

She engages the co-operation of her sister members in the observance of "Crusade Week," and by her persistent effort (for one woman can do a great deal to inspire the whole) all the women in the church who are not members of the Circle are called upon, the work explained, and an invitation extended to them to join the Circle. Needless to say, the membership is increased and impetus given to the work.

One could go on indefinitely extolling the virtues of the ideal, but time has only allowed us a glance at the more essential points.

There is room for improvement in more than one phase of our work. Can we not each take at least one hint from the foregoing, and by giving a little more time, a little more personal influence, with faith and prayer raise the standard of our work?

Is not the true secret of our ideal in every branch of the work to be found embodied in the beautiful hymn of Frances Ridley Havergal, closing with the lines—

"Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee."

God grant that we may all meet our responsibility with such consecration.

ETHEL C. AYER.

The above was suggested by some leaflets of the A. B. M. U., and the writer thought something along the same lines for our own Circles might be of service.

CIRCLE NEWS.

Essex.—A very successful thank-offering meeting was held in the vestry of the Essex Baptist Church. The President, Mrs. A. H. Meston, presided. Miss Ritchie addressed us on missions, and was appreciated very much. \$7.50 was taken as thank-offering, and four new members were added, making in all twelve, with a growing mission spirit.

Mrs. T. C. Stoddard.

St. Catharines.—A very successful mite-box entertainment was given by the Mission Band of the George Street Mission Thursday evening, March 14th. The whole programme was carried out by the members of the Band. An exercise entitled "Mother Goose and her

family of Mission Workers" was given with good effect.

After the mite-boxes had been opened and contents counted, they were found to contain along with the open collection the sum of \$28.00. This amount will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Miss Mabel Wismer,
Secretary of Band.

Grimsby.—Our Ladies' Aid has been doing very practical missionary work lately. Before anniversary services they house-cleaned the church building, lifting carpets, etc., affording much satisfaction to all. Their last meeting took the form of a "bee" to assist their pastor's wife with her spring sewing. This work of loving interest was greatly appreciated by the one most concerned, and she passes it on to you, sisters, as a suggestion for an outlet to your zeal

Jean Priest, Cor. Sec.

Westmount, Montreal.—The annual concert of the Westmount Mission Band was held on Friday evening, March 29th, before a crowded audience, who greatly appreciated the various numbers, all missionary in character. Much credit is due to the Band Superintendents, Misses Rickert and Muir, and to Miss Minnie Crossley, who assisted them in the preparation of an excellent programme, which was not only amusing, but instructive, and was wholly carried out by members of the Band. The collection, amounting to \$43.00, was divided between Home and Foreign Missions. On the following Thursday evening the concert was repeated, for the benefit of the Tabernacle Band, and was given in their fine school-room. The collection on this occasion was over \$16. The ladies of the Tabernacle Church served dainty refreshments to the Westmount Band and their friends. P. R.

ASSOCIATION NOTICES.

Owen Sound.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Owen Sound Association will be held in the Warton Baptist Church, June 13, at 2 p.m. Churches having no Circle or Band are invited to send delegates. Programme will be published in The Baptist.

Mrs. Geo. S. Burr.