

the last Quarterly Conference, sent a most hopeful and encouraging report. Had the unrepresented Societies only sent a written report and all the number in the three counties been heard from, we would have felt the circle complete. Perhaps the next meeting may accomplish this.

Again the sisters listened to a ladies quartette from the Oxford choir. The parts were well sustained, and the variety thus given the programme, greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Esterbrooks read a paper which had been secured for the meeting by Miss Blakeney on "The Savaras."

Miss de Praise's work for this interesting people, and their history and prospects were brought before the meeting in a clear and forceful manner.

Mission Bands next claimed our attention. Mrs. Smith, our devoted Provincial Treasurer, in earnest and impressive words, magnified this phase of W.M.A.S. work.

Her own experience has been a satisfactory one, and she said that Mission Bands afforded an opportunity for training our children for Christian work that we cannot afford to lose.

She pleads with any sister who had time and opportunity to embrace this opening for effective work for Christ.

Some discussion followed, questions were asked and opinions exchanged, and we hope some seed sown which may result in several new Bands.

The meeting closed with a hymn, and we separated feeling it was good to have been there.

#### WHAT ONE WOMAN HAS DONE FOR MISSIONS

Visitors to Florenceville East, N.B., has much enjoyed the opportunity of visiting Mrs. Hartley's large and interesting collection of curios. Readers of "*Among the Telugas*" will have noticed in Mr. Corey's report from Parla-Kimedi references to the Hartley schools. At the request of a friend, the relation that exists between the two, is given below by the energetic collector Mrs. A. D. Hartley, East Florenceville.

DEAR SISTER,

You have asked for my experience in mission work. Hoping it may prove an impetus for other sisters more favored than I in regard to both time and money, I willingly comply with your request. From childhood I was very fond of curios, and even when a girl had gathered a few specimens. After my marriage I was always

buying some queer specimen rather than the jewelry, fancy ribbons, etc., so dear to a young woman's heart.

For many years these articles accumulated until they were in almost every room. These were only seen by many friends who visited at our home; but gradually the desire arose in my heart to make them useful in God's cause. I had been a member of the W.M.A.S. eighteen years, and about ten years ago had made myself a life-member of the Union. Then Satan told me my work was accomplished for life. But after much consideration, I felt I could not become a drone in the hive of busy workers. I was much in prayer for guidance to do my Master's will.

One night after retiring, I was deeply impressed with the idea of collecting all these curios to make an exhibition for the public.

I arose, walked the floor, and prayed until after midnight. Then I promised God to do His bidding if wisdom should be given to direct, after which I retired and slept soundly.

In the morning I did not know just what to do, but my promise now had been given to God, and I dared not retreat one step. As the King's business required haste, in a few weeks, I had collected all these things, and placed them in a room just across the garden, up stairs.

There being a local drill which drew people to this part of our village. I sent tickets for admission (10) and in two weeks collected \$19. Next year I did likewise receiving \$22.88, each time removing articles back home. The third year, I consecrated this room and all its contents to God's service as long as life lasted, and now I wish it given to our Baptist denomination for an embryo museum, believing that it will become a mighty factor for pulling down the strongholds of satan in benighted lands.

For eight years, I have sent direct to Rev. H. Y. Corey, Parla-Kimedi, and have built two schools called the Hartley schools. I have had the privilege of supporting one native teacher K. Appama, now a minister of the Gospel.

My museum now has five departments, five rooms filled with specimens one thousand in number. For most of these I have earned the money doing fancy work, knitting, and selling produce from my garden. Some call this a hobby, but I call it God's business and much I enjoy the work.

If anyone should have even a small collection of curios, please try my plan and see what an expansion of soul God will give those who work