school in Cocanada in the early days of the mission. Then he was rather a wild boy, now has been married, and farming for years. He never however, quite lost his desire to be a preacher, and at his earnest request is now here under preperation for gospel work. His is the dullest woman we have—cannot read and cannot—I had almost said—learn. However, Martha is making mighty attempts at it, and if she keeps on will doubtless some day win the distinction of being able to read a book!

Rapakeular Ducarkadass.—Is one of the most prompt and capable boys in the school. He learns easily and recites fluently, does well, anything he puts his hand or mind to. He is a well grown youth of 16 or so, and is already well advanced as a scholar. His walk has been consistent since he was baptised a few years ago, but he will need special grate to withstand an unchristian father's influence, who we fear, may want him to aspire to something higher (?) than mission work. He says his desire is to preach the gospel. The Band which takes Ducarkadass must pray for him that he be kept true to this purpose.

Dhalavai Dovadaas.—Came lately from Rangoon. His father is a preacher in the American Baptist Mission there. This is their native soil, and the family will likely make their home here. D. is a nice looking gentlemanly boy about 17, is a good scholar and a good Christian. We very much hope he will remain on this side the Bay and become a worker in our mission.

Morta Cornelius.—Is 14 I presume (they never know their own age, Christian parents now a days, if they can write and have a Bible, enter the date of their children's birth) and is just as bright and sharp as you would care to have a boy. He is industrious, learns rapidly, and can use well what he knows. He is rather small for his age, good looking, a great singer and a good boy. He comes from one of our good, solid Christian families.

Palipa Ramaswony.—Is a new boy from Mr. Craig's field, is 13 or so, has a brother Luke Sera who is a protage of the Parliament Street S. S. Toronto. R. is smilling round faced boy who is giving his teachers good satisfaction in every way. He is not so quick as some but what he knows he knows.

Thurruli Isaac.—Is not a stupid boy exactly, yet it would be i possible to praise him, conscientiously, as a student. However, he is only a beginner and young at that. He may jet, as some of the at first unpromising ones have done before, surprise us by developing an amount of intellect of which we do not now suspect him.

Baarapill Samuel.—Comes from a distant part of the Akidu field, he is a grown youth of manly size and bearing. Is fair in color and a quiet, steady, good fellow. He is doing very well at his studies.

Nakka David.—Is the least of the 7 Davids in the school. We receive no student under 13 years of age, so he must be that at least. He came in October and is only beginning to show what is in him. At first he just worried along with his lessons and gave most of his attention to having a good time. It having been borne in upon him (by sundry ways and means) that to be a student in the Seminary means work, he is now conducting himself more in accordance with that fact. And these are all. They think it very fine and delightful thing to be cared for personally by you far away friends who not having seen, yet love them, and this exhibition of your interest helps them, I think, to realize God's love towards them. We will be glad soon to have the pleasure of telling them that they are all taken up for M. B. McL.

Samulcotta, 15th January, 1886.

THE WORK AT HOME.

DEAR LINK,—The first thing to be done this month is to correct what I said in my last letter with regard to the Mission Band in Grenville Street Church, Halifax. Instead of twenty-five dollars (25.00) for Foreign Missions, with which I credited them, they had sent in to the treasury #fty dollars (5000). The Mission Band will please excuso the mistake this time.

The quarterly meeting of the Women's Aid Societies of Halifax and Dartmouth met with the North Church on the first Tuesday of this month. We had hoped to have had Sister Churchill with us, but were disappointed, the meeting however was a very interesting one, and we trust brought honour to the Lord of Missions. Letters from our missionaries reported all well, and full of work. Miss Wright appears to be steadily improving in health, though the heat still affects her, but in time she hopes to conquer this.

The secretary of the Central Board read a letter from the secretary of the W. M. A. Society of Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co. stating that their society had met monthly during the past year whenever the weather had permitted, the meetings had always been interesting and profitable; those who had attended regularly expressed a renewed and increased interest in mission work. One new member had been added during added during the year, four removed. The present membership was sixteen, and the amount collected during the year \$8.25. Is not what our sister says true of all our societies, it is the regular attendants whose interest in missions is "renewed and increased." The old promise is still good, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

From Mrs. Archibald, secretary of the W. M. A. Society of the North Church, Halifax, we have the following report: "On Monday evening, 1st February, we had a very interesting missionary entertainment under the auspices of our W. M. A. Society. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill were with us, and exhibited a number of curiosities; Mr. Churchill interested the audience for nearly an hour in describing the use of each article, and also gave a great deal of information on the life and customs of the Telugus. Four of our young people were diessed in native costume, Mrs. Churchill describing the dress of each. A missionary dialogue was given, some of the characters being dressed in the costume of the natives. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill sang, in Telugu, and several missionary hymns were sung by the choir during the evening. One striking feature was the beautiful needle work shewn us, which had been done by the men of India, while the poor degraded women were perhaps standing in the water planting rice. Oh that the cay may be hastened when our dark-browed sisters may be elevated to at least an equality with their fathers, husbands and brothers."

Some of your readers will be interested in reading Mrs. Manning's half yearly financial statement of our Women's Missionary Union for these provinces, it is as follows:

Received		Nova Scotia		
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From Mi	ssion .	Bands and S. Schools. , .	\$929 \$128	

Total for 1st and 2nd quarters..... \$1057 96

The following persons have been constituted life members during the past quarter—Mrs. J. E. Goucher, Truro; Mrs. Lyman J. Walker, Truro; Mrs. D. Green, Windsor; Mrs. M. W. Williams, Wolfville; Mrs. Josiah Lingley,