

weeks, Mr. Churchill had been out touring. They had been encouraged by the baptism of two of late. A day before her writing, a fire had broken out in the town of Bobbili, and had destroyed two hundred houses.

It was unanimously resolved to hold the second Wednesday in June, as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people with whom our missionaries are working, that they may have a glorious ingathering of souls, to the praise and glory of God, this year.

Mrs. W. J. Stewart, of Portland, was appointed a delegate to the World's Missionary Convention, to be held in Exeter Hall, London, in June, and as she was obliged to leave at once on her journey, was earnestly commended to the tender watch-care of our Heavenly Father.

The Secretary of the Union, the three Provincial Secretaries and the members of the Ex. Board, residing at Wolfville, were appointed a committee to make preparations for the annual meeting.

M. E. MARCH,  
Cor.-Sec., W. B. M. U.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF W. B. M. U. FOR 3RD QUARTER,  
ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1888.

Received from N. S.	\$541 07
" " N. B.	293 12
" " P. E. I.	43 00
" " Donations	11 00
" for Home Missions	43 85

Total for 3rd quarter \$932 04

Six life members this quarter.

May 1st, 1888.

Paid J. March, Treasurer of F. M. B.	\$875 00
" A. Cohoon, " H. M. B.	43 85
	\$918 85

S. J. MANNING,  
Treas. of W. B. M. U.

### News from the Circles.

EAST TEMPLETON, QUE.—It is with great pleasure that I am privileged to inform you, that in January last we welcomed the Rev. P. H. McEwan in our midst, who organized for us a Women's Foreign Mission Circle with seven members, since increased to ten. *Pres.*, Mrs. A. S. McLaurin; *Vice-Pres.*, Miss Dunning; *Treas.*, Mrs. John Stewart; *Solicitors*, Sarah Dunning, Mrs. M. McIntyre and Sarah J. Mason. Our meetings have been very pleasant, and, with the approaching summer, we anticipate increased membership. We ask your prayers and God's blessing on our efforts in the good cause we are engaged in.

LOTTIE C. MASON, Sec.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.—Our Society was organized last October with a membership of eighteen, which has since increased to thirty. Shortly after its organization some of the members of the W. M. A. S. and M. B. of Windsor visited us, and under the superintendence of Mrs. J. Nalder gave a "Mission" concert, the proceeds of which were kindly contributed to the funds of our Society. Our meetings, held regularly once in four weeks, are generally very well attended, and we always feel that the hour has been profitably spent. Some portion of the time is usually occupied with readings and recitations by some of the members present. Frequently these are

selections from the LINK, several copies of which are taken in our Circle. We hope more of our number may soon become aware of its value and be induced to swell the list of subscribers. Though our Society is but in its infancy, and we realize how small must be the result of our efforts to extend Christ's kingdom, yet we trust as the weeks and months advance, they may bear witness of our increasing zeal for the cause of missions, and of more earnest activity in the Master's service.

MARY J. STARRATT, Sec.

PORT ARTHUR.—There were 23 present at the last meeting of our Women's Mission Circle, being the largest attendance we have yet had. Nine new members have been added to our number lately. Some of our sisters find it difficult to meet with us often, yet they contribute liberally to the cause. We hope to see a far more regular attendance in the near future. Grande Ligne Mission was the subject of our last meeting. After devotional exercises a short and pleasing programme, bearing on this field, was introduced and fully appreciated. Mrs. Matthews read an essay on Grande Ligne, which was full of interest and information. Then followed a dialogue, Missionary Catechism, and readings interspersed with suitable music. We find it a decided advantage to have some definite field for each meeting; our next is to be Japan. A few minutes is always spent in prayer for our missionaries. We endeavor to give as many as possible something to do. May the object of our gathering be sufficient to stimulate our ladies to greater effort. The solicitors were encouraged by the great increase in contributions last month. The Treasurer, Mrs. Matthews, reported \$14.85, of which \$7.60 belongs to the Circle.

L. L. K., Pres.

OTTAWA.—It is time you heard something from the Cheerful Gleaners Mission Band, in Ottawa. We were organized about four years ago and have been gradually increasing in numbers each year. Our Band helps annually, both Home and Foreign Missions, \$15.00 being raised for the former and \$17.00 for the latter object. The sum raised last year (1887) amounted to \$44.88, leaving a balance of \$12.80 on hand. Each one when becoming a member is required to sign the pledge as we are a Temperance as well as a Mission Band. The meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month, and instead of reading a passage of Scripture the Vice-President calls the roll, and each one as their name is called recites a Scripture text. No special fee is charged, but each member brings a free-will offering.

L. WILMOT, Sec.

EAST FLAMBORO'.—We have thought that a few lines from us might interest the readers of the LINK, concerning our work here. Our Home and Foreign Mission Circle is now two years old, and grows in interest and numbers. Many of the members live at a distance from the church, some six and seven miles; it encourages us to see them so regular at the meetings, which are held monthly. We have twenty members. We have also felt for some time, the need of interesting the children in this great work; but as in most country places the people are scattered over a number of miles, and it is very inconvenient for them to get to the meetings. However, we organized a Band in Mountsberg, in September last, and in November one in Freeton, these being the two preaching stations connected with East Flamboro'. Our hearts have rejoiced to see the deep interest the little ones have taken. There are twenty-five members in Freeton and twenty in Mountsberg; we