

Christmas box and \$5.00 in money; \$10.00 has been given to the church, \$5.00 to Foreign and \$3.00 to Home Missions.

Kingston, First Church.—No report. Sent to Foreign Missions \$17.00.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Ottawa, First Church.—Since the day of meeting was changed to Sunday, this Band has trebled its membership. There are 77 members, but the number of visitors give them an average attendance of 89. Amount raised, \$52.00; \$30.00 sent to Foreign, \$17.00 to Home and \$5.00 to Grande Ligne Missions.

McPhail Memorial Church.—There is a flourishing Band, which meets on Sunday, under the direction of Mrs. Halkett. No report sent. Given to Grande Ligne, \$5.00; Home, \$5.00; Scandinavian, \$5.00.

Osquode.—This Band numbers 39. They meet the first Saturday of the month, and have raised \$27.50. A girl is supported at the Akidu school. Sent to Foreign, \$17.00; to Grande Ligne, \$5.00; Scandinavian, \$5.50.

Roxborough.—This is a small Band of 10, and they have sent \$1.70 to Foreign Missions.

Rockland.—The Band numbers 39. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$10.00. A student is supported at Akidu.

Winchester.—This Band, which was organized a year ago, has sent to Grande Ligne \$5.45.

Carleton Place.—This Band has sent to Foreign, \$4.00; Home, 50c.; Scandinavian, 50c.; Grande Ligne, \$1.00.

Osnabruck.—No report. Gave Home Missions \$5.00.

Kenmore.—In last July a Band was organized. They meet the second Sunday of the month, and some of the parents attend with their children.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Montreal.—Grace church Band has a membership of 70. A girl is supported at Akidu. Sent to Foreign, \$23.42; to Home Missions, \$10.00.

Montreal.—Olivet Band numbers 49. Two students at Akidu are supported, one of these being cared for by one family. Sent to Foreign, \$36.00; to Grande Ligne Mission, \$18.00.

Montreal.—A Band was organized at the Olivet Mission last April; membership 40. Amount collected \$2.00.

Montreal.—Point St. Charles Band has had no leader, and no meetings have been held. A leader has been secured and the Band will re-assemble this autumn.

Sauyerville.—This Band has a membership of 27. \$15.00 sent to Foreign and \$5.25 to Home Missions. A student at Akidu is supported, and a quilt and well-filled work-box sent to her this year.

Quebec City.—The Band in this church meets fortnightly, they number 39. A girl is supported at Akidu. Sent to Foreign, \$24.00; Home, \$6.00; Grande Ligne, \$5.00.

There are 23 Bands. Number of members reported, 523. Total amount raised, \$452.39. Sent to Foreign, \$287.12; Home, \$81.75; Grande Ligne, \$50.00; Scandinavian Missions, \$16.42.

Respectfully submitted,

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Montreal, October, 1898.

TUNI.

GODAVERY DISTRICT, INDIA, Mar. 21, '98.

To the Mission Band, Lakefield:

DEAR FRIENDS,—The return of a missionary to India is always a welcome event to the missionaries on the field,

for here every worker tells. Next to his return the coming of his boxes is watched for most eagerly. Every one is interested in that with an interest as keen as that with which the stocking is looked for at the happy Christmas time. For those boxes are in some slight measure the possession of all. In them will be the happy reminders of the love of the dear ones in the home land—a love we never valued so much as when 11,000 miles separates us.

It so happened that when the Craig's boxes came we missionaries were all in Cocanada attending Conference. You would have been interested in seeing that excited little group watching the opening of those wonderful boxes. No one could keep still. The excitement was much like that at one of your home Christmas trees only we were all children for the time being. As the treasures of those boxes were brought forth every one had to see every one else's treasures, and every one had to share in every one else's joy.

I don't think though that anything gave me as big a feeling about the heart as the receiving of the parcel from the Lakefield Mission Band. What a flood of happy memories that brought to mind! How I read and re-read those names! There was the name of good old deacon Garbutt, whose name stands as the synonym for Baptist hospitality in Lakefield, the Gordons, the MacDonalds, the Robsons, the Burgeas's, the Wallace's—but I can't commence to mention all, some new to me, but the most the names of old friends. How it brought fresh to my mind the happy year and a half spent at Lakefield, a year and a half that will always be among the happiest memories of my life.

But there were other messages also that your quilt whispered to us that made us very glad. Shall I tell you what they were? First of all it whispered that your Mission Band is still a live, active Band. Since I last saw you some of your band members have graduated into the Circle I suppose, but others have come in to take their places and your Band still lives and shows its life by activity.

Then it whispered to us that your Mission Band is a Band with a mission, that you meet together not merely to have a pleasant time, but to learn about missions and as far as you can help in the work of missions. Even before coming to India, I was always interested in the Mission Bands, but since coming to this land I have become convinced that there is no agency doing better work in our home churches for missions than the Mission Bands which have this object before them. By them our boys and girls are learning of missions, and it is only as we know of missions we can be interested in missions, and it is only as we are interested in missions we can pray for missions, and it is only as we pray for missions we will give to missions, and it is only as we pray for and give to missions that Christ's kingdom will come in this world.

And as your quilt whispered yet another message to us and it was that your Band is interested in the great work of Foreign Missions. I say "great work." If you were only here you would say that word wasn't big enough to express it. It is a tremendous work. If I were to commence to tell you of the millions upon millions to whom we have to carry the Gospel message, you would get little idea of it. Let me tell you just about our own work in this Tunji district. Our field extends from the north to south about 45 miles, and from the Sea on the east back into the hills about 40 miles. Scattered over this area there are about 250 villages, with populations