

was with us. This expedition was as wretched as the previous one had been enjoyable. In the one case I went to welcome new-comers with vigorous bodies, in the other I went to say farewell to those who were in weakness and illness, leaving India to save their lives. On the 12th I went on a steam-launch, and the sea was calm. On the 19th we had to go in a sail-boat, and the sea was rough. We were three hours and a half on the way to the steamer. First Miss Gibson became dreadfully seasick, then Mrs. Auvache, then Mr. Auvache and, lastly, I succumbed. After we reached the side of the steamer Mr. Auvache fainted, being the only one who could help him, I tried to do so, but my own sickness forced me to leave him hastily. One of the ship's officers came to our boat and the baby was handed up to another one on the steamer's deck. Then Mr. Auvache and afterwards Mrs. Auvache were taken on board by means of a kind of chair fastened to the crane—hoisted up like a bale of cotton, and drawn in with a rope. As for Miss Gibson and myself we were only too glad to see our boat turn to the land as the wind was fair for going back. At 8.30 P.M. we were once more on shore, having had an experience not soon to be forgotten.

Before this I should have said that on Monday the 14th there was a pleasant welcome meeting, and on Thursday the 17th there was a farewell meeting, both given by the English Baptist church. An address was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Auvache and with it several copies of a photograph of the Timpany Memorial building, in which a large company of church members, school-children and missionaries is seen in the foreground. Bro. Auvache has taken such a deep interest in the Timpany Memorial school that no more appropriate gift could have been selected. I am sure that he and Mrs. Auvache have the prayers of all our fellow-workers at home.

I am out on a tour of the Akidu field at present. Yesterday I heard that Miss Alexander had reached Madras last Sunday. We like to see recruits coming, it is the going that is painful. But I must stop. Thirty-two (32) were baptized on this field in September and twenty-five (25) have been baptized on this tour. We expect many more soon. Farewell!

9th Dec., 1887.

JOHN CRAIG

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### Leaflets, Books and the "Link."

After several efforts to supply the Circles with literature needful to make their meetings useful and interesting, it was arranged at the last annual gathering that the President of the Board, 401 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, should, for the sum of twenty-five cents enclosed to her at any time, supply the best mission leaflets published so far as the money would go. She is happy to say that if the demand is a success the plan is a good one. Then, Circles get more than the worth of their money and we get more than the worth of the leaflets. If this seems a somewhat intricate problem we will try to solve it all right at the end of the year. Meanwhile we hope that the little missives are making our heads wiser, our hearts better, and our hands stronger for the greatest work that was ever entrusted to human care. But the leaflets are not all that is needed to deepen and widen our interest in missions. The MISSIONARY LINK with its monthly news from the field abroad and Circles at home, its readable items of instruction from the past and present, all are needed by every one in every family. Then, more than

these, there is at Port Hope, established by Mr. Craig, a Circulating Library of the best missionary books, that, we understand, does not circulate at all as it should. These books can be had for a reading on application to Mrs. Wm. Craig, at the cost only of postage. It is certainly cheap enough and a most beneficent arrangement, the wonder is that there is ever a book left in the library. We subjoin a list of the books which we hope the readers of the LINK will carefully preserve and never rest satisfied until the whole list is finished and a call given for more.

M. A. CANTLE.

1. Pagoda Shadows.
2. Missionary Sketches.
3. Rambles in Mission Fields.
4. From Darkness to Light.
5. Our Gold Mine.
6. Heroines of the Mission Field.
7. Day Dawn in Dark Places.
8. Alfred Saker.
9. Around the World.
10. Mission Life in Greece and Palestine.
11. Work on the Congo River
12. Our Eastern Sisters
13. Self Giving.
14. Prize Essay on Missions.
15. Every-day Life in India.
21. Decennial Missionary Conference
22. Hindu Women.
23. Fortune's Wheel.

## New Circles.

The Band reported as organized at Dartmouth, N. S., last month, should have been "re-organized."

First Houghton, Mission Band organized Dec. 18th. Naine, Willing Workers. Officers: *Pres.*, Miss A. Stevens; *1st Vice-Pres.*, Miss A. Haskins; *2nd Vice-Pres.*, Miss A. Smith; *Sec.*, Miss W. Raymond; *Treas.*, Miss H. Brown. Number at present, thirty-three.

## News from the Circles.

### Jeddore Light Station.

As there has not been anything published in your columns concerning the doings and progress of our Mission Circle, we will try to furnish you with a few words which may be the means of encouraging our sister circles.

A few words, a small effort, sometimes though spoken in weakness may be the means of doing much good for the Master, for whom we are all working. Our Mission Circle, organized in August 1886, by Mrs. Miller, wife of Rev. E. S. Miller, is still progressing favorably; starting with eighteen members and numbering at the present time thirty-eight. Our meetings are held alternately at Upper and Lower Jeddore. In consequence of the distance between the two places (being over three miles), the sisters cannot attend regularly though they often travel the distance. Our meetings are very interesting realizing the presence of the Master. We have some aged sisters among us, whose presence we feel a blessing and also an encouragement. Before the mission circle started here we knew very little about the condition of the heathen and our interest in them was small, but we are thankful to-day that our Father in Heaven has seen