

interesting and instructive lectures on the work in India, with illustrations of manners, customs, dress, etc., of the people. There is no better way of educating ourselves to the foreign side of the field. There are a number of well-prepared addresses in the course; all "too good to miss." I would advise all to correspond with Mr. Hallam and obtain the privilege. Also, there is an excellent missionary hymn book which I can supply at twenty-five cents.

M. K. FORBES.

PETROLA. The second annual meeting of our Mission Band was held in the Church on April 11th. After an entertainment, consisting of singing, recitations and dialogues by the children, the missionary boxes were opened, and much to the surprise and joy of all present, the contents amounted to over \$37. Altogether they have raised this year, \$50.50. This sum represents self-sacrifice on the part of the members. And to many of the parents, credit is due in helping to increase the missionary spirit in their children. Though we were formerly only a Foreign Mission Band we have decided to take up both home and foreign work, and to divide this amount accordingly. May we go forward to accomplish even greater things in the future than we have in the past.

DALENE DE ST. DAMAS, P.O.

New Circles

A Circle of "King's Daughters" was formed in January, 1889, at Tusket, N.S., for the purpose of educating a student in the Foreign Mission School, and for the promotion of missionary knowledge and zeal among the members.

In February they gave a missionary evening in the church, taking a collection amounting to \$4 10.

On April 1st they gave a nice box opening and social at the same time offering for sale a few reasonable articles—aprons, dusting caps, holders, etc. The evening netted \$6 25. They have now on hand \$21.

In a few weeks we hope to have prepared an evening with China and Chinese missions.

ST. CATHARINES. A Women's Missionary Circle was organized on Tuesday afternoon, May 1st, in connection with the new Baptist church in this city. We begin with a membership of ten, and a number of others have promised to join with us. Our prospects are encouraging and bright, and we are very hopeful for the future. The following are the officers: President Mrs. Phillmore; Vice-President Mrs. Putnam; Secretary Mrs. D. M. Walker; Treasurer, Edna; Miss Osborne; Treasurer, Home Mrs. J. McKelvy.

M. WALKER, Sec.

A Mission Circle was organized at Algonquin, Feb. 27th, by Miss Frith. We start out with fifteen members and the following officers: Mrs. McDonald, President; Mrs. Rufus Croop, Vice-President; Mrs. M. T. Earl, Treasurer; Addie Wright, Secretary.

TORONTO.—Mr. George Sale's Bible Class, in Jarvis Street Baptist church have organized, during the past week, a Missionary Society, to be known as the Timothy Mission Society, with the following officers: Mr. Geo. Sale, President; Mr. John Westren, Sec.; Mr. Geo. Radlen, Treas.

A Mission Circle was organized at the parsonage in Arkona on June 6th. Mrs. Black was appointed President and Miss Luzie Snelgh, Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Presents for the Telugus.

[It is proposed to send a box containing articles to be given as prizes to the students in the boarding schools. The following is a list of such things as will be suitable. Any Board or individual wishing to contribute can do so. Send to Mrs. McLaurin, at Woodstock, where the box will be packed. We hope that many will take advantage of the opportunity, and make a merry Christmas for the little Telugus.—Ed.]

There are not very many things we can send from this country to those whose needs and tastes are so few and simple, and so different from our own. Many things that are to us necessities of life, they would know no use for. However, they make their own clothes, both boys and girls. So sewing materials would be in order, needles, thimbles, scissors and cloth colored print best, for jackets and skirts—a yard for one of the former, 3 to 5 yards for skirts; colored handkerchiefs for the boys, and dolls, (common ones), dressed or undressed, for the girls, would be prized. Strong combs are useful; looped or blanked buttons for jackets, none but this kind are suitable, as they have to be removed for washing; half a dozen or more of a kind may be sent and there can hardly be too many of these. Paper, pencils and quill pens are common and cheap, in Canada. A couple of dozen or more of scribbling books for the older pupils would be nice, as well as steel pens and holders. Common pocket knives too, are much valued, and scraps of pretty creton, silk or plush, of which the girls could make themselves little bags, would make them happy. None have pockets in their clothes there; but all wear little bags fastened to the waist, colored pictures, especially Scripture prints of large size for hanging on their walls, are very nice; these need not be framed. Indeed they are very fond of pictures and learn a good deal from the right kind. So, if the Bands will prepare and send some picture scrap books they will be very welcome. A few crochet needles might be sent and a few English New Testaments or small Bibles; those of our people who can read English a little like to own one, but their number is small. Several of the Samulotta students are learning it. Common small looking glasses (though no larger than my envelope) are greatly prized by the girls; and plain workboxes as special rewards would be nice. The trouble is, unless they are very well made they come to pieces so soon.

I am, yours sincerely,

M. B. McLAURIN.

A Missionary Parable

In the Pacific Ocean there were long ago many empty spaces without any land; The ocean was blue and beautiful, but there was no eye to see it. The sun shone brightly, but no flowers or trees could grow beneath its rays. The seeds from other countries that fell into the water floated by, but there was no soil where they could stop to rest. The Master saw that if there were only some islands there might be lovely homes for men and animals.

"My little builders can do this," said He.

So He called for the coral insects, and told them to build three islands in one place, five in another, seven in another, and so on. The little workers were so taken by surprise that they popped their heads out of their windows and looked at each other in astonishment.

"We," they exclaimed, "We are not bigger than pin heads. We never could build one island, to say nothing of a whole oceanful."

"If the whales would only try it." A whale-work would amount to something," said the Astro.

"But the whales have their own work to do," said the Master Builder; "and if they came down here to make islands, who will keep the North Pacific free from sea weeds