

CIRCLE AND BAND NEWS.

Brantford, Riverdale.—The ladies of the Riverdale Church met on Tuesday afternoon, May 5th, for the purpose of organizing a Mission Circle. A number of ladies from the First Church showed their interest by being present, and Mrs. McLaurin gave an address on Foreign Missions. A pleasant social hour was spent at the close of the meeting and dainty refreshments were served. It was decided that our circle be a Union Circle and the offering be divided equally between Home and Foreign missions. Our circle will meet the first Tuesday of each month.

Following are the officers:

President—Mrs. T. E. Richards.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. Pettit.

Secretary—Mrs. G. Craft.

Treasurer—Mrs. D. C. Howell.

Mrs. Geo. Craft,
Secretary.

Parry Sound.—In September last the Mission Band of the Parry Sound Baptist Church was reorganized, with an evidence of great interest, shown by all connected with the work.

Our meetings throughout the winter have been attended with exceptional success, and we feel that, not only have we been drawn closer to the children of our Band, but we have been brought to learn of the needy little girls and boys in foreign countries.

At present, and for the last few meetings, Mrs. Bunt, our president, has been instructing us in our work among the peoples of India. We have a map of India and Bolivia, and we all find it quite interesting following up the different stations, and learning of the good done by our worthy missionaries. During April our Band decided to make a little self-sacrifice, and give an Easter offering to missions. Each child was

provided with a little pink or blue bag, in which they could drop their pennies, which they got for gum and candy, and save them to help the little heathen children. At our last meeting the bags were returned, and we were delighted with the proceeds, which were \$5.75. I might say that since September we have been able to send sixteen dollars between Home and Foreign missions.

Although greatly encouraged with our success, yet we feel that there is still a greater blessing in store for us, and the Band unites with me in asking for a place in the prayers of all interested in the work of training the young to a knowledge of those who are not as favorably situated as we.

Winnifred Hunt,
Secretary Mission Band.

Hespeler.—The Mission Circle held their annual thankoffering meeting on Tuesday, March 9th. Our pastor, Dr. Stobo, very ably presided, and we had the pleasure of hearing Miss Lucy Jones—on furlough from India—and Mrs. J. Lillie of Toronto, who delivered two very interesting and instructive addresses on Foreign and Home Missions respectively.

Miss Jones exhibited some very fine specimens of lace and curios made by the natives. Miss Dorothy Stobo appeared in native costume. Miss McArthur favored us with a solo and the Lower Lights Mission Band gave two choruses. The offering amounted to \$17.50, which, when expenses were paid, was equally divided between Home and Foreign missions. Annual business meeting of Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Theo. Buck, on March 22nd, with a very good attendance. After the usual exercises, officers were appointed for the following year:—President, Mrs. Buchner; vice-president, Mrs. Stobo; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Hodgson;