

THE WORK ABROAD.

Students on Tour.

It is part of the Seminary programme that the senior students go out on tour at the October vacation, a period of about ten days.

The vacation is supposed to begin about the 1st of the month, so that the tour is well over before the rains set in which they usually do about the 15th. But there is an element of uncertainty about rains in India as well as elsewhere, and being caught in them, as we were two years ago, is by no means a pleasant experience. Accordingly we anticipated matters a little and started on tour 26th September.

We divided the students into 3 companies to meet the exigencies of the work, and sent one company under Jagannakalu to visit the Gokaram region, another under S. Venkata Swami, a preacher, to tour over the Geddannapilli villages, while the third company was sent Tuniwaddi.

We started a day in advance of the students, saw Gokaram, met two companies at Jagampett joined them, preached in the town, baptized four converts, parted from one company which went Gokaram way, and accompanied the other as far as Geddannapilli.

Here we parted from the second company and turned Tuni-way, hoping to take another, Jagampilli, in our way, but owing to a hitch in the arrangement, the palanquin turned up at Samulcotta 17 miles away, instead of Kattipudi, so that we passed on reaching Tuni late Saturday night where we joined the Tuni company. Sunday and Monday passed, Sunday with the usual services, and Monday with meeting the workers of the field.

Not having time to go north of Tuni, we sent the company forward under Abel, and after seeing a few villages near Tuni turned homeward.

We all arrived at home on Saturday night, except the Tuni contingent which came in the following Tuesday.

At the usual Wednesday evening prayer meeting we were all assembled in full force, and ready to compare notes.

23 students had gone on tour, 99 villages were visited, 16 converts were baptized, every one was rested, inspired and ready for another term's work at which we are at present.

Samulcotta, Oct. 11, 1888.

J. R. S.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Members of W. B. M. U. of Maritime Provinces, Attention.

You well remember that at our annual meeting in August, the business in connection with our Home Mission work was for the ensuing year put into the hands of an "advisory committee." That committee met on the first Tuesday in November, and it was on motion resolved, "that in those societies where the mite boxes are being used, that the members be asked to devote all in those boxes over the one dollar, to Home Missions, and that in societies where these mite boxes have not been used, the committee recommend that they be procured, and used for Home Missions."

Some of our Societies are already doing this. Others are working for Home Missions by special collections, and

others again, by a payment of ten cents per member each quarter.

Other ways will suggest themselves, as the different minds take up the subject, and in earnest prayer commune with the Master in reference to it.

Remember that our payments must be prompt. Keep self waiting if need be, but not the Master.

How many of our sisters will this year give *four cents* a week to the King? Two for His foreign field; two for His home field. Four cents a week, and He gave His life!

A. E. J.

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. A. Societies of Halifax and Dartmouth met in November with the Dartmouth Church. The usual devotional services were engaged in, and interesting letters read from our missionaries. We could not but regret the tone of sadness in these letters and pray that the God of all comfort, the God of hope may be with His servants. For the stricken hearts in Bobbili, our own hearts ache, and for Sister Archibald whose failing health has necessitated her absence from the work for a season, we do sympathize and earnestly plead that loving submission and renewed health may be granted.

Sisters at home beseege the Throne of Grace.

The Treasurer's statement for the quarter showed amounts received.

From Nova Scotia ..	\$117 37
" New Brunswick ..	46 12
" Prince Edward Island	13 00
Donations	25 00
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A. E. J.

News from the Circles.

FREDERICTON, N. B. — On the 22nd of September I met Mrs. March at Mangerville, where we held a very interesting Women's meeting, in the afternoon, at the close of which an Aid Society was formed, of eleven members and the following ladies as officers. Mrs. Treadwell, *Pres.*; Mrs. Dykeman, *1st Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. John Miles, *2nd Vice-Pres.*; Miss Amy Bailie, *Treas.*; Miss Thomas, *Sec.*; Rev. Thomas, *Auditor.* Mrs. (Rev.) T. A. Blackadar was present and afforded valuable aid. The quarterly meeting of York and Lunenburg counties was in session there at the time, and we greatly enjoyed attending the meetings. The brethren very courteously invited the sisters present to seats in the Quarterly Meeting. At the missionary meeting held on Saturday evening, Mrs. March responded to an invitation to speak by giving a very interesting address; one result of which was a donation from a gentleman in the audience, to a newly formed Society. On the 24th inst. Mrs. March and I drove to Nashwaak a village ten miles distant from Fredericton where by appointment, we held a meeting in the church. About twenty seven sisters were present and the meeting was deeply interesting. An Aid Society was formed with a membership of thirteen and with the following officers. Mrs. S. Manger, *Pres.*; Mrs. L. Goodspeed, *Vice Pres.*; Mrs. Manger, *Sec.*; Mrs. Campbell, *Treas.*; Mrs. Peterson, *Auditor.* Gratitude for the Master's presence and encouragement was expressed by all joining in singing the Doxology at the close of the meeting. Both of these societies, I believe, possess the elements of growth and strength, and we expect to hear of them holding on faithfully to the work. Let us pray for them, remembering