

## Work at Home.

### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

**PAINLEY.**—We held our Thank-offering meeting on Sunday, November 28th, at the hour of our usual morning service. Our President, Mrs. Stevens, presided, and led the devotional exercises, after which Miss Maggie Fisher read a very interesting and profitable paper on the work. The Secretary then gave a report of the year's work done by the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies in Ontario, Quebec, and the North-West, after which Hester Campbell gave a very suitable recitation. The collection was then taken up by two of the sisters, in envelopes, which was given reasons for thankfulness; the reading of these formed part of the programme. Then followed an address from our pastor, on the work done throughout the land by the women.

The church choir rendered suitable music throughout the programme. The collection amounted to \$12.04, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

We take 30 Visitors and 13 Links.

Mrs. BUCHANAN, Sec.

**P.S.**—We have 23 members now in good standing.

Paisley, December 24, 1897.

**KING, BETHEL.**—On September 13th, we held our annual open meeting, when interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Miss M. Rogers, of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. McAlpine, of Whitby. The latter speaker favoring us with several selections of music, accompanying himself on his guitar. Reports from sister societies were then read, and a report of the year's work done by our own Circle showed an increase in membership, in funds and in interest. Hoping that the Master may still continue to bless our efforts in this work, and to His name will we ascribe all the glory.

L. E. N., Sec.

**St. GEORGE.**—The annual Thank-offering service of the Circle was held in the church, on the afternoon of Nov. 17th. Our President, Mrs. E. Patten, occupied the chair. After singing, "To the Work, to the Work," an appropriate portion of Scripture was read, and Mrs. Collins, of Paris, led in prayer. We were then delighted to hear from Miss Simpson. She gave us a vivid and interesting account of her work in far away India. Miss Simpson has charge of the Caste Girls' School at Cocanada. A solo, "Just for To-day," by Miss Allie Bell, was much appreciated. A recitation by Maudie Allaway was well rendered. A pretty solo, "The Morning Breaks upon the Gloom," was sung by Miss Lilly Mihell. The ladies put their offerings in envelopes with a suitable text of Scripture. These were opened by two

sisters and read. Thank-offering \$10, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The meeting closed with singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in a social way. M. B., Sec.

**NORWICH.**—Wishing to have a larger attendance at our Thanksgiving meeting and, if possible, increase the number of members of our Circle, we wrote special invitations to the women of our church, asking them to meet with us on Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Quite a goodly number responded. Our Pres., Mrs. Newton, took charge of the programme. After a short Bible lesson and a few extracts had been read, Mrs. (Rev.) D. B. Cohoe, whom we are glad to welcome as a new member, addressed us on the subject of the "Physical Condition of the Women of India." A cup of coffee, with bread and butter, served to complete a pleasant and profitable afternoon. The visible results were some new members, a thank-offering of \$6, and we hope it will result in an increased attendance at our regular meetings.

L. M. GRAY.

**PETROLEA.**—The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Baptist church held a special Thank-offering meeting on Dec. 7, 1897. The attendance was larger than usual. Vice-President, Mrs. Stonehouse, occupied the chair, and made an earnest appeal to the ladies to become more interested in mission work. A short programme was listened to with pleasure. The envelopes were opened which contained choice verses of Scripture and other tokens of thankfulness. The receipts amounted to \$5.35, to be equally divided among Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. DIAMOND, Sec.

**UXBRIDGE.**—Sunday, Nov. 28, the anniversary of our church, was observed as Missionary Sunday. The offerings taken at both services and Sabbath School, as well as proceeds of the lecture the following evening, were devoted entirely to Home and Foreign Missions. We have been blessed during the past year, many have been converted, numbers have been added to the church by baptism. Our church has been repainted inside and out, and according as we have been prospered, cheerfully we give unto the Lord.

At the close of the Sabbath School we met with the children and formed a Mission Band, known as the "Happy Workers Mission Band," and trust these dear children will be worthy of their name. We have organized with a full staff of officers and a membership of thirty-three, and hope to more than doubly increase our number before our next anniversary, and that the children will all be inspired with a true missionary spirit and a love for God's work.

EMMA TOPPING, Cor.-Sec.