

Bureau of Literature for the province, and the Superintendent, by way of introducing the bureau and its supplies, sent packages of readings, recitations, music and dialogues to thirty Sunday Schools, with the result that in a large number of our Sunday Schools the Christmas entertainment was wholly or in part missionary.

Possibly the greatest problem in connection with the women's work in British Columbia is the problem of the small Circle with scattered membership in the small Home Mission church. How to interest and hold such a Circle, how to give the broader vision to women who are face to face with the insistent calls and claims of their own little church, is a problem yet unsolved.

Circles in British Columbia number 25, membership of Circles 610, amount given for missions during 1912, \$2,500.

F. S. McLeod,  
Secretary.

### CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Houghton Ist.—We held a very pleasant and profitable Thank-offering meeting on the 7th of November at the home of one of our members, Mrs. William Bain. Our President was able to be with us, for which we were truly thankful, she having been laid aside for several months. Our Secretary told when our Mission Circle was first organized, which was August 13th, 1886, with eleven members, five of that number being alive and two present at our meeting. In all those years we have been, with God's help, able to keep our light burning, sometimes brightly, sometimes dimly. Our pastor gave us a talk of a few minutes on some of the difficulties and hardships of a Home Mission pastor. After a short programme, we served light refreshments. During this year we have again taken up Home Mission work, and also re-organized our Band with seventeen members. We meet at the parsonage for our regular monthly Circle meetings.

Mrs. J. C. Foster.

New Dundee.—On November the 14th the ladies of the New Dundee Baptist Church met to form a Mission Circle. Mrs. Norton organized the Circle, and gave a helpful talk on the need of mission work. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. N. Norton; Vice-President, Mrs. A. R. Bock; Secretary, Miss Sylvia Bock; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Poth; Agent for "Link" and "Visitor," Miss Idella Poth. Twelve members joined the Circle that afternoon, and we are looking for a great many more members. The meetings of the Circle will be held in the home of the members, and will meet the third Thursday of each month. The members decided to pay \$2 per year as membership fee.

Sylvia Bock, Secretary.

Scotland.—On the 22nd of November, 1912, the Mission Band held a concert for the opening of the Mite Boxes. The programme was on India, consisting of many interesting numbers. Also a Hindu tea was served by waiters in native dress, consisting of rice and curry and tea. The money received in the Mite Boxes and part of the offering, was sent to support a native student in India, which cost \$17.00. The total offering amounted to \$21.76. We are hoping that our student will turn out to be a huge success.

T. H. Cowie, Secretary.

St. Catharines.—A very successful Thank-offering service was held by the Women's Mission Circle of the George St. Mission. A good musical and literary programme was carried out. Mrs. H. Dickenson gave a very helpful and instructive talk on "The Beginning of our Telugu Missions," illustrated by maps.

We are few in number, yet we realize our work must be what we ourselves are, and in ministering to others, we realize more and more the solemn obligation which rests upon us. The offering amounted to \$15.00, which will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

(Mrs. R.) Meyers,  
Secretary.