

tion of a Young Woman's Missionary Society was assured.

The next few weeks were busy ones for the women of the Clarksville missionary circle, for they set themselves earnestly to the work before them. Of course, they met with discouragements. The woman who "had not time;" the woman who did not "believe in missions;" the woman who thought that "charity begins at home" were all there, just as they are in your church. But there were happy surprises too. One timid little woman had only been waiting for some one to invite her and call for her; another thought that because she was poor and old and could give little and do less, she would not be wanted; a shut-in, who had grown bitter and self-centred because of her affliction, was led to see that even she could have a part in the world-wide work through her prayers and her gifts. Mrs. Lovejoy had Mrs. Daniels on her list. Mrs. Daniels would gladly pay her dues, but though she longed to go to the meetings, she felt that until the little folks were older, Mother's place was with them. Mrs. Lovejoy was disappointed. How she wished they might have this bright, attractive little woman in their meetings! It was Margaret Lovejoy who solved the problem by asking, "Oh, Mother, do you suppose Mrs. Daniels would let me take care of the children the afternoon of the missionary meeting?"

Thus the work went forward. On her knees each woman laid the matter before her Lord, and from the secret of His presence she went forth to win recruits for His work.

"No use to invite women to come to our meetings unless we can give them something worth coming for," quoth the chairman of the Programme Committee. Forthwith she sent to the Literature Department at headquarters for books, maps, charts, pictures and leaflets, and before the Clarksville circle realized what was being done, they were launched out on the United Study of Missions. In this work also the workers advanced upon their knees, and prayer and preparation went hand in hand.

Come with me to the Clarksville missionary meeting three months later. Fifty women have come together to study and pray. Forty-five are now members. The business meeting is

conducted with despatch, the programme well prepared and full of life, the prayers earnest and direct, and the spirit one of hearty good-fellowship. The circle has taken as its aim: "One new member a month."

And shall we accompany Mrs. Lovejoy to the third meeting of the Young Woman's Missionary Society? Mrs. Merryweather will tell you of their plan: "The entire membership is divided into four groups. Each group serves one month in rotation as membership, programme, social and literature committee. Each group seeks to excel in each phase of the work. In this way the girls all have something definite to do and are trained along all the lines of our various activities. The membership contest is nearly even so far. The first month's committee secured three, the next four, and this month we have three. We now have twenty-five members, and the girls are constantly on the lookout for new members."

Mrs. Lovejoy's eyes filled with tears as she repeated softly, "Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, can do anything."—The Helping Hand.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

Meaford.—The annual thank-offering meeting of the Women's Mission Circle was held in the church on the evening of Nov. 24th, 1909. The public were invited and there was a good attendance. Papers were read on Home and Foreign Missions by Mrs. Long; on Granue-Ligne and Western Missions by Mrs. Sinclair. The thank-offering bags were then opened and the texts read. Collection amounted to \$12.45.

NELLIE PRATT,
Secretary.

Strathroy.—The Mission Circle of the Strathroy Baptist Church held their annual Thanksgiving on the 26th of November. We were privileged to have with us Miss Corning, who gave us a very inspiring address, which was listened to with deep interest. Our offering amounted to \$20.74. On the 16th December, we again enjoyed an address from Miss Baskerville. In our regular November meeting the Circle made Mrs. Priest a life member for Foreign Missions. The Circle takes great pleasure in doing this as Mrs. Priest