

will be slighted and money wasted. There are many villages within easy reach, which we visit in the evenings, with our pony and bandy. The people in these villages hear well and always give us a welcome, for they have learned to know us. We visited a Sudra caste village a few nights ago, which is about half a mile from our bungalow, and I think the people must have heard that we were coming, for in a very few minutes a crowd of men, women and children, dressed up in clean white cloths, gathered round us. The head man, Molliah by name, directed us to the cleanest and best part of the village, and his wife, who had been very sick a few weeks ago and to whom we had given medicine, brought out a long brass candlestick, with a light upon it, brightly burning. She placed it beside me and every few minutes would come and snuff it to keep the light from waning. We always carry a lantern with us, for the most of the villages, especially those of the out-caste, are dirty and squalid, and we must pick our steps carefully. Indeed, sometimes, in certain places, it is so muddy and wet underfoot that often I have to be carried across by the natives. They make a chair by weaving their four hands together, on which I sit, putting my right hand on the back of one and my left on that of the other, in order to hold my position.

A few evenings ago we visited a Mala village about one mile and a half from our compound. During the singing of a Gospel hymn a large crowd of naked and half-naked men, women and children, as is usually the case, gathered round us, some talking, some staring, the rest, especially the children, jostling each other in order to get the best position. However, they all soon quieted down and Mr. McLeod began speaking from John iii. 16. While dwelling on the text one woman interrupted him by saying, "Will you please, sir, allow me to ask one question?" "If God so loved us as to send His only Son to save us, why did He not send some one to tell us of this before?" "If God so loves us, why has He left us so long, for we have not heard this news since we were born?" After her question had been asked, some one near by made a little disturbance, which prevented her hearing the answer to it, whereupon she turned to the disturber of the peace and said, "Please be quiet, for I have trouble until I hear the answer to my question." The Gospel was then more fully explained, and the answer to her question given, after which she consented that God was both loving and just. She then said, "If I accept Christ, must I leave my village and my country?" "Must I leave this world?" "Will He take me to another country?" On being reassured that she could stay in her own village, among her friends, and still serve the Lord Jesus she said no more.

We are often, indeed, nearly always, asked such questions as the above. We are sometimes made sad to hear these people say, "What is the use of telling us these things?" "We will forget them all before you come again." And how true this is! We cannot help feeling the force of the statement, for we are not able to visit our 260 villages even once a year. Our Christian villages must be visited as often as possible, in order to teach and train our converts, and this deducts considerably from the time we would like to give to the field as a

whole. We sometimes feel overwhelmed with the responsibility of dying souls, and our efforts against a tide of darkness and sin seem like a drop in the ocean. May the Lord send forth more laborers into His harvest; and may the time soon come when all shall know Him whom to know is "life eternal."

Yours sincerely,

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Work at Home.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

SHERBROOK, QUE.—Our Circle is in an encouraging state; thirteen members at last meeting.

NIAGARA FALLS Band and Circle was formed in April

TRESWATER.—As we are just commencing a new Circle year and so are in the way of reporting, we thought it a good time to write. We have had nine years of monthly meetings. I do not think that there have been more than three times that we did not have our regular meeting. Sometimes the attendance was very small, but the Spirit's presence always cheered us. We have had five presidents. During the year just closed we have had fourteen members. Nine of these paid the full fee of \$2.00. Anyone who contributes to our funds is considered a member and has full privileges, but we aim at \$2.00 each, \$1.00 for home and \$1.00 for foreign missions. This year more have reached the point than any previous year. This seems like improvement. Our desire is that each member may grow in the Spirit and that we may do thorough work for the Master.

CON. SER.

ORANGEVILLE.—The Mission Circle held an open meeting in the basement of the church on the evening of the 4th of May. Papers upon home and foreign missions and Grande Ligne were prepared and read by some of the ladies belonging to our Circle. Appropriate readings were also given and missionary music was furnished, all of which made a very interesting programme. A silver collection was taken up, which will be divided between home and foreign missions. We trust that the outcome of our meeting may be greater zeal and earnestness in the cause of our common Lord and Master.—F. M. RONEY, President.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles of the Northern Association will be held in Parry Sound on Wednesday, June 27th. Business meeting in the afternoon and platform meeting in the evening, when addresses on home and foreign work will be given by representatives of the Women's Home and Foreign Boards. Circles and Bands are requested to