

how satisfied they are with their own religion, and when we speak of Jesus they say they believe in Him too, that He was a prophet, but they will not acknowledge Him as their Saviour and their Lord."

A very interesting case from *Miss Gibson's* report is as follows:—

"A woman whom I mentioned in my former report as confessing faith in the Saviour, is still true. I first visited her some two years ago, a confirmed opium eater, taking it twice a day. She testifies now to the power of Christ in setting her free from this powerful habit. She professes to keep the Sabbath, making no purchases on that day. She listens gladly to the word of God, her soul appearing to feed on the truth. During the rains she was much exposed to the wet, owing to the unkindness of her husband who would fain see her dead, but she told me she trusted in God, her Father, and continued in prayer during the trying time, and how God heard her and made provision for her. She often repeats that verse, 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' The thought of the suffering of Christ brings the tears to her eyes, and she said that the thought of His sufferings helped her to bear her's without murmuring. When reading to her about the Last Supper and speaking of the ordinance as observed by Christians, she begged that I would bring her a crumb from the Lord's Supper, that she might thus remember His death. When told, however, that baptism comes first, she said, that she is waiting for the Lord to open the way to her. She herself is ready. She needs our prayers in this thing, that she may be willing to give up all to follow the Saviour in His own appointed way."

Mrs. DeBeauvoir writes

"One day as I was leaving a house, and the woman was assuring me that she believed more in me and what I taught her, I said, you must believe in the Lord. I tell you about a girl playing in the yard said, 'Jesus Christ is the one you must believe in.' I looked with surprise at the girl, and then found that she had been to our caste girl's Sunday school. This same woman got into an argument with a man about the sun not being a god, and need not be worshipped as such; she had read in her third reader the truth, and now she made use of it. The man told her she was a stubborn widow to talk so."

"I find the greatest difficulty to convince these people that they have a soul capable of enjoying God and living with Him forever, and that they are responsible to secure this for themselves. They believe to a great extent that we cannot retain our soul, we cannot be responsible for it after it has left our bodies. When will the darkness be taken from their minds and the light break in?"

N. E. GREEN.

Unselfish love is the only thing that can be truly great.

Work at Home.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

ST. CATHARINES. — A most successful thank-offering service, under the auspices of the Mission Circle of the Queen Street Baptist Church, was held on Thursday, evening, March 21st. There was a large attendance, and a choice programme of readings, recitations and music appropriate to a missionary meeting was thoroughly enjoyed. The envelopes were opened, and found to contain choice texts of Scripture, as well as a substantial offering for missions. \$26.50 was received. This amount was divided between Home and Foreign missions.

Mrs. JESSIE GIBSON, Pres.

BRANTFORD, FIRST CHURCH. — On Thursday, March 7th, a most successful gathering of the Brantford Circles was held in the First Baptist Church. The afternoon meeting was largely of an impromptu character, with no set programme, the time was occupied with prayer, short addresses, a letter from our own Miss McLeod, the rehearsal of some mission incidents, the reading of an extract, Scripture quotation and singing. We warmly commend this style of meeting to those who have never tried it. Fully eighty ladies remained and partook with us of a plain tea. At eight o'clock our large basement was filled to listen to one of the finest programmes ever presented at our union meetings. We were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Emerson, of Onondaga, who read a most interesting and carefully prepared paper on Thibet—the last of the nations to open up to the Gospel. Mrs. Cline, of Paris, held the audience between smiles and tears, as with brief, graphic touches she gave "The autobiography of an autograph quilt." Well appreciated solos were given by Mrs. (Rev.) Banton and Miss Davidson.

It was a very great pleasure to have with us Aylmer's new pastor, the Rev. C. H. Kimball. For almost an hour he thrilled the large audience with his earnest, powerful utterances. Evidently gospel missions lie very near his heart. The collection amounted to \$31, while many regretted that they had not come prepared with a larger offering—a regret in which we sympathised. A number of gentlemen, in impromptu speeches at the close, testified to their appreciation of the meeting and the great good arising from union Circle meetings. The universal verdict—the best meeting yet. Next!

ST. THOMAS. — On Wednesday afternoon, March 20th, the Women's Mission Circle of Centre St. Baptist church, St. Thomas, held their annual business meeting in the church. Owing to the change of time in Convention, it was thought advisable to have an election of officers: