

of keeping them on his own field, where the need of helpers is great, but not so great as ours. Nursiah, the preacher, seems to be an earnest, hard working man, and comes well recommended for his Christian character.

Siamma, the preacher's wife, promises fair to make an excellent Bible woman. She is already a great help to me. I take her with me every morning when I go to school, but as there are so many opportunities for work all around, I think it best not to keep her in the school, but to send her out on to the veranda to talk to the women who come to look on and see what we are doing inside, or to the nearest house, to talk of the great Salvation to as many as she can get to listen to her, and she seems to be very well received. In the afternoons she goes out with me to my Zenana work, and visiting the women of the town. So far she has only gone to houses where I had visited before she came, but this afternoon I have sent her to some new houses, and will see what reception she meets with. Before starting she came in to see where I wished her to go. I had just written her name at the top of this page, and told her I was writing to you, and she said, "Send Ummah my salaams." As I have obtained a government grant for my school this year through the kind recommendation of the Inspector of Schools for this division, I shall not need for it *all* the good sisters at home have sent me this year, so I ask if I may be allowed to support this Bible woman from that fund, or would you rather send me something specially for her? If she continues as she has begun, she is well worthy of your support; and as the preacher gets but small wages, it is right, if we require *her* work that we give her a small salary too. I could not go out with her yesterday afternoon, so told her to go to the Velema houses where we went together last week, and she did not return till dusk, and then her face was all aglow because so many women had listened to her message well, but she said they all wanted the "Ummah" to come again soon.

I fear you are not going to send me a young lady this year. Before many years we will have to plead for another missionary to be sent to Bobbili, I expect, while we go home to recruit. It is a great pity for any of our stations to be left without a missionary, and the brethren at home should see to it that the mission is sufficiently manned to prevent this;—as in our Lord's time, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

We are counting the months till our new missionaries will be with us, and sincerely wish they were not coming alone.

Chicacole.

Miss Hammond, in a letter dated August 15th, says: "Herriamah and Papamah, my two Bible women, seem to be doing very good work, and they are also much interested in it. Both they and the colporteurs speak of an increased interest among the people, a more than usual willingness to hear. Only God can give the hearing ear and the understanding heart, and clothe the speaker's words with power that they may be felt."

REV. J. R. HUTCHINSON writes from London on Oct. 24th: "We have secured passage to Madras by Ducal line steamer sailing Nov. 8th." He reports being disappointed in not being able to secure passage through to Bimli direct. He expects it will be near Christmas when he reaches Chicacole.

I NEVER knew a child of God being bankrupted by his benevolence. What we keep we may lose, but what we give to Christ we are sure to keep.—*T. L. Cuyler.*

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

For an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the missionaries and native helpers—both men and women—in the Cocanada, Tuni and Akidu fields; that many souls may be added unto the Lord during the year 1882.

For the three Executive Boards of Ontario and Quebec; that the Holy Spirit may direct their actions, and that fervent zeal mingled with wisdom and discretion may be bestowed upon them.

NOTICE TO CIRCLES—AN EXCHANGE DRAWER.

The following manuscript papers have been kindly placed at our disposal for the use of the Circles. All who wish to avail themselves of these helps to circle meetings can do so by sending a postal card to Mrs. M. Freeland, P.O. Box 8, Yorkville, Ont., naming the paper requested, which must be *promptly returned*:

"Reasons why we should make the monthly meetings interesting, with some hints as to the best means of doing so," Mes. H. J. Rose; "Why we work," Miss Ida Fitch; "A day in the Cocanada Mission House," Mrs. McLaurin; "Women's work in Missions," Mrs. A. V. Timpany; "The condition of women in India," Mrs. J. Coutts; "Some facts and figures about our Society," Mrs. M. Freeland; "Sketch of the W. M. A. Societies of the Lower Provinces," Mrs. W. H. Porter.

MRS. W. F. ARMSTRONG'S visit to Ontario will long be remembered with gratitude and delight by those who had the privilege of meeting with this devoted servant of God. During the two weeks she spent in the Province, beside speaking both in the afternoon and evening at the annual meeting at Woodstock, she met with and addressed the sisters at London, St. Thomas, Toronto, Peterboro, Hamilton, and St. Catharines. To the Sunday Schools of Goble's Corner, Woodstock and Yorkville she also spoke of the work in India. The organization of three new circles was one direct and immediate result of her visit.

MR. AND MRS. McLAURIN expect to start on their journey to India about the 22nd of December. A meeting for the purpose of bidding them farewell will be held in the Woodstock church on the evening of Dec. 20th.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Foreign Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec, for the year 1881-82, was held in Olivet Baptist Church edifice, on Friday, 28th Oct., at 2 p.m.

The following brethren were elected by the Board as the Executive Committee for the current year, viz.:—Shenston, Raymond, W. Craig, T. D. Craig, Lawson, Campbell, and Coutts.

The Estimates for the year were then considered by the Board, and the following appropriations made:

Cocanada Field.....	\$2,760
Tuni Field.....	1,850
Akidu Field.....	2,150
Theological Seminary.....	2,250
Passage Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin.....	1,000

Total\$10,010