

Mr. Higgins writes;—"You will be glad to know that God is blessing us here. We baptized eight last week. Some of these are Savaras. On the last Saturday morning in November there were five baptized in Tekkali, three of whom were Savaras. This makes ten Savaras received this year. About a month ago a young Mala man was baptized here in Tekkali. His wife has since come out, a bright promising convert. Her testimony was clear, and indicated that she had the root of the matter in her."

On Monday evening, Dec. 26th, the "Marion Morse Mission Band" made its first appearance before the public and was greeted by a large audience. A good missionary and Xmas programme was presented by Band, assisted by the choir. Prof. Chisholm of Halifax School for the Blind added much to the evening's enjoyment by singing in his usual delightful and happy style. At the close of the programme a loaded Xmas tree was soon relieved of its burdens, not as presents for the children, but the articles were sold that some child in far off India, who knows not the joy of Xmas tide, might through our mites and prayers be enabled to hear the wonderful story of our Saviour who is Christ the Lord, and be led to sing this song, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." We were much pleased to find that \$30.27 had been realized for this object.

ANNIE S. CHIPMAN, Pres.

Great Village, N. S. Dec. 30th.

North River has made their Treasurer Mrs. Peter Scott, a life member, F. M., \$25.00.

A mission Band has been organized at Pleasant Lake, Yarmouth Co., with eleven members. Pres. Mrs. M. W. Brown, Secy., Miss Belle Jeffrey. Membership has since increased to sixteen.

2nd Chipman, N. B., Mission Band have made Miss Neal Crandell a life-member.

A mission Band was organized at Hantsport, N. S., on Nov. 1st, 1899. The officers are Miss L. Riley, Supt., Miss B. G. Robbins, Secy.

Two Mission Bands recently organized in Yarmouth Co. On Sept. 18th, Mrs. M. W. Brown organized a Mission Band at Pleasant Lake, Tusket church, with eleven members. Pres., Mrs. Brown; Secy., Miss Belle Jeffrey. This membership at the next meeting increased to sixteen.

On Oct. 20th, Mrs. P. R. Foster, organized a Band at Pleasant Valley, Dearfield church, with a membership of sixteen. At its next meeting this Band increased to 22. Pres., Miss T. Dolman; Secy., Miss L. E. Killam. Under such efficient leaders we may expect great things for these Bands. Mrs. Foster is certainly doing a noble work for the Master. Wherever she is working there is always enkindled new interest and enthusiasm in foreign missions.

On Dec. 11th, a meeting was held at the Baptist church of New Minas, for the purpose of reorganizing a Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Society. Meeting opened by singing. Reading of the Scriptures by the

County Secretary, Mrs. Read, who acted as chairman the meeting, prayer by the pastor of the church, then followed another hymn, after which Mrs. Read gave an interesting talk, showing the urgent need of having a working Society of the W. B. M. Union in New Minas. She then read its constitution and by-laws. On request for an expression from the sisters present, fourteen signifying their willingness to form an Aid Society. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Wallace, Pres.; Mrs. DeWolf, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. Ainsley, Bishop; 2nd Vice Pres.; Miss Leora Fuller, Secy.; Mrs. Miller, Treas.; Mrs. Griffin, Auditor; Mrs. Trueman, Bish.; Miss Nellie Roy, Mrs. Downey, Managing Committee. It was voted that the Society should meet the first Tuesday of each month. Meeting closed with prayer by the president.

E. E. COLPITTS, Sec'y., Pro tem.
Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 26th, 1899.

TEKKALI, INDIA.—Eight were baptized at this station last week. Seven of them were Savaras. Four of the Savaras were baptized at sunset in a little pond amid the Savara hills. It was an impressive scene. Gopolpur is now a Christian village indeed, all in it are Christians but two. A separate church for the Savara Christians located in their midst is now talked of. These are a lovable and most interesting people. May they soon have a missionary, and may the Word of the Lord have free course and be glorified among them. W. V. H. November 29th.

The following statistics taken from the report of the Secretary of the F. M. Board, (last August) may be of help to some who do not see the *Year Book*:

Our Stations are, Bimlipatam, Bobbili, Chicacole and Palcondah, Parla Kimedya, Tekkali, Visianagram a total of seven churches. There were baptized during the year 38. The membership was, at the close of 1898, 304. There is one ordained preacher, and eighteen unordained; Eight Colporteurs; seventeen Bible Women; five day schools; fifteen teachers; eleven Sunday schools; thirty six teachers, and an average attendance of 404. There are stations are nine.

Some alterations will be made on the arrival of those who left the home land this autumn, as to the settling of our workers. The force is so small, so utterly inadequate to the needs of the people, that the workers must spread themselves over as much space as possible, and frequent change must be made.

Now for a few facts, and may the Holy Spirit bless them into our hearts, until we rise in His might, and that which is committed to our hands.

A Bible depot, and reading room has been established in Bimlipatam.

Every lady missionary should have at least ten Bible women.

The work in Polepilly has taken a decided step in advance. A new chapel has been built and opened.

One boy in the boarding school at Bobbili, in addition to his regular work memorized 22 chapters in Proverbs during the year; another in six months learned between four and five hundred verses in the New Testament.

The salary of the lady apothecary at our Hospital at Chicacole is \$33.00, per month.

Formerly our native helpers lived on the mission compound. The purpose now is to station helpers with their families among the people themselves. Land has been procured in Jalmur and Chicacole and houses have been