

mother is a great improvement on many, many Telugu mothers I visit, for she has a native lady-like grace about her, and is not boisterous and rough generally. Chinnimah said she would get up at daybreak and do what work she had to do, if her mother would let her go to school. So the mother promised to send her regularly till Christmas, so as to get her Christmas present, and then she must leave school as she wanted to marry her soon after that. Days passed and she did not come to school, so I went to see the mother and asked that she might only come on Sunday mornings and she should have the same on Christmas as all the other children. As I talked of the love of Jesus, and how He would help us every day to bear our burdens if we only trusted in Him, the child's eyes were filled with tears. This did not escape the mother's gaze, and twice while I was talking she made an excuse to send the child into the house. However, she promised to send her on Sundays; but still she came not. In praying to the Lord to give her to us in some way, so that we could keep her under our influence till she was more established, I thought of offering her the post of conductress in the school. Had engaged a woman but she afterwards said she would not do it unless I gave more pay, and left. So we went again to Chinnimah's mother and told her that the teachers could no longer go to collect the girls in the mornings and I was about hiring a conductress for the school, and I would rather give the post to one of my school girls than to any other, and Chinnimah was the most suitable, and I would give it to her if the mother wished it and would send her regularly to bring the girls and stay herself in school. She was glad of the pay, so consented and for the last few days Chinnimah has been doing her work and joyfully coming to school.

In the Friday afternoon prayer-meeting with my school children, after the Christian girls had prayed, I asked if there were any others among them who wished to ask for a new heart. Chinnimah said she did, and knelt down before all her schoolmates and prayed, as did also Amelia our preacher's daughter, and our two boarding boys. Again yesterday morning in our Bible class she knelt with our two Christian girls and asked the Lord to bless all of our pupils and to convert the Brahmin teacher who is now very ill, and to soften the hearts of the parents of the other little girl in their class, who is kept away from school, so that she may come again to school and Bible-class.

So hard is it to keep girls in school after they get to be ten or eleven years old, for then they must be married, if this has not been attended to for them when they were younger.

We have had heavy rains for the last few days, after two weeks of hot dry weather, so I suppose the monsoon is on us, and after that the cool season, when it is much easier to work than in the months now past.

Will your readers not join with us in the prayer that ere the cool season closes we may have some joyful news to write for your prayers?

October 10th, 1887.

M. F. CHURCHILL.

THE WORK AT HOME.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.—Three new Circles have been organized during the year. Berean Foreign Circle. Jubilee for Home and Foreign, St. Thomas for Home. We are glad to report an increased interest, and some Circles have doubled their contributions this year. There are now twelve Circles and two Bands in the Association. The following is the amount raised by them during the year: Aylmer H.M., \$38; do. F.M., \$28; Bayham H.M.,

\$14.88; do. F.M., \$14.38; Berean F.M., \$8; Calton H.M., \$6.50; do. F.M., \$18; Fingal H.M., \$6.50; do. F.M., \$18; First Houghton F.M., \$73; Jubilee F.M., \$8.50; Iona H.M., \$15; do. F.M., \$14.50; Sparta H.M., \$5; do. F.M., \$13; St. Thomas H.M., \$52; do. F.M., \$71; do. M.B., \$31; amount raised by the Association for H.M., \$136.88; do. for F.M., \$308; Total, \$644.88. Aylmer M. B. not reported. St. Thomas Circles made two life members this year, Mrs. Morse in the Home and Mrs. Welter in the Foreign.

E. WELTER, *Assoc. Director.*

[This report came too late for last month.—Ed.]

New Circles.

FREELTON.—Mission Band organized by Mrs. Bracken. *Pres.*, Miss Burkholder; *Vice-Pres.*, Miss C. Johnstone.

1st. LOBO.—Home Mission Circle organized Nov. 9th. Officers: *Pres.*, Miss Janie Alway; *Sec.*, Mrs. H. P. Alway.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—Mission Band organized Oct. 17th. Takes the name of Willing Helpers. Meetings to be held weekly and a special meeting once a month. Membership nineteen.

WILKESPORT.—Mission Band organized in this place July 5th, 1887, with a membership of fourteen, numbers increasing. Not so healthy as it might be, but looking for an increase of interest.

PORT GEORGE, N. S.—W. M. A. Society organized in July last by Miss Porter. Number of members, fourteen. *Pres.*, Mrs. W. Slocomb; *Sec.*, Miss Julia L. Slocomb. *Treas.*, Miss Emma A. Slocomb.

PHILIPPSVILLE.—A Home and Foreign Circle was organized in September by Mrs. S. Sheldon. Although started with only nine members, and some of those quite young, yet it has a good out-look and a good mission spirit.

HELEN WHITE, *Cor.-Sec.*

MR. HANDY, N. S.—W. M. A. Society organized Aug. 21st, by Miss Clara Porter of Middleton, membership seventeen. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Joshua S. Miller; *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. D. H. Armstrong; *Sec.*, Miss Emma Brown. *Treas.*, Mrs. M. L. Morton.

BLENNHEIM.—Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized Nov. 30th, by Mrs. A. C. Baker, of Sarnia, twenty members. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Carey; *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. Wixon; *Treas.*, Mrs. Stevens; *Sec.*, Mrs. Beidle; *Solicitors*, Misses Miller, Pickering, Morgan and Smith.

CLAREMONT.—Our Band was organized on May 9th, with twenty-two members, we have now eighty-eight. We support a student in India. On Nov. 22nd, we had an entertainment which was a complete success, collection amounting to \$10.20. May the mission cause go on prospering.

B. C. BUNDY, *Sec.*

ERIN.—Home and Foreign Mission Circle was organized Nov. 9th by Mrs. Newman of Toronto, with a membership of seventeen. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Long; *Vice-Pres.*, Miss Aggie Scott; *Sec.*, Miss Lizzie Graham; *Treas.*, Miss Lizzie Lewis; *Solicitors*, Miss Sayes and Miss Sawyers. On the evening of the same day a very interesting and