

mission work. Some band presidents have an experience meeting now and then. The members tell how they raise their money, and also any new plans of work. Another president called for a volunteer meeting, subject to be Africa, and every member to bring an item about that dark land. This is a sample of that meeting: "They eat each other up in Africa, and are called cannon balls," said one little chap. "No, cannibals you mean, or man-eaters; some of the tribes are still numbered among these." The Africans are all negroes," "No, not all, six varieties, the missionary said." "Africa is as large as North and South America together, and contains three hundred million people." "Yes, and so few of them have heard about Jesus." "They believe in witches, and have medicine men to find them out and put them to death." "They wear charms to keep away evil spirits." "The mother's oil their babies instead of washing them, and love to see the little bodies shine after the grease bath." "The American people send 900,000 gallons of rum every year to Africa and so God's messengers and the devil's messengers will have a battle over the African people." "Mother says, that Jesus was in Africa when He was a baby, so that Herod could not kill Him."—This is the way the items came in, almost too fast for the Presidents to think! Then she asked how the Band could help Africa, getting eager replies from each, then they closed with singing, "The Light of the World is Jesus," and earnest prayer for the boys and girls who live in Africa. Other countries could be used in the same way. The children will remember items they have to look up for themselves. My head is full of plans, but my paper is too long now.

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To the Mission Bands of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Vuyyuru, April 28, 1900.

My dear friends:—

I want to thank all the girls and boys, little and big (for I believe there were some big ones too) who helped to fill that interesting barrel of toys, for all the pretty prizes it contained. Two of the little lady dolls had the misfortune to get their heads cracked off in the journey, but all the rest seemed well and happy. Some of them brought their cards along to introduce themselves. There were Lola, Myrtle, Ettie, Edna, Mabel, Eloise and Philip. Some of the others who were given cards may have lost them on the way, but all the dollies arrived here and were a very well-dressed company indeed.

Then there were the scrap-books and as they were made so much alike in only two or three shapes and sizes, they were very specially suited for prizes. The beads and the pieces, and the boxes and baskets were all acceptable. We had two very happy prize givings, one in Valluru and one in Vuyyuru, both in the month of April.

At both schools, five little girls, carrying candles, sang, "Jesus bids us shine," in Telugu, and at Valluru, they had a pretty drill by the bigger girls. At Vuyyuru, ten little girls recited the ten commandments in Telugu, each carrying a flag with her commandment printed on it, and two little girls held a big banner over them with the words, "The ten Commandments" on it. There were action songs, recitations, etc., and then the giving of the prizes, which was the best time of all, for the children. We gave the prettiest dolls to the little girls who received Bible prizes. I think that the third and fourth class girls know the Bible better than most of our Sunday School children at home, for it is a part of their daily lesson at school.

Thanking you all again for the prizes you sent, yours, for the children of the Valluru and Vuyyuru schools.

Sincerely,

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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me."—Jesus said.