sowing the

seed for future harvest. There have been beside two other small schools taught by the wives of preachers. The schools help the work, the people will go to hear the Gospel because the missionary has taken an interest in their children.

There are thirteen Sunday Schools with eleven teachers and an average attendance of 212. The children are being influenced and trained and will under God we trust become a generation more receptive to the Gospel in their homes and hearts. Their influence in their homes is being now already felt.

NEW WORK—BUILDINGS.

A request has come from the Conference in India that we purchase some lots adjoining the Davies' Memorial Compound in Cocanada which can now be purchased and which it is very necessary for the security of our girls should belong to the mission. This has already been attended to through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Davies.

The Conference has made another and a very important request. There is not sufficient accommodation for our single ladies in India. It is most important to have two single ladies on each of our largest fields namely Akidu, Vuyuru, and Ramachandrapuram. The women's Boards are asked to provide bungalows at each of these stations. Our Master requires that we His handmaids shall be faithful.

JANE BUCHAN.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From October 21st, 1902, to October 20th, 1903.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Aylmer.....	\$118 65	\$5 00	\$123 65
Calton.....	11 25	.....	11 25
Dutton.....	5 30	.....	5 30
Fingal.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Gladstone.....	29 42	.....	29 42
Iona Station.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Jaffa.....	5 57	.....	5 57
Lakeshore, Calvary.....	101 73	.....	101 73
Lorne, West.....	1 25	.....	1 25
Malahide and Bayham.....	22 00	.....	22 00
New Sarum.....	14 40	6 95	21 35
Port Burwell.....	7 85	.....	7 85
Shedden.....	11 85	2 77	14 62
Sparta.....	14 82	65	15 47
St. Thomas, Centre St. {	52 41	4 00	73 41
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Association Collection..	6 96

\$401 50 \$36 37 \$444 83

15 Circles. 5 Bands. 1*Other Organization.