

Our Work at Home.

ST. CATHARINES (Queen St. Circle).—Another year has passed since giving you our last report, and as we review the work we cannot but be impressed with the magnitude of the task before us, and what might be accomplished were the means at hand; but we have reason to be encouraged for the work that is being carried on has grown and many precious souls have been gathered during the year. Surely the Lord is giving the heathen to His Son for His inheritance. The annual Thank-offering service of the Women's Mission Circle was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, the President, Mrs. J. J. Ross, presided. Dr. Pearl Chute, so well known to many, gave a very interesting and stirring address on her Medical Missionary Work in Akidu, India. For over an hour she held the rapt attention of the audience as she told of the many cases that come under her care and attention as medical missionary. She urged in eloquent words the need of a deeper sense of responsibility towards the heathen, and for more money to send those who were ready to go if only the funds were provided. The offering amounted to \$27, to be divided between Home and Foreign work. As a Circle, we have raised during the year \$100.73, \$61.86 for Foreign and \$38.87 for Home Missions. It is twenty-two years last September since our Circle was organized, with twenty-six members, only three of whom are now with us. Ten of them are now in the presence of the Saviour whom they loved to serve. One, Miss Helen Priest, is in India, holding forth the Word of Life to those who are in darkness. When we think of the greatness of the work, and of the millions yet unreached, we say, what are we among so many. But the Lord says, "Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's," and with such an assurance, shall we not "be strong and of good courage," and at His command "go forward."

F. E. WISNER, Sec.

EAST TORONTO.—On the last Thursday evening in October, we held our annual Thank-offering meeting. Our Mission Band (which we call the Child of the Circle), gave a very instructive and interesting program of missionary songs and recitations. A young Burmese (Soloman by name), from the Bible Training School, and Miss Hopkins, a returned missionary from Burmah, gave interesting addresses. The children brought in their pyramids, and the women their envelopes, the total offering for the meeting amounting to a little over twenty-five dollars (\$25). As not one of our members is rich in this world's goods, we think this excellent, and thank the Giver of all good and perfect gifts that He inclined His children to give so generously. Our plan for the meeting. A few weeks before we give an envelope, on

which is written the date of meeting and a suitable text of Scripture to each member of the Circle, numbering each, the President keeping a list with the number and name. After the Treasurer has taken the money from the envelopes, the President checks them with the list. In this way no one knows what each member has given, and it enables us to collect any unreturned envelopes. Thirty odd envelopes were sent out, and all but three were placed on the plate. Afterwards, two of these were gathered in, leaving only one sent out not returned.

HATTIE DUDLEY, Sec.

GLADSTONE.—Nov. 26th the Circle held their Annual Thank-offering meeting, which was well attended and full of interest. Addresses were given by the pastor Rev. Mr. Burns and Miss M. Laidlaw on our Mission Work. A report of the Convention was given by Mrs. W. R. Marsh, and a very helpful paper on Prayer by Miss McLelland. A pleasing part of the programme was the presentation of a certificate of Life-membership to Mrs. W. R. Marsh and an address in appreciation of her long and faithful service as President of the Circle. After the offering was received Mrs. Finch and Mrs. McCallum opened the envelopes and read alternately the passages of Scripture. The offering amounted to \$16.50. Suitable music was rendered by members of the choir.

After the programme, lunch was served and a pleasant time spent socially.

KINGSVILLE.—Although we organized in July, we accomplished very little for the Master until the last quarter of 1903, when we collected \$10 for Home Missions. We met Dec. 28th to appoint officers for 1904. We hope to do better work this year for both Home and Foreign Missions. Our monthly meetings are beginning to be well attended, and the interest is increasing. We are truly being converted to an interest in missions and are hoping to become helpers in the Master's vineyard.

BERTHA PALMER, Sec.

OTTAWA.—McPhail Memorial Mission Circle has held its first quarterly prayer meeting, at the request of the pastor. Mgs. Nichol of Central Africa gave a most interesting address illustrated with many curios from that far-off land. She speaks to the Circle at its regular meeting on Friday night, more particularly on the work among women and children in "The Dark Continent." Our Circle has sent quilts and clothing valued at fifty dollars to the North-West Indians this winter, besides making a special offering of twelve dollars to the new wing of Feller Institute. The Sunday School children, at the request of one of our members, voted to do without the boxes of candy always provided for the Christmas festival and send the money to the Grande Ligne