

cases a little geography has been added." Of course we aim at something much better, but the difficulty is to secure it.

"The two schools in Cocanada, known as the Rachetapotta and Jagannaikpuram schools, receive a monthly grant of five rupees each from the municipal council. These are attended chiefly by heathen children, the teachers are Christians and are expected to produce an influence for good not only on the pupils, but also on their parents.

Mrs. Stillwell writes from the Tuni field. "We have not kept the village schools open very steadily, as we found it more profitable for the teachers to preach."

Samulcottia.—To this field we have given during the year \$970, but no report has reached us of the work.

In conclusion, while we thank God for another year's work in His service, we also thank Him for the valuable assistance given by our Circles and Bands; for our noble army of collectors who have gone from house to house gathering in small sums, the money so necessary to carry on the work, thereby not only helping on the Redeemer's kingdom, but, we trust, bringing a rich blessing to their own souls; for those women who have cheerfully given to the cause, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and for the hundreds of children belonging to the Bands who are in this way early learning the importance of missions.

The work grows year by year, yet how little we have accomplished in comparison to the fields waiting to be reaped. There are yet millions and millions who have not yet heard of Jesus the Saviour. Time is short, eternity is endless. "Let us go up at once and possess the land" for King Jesus, for in His might "we are well able to overcome it," and His promise still stands, "Lo, I am with you always."

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JANE BUCHAN.

News from the Circles.

PHILIPPSVILLE.—As we enjoy very much hearing from other Circles through the LINK, we think others would like to hear from us. Our Circle was organized last November, with nine members; now it numbers thirty-one, and I think I can safely say that the increase in membership has not been greater than the increase of interest in missions among us. We frequently hear some one say, How much good our Mission Circle has done

me. Miss Frith's visit to us did us all more good than I can tell. We held a public meeting the evening she was with us, September 28th; our pastor, Rev. C. E. Pines, in the chair. After singing, "Go ye into all the world," Miss Hannah Stevens read a report of what had been done during the year. We then listened to a paper from Mrs. Frank Knowlton, on "Woman's Mission." After singing "Labor on," Sarah White gave a reading, "What can we do?" Marion White a recitation, "How to do it"; and Miss Lawson, "The heathen woman's prayer." After singing "I'll tell it," Miss Frith gave us a very interesting and inspiring address, that made us feel more anxious than ever before to help in sending the Gospel to those who sit in darkness. Singing, "Church rallying song," then a recitation by Sybil Smith, and a short address by our president, Mrs. Broese. After the collection, amounting to \$7.26, the "Missionary Hymn" was sung. We have raised during the year about \$22, which has been nearly equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Eleven copies of the LINK are taken. The attendance of our monthly meetings averaged about fifteen during the year, which we think very good, considering that our members are scattered over a distance of seven miles. As we have no Mission Band, we take the little girls into our Circle, and it would do you all good to see how interested they are. We all feel thankful to God for the way He has led us and blessed us. In the little we have done for others, our own souls have been abundantly blessed, and we long to know more of the work and to do more for it. Oh, that God would awaken our sisters all over the land, to see and feel that they have something to do in carrying out the Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world."

Mrs. WHITE, *Cor. Sec.*

HAMILTON. It is with great pleasure I write to inform you of one more Mission Circle formed in this city, under the name of the "Victoria Ave. Church Mission Circle." The church has itself been one large Circle since its organization on January 1st, but only now have the ladies felt it possible to connect themselves with the Society in Canada. We held our first regular meeting on the 8th inst., and had a very enjoyable time, as we felt we had God's presence with us. We have twenty members on the roll, about half subscribing both for Foreign and Home Missions, the rest for Foreign alone; but we hope before long to have every lady not only a member of our Circle, but a subscriber for the LINK. As I said before, our little church has indeed been a Mission Church. God has honored us wonderfully. Already we have meetings in a part of Barton where there is no Gospel preached, and but two families of Christians. Also one of our number, Miss Hattie Turner, has gone forth to China, to tell of God's wondrous love, and at least five others are waiting the Lord's marching orders, and are preparing for the work. One of these has already been accepted by Rev. J. Hudson Taylor. Kindly pardon this lengthy communication, but being the first from our Circle, I thought I would like others to know of the Lord's doings among us. Time, space and perhaps your patience would all fail me, were I to tell of it all. Wishing you all success with words, until we can express it in a more tangible form.

GRACE B. TARBOR, *Sec.*

DURHAM.—The ladies of our church had organized a Mission Circle over a year ago, but there has been no Mission Band until this summer, when a few of us young girls met together and formed a Band, with Mrs. Moyle's help, electing the following officers:—*President*, Mrs. J.