

bandies overtake us when we push forward through Mandapam and Tallaguta to Tuni, reaching that place Saturday morning and spend our second Sunday in Tuni.

On Monday, by palankone, we see Satzivaram where we see Malakshmi and Rajana her husband, whom you know from Mr. Currie's letters, and Pakeerowpall where we see Ammana and her husband whom you also know.

Tuesday evening we started out into the region beyond Tuni seeing Nakapilli, Derrnasagarani, Elavaram, Nandur, Polavaram and other villages, reaching Tuni on our return Saturday midnight. I have crowded this into a single sentence, but you can fill it out in imagination for the country soon was wild and romantic enough to give full play to a poetic mind.

We spend a second Sunday in Tuni, preaching in the morning, commemorating the Lord's Supper in the afternoon, and baptizing five converts in the evening.

On Monday we meet the preachers, hear their reports, learn the state of their work, and find much that is encouraging. We see much more than we have written, but it may be that you are growing impatient, as we are ourselves, to get back to Samulcotta. We go at once, Monday evening, seeing Chinnia Palem on the way, and reach Samulcotta late Tuesday night after an absence of about twenty days.

We have travelled fast, made short halts, and have roughly taken in the country from Gokaram to Derrnasagarani, a stretch of about seventy miles, but our object was to see the whole of the part that had fallen to us before the hot season made touring undesirable; to find out the stations, the Christians, to learn the state of the work and find out its needs.

In doing this we passed fourteen nights in the bandy, not a very choice place for sleep, passed over roads describable and indescribable, moved through tiger regions, happily seeing no tigers, experienced some of the discomforts of bandy travel when the thermometer is about 90° at night, and made the acquaintance of a goodly temperature in the day having it 104° in tent, one day 105°, and in the Tuni bungalow over 100°.

But here we are in Samulcotta the 4th May, a first tour ended, a little knowledge gained, and pleased more than we can well express, that we have been permitted to do some work for the Master where workmen are so few.

J. R. STILLWELL.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Associational Meetings.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.—The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circles was held at East Flamboro on Friday, June 17th. After a short time spent in prayer, reports were heard from the Circles. In this Association there are 17 (English) churches. We have eleven Circles and seven Mission Bands. Ten Circles combine home and foreign work—one Circle, Georgetown, home work exclusively. During the year two Circles and three Bands have been organized. Ten Circles—no financial report was received from Fullerton—have raised for Foreign Missions \$164.79; Home Missions \$181.27; by Mission Bands since October over \$68.00. Total \$414.06.

A paper, "Loud Calls to go Forward," by Mrs. Weir, Guelph, was listened to with interest. The calls are (1) State of women in India; (2) Open doors; (3) Success attending present efforts; (4) Response to call by students. Miss McLaren, Belfountain, a paper speaking of our responsibility. God has given us talents to use, the talents with increase will he require. Mrs. Campbell and Miss Haines sang "Who will hear," with effect. Miss Warren, Acton, read a paper on "Life of Mrs. Emily C. Judson," drawing lessons for us from that beautiful life. We then heard Miss Tapscott, Brampton, on Mission-

Band work, speaking of the work that has been done and that may be done by this means. The questions of introducing the monthly missionary prayer meeting into our churches and a quarterly missionary Sunday into our Sunday Schools were discussed, and resolutions to use our influence in this direction were adopted. The question of taking up work amongst the North-west Indians was brought before us, and a feeling favorable to branching out in this direction was manifested. Mr. Davis spoke for a few minutes and distributed mission literature. The officers of last year were re-elected. Collection amounting to \$5.41 was taken.

M. MCKECHNIE, *Director*.

BRANT.—The fifth annual meeting of the Circles of the Brant Association was held at Westover, June 7th, Mrs. Hallam presiding. One new Circle has been organized at Park Church, Brantford. There are now eleven Home and Foreign Circles, six Bands, four for Foreign Missions only, two both Home and Foreign Circles and Bands have raised during the year \$890.63, an increase over last year of \$82.22. Though sixteen reports were read comparatively little time was occupied, as each secretary was asked to have her report on one side of half a sheet of note paper. This was an improvement on former meetings when so much time was taken up listening to long reports. The Circle and Band at Gobles, and the Gleaners of Brantford are the only ones reporting an average attendance of half the numbers at the monthly meetings. Dundas reports an increase of \$57.80 this year. Burch, with only eleven members, widely scattered, an increase of \$32.00. The Reapers (Boys) of First Church Brantford, raised \$60 during the year. A communication from Mrs. A. R. McMaster, regarding work among the Indians in the North-west was read. After a few remarks by Mrs. Hallam on the importance of this work, addresses were delivered by Mr. Davis and Rev. H. G. Fraser. Many expressed their pleasure at hearing Mr. Davis, saying they would take greater interest in his work after meeting him; and one aged sister when paying for the LINK said, "I am too feeble to go to the meetings but I want to hear about his work when he is in India."

Wednesday morning a special meeting was held in the vestry to re-organize the Circle, which for the past two years has reported two members only. Eight ladies having given in their names as members, officers were elected and collectors and committees appointed. Many helpful words were spoken by the delegates and before the close of the meeting seventeen names had been given in. We enter on another year of work, feeling greatly encouraged, hoping to report next June \$1,000 raised by the Circles and Bands of Brant Association for the work.

A. MOYLE, *Director*.

HURON.—The annual meeting of the W. B. H. and F. Mission Circles of the Huron Association met at Glamis on the afternoon of Thursday, the 16th ult., at 2.30 o'clock. The meeting was very largely attended, almost every available seat in the building being occupied. Mrs. J. C. McDonald, President, in the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, the reports of the different Circles were read, thirteen (13) in all. Financially they stood as follows: Amount raised for Home Missions, \$185.18; amount raised for Foreign Mission, \$232.11; amount raised from Mission Bands, \$68.72, making a total of \$486.01. Each report contained a statement of the amount of interest in missions, how sustained, also many questions and suggestions relative to the keeping up of interest. The Huron Association having decided to adopt the proposed new division of churches into associations, our Huron Association was thereby divided into two, namely: