

of the leading characters and events of the Old Testament. Will not the Montreal Sunday Schools help me in this?

In one village a crowd of outcast children bothered me so much that I could do nothing among the older people; so turning my attention upon the children, I had them sit down upon the ground and taught them to sing the first two commandments and was surprised to find the most troublesome of them really bright and thirsting for knowledge. One boy smoothed the sand before him and begged me to teach him to write the alphabet. He said he had to be in the fields all day but would I not send someone to teach them in the evenings. Several boys joined him in this request. I felt a great love for them in spite of their dirt and the jostling they gave me. Yours in the service—ANNIE C. MURRAY.

Cocanada—Miss Folsom writes from the Timpany Memorial School, that they now have the largest number of boarders they ever had, and says: "There has been an earnest spirit of inquiry among them, and the daily Bible lessons have been thoughtfully studied. Six boarding-girls, two day-scholars and our head mistress have been baptized and have joined the Church."

Others seemed ready for baptism, but their parents would not give their consent. Since the baptism another dear little girl has confessed Christ and I am looking for others still to come.

"Mr. Smith has given us excellent sermons, and has labored very faithfully among his flock. We rejoice over those who have come out into the light, but our hearts yearn over some who seem hardening themselves against the truth. Do pray that they too may yield themselves to Christ. . . . Miss Corning is doing a grand work among our girls, and is conducting prayers in Telugu for our servants, daily. They have become very much interested and have committed the Lord's Prayer and about a dozen texts to memory. One of them professed Christ in baptism about a month ago. One of our girls assists Miss Corning and has become quite anxious to do Christian work among the Telegus. She has a good knowledge of the language. . . . Some of our young converts have more than usual character and push about them, and if spared, will I believe, amount to something some day."

"Our Sunday School numbers over 50 pupils, Miss Robinson very kindly comes down and teaches the Bible class for us, and her teaching is much appreciated."

Our Work at Home.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

CANADA CENTRAL.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands was held at Almonte, June 15th, in The St. John's Presbyterian Church, kindly given for the occasion.

The morning session opened with devotional exercises—led by a visitor, Miss Wanistanley, of Salem, Oregon—and carried us to the feet of our wise Counsellor for guidance in the business of the day.

Our president, Mrs. Frith, was in the chair, and Mrs. W. S. Robertson was appointed Recording Secretary. An address of welcome from the Almonte sisters was read by Miss Berryman, to which Mrs. Moulton heartily responded.

Our president's address was short and pointed, giving us "*perseverance*" as our motto for the coming year. She spoke of the difficulties in the work; but to remember "The harder the task the greater the need of perseverance."

Perseverance in personal work—Interesting others and so winning them for missions, and this, not in just the few, "*But all at it and always at it,*" would solve the problem of getting a greater interest in, and larger attendance at, our meetings. She spoke also of perseverance in prayer, and quoted several passages bearing on this subject.

Next came the Roll Call and we were pleased to have so many respond. The letters from the

different Circles and Bands were then read. The total Circle offerings for the year were \$817.29, being 41 cents less than the previous year. Of this amount \$234.23 was given to Home Missions, \$401.31 to Foreign Missions, \$113.75 to Grande Ligne, \$63.00 to Manitoba and North West, and \$5.00 to the Bolivia Mission.

The Mission Band Secretary, Miss Thompson, of Carleton Place, read her encouraging report; 13 Bands responded. Total membership, 427; contributions \$243.91, for the year, showing an increase of both membership and contributions. The excellencies of our little papers, *The Link* and *Visitors* were dwelt upon by several delegates who almost made us believe, by introducing these papers into our homes, we were entertaining angels unawares. A letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary of the B. W. F. M. society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, telling of the work done, and sending greetings.

The opening of the Question Drawer followed. Sister Belle, of Ottawa, ably conducted this part of the programme making it interesting and helpful. A Nominating Committee was appointed, who recommended the following: officers for the ensuing year—President, Mrs. P. A. McEwen, Carleton Place; Vice-President, Mrs. Emmet, Brockville; Directors, Mrs. J. L. Kellock, Perth Superintendent of Mission Bands, Miss Thompson, Carleton Place. On motion