

most of our Bands there are some who are not Christians, is there not a great work that might be done just here. The Secretary would be glad to have reports of this kind from other Bands. From Middlesex and Lambton, Niagara, Peterboro' and Walkerton Associations, all the Bands sent in reports.

Four Bands have been re-organized during the year, namely, Fonthill, Belleville, Listowel, Toronto Junction. Eight new Bands have been added to the list, Homedale, Brantford; Herkimer St., Hamilton; Wyoming, Jr.; Charlotteville Centre; Pine Grove; Bracebridge (Young Ladies); Meaford and Bailieboro'. Two of these are in Norfolk Association, the others are each one in a different Association, showing that the growth is distributed. Strathroy and Tilsonburg report no Bands now.

When filling in the forms to be returned to the Director, and later to the Secretary, where a student is supported, state whether belonging to Cocanada or Samulcotta school, as from the name alone one cannot tell of which sex the student is.

Last year 33 Cocanada students were supported by Bands and individuals, and 40 at Samulcotta. The new list lately received from Samulcotta, shows that a great number of these have left, and many new names have been added. Bands or individuals wishing to support students in these schools, can be supplied with a name by applying to the Secretary. Several Bands report having made quilts and sent boxes of clothing, etc., to needy Home Mission fields, and others are preparing boxes for the Foreign field. Eight or ten Bands have sent money for the famine fund, others again have given to local causes.

Mrs. W. G. Rickhart has been made a life-member of the Foreign Missionary Society, Mission Bands, by Maitland St. Band, London. No life-membership in the Home Society this year. Number of Bands reporting to Home Mission Treasurer, 77; amount received, \$400.78. Number of Bands reporting to Foreign Mission Treasurer, 106; amount received, \$1,040.15.

MABEL STARR,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

MAITLAND ST. BAPTIST MISSION BAND, LONDON.—We have been so much helped by learning through the reports of other Bands what is being done for the Lord in their centres, that we in turn send out our report with the prayer that others may receive help from ours as we have from theirs.

We have a membership of 67. This includes not children and young people only, but many of the older members of our church also.

Our meetings are held every alternate Thursday at 8 p. m. and after the Sabbath-school on the second Sabbath of each month. At our evening meetings work is carried on while someone gives a talk or a reading on some missionary subject. At present, however, we are

taking up a series of lessons on Missions, beginning at home and extending to the foreign fields. At many of our Sabbath meetings we have Missionaries personally represented by members of the Band. This we enjoy very much, as it brings us into closer touch with Mission work than addresses do.

During our past year—Apr. 1, 1896, to Mar. 31, 1897—we have raised \$44.52. We have a membership fee of 2c. per month. Last September we held a Mission Band Harvest Home at which was taken up a free will offering in aid of Missions. Before Christmas we held a Sale of articles suitable for gifts at that season.

Of the above sum, \$22 went to the Foreign Mission work, \$9 to the Home Field and \$5 to Grande Ligne. A bale containing 24 yards of new rag carpet, a number of quilts, clothing, literature, and toys, was sent to a Home missionary and his family. A text quilt was also made and given to the General Hospital of this city. Also 30 comfort bags and 7 literature bags sent to the Welland canal mission.

S. M., President.

GHATHAM.—“Earnest Workers.”—This Band has forty-six members and was reorganized Oct. 31st last, with President, Mrs. S. C. Walker; Vice-Presidents, Misses Sloan and Oldershaw; Treasurer, Miss Beatrice Burton; Secretaries, Misses M. H. Reeve and Jessie Houston. Having undertaken the support of Sampara Davidson, at Simulcotta Seminary, Cocanada, the Band gave a very successful concert on the evening of April 15th. A sale of fancy articles, the work of the members of the Band, helped to swell the proceeds, which netted \$19. The ladies Mission Box sent away last Christmas contained a good supply of scrap-books, dolls, besides a good quilt contributed by the Band. We are engaged on another quilt at present. We are going to have a “Social Evening” soon, when the mite-boxes which were distributed among the members will be brought in and opened. All our meetings are well attended by an interested membership.

MABEL H. REEVE, Secretary.

STUDENTS.—The following is a list of the students who were supported, who have left Samulcotta Seminary. Those who formerly supported them please take notice:

Karu Sanyasi,	Pata Lazarus,
Pantokan Golliah,	Katuri Davanandam,
Kunuguri Philemon,	Chavala Daniel,
Pukkalla Samuel,	Maggam Ramaswami,
Edla Abraham,	Vinukoti Vuggia,
Arla Suriah,	Darise Yesudam.

MABEL STARR, Sec.

Dear Readers of the LINK:—

The Yellamanchili Boys' Boarding School has been open for the last ten months, with an average attendance of twenty. The boys moved into their new building near the mission bungalow on the 1st September. School, before this, had been held in the Chapel, three-quarters of a mile away; but we always felt the boys were too far away from the compound to be well looked after. It has been so much easier and so much more satisfactory having them near.

We have had less sickness and less of that ever present itch, during the past year than before. This, we think, in great measure, due to the systematic work the boys have