

## AMONG THE CIRCLES

London, Wortley Road.—It is many months since any report was sent from our Mission Circle, but we are not, by any means, idle. The efficient leadership of our President, Mrs. N. S. McKechnie, and the willing co-operation of the members, keep the work progressing. On Wednesday, November 16th, the annual thank-offering meeting was held in the auditorium of the church. Rev. M. L. Orchard was the special speaker on that occasion, and gave, to a large audience, a most interesting and educative address, on the customs and religious beliefs of the natives of India. The offering, (brought in mite bags, which had been previously distributed among the members) amounted to \$67.00. Two musical selections, by the male quartette of the church, added much to the interest of the evening. The President closed a very profitable and inspiring meeting by prayer.

Mary A. Black, Secretary.

Edmonton, Alta.—The Mission Circle of McDonald Baptist church held its annual thank-offering meeting on the evening of November 29th, with a splendid attendance. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Lambertson and Miss Eunison, which were very much appreciated. We also had a sketch given by a class of S. S. Girls entitled "Where shall I hang my sign?" We were highly favored in having with us Dr. McLaurin who gave his illustrated lecture on the Grand Prairie country. The address was very much enjoyed being most instructive and interesting, showing what a great Province is ours, and what great work there is before us to give the Gospel to the settlers. The offering was \$26.50.

S. Carswell, Secretary.

Bloor St., Toronto.—The Bloor St. Mission Circle has suffered great loss through the recent death of Mrs. John Stark. At the January Circle meeting the following resolution was placed on record:

"The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are Eternal." There are occasions when we are called to pause and wonder anew at the truth of these great words as they are lived out before us in some strong, enduring character.

For many years, owing to failing health, this church, and particularly the Women's organizations, have been denied the bodily presence of one whose whole life has been a benediction. To those of us who remember the gracious, kindly, saintly personality of Mrs. John Stark has come a sense of a rich heritage. We know the quiet, deep, practical interest in all that affected the life of the church, and the generosity with which she answered every call.

Her outward service was always of the retiring, unassuming sort; she did not seek publicity nor applause, but the springs of her life were hidden deep, and the stream of influence which flowed full and strong from Mrs. Stark's life, can never be measured, in its effect on her family, her circle of friends, and her church. The power of her prayer life, the wisdom of her counsel, which was shared especially by the Women's Home Mission Board to which Mrs. Stark gave so freely of her time and thought and means will long be remembered, and will serve as an incentive to other earnest souls.

It is with great thankfulness that we acknowledge the good gift of our Heavenly Father in sparing to us for so many years this noble life, and we commend to His comfort and healing the sorrowing hearts of her family.

On behalf of the Mission Circle of Bloor St. Baptist Church,

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Martha Rogers,  
J. Winnifred Davis.