

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

In the February issue of the "Link" appeared an editorial on "The Constitution," general and introductory in character. It was intended that following this, the Circle Constitution should be discussed first, and the Society Constitution afterwards. On account of the possibility of some changes being made in the Circle Constitution in the near future, the article or articles on the Society Constitution will appear first, beginning in the May issue. By the time we have dealt with these, the Circle Constitution will probably have been amended, and the editorials on it will be able to give to the Link readers what, if adopted, will be the latest word on our methods of work.

A small booklet, entitled "Questions and Answers" about our work in India, has just been issued by the Literature Committee of the Women's Board for the use of Mission Bands. The material was selected from contributions of Miss Hatch and Miss Ryerse, and it is put together in a most interesting and instructive form. It ought to prove of great assistance in the education of Bands. The copies may be obtained from Mrs. Moor, 517 Markham St., Toronto, at 5 cents per copy, or 50 cents per dozen.

The extracts which follow are from the half-yearly reports of Miss Beggs, Miss Gibson and Miss Philips, our three Zenana workers in the City of Cocanada.

Miss Beggs: "We are beginning to get into some of the 'better homes' now, and some of the native gentlemen seem to be interested in the work, as some of them are asking us to teach their wives the Bible, and allowing them to subscribe for the 'Vivekavati.' This is very cheering, as I always thought, if only the husbands and brothers can be interested on the side of Christianity, there is more hope for the poor, weak

women, who seem so unable to stand alone.

"Dear Maseenamma, who is now trusting in the Lord, when we first visited her a few years back, we thought her inattentive; she did not seem at all interested in the reading, for she used often to leave us and go into an inner room to attend to her cooking, etc., but God did not leave her alone. He sent her different trials for her to bear, and latterly we found a great change in her and she seemed to be interested in all we said, and would ask us to tell her more of the love of Christ, and visit her oftener. One day we asked her if she could remember anything of what had been read before. She repeated a few Bible stories, and then said: 'You thought I was not listening to you, but I heard all you said.' And now it seems all that she had formerly heard came again to her with a fresh force, and in her darkness she found Him who is the Light of the world. Ever since that time she has openly and consistently followed Him in her own home. She says she longs to confess Him more openly, but at present this is not possible, and she is prayerfully waiting for God to open the way for her."

Miss Gibson: "The subjects spoken of in our visits, have been those that I felt were special messages to those who have been long hearing the Gospel, and need to be brought to a decision,— 'Mary at the feet of Jesus'; 'The Rich Young Man's Foolish Choice'; and the great question 'Whom do ye say that I am?' In answer to this last question, they would invariably answer, 'He is God.' No great honor in this country, where there are 333,000,000 gods worshipped. When asked what are the gods these people serve, all will answer without hesitation, 'They are stocks and stones.' Then 'why do you worship them?' I ask. 'For want of something better,' they say.