

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the little folks who read this paper).

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—This is a very rainy day, and reminds me of a Missionary story I found for you some weeks ago. A lady in Halifax saw it too, and kindly copied it to print in our "Corner." Once a little girl named Mary, who loved Jesus very much, because He first loved her, went to see the minister with some money for the Missionaries. On counting it over, he found eighteen shillings. Wondering how such a little girl had saved all this money, he asked Mary if it was her own.

"Yes, sir, I earned it all myself," was her reply. The kind minister asked her to tell him all about it, and this was little Mary's story:—"When I knew that Jesus, my Saviour, had died for me, that He might forgive all my sins, and take me to His happy home, I wanted to do something for Him, and I heard you say that money was needed to send this good news to the heathen. I had none of my very own, so wanted to earn it. I thought over many ways, then remembered that there were many washerwomen who would buy soft water, so I got all the pails I could find; every rainy day these were all filled with soft water. I have been selling this water for a whole year, sir, and that is how I got the money."

The minister was very much pleased with the little girl's loving, patient work for Jesus, and said, "Now I will put down your name, my dear, as one of our Missionary subscribers."

"Oh, no, sir! Not my name!" said little Mary. "Please, sir, I had rather nobody knew but Jesus." If you must write something down by the money, just call it "Rain from Heaven."

I think the dear Saviour would say of little Mary as He said of another Mary, long ago, "She hath done what she could." That little sentence means a great deal. Can it be said of you and me?

Another letter "Sister Belle" received this month made her very glad. A young lady in Buckingham, Quebec, commenced taking the LINK this year. She says, "After reading about other Mission Bands, the Lord put it in my heart to start one here. It was organized the last Friday in April. We meet once a month, and each member pays a penny a month. Eighteen boys and girls are members now. We expect several more to join us at the next meeting. Two were appointed to read pieces about Missions. There was a very good feeling in the meeting. The people here are mostly Roman Catholics." May God bless this Mission Band, and help its members to be shining lights for Jesus.

I am always very glad to see that any of the money in the Treasurer's Report (in our LINK, month by month, is from some of my little friends. Can you guess why? I think that God is answering my prayer, and blessing our "Corner." Good bye for another month.

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Mission Band Reports.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Mrs. McLaurin sends the following:—Our Band held its first annual meeting on the 7th of May. From the report of the Secretary, which is before me, I find that there are twenty-three members, and that the Band raised during the year \$12.85; enough to support a girl in the Mission School for seven or eight months. The Band has met regularly, during the past

year, on the last Saturday afternoon of each month. The officers for the second year are:—President, Miss Trotter; Vice-President, Rhodia Woodard; Secretary-Treasurer, Gertie Trotter; Collectors, Edith Schofield and Priscilla Whitehead.

The exercises for the annual meeting, which was an open one, were furnished by the members of the Band; and consisted of two dialogues, a recitation, a reading, an essay and music.

The Band feel hopeful and encouraged and love their missionary work better than when they began.

"EASTERN LIGHT" MISSION BAND, FARMINGTON, N. S.—In our letter of February we spoke of having commenced a Mission Band, and also of intending to hold a Fancy Sale. Accordingly on Wednesday evening, April 27th, we gave an entertainment consisting of recitations and dialogues, of a missionary character, interspersed with music. The latter part of the evening was occupied with selling fancy articles that we had made during the winter.

We realized \$14.74. This, with what we had previously on hand, will enable us to support a little Telugu child for one year. We have written to Miss Hammond to arrange this for us. At the last meeting of our Band we had the addition of six new members. We now number 21.

I. McG., Secretary.

May 11th, 1881

REV. E. H. BICKERSTETH, author of "Yesterday, Today and Forever," has given \$5,000 to begin a mission among the Bhils in Central India.

SINCE the organization of the Telugu Mission at Ongole, India, Rev. J. E. Clough says that 15,796 have united with it.

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Dundas, \$10; Tompkins's Grove, \$6.50; Jarvis street, \$6.40; Peterboro, \$15.20; Aylmer, \$3.50; College Street, 3.25; Total from Circles, \$44.85.

Special contributions—Mrs. Ranney, Saltford, \$6; Yorkville Infant Class, \$1.15; Legacy by the late Miss Robertson, of Thorold, \$20. Total, \$27.15. Total receipts, \$72.

The amount given by the Yorkville Infant Class, is for Mr. Tompkins's bell; 37 cents of it are the savings of "a dear little cripple girl, who has recently died sweetly trusting in Jesus." The rest was given by the little ones—a copper or a penny at a time, out of their own money, and brought to school wrapped in a piece of paper apart from the usual collection.

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