

sided at the piano. At the close of the meeting in the response to the Chairman's invitation, eight signed the pledge, one of these was a little fellow 6 years old who at that early age determined to cast his lot with us, and three of them were Hindu gentlemen, the only three non-Christian Members of the Society, whose example is commendable and whose co-operation we heartily welcome.

Work at Home.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCLES.

OLIVET CHURCH, MONTREAL.—We have had excellent meetings in the Olivet Women's Foreign Missionary Circle. Mrs. T. B. Brown is the President. Each month has brought us fresh letters from Africa, India, and at our last meeting we listened to a very interesting letter from our late pastor's wife, Mrs. Upham, which was really an address on Missions to the Jews or the lack of interest that Christians take in their conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ. This winter we have thus far had no pastor but the supply has been very good and we hope soon to welcome our new pastor Mr. Hinson, from Moncton, N. B., who has accepted the call to Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, and we look for showers of blessing.—JANE CLAXTON.

ST. CATHERINES Queen St. Circle held its January meeting, the special subject of the meeting being Foreign Missions. The different stations were taken up and papers were read and talks given upon them. This proved very interesting. The time was not sufficient for more than half the statements to be brought up, so the programme will be continued in February. The Circle is looking forward to better things and hoping to increase the interest this year. To this end they have subscribed for extra copies of the LINK to be sent each month for distribution among those uninterested.

2ND ONONDAGA BAPTIST CHURCH.—The ladies of the Mission Circle held an open meeting on the evening of January 17th, the object being, mainly for the purpose of getting others more interested in Mission work. Before 8 o'clock a fair number had gathered and the meeting was opened, the President, Miss Maggie Calder, in the chair. All joined in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name" and after reading of Scriptures by the President, our pastor Rev. C. H. Emerson led in prayer. After singing another hymn, Miss Marian Jones read "God's tenth," then followed a recitation by Miss Minnie Howden, "Ten cents a week and a prayer." The secretary then read "Ezra and me and the boards." The chief feature of the meeting was the excellent paper read by Mrs. Emerson, who organized our circle a year and a half ago, and who has been untiring in her efforts to make the meetings interesting. A very interesting paper was then read by the President on the subject of "giving." It was listened to with much attention. An offering was taken amounting to \$8.00 to be equally divided between home and foreign missions. The Treasurer read a short report on the work done since our organization. An invitation was extended to the ladies present to attend the meetings of the society. The meetings have greatly increased the interest in mission work, especially in foreign missions, and though our Circle is not old, we have our meetings regularly and the members are almost always present.

After singing "God be with you," the meeting was closed by an earnest prayer by Mrs. Emerson, imploring God's blessing to attend our efforts.—M. M.

WHITBY.—The Mission Circle here gave an "At Home" at the residence of our President, Mrs. R. Richardson, last month, which proved a success in every way. The evening was fine and the sleighing excellent, so the drive of four miles to our sister's home was much enjoyed by the number who took advantage of it. A programme was rendered during the evening and refreshments served and a general feeling of "at home" prevailed, our President doing all in her power to strengthen that feeling. A good interest is being taken by the members in the work and we are looking forward to successful meetings during the coming months, and much work being done. When our Captain's command is "Go" why should we halt.—MARY RAY, Sec.

NEW CIRCLES AND BANDS.

PORT HOPE.—Our Mission Circle and Band of the Church held their annual "Thank-Offering" services, the first week in February, and we are glad to say that members responded heartily in both cases with their gifts. The "little ones," as well as those of "larger growth," appreciated this way of expressing their gratitude to the "Giver of all good gifts," for the countless mercies which we are constantly receiving from Him. The amount received by Circle \$20.40, Band \$8.25. We also had an evening meeting, November 4th, at which Rev. John Craig gave a farewell address and spoke in a special way of our work on the "Telugu Field." The collection taken at the close of this meeting, \$12.00, was equally divided between the Circle and Band.

WEST LORNE Mission Circle organized by Mrs. Peer January 18th. Officers, President, Mrs. Peer; Secretary, Miss D. E. Munro; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Keefer.

BRANTFORD First Church Boys' Band organized, Miss Grace Smith leader, name "The Reapers."

QUEBEC.—Our Circle is, perhaps, conducted in a slightly different way from most. Until lately we held fortnightly meetings of an hour's duration, between the months of October and April, this winter we found it advisable to hold our meetings once a month. We combine home and foreign mission work. Our membership is twenty, the average attendance for last year six. Hitherto our membership has been confined to the younger members of the congregation, we are now making an effort to induce the married ladies to join us, and we hope that an increased membership will prove helpful in many ways. At our meetings this winter we have had very interesting missionary programmes, at every second meeting we have had some sewing to occupy our fingers, and, as a result, we have a nearly completed quilt, which is to be given to the French Mission in connection with our church. The young man Prakasam, whom we have been supporting at Samulcottu Seminary during the past four years, has written us several very interesting letters which we consider very creditable specimens of his progress. Miss Hatch has also very kindly written to us several times, her letters are always more than welcome. The Children's Mission Band, called the "Willing Workers," which was organized in connection with our Circle last year, will do good work, we hope. The little "Willing Workers" are trying to show their right to the name.