

not until she came to see me and asked what she was to do. I had been praying about it and only a few days before had received a post-office order for \$50 from the Winnipeg (Manitoba) Circle, which when cashed brought 128 rupees. Then I had also received your letter and one from Mrs. Freeland, saying the \$60 I had written about had been left in my hands by the ladies of the Board, to be used in whatever way I thought best. So I have \$110 already in hand, besides nearly enough of the money left of my travelling expenses to pay my munshi another year. Will you please thank the ladies for me for the \$60?

There are many patiently waiting for me to visit them when I have mastered the language. It is very slow work, and some patience is needed I can assure you, particularly when the work is so pressing.

Last Sunday morning a man of the Sudra caste came to Mr. Timpany and asked him if I would go up to his house and teach his daughters and niece English and fancy work. I was engaged with my class at the time, so Mr. Timpany told him to come on Monday morning. He came and we talked the matter over. I told him that I would go if he would allow Jesus to go too. I said, "My only motive in going to the zenana will be to teach and make known the religion of Jesus. That is my calling, and that is my work, and that is the reason I left my home and came to India." He said he was willing for me to teach his women about the Saviour, but I would have to begin very gently, for they were very ignorant and worshipped idols. He told me to bring it in with my work. He also said they were very untidy, and did not know how to keep their houses clean, and asked me to give them lessons in that as well. He urged me to go and make a beginning, and said there were many more who would be willing to have me go to their houses after a time. He took me home with him and introduced me to his wife and children and others, and I arranged to go three times a week.

Mr. Timpany thinks this is a grand opening as this man has one of the highest positions in government in Cocanada, and is one of the most influential men, and while this is the case there may be many who will follow his example, and want the zenana missionary to visit their homes too.

Thank you for the copy of the memorial which you sent to the Queen. I need not tell you how glad I was that you were doing so, for we who are in India see what an awful sin child-marriage is.

My Sunday morning class is still very interesting and brings me plenty of work. One of my young men I think has trusted in Jesus. Others are seeking Him. I had some benches made out of my parking boxes for them. I had benches brought from the church before.

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M. J. FRITH.

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### Ontario and Quebec.

#### THE DIALOGUE FOR MISSION BANDS.

May I take advantage of the *Link* to write to those who have been sending for my Dialogue? It is so difficult for me to write, owing to ill health, that I would be glad to make one letter do for many. The interest of the Dialogue is much increased by being recited in character, and as the costume is inexpensive it can be easily obtained. A judicious use of pins can supply the lack of

skill in arranging it. The dress consists of a red cotton jacket with sleeves above the elbow, and a piece of cream coloured mull muslin, or white cotton about five yards in length. The width of the cotton forms the length of the skirt, and in putting it on start at the right side and working towards the left pleat the waist line to allow for sufficient fullness; wind two or three times round the body and bringing it loosely under the right arm throw the end over the left shoulder covering that arm to the wrist.

The Telugu translation of the hymn was kindly written by Mrs. Armstrong, and will be found easy to sing to the familiar tune, as it contains the same number of syllables in each line as our hymn.

If those sending for the dialogue, who intend to have it recited, will kindly state so, I will send three copies instead of one.

Montreal, Dec. 9, 1883.

A. MUIR.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY of the Ontario Women's Society has recently changed her name. It is now Mrs. J. Denovan, Jr., instead of Miss Dexter, as formerly. Her address is the same, No. 10, Carlton St., Toronto.

#### OLIVET MISSION CIRCLE, MONTREAL.

The annual Christmas entertainment was given by the young people of the Mission Circle, Friday, December 14th, and was very successful. The school and refreshment rooms were tastefully decorated. In addition to the fancy table, there was a good collection of curiosities on view, and a magic lantern exhibition. The programme consisted of "Christmas Carols," by the Sunday School Choir. A reading by Mr. Upham, entitled, "A Zenana Bazaar," and a Dialogue "A Telugu Girl's Story" Lukshmi, the Telugu girl, was personated by Miss Ella McKergon, whose rendering of the character was excellent. She wore a native dress sent from India, kindly furnished by Mrs. Paine. The probable receipts of the entertainment will be \$160.

HULL, QUE.—Our Circle in Hull held an entertainment on Friday evening, December 14th. The programme consisting of recitations, readings, solos, addresses and a missionary dialogue was very successfully carried out. "Sister Belle" was present and gave one of her earnest, inspiring addresses or "talks," as she calls them. We used Miss Muir's dialogue entitled "The Telugus." It is full of information and always takes well. Although few in number in Hull we have good meetings and we trust we have some enthusiasm in this work. We had a plate at the door, for offerings, and received \$20.71.

Dec. 18th, 1883.

IDA WHITCOMB, Sec.

## Our Mission Bands.

THE "BUSY BEES" OF GUELPH, ONT.—*Dear Link*,—We have much pleasure in forwarding to you the first remittance from our Mission Band. As soon as we organized, we began to work to make articles to sell at an entertainment to be given before Christmas. As our Band was formed on the 10th of November, it did not give us much time, but the ladies of the church very kindly sent articles for our table. Our entertainment took place last evening, and the basement was filled. We took \$11.00 by collection, and \$29.00 by the table, making \$40.00 which you will find enclosed. A good pro-