

readily consented to, providing I would preside over their meetings, which I promised to do until they were able to walk alone. We met on the first Saturday afternoon of November. Thirty were present, twenty-eight enrolled their names. Some of the little folks have already gone to work, in various ways, to earn money of their own. The prospect of a very interesting "Band" is before us. The desire of my heart, for all connected with it, especially my class of young girls, is, that while they are interested in doing something for those who are living in the darkness of idolatry, that some rays of Gospel light and truth may shine into their own hearts, and thus be made dear children of the true and living God.

Nov. 20th, '83.

MRS. H. A. McCONNELL.

SPRINGFORD, ONT.—On our return from the Convention, we called a meeting of the sisters and organized a Circle with nine members. *Pres.*, Mrs. D. B. Cohog; *Sec.*, Miss Annie Lake; *Treas.*, Mrs. A. D. Vardon; *Collector*, Mrs. Jas. Willcox. At our first meeting yesterday we added two new names, had an interesting meeting, closed with prayer in which most of the sisters joined. I am much encouraged, and believe as we are more interested in others the reflex influence in our own homes and community will be felt.

We also organized a Mission Band with twenty members, the children agreeing to pay two cents per month: *Pres.*, Miss Annie Lake; *Vice*, Miss Lottie Bruff; *Sec.*, Miss Clara Gatinan; *Treas.*, Miss Alice Nesbitt.

MIRANDA S. COHOE.

CORRESPONDING SECY'S REPORT OF MISSION BANDS.

In presenting this report it is to be regretted that only a few of the Bands have mentioned the amount raised by them during the year, so that it is impossible for me to give the exact sum raised by this means. There are now twenty Bands, seven of which have been formed this year.

Bramsville.—"The Busy Bees," formed in April, 1883, and doing fairly well.

Brantford First Church.—"The Gleaners," organized in April, 1881, with 13 members. Their meetings are held monthly and conducted by a lady appointed by the Circle.

Brantford East Ward.—"The Gleaners" consists of 17 members; not so many as reported last year. Have raised \$5.00.

Beverly Mission Band. No report received.

Courtwright and Moore.—Small Band. No contributions this year.

Delhi.—Organized in May, 1883; has 20 members—each pays 25c. a year. Doing well.

Goble's Corners.—Organized in June, '82; number 15; meet every two months. Each contributes 50c. a year; have raised \$6.85.

Hartford.—Organized in September, 1882; doing very well. Realized \$8.00 from a concert held in July, in addition to members' fees.

London, Talbot St.—Organized in January, 1883; children are greatly interested.

London, Adelaide St.—Organized in April, 1877; reports very fully. They combine a Sewing Circle with Band; meetings held monthly; children have worked well. An entertainment given by Sewing Circle realized \$25.00, which was voted for the education of a native teacher; are now making an autograph quilt. \$14.00 raised by this means are to be sent to the Samulcotta Seminary.

Ringwood.—Organized in July, 1883, by Mrs. A. Baker. Each contributes 1c. a week, or more if they wish.

Port Hope.—Mission Band, "The Gleaners," organized December, 1881. President gives a short lesson at each meeting; have studied about the Telugus, and are now learning about the Mohanmedans. Have raised \$53 since their formation.

Paris.—The pioneer Mission Band of Ontario was organized in March, 1879, with 25 or 30 members. Since then they have steadily increased in numbers, till now they have 70 members. They meet the first Saturday in the month, the meetings being conducted by two ladies appointed by the Circle. They have their own Secretary and Treasurer, and the children take an active part in the meetings. They pay two cents a month.

Strathroy.—Mission Band of 30 members, organized March, 1883; consists only of those belonging to the junior classes.

Sarnia.—"Golden Mission Band," organized February, 1883; commenced with 18 members, and now numbers 46; meetings held regularly and very interesting. Each member pays 2c. a month.

Wingham.—"Willing Workers," organized September, 1882. No Circle in Wingham, but the Band is proving a great success. It numbers over 100 members, who meet once a month, and have just sent \$25 as their first half-yearly remittance for the support of a boy and girl in the mission schools.

Woodstock.—"Willing Workers," organized March, 1881; 21 members have raised about \$14.00.

Westover.—Westover Mission Band, organized in November, 1882, with 13 members. Mrs. B. Shaver says "I can always depend on the dear little children being present, and we have happy meetings. During the last year they raised \$3.40 by members' fees and \$2 by boxes. Total, \$5.40."

Boston.—Mission Band formed in August, 1883; 60 members; voted \$25 for the General Society, which was sent to Mr. Dadson, Treasurer. The Circle and Band of this place deserve honorable mention; although only formed very recently, they have already raised the sum of \$75.00.

Alexander St., Toronto.—Organized in September, 1880, by Miss Davies. Since her resignation, caused by removal to another place, the Band has been conducted by Miss Nellie Davies, assisted by Miss Bailie. Average attendance, 15; amount raised, \$20.30.

The Duties of Collectors.

BY M. A. NEWMAN.

In reading the report of our Telugu mission for 1882, together with the hopeful reports in the missionaries' letters this year, we are impressed with the great progress our missionaries are making in the foreign field.

Yes, our prayers are being answered, and the Lord is blessing the efforts that we and our missionaries have put forth, and has given us many souls from heathenism to Christianity.

Doubtless the question has arisen in the minds of many—How shall we, the home workers for the foreign field, grow also, that we may be enabled to meet the still increasing demand upon us for funds to carry on the work, and so keep rank with our fellow-workers who are actively engaged in personal efforts to bring in the heathen to Christ? Shall we be content to lag behind them, and so hinder the great work? Or shall we not rather strive to grow as they grow, that together we may be