

He accepted a copy of the New Testament and began to read it most earnestly.

It is said that the native pastors of India have increased in the past nine years, ninety per cent.

One of the evangelists connected with the Free Church Mission in Calcutta, who is laboring among educated Hindus, writes to the *Free Church Monthly*, giving very interesting and encouraging facts, showing that there is a real movement toward Christianity among them.

FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

AMHERST STILL TO THE FRONT.

A sister writes: "The day before our regular meeting this month one of our brethren, Mr. Nelson Forest, called, and handed me fifty dollars for the F. M. treasury. Twenty-five dollars was to constitute Mrs. Forest a life member of our union; and twenty-five was towards Mrs. Archibald's work in Chicacole. At the meeting next day the certificate of life membership was presented to our sister, and proved a delightful surprise, as she had had no intimation of her husband's intentions. No wonder that the votes of thanks passed at that meeting were deeply earnest and prayerful. Should not our Amherst sisters work with extra diligence in order that their thanks for these gifts may take a practical form?"

Glad news comes from River Hebert, Cum. Co. The president writes: "We have had such good meetings in our society lately, and prayer has been answered, not only for the Telugus, but for those at home. One of the members of the M. Band at River Hebert has yielded her heart to the Saviour, and is in active service for Him. The sisters who were at the Co. Convention at River Hebert last year will remember how earnest were the prayers for the conversion of the members of this Band.

VEDDORE, HALIFAX COUNTY, N. S. -Our Mission Band (Shining Star) was organized April 1st, taking in the whole Sunday-school, consisting of fifty, and we are expecting more as soon as the roads get better, for some have to walk a distance of two and a half miles. We have from the little tot three years old, up to the young men and women of eighteen and twenty; also fathers and mothers. Our officers are: President, Miss Drusilla Mitchell; Vice-President, Miss Prudence Mitchell; Secretary, Avery Hill; Assistant Secretary, Gay Mitchell; Treasurer, Miss Lottie Jennix. A sick committee of six; committee of management twelve. We think our Band will prove a source of much good. It has been something we have been looking forward to for sometime, and now we are very happy in the work; our boys and girls are all so willing to work that it is pleasant helping them. A number belong to the Church, and I hope that while we learn the heathen's need of a Saviour that others will see their soul's need and take Him as their guide through life. For the benefit of other Bands it might be well for us to speak of the conducting of our meetings. We hold our meetings the last Sabbath in every month, after our S. School lesson is over. We open our M. B. meeting by singing a suitable hymn, read-

ing a few appropriate verses from the Bible and prayer; a few minutes are spent in prayer or a few earnest words from any brother or sister, then our secretary calls the roll, each answering to their name by quoting a Bible promise, then a short time is spent in recitations and singing, after which instruction is given on our missionaries, their work and their fields. We also have a subject for each meeting, each one bringing an appropriate verse. When taking the collection we all repeat a verse on giving; surely the learning of these precious verses cannot fail in doing good to our dear boys and girls. We intend holding a concert at the end of every three months, and also intend observing Crusade day this summer. The Band motto for the year is "India's boys and girls for Christ."

Mrs. J. W. MITCHELL.

A convention of the W. M. A. Societies of York and Sunbury Counties was held at Fredericton, N. B., March 9th, beginning at 3.30 p.m., Mrs. C. Spurdon, president of Fredericton society, occupied the chair. After a short devotional service, verbal reports from societies were given. Gibson, Mactaquach, Marysville and Mangerville were represented. The presence of our returned missionary, Mrs. Churchill, added greatly to the interest of the meeting. All enjoyed listening to one who has been so long engaged in missionary work on the foreign field. At the close of the afternoon session tea was served in an adjoining room for all who wished to remain. The evening service was held in the vestry. There was a large attendance. Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Churchill and Rev. J. W. Manning, Sec. Treas. Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Churchill also exhibited several of the Telugu costumes. A dialogue was well rendered by Misses McNally, Cliff and Wiley. A collection was taken, amounting to \$11.55. This is the first W. M. A. convention of the societies of these counties. The effort has proved successful. The meetings were helpful and inspiring, and will, it is hoped, give a new impetus to missionary work in this section of the province.

E. L. ESTEV, Sec.

AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER OF THE W.B.M.U. FOR QUARTER ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1894.

	F.M.	H.M.	TOTAL.
Received from Nova Scotia.....	\$544 86	\$162 86	\$707 72
" " " M.B.....	138 07	4 50	142 57
" " " S.S.....	8 07	14 41	22 48
" " New Brunswick.....	364 55	69 92	434 47
" " " M.B.....	66 90	5 00	71 90
" " P. E. Island.....	54 73	12 20	66 93
" " Sale of reports.....			9 42
" " " Tidings".....			2 50
			<u>\$1,457 99</u>

Paid J. W. Manning, Treas. F.M.B.....	\$1,675 00
" H. E. Sharpe, Treas. N.W.B.....	200 00
" A. Cohoon, Treas. H.M.B.....	125 00
" J. Richards, Treas. G.L.M.....	50 00