

WOMEN'S CIRCLES.

For several years the women have been rendering very valuable services in the foreign mission work. During the past year some of them have been led to feel that home missions also have a claim upon them. A Circle was organized in connection with the Ottawa church shortly after the Convention of last year. This Circle has fulfilled its pledge to the Board to provide one hundred dollars to aid in supporting a student to assist Rev. John Curry on his broad field. Through the efforts of the secretary of this circle another has been organized in South Gower. This is the beginning. We trust that during the ensuing year this movement will make rapid progress.

In speaking of the work on the field we divide the Convention into districts.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

This section of the Convention is less known to us than any other. The churches have been more closely associated with our neighbors in Vermont than with us. There are quite a number of churches in the district, but most of them are weak financially and in numbers. The fertility of the soil in some places, in the production of "isms," has been exceedingly discouraging. Little has been done here by the Board for some years. During the past year, however, a renewed effort has been made. Rev. P. H. Anderson has continued to labor on the Kingsey Falls field. While discouraged by the removal of some valuable helpers in the work, he has found the work not without its encouraging features. He says, "We appear to be the only denomination in this neighborhood that has been used of God in reaching any Romanists. Five of our present members are converts from that faith." A young man whose parents intended him for the priesthood has been recently converted in their meetings. Five were added to the church by baptism during the year. Rev. A. McNeil reports the spiritual condition of the Eaton Church as encouraging. Owing to ill health he is leaving the field; but the people are resolved on sustaining the meetings themselves until they secure a pastor. He reports some as seeking the Saviour, and others expect to follow Him shortly in baptism. The effort made to assist the Dixville people did not prove successful. In Sherbrooke a noble little band has for years been holding the fort. Mr. C. C. Maxfield, student, was sent by the Board to assist them during the summer months. Much success has attended the efforts of the summer. Several have been baptized, a church building is in process of erection, and the promise for the future is very encouraging.

The Board voted an appropriation to the Magog Church also; but as no laborer was found for the field the appropriation has not been called for. A plan has been proposed, by a re-arrangement of the Associational bounds, to bring these churches into closer relationship, to the other churches of the Convention. It is important that this should be effected.

ST. LAWRENCE.

In Clarenceville the Rev. A. St. James is encouraged, and report

progress in the increase of. Fifteen have been baptized encouraging. Valleyfield, for some years aided by the our aided churches. We b and there seems little hope Osnabruck is not receiving in the services of Evangelists services conducted by Mess gathering. Thirty or more make progress under the pa resigned, however, to take that an efficient pastor w Morrisburg has been for m Harris, student, was on the He left with the conviction Morrisburg. The congregat during the vacancy of the pu loath to leave these other co the Baptist Church. Symp sacrifying brethren and sis anxious to make a strong discouragements of the field

Midway between the St. part of our Convention, are Westport has made marked Central Association met with present at the meeting, and w progress of the work on this f work of grace begun a few number have confessed Christ. church, which last year cause ished. The present outlook is two or three years served the M any aid from the Board. It see in Lanark village. Aided by l sity, Bro. Curry has taken up stations. This cause on the br Though considerable opposition prospects are reported as hope field for two men.

The work is still prospering Millard. Both the material and advanced. A local paper stat