

SIMCOE.—On Monday evening, Oct. 12th, there was held a most impressive service, the memory of which will long remain with those who were present. It was the farewell to Miss Ida Ryerse, who is now on her way to India. All the Protestant ministers of the town were present, and each took some part in the service. Rev. J. M. Smith, of Port Rowan, Moderator of the Norfolk Association, in his address, emphasised the thought, that God, in calling another from Simcoe, to work in the foreign field, is bestowing, not only upon our church, but upon the whole Norfolk Association, a very great honor. An address was read by Dr. A. W. Smith, father of Rev. Ralph Smith, and a purse of gold presented to Miss Ryerse, by Mrs. Geo. Davis, directress of the Association. Miss Ryerse is a good speaker, and in her reply touched many of our hearts. She told of her long desire to go to India, attributing it to her mother's prayers and consecration, and to the seed sown by Rev. D. Dack, her pastor during the most impressionable years of her life. While there was a note of sadness in the address, the thought that impressed one most was the spirit of joy and gladness, and the feeling of gratitude to God for his goodness in opening her way for service in India.

E. S., Sec.

ROCKLAND.—The Semi-annual Thank-offering service was held in the Baptist Church, on the evening of Oct. 16th. Our President, Mrs. Erskine, occupied the chair and told in a few well chosen words the object of open meeting and reported an earnest missionary spirit from regular monthly meetings. Programme consisted of a couple of anthems, a duet, a violin obligato and two splendid and helpful addresses on mission work; one from our pastor, Rev. L. H. Coles, and one from Deacon Jno. Pushman. The collection taken amounted to \$57.00, to be sent in aid of Foreign Missions. After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," all went to the basement where supper was served and a social time enjoyed.

MAGGIE KNOX,

Secretary.

MIDLAND.—Our Annual Thank-offering service was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hacker, Oct. 20th, about 95 persons being present. After opening the service by singing a hymn, reading of scripture and prayer by Rev. E. A. Brownlee, a splendid programme was carried out. Our pastor, Rev. E. A. Brownlee, gave us a short talk on, "The great number of unseen things for which we should be thankful." An offering was taken amounting to \$12.80. After the serving of refreshments and a social hour had been spent the company dispersed while several young people sang "God be with you till we meet again." This will be the last social function of this kind that we will have our pastor, and his esteemed wife, Mrs. Brownlee with us, as they have given themselves for service as missionaries, and expect to enter upon their work in China early in the New Year. Our prayer is that God will bless them as they go to this new field of labor and give them many, many souls for their hire.

MRS. L. W. HARPER,

Secretary.

WALKERTON.—The Annual Thank-offering meeting of the Ladies' Mission Circle, was held on Monday evening, Oct. 5th, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Warner, in the chair. After the opening hymn and prayer, the chairman spoke a few words, expressing his interest in the work of the Circle, and the pleasure he felt in looking forward to their usual thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Warner then favored us with a solo, "If I were a voice, etc." This was followed by a very interesting and helpful reading, entitled, "The Story of a Dime," by Miss M. Sinclair; a solo by Mr. Stephen followed, and then a recitation by Mrs. Warner, "How we built our church at Key-hose bar," was very well given. The offering was then taken and the inclosed texts of scripture read by Rev. Mr. Warner. The offering amounted to eighteen dollars and five cents, one dollar since received making it nineteen dollars and five cents. A solo by Miss Albright brought the programme to a close.

BELLE McKINNON,

Secretary.