

The June Association meetings, three in number were held, or the work of Association reported in the general Association of churches.

We report with gratitude that all appropriations for the year are now fully paid.

This Society has been privileged to extend fraternal greetings to the Presbyterian and Congregational Women's Societies at their annual meetings, and rejoice in their success.

Mrs. Macdonnell, late of Montreal, now of the Maritime Provinces, was accepted as a Life Member at our last annual meeting, and since then the Circle at Gananoque have made their esteemed President, Miss Graham, one. While rejoicing over an increased Life Membership, two of those who have had the interests of this Society greatly at heart have been called to fuller life in the presence of our Lord, viz., Mrs. Gordon, wife of the Rev. Dr. John Gordon, of Philadelphia, U.S., a former President of this Society, and Mrs. Munn, of Sawyerville, who for the past seventeen years has been the Secretary of the Grove Hill Circle.

#### GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, AKIDE.

Mrs. Gray reports: "During the past year, we have had an attendance of thirty-three girls in the boarding department, but two of them taught the junior classes in the school, while a third attended only the Bible and sewing classes and spent the rest of her time in domestic duties. Of the remaining thirty, two were in the Fourth Standard, eight in the Third, seven in the Second, five in the First and eight in the Infant Standard. At the close of the term a week was spent in examining them for promotion, when all in the Infant Standard, except Rosamma, three in the First and all in the Second, passed. I examined the Third Standard because they were so anxious for an examination, but the Third and Fourth Standard must pass the Government Inspectors' examination in December before they are promoted, now that the school has been placed under Government inspection. Gataba Milca and Jangam Martha missed their examination, as they went home before school closed, on account of illness. Three little girls in the Infant Standard, Susanna, Karbamma and Dharmavati, obtained perfect marks, in all the compulsory subjects and the Bible Catechism, and Dharmavati was also perfect in sewing. In the Second Standard Karatari Mary was first in the compulsory subjects, Tumiti Sundramma in Bible and sewing. The sewing in the Third Standard also deserves special mention.

Of the girls who formed the Fourth Standard a year ago, Taudu Dharmavati, and Kolagani Lydia attended Miss Baskerville's school during the past year. Karatari Annamma was married in October, and Gatha Milcah and Kokkeragadda Maramma taught the junior classes in our school. We have had many changes in teachers during the year, so that the pupils have not made the progress they should; as head-master we have had two supplies until January, when Gaddam Tumpatayya came. He was with us till May, and proved himself a good teacher, but he was suddenly called to his reward, and then Epuri Martha, from the Seminary, filled his place as best she could, until school closed. Milcah taught her classes throughout the year, but Maramma was married in March, and then her classes were taken by Mary, the pastor's wife, for a month till Kolagani came from Cocanada. The domestic arrangements and sewing classes were looked after by Mrs. Smith, the matron, as before. On account of having to devote more time to my little boy's lessons, I had only two Scripture lessons daily, but examined the others occasionally to see how they were getting on. The books studied were as heretofore, except that the Third Standard read "Mark" and "Genesis," instead of the "Life of Christ." The weekly prayer meeting for the girls and female teachers was kept up throughout the year. On December 1st Bandulu Mary, Tumiti Sandramma, and Tadipalli Esther were baptized, and in January, while we were in Cocanada, the matron united with the English

Church there, she had formerly been connected with the Church of England. Several were very anxious to be baptized during the hot weather, but we thought it advisable for them to wait a while longer. The health of the girls was not quite so good during the past year, Esther was absent for a month with small-pox, and during the hot season several were ill, two of the little girls; Milcah and Martha, I kept at the mission house for three weeks, where I could look after their food and medicine. When they were better, they went to their own homes as they were not strong enough to go to school.

#### TUMI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Mrs. Garside reports: "I am anxious to let you know since the school opened on June 1st, '93, till it was dismissed for a few weeks holidays on Feb. 8th, '94, the little ones for whom so many of the home friends work and pray, have studied and played away these long eight months.

"To begin with, health and happiness have been the order of the day, for no illness or trying naughtiness has come to cause anxiety or require discipline. Besides the usual lessons, action song singing has been taught, and the little ones now sing and act very prettily; several of them so that the fair skinned Brahman Inspector that examined the school last Saturday (Feb. 3) exclaimed more than once "excellent!" and after a four hours' examination of the scholars, promoted every child, besides most of the day pupils. It is not necessary for me to say that this speaks well for the teachers. But I do think that our little Hindu children come to school with a determination to do their very best, that might even be a worthy example for some fairer children of a cooler climate.

"The Fourth Standard girls went up to a special examination last December, held in the town—the Primary Examination—and G. Sanyasia, one of the three, passed completely, and could now be taken as a teacher, if needed. She is an exceedingly clever girl, very tall for the little women of the land, and came to us when this school was first opened, five years ago, a thin-limbed, large headed child, whom if you saw to-day you would call very graceful and sometimes even pretty. At home the mothers of many daughters have often to straighten back slowly rounding shoulders, and explain that the small of the back was not made to sit on, but here, where every dark skinned daughter, in the cool of the morning and again in the evening, takes the empty pitcher upon the shoulder down to the well, to return with it full to the lip, steadily poised upon her head, these very painful motherly pokes are not required, and it is the exception to see anything but an erect and beautiful carriage.

"Since November two of the little girls have been asking for baptism. After some months of waiting, B. Mursama was baptized, but it was thought best that Ruth Laura should wait."

After speaking of Mr. Garside's illness, necessitating their return home; of the parting with the school girls; and thankfulness to God who had given them six happy years of work in India, she concludes: "After we leave, the school will again be opened by Miss Rogers, who has kindly consented to take it during our absence. I need not say that from her they will receive all the care and attention that a mother can give her child."

#### BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK.

These reports are full of interest, giving as they do, many accounts of particular cases in their visits from house to house, too many to give in their entirety; but I will take a few to show the difficulties and encouragements of the work.

Miss Peggs writes: "In recording the work done during the past few months, we have cause to thank God for much that is encouraging and hopeful.

"The number of houses that we visit regularly remains