

the school. Third, we can help to interest all through the monthly missionary prayer meeting, by trying to start one in our Church, if none exists, and by helping to sustain it and make it interesting. A Committee from each Church is pledged to do this.

A plain tea was served for all in the school room of the Church. Dr. Clarke presided at the evening meeting. Rev. Alexander Grant spoke very earnestly in behalf of Home Missions. Mr. Bingham, the missionary of our women's society on the Gravenhurst and Bracebridge fields, spoke for a short time about our work in that district. With a view to showing how anxious the people are to hear the Gospel, he gave some instances of the long journeys some of them make in the coldest of weather.

Mr. Goforth, who is under appointment by the Presbyterian Board to go as Missionary to China, gave one of the most rousing addresses on Foreign Missions that we have ever heard. We feel confident that much good will result from these meetings both afternoon and evening.

An Inspiring Experience.

In reading the February No. of THE LINK, I noticed a remark among the reports from Circles, that many more would gladly join, if it were not for their many domestic duties, and often when we ask some of our sisters here at home to come and help us, they have the same excuse. Now, I thought it would not come amiss, if, for the benefit of some of these dear sisters, I would give a little of my experience. I am the mother of six children the eldest one being eleven years of age, the youngest eleven months. I joined our Circle, when it was organized not quite two years ago, and with the exception of three times, I have been present at each regular monthly meeting during that time. Now, I think I hear some of you say, "Oh, well, it is easy for her, no doubt, she has some one to help her." Well my dear sisters, I will tell you what assistance I have. We hold our meeting every second Thursday in the month and therefore before that time we have received THE LINK for that month; and a most welcome visitor it is to our home. My domestic duties, for a short time, now and then, are forgotten in the perusal of its soul inspiring and stimulating pages. When I read the letters and extracts of letters from our missionaries, telling us of their hopes and disappointments, success and discouragements, in their work; when I think of the sacrifice made by each of them, in order to perform such work, I begin to realize that in comparison to them, my toil and care is as nothing. Therefore, as the day for our Circle meeting approaches, I am fully determined to attend it, unless circumstances over which I have no control hinder me. THE LINK, therefore, is to me, one of the greatest helps I have. Then I talk to my children about our Missionaries and their work, about the poor heathen, who know not Jesus, and they are each one willing to do some menial task that "mamma may get to the Circle meeting." Now I know sometimes it causes us to make a great effort, to leave behind us, our domestic cares, and engage in mission work. But oh! how well we are repaid for it, our souls are refreshed and our faint hearts strengthened, the more we work the more interested we become, until the work seems light, and only a pleasure to perform it. Remember, sisters, we are setting forth an example to our children, for good or evil, that will never be forgotten. Let us do our duty in this matter, and fulfil our obligation to our blessed Master and no doubt in the future to come, some of our boys and girls will go forth, as missionaries to the poor benighted

heathen. Let us also bear in mind that when Jesus was here on earth, he was a man of toil, and yet he did not neglect his Father's business. He faced stronger opposition, endured more persecution than any of us, but through it all, he fulfilled his great and glorious mission. Let us as much as possible intimate our Saviour's spirit of perseverance, and as the day approaches for our Circle to meet, may we each one work a little harder, or make some other sacrifice in order to leave our domestic cares aside, and attend the meeting.

When our work here is ended, and we are called home to be with our beloved Master, the victory will be greater because of the battle we have waged, the rest will be sweeter, because of the toil endured. It is in great weakness, and with trembling of heart, I have thus given my short experience, but I have asked my Heavenly Father to bless it, and I trust some poor faint-hearted sister may be cheered and encouraged to go forth boldly, and do her part in this great work.

J. M.
Forest, March 18th, 1887.

Dear Mrs. Newman.—Allow me to add a few words to Mrs. Castle's appeal for help for our Foreign Mission field in last month's LINK. A simple illustration occurs to me:—

Here are two men struggling in the water, one is trying to save the other, but his strength is not sufficient longer to bear up the burden. What would we think of a man standing on the shore, waiting until he sees the noble swimmer sink beneath the wave and rise no more before he goes to the rescue. It seems to me the Christian people of Canada are like the man standing on the shore. We watch our noble missionaries drop off one by one, and then we wake up to the necessity of sending the help they need. But, although the work still goes on and will go, do we not need to be more alive to what God requires of us? The more I read God's word, the more astonished I am that any Christians can say they do not believe in missions. Did not Christ our great founder, leave His home in Heaven and become a home missionary? He came first to His own, the chosen people of God (the Jews) and His own received Him not; and then he turned to the heathen, to the Gentiles, of own race; if Christ had not been a Foreign Missionary we would never have been saved. Reverse the condition of our own favored land with that of heathen countries. God has said He will make to himself a great nation from all parts of the earth and He will do it. As our brave sons went forth to battle, with the feeling that when the victory was won they would be there to share the honors, so we, in that glorious day when none shall say, "Know ye the Lord?" but all shall know Him, shall be there to share the honors Christ shall give us if we do all we can to help on this great work. If we do not reap the glory, we shall surely reap the shame. It is not a question whether we believe in missions or not; but a command from the living God we cannot disobey.

Yours in the work,

E. A. MOOR.

MONTREAL.—*My dear Mrs. Newman.*—The LINK is always a welcome visitor, but this month was especially welcome as it brought the news that two men have at last offered to join our needy Telugu Mission. My heart has been full of thanksgiving ever since. I feel especially glad that the offer has come from McMaster Hall, as I am sure it will be a great benefit and blessing to the College to have one Foreign Missionary at least among