

top of the head, and a circle at the back. He said if they did not carefully attend to the naming, they feared the baby would die. I spoke to him about the Christian religion; and he said he had heard the Bobbili Dora preaching about it in Saloor. He appeared to have an intelligent idea of the fundamental truths, but superstition and ignorance reigned in his heart.

Water is conducted artificially on either side of the steps, from the temple to the foot of the hill. There are pools, ponds, and spouts from which it falls in silvery showers twelve or fifteen feet. It bubbles out of the mouth of a little stone idol and curls around the feet of larger ones as happily as a civilized Canadian brook flows between its green banks. At the foot of the hill is a very good bungalow, belonging to the Maha Rajah, and some extensive but poorly-kept rose gardens, which rise one above the other in seven terraces. From here a native frequently brought in beautiful roses, and we tried to repay him by teaching him the truth. I had a class on Sunday afternoons and found in this man an attentive listener. He has been to see us since our return; brought three large bunches of roses, and said he was trying to put away his heathen customs, that he believed in Jesus and desired to serve Him.

Now I am at work again in the school and visiting in the town, and find that my friends among the shepherd people are glad to see me back. Some of them were up to see me married, but it is a matter of surprise to them that the Dora gave me no jewellery except a ring. One woman asked me yesterday if I did not intend to put any ornaments in my nose or ears.

In one house was an old blind woman, all alone. She said she had been blind four years. Listened attentively as I told her about Jesus, and her first question was, "if I stop worshipping idols and believe on the Saviour, will my 'sight come back?" I could only tell her that it would when she went to heaven, but if she did not serve Jesus she never could go where He was.

Sincerely yours,

CARRIE HAMMOND ARCHIBALD.

Bimlipatam, Dec 12, 1883.

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### Ontario and Quebec.

WOMEN'S BAP. FOR. MISS. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

*A Corresponding Secretary for Mission Bands.*

Will the Secretaries of Mission Bands, and all those who are interested in this branch of the work, please take notice that at the last meeting of the Central Board, a new officer was appointed, a Mission Band Secretary, who will attend exclusively to all business connected with Bands? Mrs E. W. Dadson has kindly consented to take charge of this department, so that from this time any one desirous of obtaining information about anything relating to Bands will please apply to her. Secretaries are also requested to notify her either when a new Band is formed, or where from any cause, one has been given up. Her address is, MRS. E. W. DADSON, 16 Glen Road, Toronto.

#### BOARD MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Central Board was held on Friday afternoon, January 11th.

The Corresponding Secretary reported one circle formed since October, at Springfield, and Bands organized at Springfield, Guelph and Whitevale.

A letter was received from Miss Frith, giving encouraging reports of her work. It was moved by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Castle, that Miss Frith be authorized to engage a Urasian lady to assist her in her labor.—Carried.

Mrs. E. W. Dadson was appointed to take charge of the Bands as "Mission Band Secretary."

E. DENOVAN, *Rec. Secy.*

#### THE MEMORIAL TO THE QUEEN.

Mrs. Rose sends the following communication for publication:—

OTTAWA, 10th Jan'y, 1884.

*Madam*.—With reference to the subject of your letter of 18th October last, transmitting a memorial to Her Majesty the Queen, on the subject of Child Marriage in India, I have the honour to acquaint you for the information of the memorialists, that a despatch has been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying the information that the memorial in question will be duly laid before the Queen.

I have the honour to be, madam,

Your obedient servant,

G. POWELL,

*Under Secretary of State.*

MRS. H. J. ROSE,

*Sec. of Wom. Bap. For. Miss. Soc. of Ontario, Toronto.*

PARIS, ONTARIO.—The annual meeting of the W. F. M. Circle, in connection with the Baptist Church, was held on Monday evening the 10th of December, and was well attended. The beloved pastor of the church occupied the chair, and after making a few happy remarks, called upon the Secretary to read her report, which was a very satisfactory one, and showed that the Circle had succeeded in raising during the year, \$99.55. This in connection with \$34.13, collected by the Band, amounts to \$133.68. After the business was attended to, Miss King gave a very appropriate recitation, followed by most excellent addresses by Revds. R. Lennie, of Dundas, S. S. Bates, of Goble's Corners, and Jas. Ballantyne, of the Presbyterian Church. Tea was served in the vestry at six o'clock to members of the Circle and other friends. The meeting throughout was a most successful one.

A. V. S. DADSON, *Sec.*

#### ONE MORE MISSION BAND.

OTTAWA.—A mission band, called the "Cheerful Gleaners," was organized here the 12th of January. There were 46 present, and \$1.22 was collected. We have organized as a temperance mission band, and have appointed a committee who will induce all those who attend to take the pledge. The money given will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Our Sunday-school gave nearly \$60 to Samulcotta Seminary last year, the collection of the first Sunday in every month being devoted to that object.

B. M. MEADOWS, *Sec.*

MAKE the best use of what you have, and then you may look to the Lord with confidence for more. In the path of duty God promises His special protection; He will keep us safe and bless us.