

formed a Women's Foreign Mission Circle in connection with the Dominionville Church. We met the first Wednesday in April and formed a Circle of ten members, and I fully expect quite a number of the sisters who could not be present at that time, will unite with us at our next meeting. * * * I feel confident that the Circle will be of great profit to ourselves, in deepening our interest in the perishing heathen, as well as in enabling us to do something to aid those who have sacrificed so much in order to make known a Saviour's love to those who have no knowledge of Jesus. We all feel the necessity of having a deep interest in this great and noble work, and of having our sympathies enlarged."

WHITEVALE, ONT.—It may be interesting to all who are engaged in mission work, to learn that the ladies of this Circle have not been contented with merely giving their dollar per year; but resolved to make one of their number a life member. The resolution took effect in the following manner: busy fingers went to work, and quickly a mission quilt was completed, from which we realized the sum of \$20.15. The president was made the happy recipient of the quilt. Not being weary in well doing, on the evening of the 6th of March, we held an open meeting with very pleasing results. The programme consisted of music, addresses, readings, and a missionary colloquy. The entertainment was conducted wholly by ladies. A silver collection was taken at the door, which amounted to \$10.75. Many of the large audience manifested their high appreciation by expressing a desire that we might ere long have a similar meeting. We trust that a greater interest in mission work has thus been awakened in many hearts, the fruits of which may be made manifest in the giving of their substance to send the Word of Life to those who sit in darkness.

April 14th.

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WINGHAM, ONT. The "Mission Band" under the leadership of Miss K. M. Fisher is a great success. Organized with a membership of twenty-two, at the third meeting sixty-five were enrolled, and it now numbers eighty-five. The meetings are very interesting. Maps are used and the children thoroughly drilled in the geography and productions of India, the manners and customs of the people, etc., interspersed with readings, recitations, and music on Foreign Mission work. One very successful open meeting has been held, and preparations are to be made for another on the evening of the 1st of next July. A box of dried fruit was sent with Mr. Ayer's packages last October. —*Can.*

WESTOVER, ONT.—A meeting was held at Westover on March 29th, when a Mission Circle was organized with fourteen members. Mrs. Stamlund, of St. George, conducted the meeting. Officers: — Mrs. McColl, *Pres.*; Miss McIntosh, *Vice-Pres.*; Miss Victoria Shaver, *Sec.*; Miss Embury, *Treas.* The prospect is very encouraging at present. — C. B.

LETTER TO THE CIRCLES OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

My dear Sisters.—Allow me to take advantage of the columns of our welcome little visitor, the LINK, to say to you some things that I would have been glad to have addressed to each Circle individually had time permitted. I have received a great many letters asking for advice about conducting meetings, wishing to know how they

can be made interesting and profitable. Also for suggestions about raising money by other plans than the usual one of collecting fees. I will give you a few rules that experience has shown to work well.

1st. Hold your meetings regularly and punctually, neither omitting nor postponing unless unavoidable; the only exception to this rule which I would regard as permissible is in those cases where the attendance is *very small*, owing to the absence of many members during the summer months.

2nd. Encourage as many as possible to take part; you may find this a little difficult, but *persevere*.

3rd. Obtain good missionary information—this is indispensable.

4th. Be systematic in the topics chosen, and the information given. For instance, choose some country such as India, China, Japan, Burmah. Announce it beforehand, and ask every one to study it during the month, and come prepared to read or tell something about it; when possible get some of your members to prepare a short paper, condensing the information as much as possible. I do not recommend a different country or subject for each month, but rather to continue to study the same until you have really learned something about it. In some cases it will be found necessary, until the members get accustomed to some method, for the president to prepare and bring with her material for an interesting meeting. If it is not needed, so much the better.

As regards the raising of money, I know that a great deal has been obtained in some places by album quilts, the sale of fancy articles, concerts and entertainments of different kinds; but there is nothing better or more reliable than the steady persistent effort to obtain from each sister her regular membership fee. This should in no case be less than ten cents a month, but this, if received from each Baptist woman in Ontario, represents an income of \$10,000 a year; but then we must all work, not one can be spared.

I hope a good many in all the Circles take the LINK, you cannot get the same information about our own mission anywhere else. I give you the address of several papers and magazines that will prove useful: *The Helping Hand*, and *Woman's Work for Women*, are the organs respectively of the American Baptist and Am. Pres. Women's Societies, both are good. The former is published in Boston, price 40 cents a year, single copy. Address to W. G. Corthell, Mission Rooms, Tremont Temple. The latter is published in Philadelphia, 1331 Chestnut Street, price, 60 cents per annum. But you need something that will give you missionary news from all parts of the world. This you will find in *The Gospel in all Lands*. It is an illustrated weekly, undenominational, and the very best magazine that I know of; price, \$2 a year, and well worth the money. Address to Eugene R. Smith, 74 Bible House, New York. *The Missionary World*, and the *Little Missionary*, may both be obtained at the same address; the latter a children's paper, suitable for Mission Bands, price, 25 cents a year, single copy; the former a monthly, almost entirely made up from *The Gospel in all Lands*, price, 50 cents a year, single copy.

I will now give the names of some of the Circles from whom I am anxious to hear—indeed I fear that there may be a few of them who have become extinct. Aylmer, Ailsa Craig, Belleville, Beamsville, Courtwright and Moore; Dundas, Denfield, Drumbo and Wolverton; Delhi, Goble's Corners, Georgetown, Lakefield, Port Burwell, Peterboro, Petrolia, Paisley, Rondeau, Simcoe, Sal-