

The Treasurer's report for the quarter showed an advance of \$65.65 over the same period last year. But the giving of the Circles has fallen behind to the amount of \$83.21.

The Editor of the LINK reported finances in good shape, with an increased list of subscribers.

The Secretary of Bands reported two new Mission Bands formed—one at Eglinton Church, Toronto, the other at McPhail Memorial Church, Ottawa. Two others have been reorganized.

The Literature Committee have prepared a sketch of the life of Miss Selman, which is to be printed.

The application of Miss Muriel Brothers, now at McMaster, was received. Her name has been placed on the waiting list.

The Walmer Road Sunday School, Toronto, have undertaken to provide the salary of Miss Laura Craig for this year.

As a result of the recent Halifax disaster, circumstances have arisen which have made it necessary for our newly-appointed Secretary of Young Women's Circles, Miss Edith Davies, to tender her resignation. A committee was appointed to meet with a like committee from the Home Society to seek out a successor.

After prayer, the meeting adjourned.

E. M. INRIG, Secy.

An American Presbyterian missionary in the Punjab, impressed by the reminders of Palestine life in the villages, made an interesting attempt to have the people themselves depict the Christmas story. She says: "The training was very simple. The Christian school boys of two villages learned the Christmas hymns. Men, women and children learned the Christmas story by heart. Nothing else was talked of. I had my largest tent pitched and a quite real-looking manger put up in the back. The rehearsals went very well. No special costumes were required, as the people's own clothes were just perfect for the parts. The day arrived and long before the appointed hour the tent was crammed, and crowds standing outside, among them many non-Christians.

Several calves and donkeys had been brought into the back of the tent and the cowherds, with their long staves, stood by. Nothing was lacking but the camels, and they could have been supplied had the tent been big enough.

"The Wise men, of course, had their gifts, and one of them carried a potsherd with live coals in it, which had never appeared in the rehearsals. As they knelt in front of the manger and held out their gifts toward the babe, the man with the potsherd passed his hand over the coals and suddenly the whole tent was filled with the heavy odor of incense. The children then gave their Christmas concert and after a treat of nuts and fruit, the whole company strode off in groups across the fields, singing as they went, happy in the first Christmas celebration of their lives."—Sel.