

their islands that they put a lovely fringe of red and white and pink coral around the edge. Shall we not learn a lesson from the smallest of God's creatures, and each one work in his place, carrying forward the Master Builder's great missionary work?"—*Leaflet by Miss Pollock.*

FRESHWATER.—Our Foreign Mission Circle is now in its fourth year. At our first meeting the attendance was seven, our present membership is sixteen. Four new members have been added this month. Mrs. A. McKee is our President. We have raised for foreign missions, \$66.77. This does not seem much for three years and a half. Since June, 1888, we have been supporting Rhoda, a Bible woman on the Cocanada field. We expect in the future to give annually \$25. We have been much encouraged by letters received from our missionaries. Have had two from Mrs. Hatch, one from Mr. Craig, and one from our own Bible woman.

I think there is nothing that will interest people in mission work so much, as to receive, personally, letters from the very heart of the work and from those engaged in it. Three of our members are not residents, sister Hodgson, of Ottawa, founded our Circle. She moved from here in October, 1887, but has ever since remained a member; she writes to our Circle almost every month. Her letters are full of interest and help us much. The Misses McDonald, of Ogemaw Co., Michigan, have joined us lately. We will occasionally have letters from these sisters to help make our meetings interesting. We keep our members at a distance posted in what our Circle does, and send them the letters from India. We never have any gatherings with the object of making money. We do not seem to have much faith in such things. The only entertainment we have is our anniversary. This annual gathering is held a few evenings after our delegates return from the Association. Our principal object in these meetings is to hear a report of the Associational Meetings from our delegates, to let the brethren of the church know what we have been doing during the year, and to spend a sociable evening together. We generally leave a plate on the table so that if any wish to help us they may.

Since Oct. 1887, we have united with the Wingham Circle in quarterly union meetings. We have both been profited by the intercourse. Had a pleasant afternoon in Wingham at the September meeting. For some time the members of the Greenock church have been wanting us to go there and help them to organize. We were very glad to be of use in this way. On Thanksgiving Day three of our members went to Greenock and formed a Home and Foreign Mission Circle of four members, there are only eight sisters in the church, it is expected the other four will join the Circle. We were delighted with the earnestness of these young sisters. We expect soon to hear of their forming a Mission Band in their Sunday School. We have been the recipients of one of Mr. Shenston's "Telugu Scrap Books," and are delighted with it. Some of us for years have been anxious to connect some mission work with our foreign, the majority thought it was not advisable. At our September meeting this fall three of us formed ourselves into a Home Mission Circle. We did not see that we could do anything towards helping the Women's Society, but determined to try and save for the General Society. We undertook the care of the church, thus saving the expense of keeping a sexton. We then asked the church to ask for \$25 less from the Board. The brethren were willing. Our Mission Band is in connection with the Sunday

School. Meetings are held the last Sabbath in each quarter. Some days the teachers take for the lesson, missions, at other times we have a programme of exercises for the children. At our last meeting the offerings amounted to \$6.93. Since the first of 1888 the Band has been supporting D. Peramma, a little girl in the Cocanada boarding school. Have sent to treasurer for this purpose \$25.

Mrs. Craig sent the children a good letter full of interest. What gave most pleasure was a letter from our own little girl, she was not able to write it herself so she dictated it and got one of the older scholars to write for her in the Telugu. Mrs. Craig sent us the letter and also the translation. D. Peramma is ten years old. We expect soon to get her photo. Although matters in connection with our church are dark at present, yet our auxiliaries are all encouraging and we hope all may be kept working.

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