

## Our Work at Home.

Though we have had Crusade movements for two years, it is not time to say adieu to them yet. Lest we forget, here is something to refresh our memories.

### IN CLARKSVILLE CIRCLE.

The members of the missionary circle came together very promptly on the afternoon of their monthly meeting. Their faces showed an unusual degree of interest. Each woman seemed to realize that she was doing business for the King.

The reason for their eagerness dated back to the preceding meeting, at which time a stirring letter had been received from their State Secretary. The closing paragraph had read as follows: "I note that your circle reports twenty members out of a church membership of one hundred and five resident women and girls. I believe that you can, at least, double your membership by earnest prayer and persistent effort. I enclose leaflets outlining the plan recommended by the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West. This plan may not be the wisest one for your society. You may be able to devise a better one. At all events, will you not try in some way to enlist the uninterested women? Do it for the sake of your circle, for the sake of the women themselves, and for the sake of the Master's work. We aim to secure five hundred new members in our State this year. Will you not help us? Remember that prayer and pains through faith in Jesus Christ can do anything."

This letter had been followed by a spirited discussion. In the first place, some one had said that she did not believe they had one hundred and five resident women and girls, but the circle secretary had assured her that she had counted them herself and the figures were correct. Some one else had spoken of the large number of schoolgirls who could not be expected to attend the afternoon meetings. This remark had brought on the question: "What is being done for these girls missionary-wise?" It was Mrs. Lovejoy, the president, who had answered: "We are doing absolutely nothing. This matter has been on my heart for a long time."

Finally, after further consideration, the president had appointed a committee of three to confer and present plans at the next meeting for increasing the membership. She had also chosen a committee to consider the subject of organizing a Young Woman's Circle. She had requested them all to make these matters a subject of daily prayer.

The eventful day had come. The attendance was large. Mrs. Lovejoy's prayer was so full of love and simple faith and the desire to do all that God would have them, that all hearts were moved. It was time for the reports. Mrs. Willing-worker, as chairman of the Membership Committee, responded: "We have investigated three plans, but the one we recommend for your adoption is the suggestion found in the Membership Crusade leaflets. We ask that first of all definite, specific prayer be offered that each member may be willing and glad to share in this work; that each one may be given the right one to whom she should go; that all of us may have a desire to do, courage to go, and love to win. The names of the non-members (we have the list) shall then be divided among the members, until every one is taken, the secretary making a note of the member taking each name. Then let us go forth in His name to strengthen His work. But our task will not be done when we have won their consent to become members or secured their membership dues. We must go after our new members and bring them to our meetings until the habit of coming has been established. Let us take for our circle the motto of our State Secretary: 'Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, can do anything.'" Mrs. Willing-worker spoke with earnestness, and the recommendation was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Miss Bright reported for the committee on Young Woman's work: "We have interviewed the girls personally, as far as possible, and fifteen have promised to become members if a society is organized. Mrs. Merryweather has consented to become their leader, and if this society approves we will meet next Friday to organize." There was no question about the consent of the missionary circle, and the organiza-