

but six miles an hour. The horse was tired and I walked. The road is old and good; trees have been planted all along on both sides, Palmyra palms and banyans, the latter spreading out their branches forty and fifty feet in every direction. The banyans also drop down branches every five or six feet along the limbs with a little bunch of roots on the bottom ready to take hold of the soil and begin a new trunk. Thus they walk out over the plains. At 11 p.m. we had made eighteen miles, and 'put up for the night at a government bungalow. Here we found our quarters rather warm for comfort, it being 94° in our sleeping room. The day following was long and dreary, with excessive heat, but night came at last and we were off for another stage of our journey. Our horse soon tired and we hired six coolies to pull the carriage through to Tuni. Here we met Mr. Stillwell and spent the night in the new bungalow. We found it a comfortable building, well laid out, a good home for a missionary. The next morning we attended chapel service conducted by brother Stillwell, and met a few of the Tuni Christians. As we listened to brother Stillwell we longed to be able to speak to the Telugus in their own tongue as he was doing. I attempted a conversation in broken sentences and with signs, and soon learned that the life and labors of our departed brother Curry were not forgotten. "Christ first," they said, "and then Mr. Curry. Everybody loved him, even the unconverted heathen wept when he died." Next evening we were off again. This time, Mrs. Davis was carried in a palanquin and I came behind on the horse, or, at times, on foot. For hours together we were treated to the weird music of "The Bear's Song." It reminded me very much of the groaning of the camels on the Suez Canal.

When we came in sight of the sea, the phosphorus was glistening on the billows; and, as the cool breeze blew into our faces, a new energy came with it, and a renewed determination to get the language of this people. Here we will remain until the back of the hot season is broken, having 10° lower temperature than at Cocanada.

The Telugus from the village surround our home day after day, and, as we walk out in the evening, we are always followed by forty or fifty natives. It is all Telugu now, and we hope it may soak into our minds as water into a sponge.

J. E. DAVIS.

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THE WORK AT HOME.

Extract from Private Letter from Mrs Craig to Miss Buchan.

Many of our girls are now doing good work—some as teachers and some as Bible women. Minnie, Chinnamma, Miriam, Roda and Rebecca are doing Bible work, and Tamar will probably begin next month; Nancy and Elizabeth and some on the Akidu field are teaching, and some others will be when the students go back to the Seminary in July. As far as I can find out, the majority of our girls have turned out well, and only a very few have been a disgrace to the school.

The young lady who is coming out to take charge of the school will find plenty to do, if she is fond of girls and of teaching. If I were single, I think I should enjoy just such work, and as it is, I shall have charge of our school at Akidu, and have to do what I did here before the Matron came. Since we have had her, the girls have had far more care and attention than ever before. She has two Bible classes and a sewing class every day, besides looking after them generally.

Toronto Association Mission Circles.

The meeting of the Mission Circles of the Toronto Association was held in Barrie, Wednesday 20th. The Circles were well represented, and the time allotted for the meeting, though short was well spent. Mrs. Castle presided, and to her efficiency in the chair the success of the meeting was in a great measure due.

After Miss Norman of Newmarket had read a psalm, and Mrs. Scott of Barrie had offered prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Then followed the reading of the letters of the Circles. These reports show a growing interest in missions. The Ossington Avenue report is very favorable. The church has about thirty female members, and of these twenty-five belong to the Circle.

Mrs. Pease, of Beverly Street, gave a stirring address on Home Missions.

Mrs. Castle, of Jarvis Street, followed with an interesting and instructive paper on Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Lillie, of Jarvis Street, read a beautiful poem.

Mrs. Wells, of Bloor Street, spoke a few minutes on missions in Sunday School.

These exercises were interspersed with singing led by Mrs. Cooper, of Barrie.

Mrs. Bingham, wife of Rev. Mr. Bingham, was called upon to say a few words. She spoke of the work in Bracebridge as being very encouraging.

Then followed the discussion of questions proposed by different persons in the audience.

It was resolved to send greetings to Mrs. Drake and to our missionary Miss Hatch. Before closing the meeting a Circle was formed in Barrie.

The Association meets next year in Markham, and Mrs. Castle was appointed presiding officer.

Women's Circles of the Whitby and Lindsay Association.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1888.

The Circles of the Whitby and Lindsay Association met this afternoon at 3 p.m., in the vestry of the Baptist Church, at Fenelon Falls. Mr. J. F. Barker, of Whitby, occupied the chair and conducted the opening exercises.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. The annual report was read, and with one alteration, adopted. The report is as follows:

There are in this Association twenty churches. In eleven of these, Circles have been organized, and in three of them, children's Missions Bands. The Bands are at Claremont, Whitby and Lindsay; that at Lindsay having been organized during the past year.

The Circle at Goodwood has contributed to foreign missions only, while the one at Whitby has sent its funds to be used in the home mission cause. The remaining eight contribute to both home and foreign missions. The Circle at Uxbridge has not reported. The amount raised through the Circles this year for home missions is \$107.17½; for foreign missions, \$115.66½. The three Bands have raised \$97.89, making a total of \$320.73. Owing to removals the membership of the Circles does not increase, but all report that they hope to have an increase of zeal, and that what they do may help to spread the glad news of the gospel of salvation.

After the reports were read, Mrs. Barker was unanimously appointed Director of the Association for the coming year. A Circle was then organized at Fenelon Falls, with a charter membership of fifteen.

In the evening the women's platform meeting was held.