

**A PIANO FOR SALE.** There is on exhibition in Cairn's music store, Woodstock, a valuable piano made by Vose & Son, Boston, and donated to Foreign Missions by a young lady. Its price is \$200. Rev. S. S. Bates, Woodstock, will answer enquiries, and transact all business connected with its sale. This piano has been given to the Lord. Who among His followers will become its purchaser for the simple reason that the price paid for it will go directly to aid in the extension of His Kingdom?

**THE LINK AN ACTIVE COLLECTING AGENT.**—The managers of the LINK not unfrequently receive such letters as the two following, which they publish in order to show their friends that in endeavouring to increase the circulation of the little paper, they are really doing good work for the Mission. The first, from a member of one of our western churches says:—

"Please find enclosed \$2, twenty-five cents of which is my renewal subscription for the LINK. Would you kindly drop the remainder into your Foreign Mission Circle fund? I am sorry to say we have nothing of the kind in ———."

The other is from a sister, apparently in humble circumstances, residing in another part of Ontario. She encloses a dollar, and says:

"As my subscription to the LINK ran out some time ago I should have sent it you then but wanted to be able to earn a few shillings more with my own hands, to send to our dear Bro. Timpany, to aid in his India Girl's school, so please accept the seventy-five cents for that, and send it on, and apply the other twenty five to renew my subscription."

Both letters have been received within the last month, and are specimens of those often found in P. O. Box 8, Yorkville. Will not each of our present readers try to obtain at least one new subscriber, and by doing so help to increase the interest in our Foreign Mission?

**A HINT FOR COLLECTORS.**—We have been requested to state that Mr. Poole, photographer, of St. Catharines, Ont., will supply the Circles with nicely-finished photographs of Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin, for seventy-five cents per dozen. These can be retained for the benefit of the Mission, and quite a nice sum realized thereby.

**TIMPANY'S GROVE, ONT.**—Mrs. E. E. McConnell writes: I know that all the lovers of mission work read with interest the progress of our Circles. The Circle at Timpany's Grove have not met since October, and are quite reduced in numbers,—the pastor's wife with others having left the place—yet the little band of sisters still left have ardent desires for mission work, and will freely give their money, but feel inadequate to the task of conducting the monthly meetings. May the Lord give them grace to improve the talents He has committed to their trust, and increase their numbers.

**WHITEVALE, ONT.**—A friend who is visiting says: I was happy to find a Circle in Whitevale, and as we met in the beginning of the year with but small attendance—the president being absent—I thought surely my loss of home Circle with all its duties and privileges, will in a measure be supplied if I may from time to time be permitted to meet with the sisters here. The intelligence and zeal at present evinced by them bespeak most happy results for the future.

**CUMBERLAND, ONT.** Miss Muir informs us that a meeting was held by the women of this church on Thursday, January 26th, and a Circle organized with a membership of ten. This is only a beginning, and it is confidently expected that many more will join.

**COATICOOK, QUE.**—The 16th of February dawned bright and balmy, and very soon the little snow left by the few preceding warm days was forming brooks through our streets, giving much innocent sport to many little hands and feet. Notwithstanding the loveliness of nature, there were sad hearts in our little village. In one home a dear little form was shrouded for its last lowly bed, and in a few hours those fond and loving parents must look for the last time upon that dear little face, lovely even in death. Just outside the village are loving friends watching beside the sick bed of an aged and respected deacon, of whom we expect it will soon be said, "He has fought the good fight; he has finished his course."

At 2 p.m. a large circle of sorrowing friends and sympathizing neighbors gathered in the Baptist church, to pay the last tribute of respect to one who had been loved as husband, father, brother and friend. These events, combined with others over which we could have no control, cast long and deep shadows over the day set apart for special services in connection with our W. F. M. Circles. But we could only adopt the language of one who said, "The Lord hath spoken, let all the earth keep silence before Him."

The officers for the ladies' meeting (which was to have occupied the entire afternoon) had been chosen and all possible arrangements made to make this gathering pleasant as well as profitable. But when the work of three or four hours had to be crowded into one, nothing could be done systematically or in the order we had intended. Our missionary intelligence, which had been selected with great care, with a few exceptions, had to be laid on one side (we hope for future use, however).

Four circles were represented by delegates, one by letter; reports not as favorable as we could wish. Each circle feels the need of more earnestness, and seems ready for special efforts when they can see clearly what is best to do. Several subjects of interest to the circles were brought forward and hurriedly discussed. We decided to recommend each circle to correspond monthly with some sister circle, and read the letter received in their own meetings. In union there is strength, and perhaps the efforts made by one circle will strengthen and encourage others. Also to hold public meetings or missionary socials or occasionally with reading, singing, etc., all bearing upon mission work in some form. It was also suggested that those who could not pay a dollar, but were willing to do what they could, should be received into partial membership. We have tried this in our own circle the past year, calling any one who would pay 25 cents and over an assistant member. A Barston sister thinks we work for foreign missions much as the deacon did for the poor around him—he could give his prayers but wanted to keep his potatoes. She suggests that what we give to foreign missions we save by denying ourselves some of the luxuries, and perhaps some of the comforts of life that we now enjoy. This method of giving was unanimously adopted by those present. We hope our gifts and our prayers may yet go hand in hand. May it not be said of us as of Cornelius: Thy prayers and thine alms have come up as a memorial before God? Our pastor's wife has given us a promise of five dollars this year. We, who support our ministers by the little we can spare,