

opened during the meeting; they have done very well. A collection was taken, which amounted to \$7.20.

Lucie J. Hews, Sec.

**MALAHIDE AND BATHAM.**—Our third annual meeting was held on the evening of Feb. 22nd, and though the night was most unfavorable, the attendance rather small, and our disappointment at the non-arrival of several of our speakers great, we had not an unpleasant or unprofitable meeting. Arrangements had been made for addresses on Home Missions, by Rev. Alex. Grant; on Foreign Missions, by Rev. A. T. Sowerby, of Aylmer, and others; and on the Grande Ligne Mission, by Pastor Mason. Mr. Grant, we have since learned, was kept away by a snow-blockade on the G. T. R., and Mr. Sowerby was unavoidably absent. Mr. Mason was present, though, and, in addition to filling the chair, ably advocated the claims of the Grande Ligne Mission, and also spoke a few kindly words in behalf of our Home and Foreign work. Apart from the Secretary's report, the remainder of the programme was made up, when we found that our speakers had not arrived, and consisted of a reading by the President, entitled, "The Reflex Influence of Missions"—*Dr. Pierson*, and another, "Open Doors"—*Miss Link*, by Miss Ida Cohoon. A recitation, "Pleading for Africa," was given by Miss Minnie Pound. The Choir favored us with several excellent selections of missionary music. The collection amounted to \$9, to be equally divided among Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and the Grande Ligne Endowment Fund. The Secretary's report showed that, though the number of contributors was not quite so large as in previous years, the average attendance at the monthly meetings had been larger, the interest deeper, and the contributions considerably greater than ever before.

**BEAMSVILLE.**—The W. M. C. held another of their open circle meetings on Feb. 14th. After singing and prayer, the President, Mrs. Speller, opened the meeting by reading a paper, "Why the Woman's Society was formed," its work and an appeal to every sister of the church to belong to this Circle. A very interesting paper on "Grande Ligne Missions," was read by Mrs. J. D. Bennet, after which the appeal for the endowment fund was read. A letter from our boy, K. Peter, was read by Miss Sumner. We had an instructive "talk" from Mrs. Forbes (our Associational Director), after which Mr. Speller was called upon for an address on Home Missions, but declined as the hour was getting late, saying "that it was no use to pour water into a full pail." The exercises were interspersed with appropriate music by the church choir.

### New Circles.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society was re-organized in Bridgetown, N. S., on Monday, 11th March. The prospects for the future are bright. Pres., Mrs. Warren; Sec., Mrs. Reilly; Treas., Mrs. Dickson.

**BETHLEHEM.**—Mission Circle organized here August 27th, 1888, by our President, Mrs. Alger, with seven members. Have had one addition; as our church is poor we allow girls under twenty to belong for 50 cents. The following officers were elected: *President*, Mrs. Alger; *Secretary*, Miss Alger; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Knight.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

### Cheerful Givers.

Some time ago I was preaching a sermon on giving. In closing, I drew a comparison between the giving required of the Jew and the Christian. I said that while God required no gifts for the uprearing of a material Temple, He did require of us gifts to dig living stones out of the dark mines of heathenism for the living Temple He is now building. Half an hour after reaching my home, a young man called, an invalid, who earns a precarious living by his own exertions. He handed me a new crisp ten dollar bill! To it was pinned a small piece of paper with the words, "To help dig living stones."

### WHAT A LITTLE BOY DID.

In a Canadian town there is a little boy who was very anxious to do something to send the Gospel to the heathen. But he had nothing. His mother suggested that he earn something, and his father gave him a small patch in the garden. He worked before and after school-hours, planted potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables, took them to market on Saturday and sold them. He put into the treasury, as the outcome of his spare moments for one season, over \$11.

### THOSE BARRELS.

In a small village away in the East, a few days ago, twenty of these little pleaders were opened, and \$18 rolled into the Lord's treasury. The Lord bless the little ones' pennies.

Some months ago, in a far Western town, the barrels were opened, and \$15 was the result. These Bands are doing a very blessed work, not only in gathering in the dollars for actual work, but principally in training the children in knowledge of God's work, in drawing out their sympathies for those in distress and ignorance, and begetting in them the love of giving, the spirit of the Lord Jesus.

### THE LITTLE HEATHEN.

A little boy who was very fond of candy, and who used to find it difficult to pass a shop without asking for a cent to buy some, had a cent given him last one day; but he marched boldly past each shop till the last one was gone. When asked why he did not buy candy, he said he was keeping it for Sunday, "for the little heathen." His mother had told him about the heathen children.

J. McLAUREN.

### An Easter Song.

Have you heard the sound of the Easter bells,  
Far and near?  
Have you heard the words their music tells,  
Sweet and clear?  
"Christ has risen," their accents tell,  
That is the song of the Easter bell.

**RESPONSE.**—This does it mean to you,  
And this does it mean to me,  
But what does it mean to the heathen child,  
Who dwells far over the sea?