

after the opening hymn and prayer, rendered the following programme:—Hymn, "Help a Little," (Gospel in all Lands.) Recitation, "The Two Mites." Recitation, "The Contribution Box." Song, "Clap your hands for joy," (Song Treasury.) Dialogue, "The Happy Workers." Recitation, "The Missionary Doll." Music, "The Song of the Bee," (Songs for Little Folks.) Colloquy, "The Missionary Clock," (Mission Band Portfolio.) Recitation, "The Silver Plate." Duett and Chorus, "Do the Children know of Jesus?" (Songs for Little Folks.) Essay, By the Secretary. Song, "Christian Defenders," (Song Treasury.) Recitation, "Missionary Music." Dialogue, "The World God's Field," (M.B.P.) Duett. Colloquy, "What's the Use?" Solo, "Missionary Colloquy." The collection, taken up by seven little boys, amounted to \$14.25, which makes \$37.10, raised by our Band since last October.

SARAH BAKER, Secy.

GASPEREAUX—Mrs. M. Freeman writes, "I know you will be glad to hear, that a Woman's Mission Aid Society was formed in Gaspereaux, on Tuesday, 4th May. Our dear Missionary, Mrs. Sanford was present, and made the occasion one of much interest. Although we organized with a mere handful we do not feel at all discouraged—there is plenty of room for growth. Will not our sisters of other Societies pray that this may be the case, and that the "fruits of righteousness," which shall be the result, may be found long after our Society, and the charming valley in which it is situated shall have passed away."

Ottawa Ladies F. M. Circle.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1886

Our Circle of to-day consists of the President, Mrs. Mc Diarmid; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Avery and Link; Treasurer, Mrs. Blackader; Sec., Miss Jamieson, and upwards of sixty members, which when we look back and think of the few who constituted our Circle at its organization, in Jan. of 1878, ought surely to encourage us still to strive to deepen in our own and other hearts the interest in Missions and Missionaries, knowing well that when the heart is full it is sure to flow forth in fruitful action.

The meetings of the Circle are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, from 3 to 4 p.m., and have been of special interest during the past. Much of this we feel is due to the quiet tact and able management of our worthy president.

The routine of the meeting is; 1st. A short prayer-meeting, after which the regular business of the Circle is proceeded with, then letters, if any, from the Missionaries are read, also interesting items of missionary information, bearing on the work at home and abroad, and anything else that will tend to make us see clearly the most efficient method of using our resources. The books left by Mr. Craig have been found very helpful, and a portion of "Kept for the Master's use," by F. Havergal, is read at each meeting.

Since one of our own number, Miss Frith, sailed in 1882 for India, we feel as though we women had really some part in the work of spreading the knowledge of our Saviour.

Miss Frith has worked in India as she did in Canada, always hopeful and if met by discouragements and disappointments, looking on the bright side. She has three

assistants, Mrs. DeBeau, her sister Miss Charlotte Gibson, and Ellen the native Bible Woman.

At present Miss Frith resides in the Mission house, Cocanada, and her helpers at their own homes in the city, but as the missionaries lately sent out by the Board have gone to live there it is found that it will be necessary to build another house at once.

Over two years ago the Sunday School scholars organized a Mission Band. Its meetings are well attended, and we believe have served to foster a true missionary spirit among the children. The money raised by the band is divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions, that devoted to the latter object being sufficient to support a native student at Samulcotta Seminary. Mr. McLaurin gives a very encouraging report of his Christian life. She says, "You would be pleased with him could you see and know him, he is a happy consistent Christian."

Our paper the CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK is also another source of comfort and encouragement, it has increased largely in size and interest and continues doing a good work, and its monthly advent is eagerly looked for in many homes, while its perusal cannot fail to lead to renewed earnestness and consecration. How our hearts thrill as we follow in its pages the steps of our noble missionaries, and hear of one falling on the field, worn out in the strife with paganism, and then coming back to our own land watch the kindling enthusiasm in the hearts of Mr. Stillwell and Mr. Auvaiche, which at last led to their devoting themselves to the mission cause in far off Telugu land. What sympathy we feel while listening to Mr. Auvaiche, as he says cheerfully, yet with a sigh, "Its 11,000 miles from home, and here every mile is a mile." And as we read of Mr. McLaurin, whose health for some time past has been a subject for grave anxiety, and who, though continuing somewhat better when last heard from, is still in need of rest, which he feels he has no time to take, as the new missionaries are not ready to fill his place for of course they have the language yet to learn, but when we remember all this and think of these devoted missionaries thus fainting and falling neath the burden and heat of the day, how we should strive as never before to put forth every effort to give them the hearty support and encouragement they so much need. We cannot all take our lives in our hands and go forth to heathen lands, but by continued and systematic giving, and earnest prayer we can strengthen and uphold the hands of those who do go.

At present we have ten Missionaries in the Telegu land, and when we go back some years and note the progress made, surely all will admit that our work has not been in vain. Mr. McKay, writing in the *Baptist* on the subject of Telegu Mission, sums up thus: "In Feb. 1836, there was not to our knowledge a single Telugu who knew Jesus Christ as a Saviour, now in Feb. 1886, there are over 29,000," and we have helped to bring this about so let us take courage sisters and go on!

Those of you who were present at the very interesting missionary meeting, which took place on the eve of Mr. Auvaiche's departure for India, and listened to his soul stirring speech, will surely never forget how real and urgent seemed the needs of our missionaries in that large an interesting field of nearly 18 million souls.

Mr. Timpany said, "God is giving, and going to give us the Telugus just as fast as we can take care of them." Do not then let us be found wanting in the doing of our part. The field is already white to the harvest, will not every woman here present join with us in helping on the glorious gathering in, and so doing be found worthy of the honor of being fellow-workers together with God.