

You know they think anything of that kind the work of some demon, and so think they must present some offering to appease such, and they couldn't understand how they would get on without that. The one was a young woman, with feet and neck, arms and head nearly covered with gold and silver jewels, the other two were widows and so had no more than a little brass or copper on their wrists and one jewel in their nose. They were a most interesting group and I only wish you could have seen them as they listened to that story of stories. Ramagyamma was in (they are some connection of hers; R. being here has increased greatly the number of my visitors, as they came first to see her and then to see me) and we both prayed for them; one of the student's wives was also in and she prayed too and they seemed so pleased; one said to the other "Did you hear why they were praying for us" did you notice it was for us three they all three prayed!" And then we taught them to pray in the name of Jesus, teaching His name, it was a blessed time.

I am so very glad to hear that the ladies have taken the Seminary work into their full charge except, of course Mr. S's salary.—You are indeed attempting great things, may the Lord bless you in all.

Miss Rogers writes—Dec. 29th. On Friday our friends from the north and south began to arrive for the ninetieth annual; Saturday morning the remaining ones came by canal, so now we have with us in all 39. To-day came a telegraphic greeting from Dr. Clough, and with it the word that 1670 Christians were baptized at Ongole yesterday. When anything like that happens here you may expect to hear of it by telegraph—God grant that it may come speedily.

I have been teaching daily Bible stories to a class that Miss Baskerville sends me, and on Sabbath I have a school in a malapilly, two in fact, for when I started I only intended to have one, but there was a Madiga pilly near and I thought that I could gather all together, but found it impracticable. It seems absurd that among these pariahs there should be caste rules, but it is so, and if we succeed in reaching them we must recognize it. So I have schools numbering in both places about 60 children. It is such a relief to be able to speak a few words to the people in their own language and to give them God's word.

THE WORK AT HOME.

How our Circle held its Thank-Offering.

Of course it was talked about for some weeks before hand, this was a part of the preparation so that we might all become interested. Then envelopes with "Thank offering for Foreign Missions" written upon the outside, were distributed among the women of the church. The envelopes contained a leaflet, *The women of India in Slavery*, and some statistics concerning the population of India. On the blank side of the leaflet was written "The Woman's Mission Circle of Bloor Street Church have arranged to hold a special thank-offering service on Friday evening Feb. 6th, at 8 o'clock; will you not make an offering over and above your usual contribution to this object? Enclose it in this envelope with a text of scripture, or other words expressive of thanks to God for some of the many blessings that come to you as a Christian woman. If it is impossible for you to be present, will you not send your offering? No signatures are to be given. Our Foreign Mission is in India." The announcement was made from

the pulpit two Sundays previous and at prayer-meeting, giving time and place of the meeting. When the evening came the programme was as follows: Song, "Christ for the World," Scripture reading, Psalms xcii. 1-2, xcvi. 1-9; cvii. 1-23. After prayer and reading minutes of the previous meeting, several selections from leaflets and articles were read, all of which were selected and arranged with reference to bringing out the reasons we as Christian women have for thanksgiving. First, a description of the state our ancestors were in before missionaries took to them the Gospel. 2nd, "Woman's Mission." 3rd, "The Position of Heathen Women." 4th, "My Thanksgiving Box." 5th, "The Legend of the Mazeen, a poem." After a duet the opening of the envelopes and reading the texts alternately by two ladies formed a most interesting and appropriate ending to the programme. Then a prayer, offering these gifts to the Lord and asking Him to bless and consecrate them to His service. Singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The offering amounted to \$56.04, all of which goes to the treasurer, no expenses deducted.

News from the Circles.

KINGSTON. Last it may seem as if we were idle or asleep in Kingston, I will send a line about our Circle, which was organized, or, perhaps I should say re-organized, when Mrs. Walker, of India, was here, and is still flourishing. We have a goodly number of names on the roll, and the collector's calls are promptly responded to, but the attendance at our monthly meetings fluctuates with the weather and other changing circumstances. With Mr. and Mrs. Walker, the Circle sent a box of gifts to the lady missionaries in India. It was a good investment, "twice blessed," for every separate letter of thanks that came, was full of inspiration and interest. Last winter, and from our regular work, we sent to Mr. Petereit, German missionary in Winnipeg, a box of warm clothing, for distribution. With the exception of one month's contributions given to Grande Ligne, our funds are sent, month about, to Home and Foreign Missions. The Oct. contributions, doubled, and supplemented by the proceeds of an envelope social, were devoted to the furnishing of a room in Grande Ligne school. Our little band of workers seem to fill a very small corner, but,

No service in itself is small,
None great, though earth it fill,
But that is small which seeks its own
That great which does God's will.

Let us each be ready to work anywhere, everywhere, in season and out of season.

"In secret love, the Master,
To each one whispers low,
I am at hand, work faster,
Behold the sunset glow.

M. S. LAING

FOREST. Acting upon the suggestion given in the LINK, we held a thank offering service on Sunday evening Jan. 11th. As the meeting was held under the supervision of the Circle Mrs. Marshall presided.

A very interesting and entertaining programme was rendered by members of the Young People's Missionary Society, members of the Mission Band and Mission Circle, and was listened to by a fair audience. The collection which was \$3.00, was sent to our Foreign Missionary Treasurer.

Our Circle is still in existence and doing a quiet work. We hold our monthly meetings regularly and the few who