

God's special promise to His children in their discouragements. After roll call the following Nominating Committee was appointed: Mesdames Robertson and Hastings, and Miss Sheffield.

The Director's report shewed an encouraging condition in the majority of the Circles, and stagnation in none. The report from the Bands was not encouraging, though good work is being done by many. Mrs. Robertson, of Carleton Place, read an excellent paper on "Our Papers," advocating the *Visitor* and *LINK*. The careful and prayerful reading of these means increased interest in missions, increased prayer for missions, and increased gifts to missions.

Miss Wright, of Renfrew, spoke on "How can the children be taught to pray for missions." She said that they must be taught to serve Christ, then to offer sentence prayers, and these increased until the child could frame prayer.

A paper prepared by Mrs. Sycamore was read by Miss Grace, Brockville, on "The best plan for engaging all the members of a Circle, thus getting their interest." To have good meetings, bright intelligent programs are necessary. The plan found very successful in the Brockville Circle was given. Miss Farmer, of Almonte, read a paper prepared by Mrs. M. C. McLean, on "What is the best way and the best subjects to make the Circle program attractive and interesting." The leadership of God must first be recognized, business must be done in a business like way, and, above all, prayer must be earnest and constant.

Mrs. Copland, Brockville, read a paper on "The stimulating effects of preparing and sending away a Home Mission box," thus affording an opportunity for sympathetic and Christian work and giving. The Nominating Committee reported for officers: Mrs. A. N. Frith, Smith's Falls, President; Mrs. J. C. Sycamore, Brockville, Vice-President; Mrs. Moulton, Westport, Director of Circles; Miss Thompson, Carleton Place, Director of Bands.

At the afternoon meeting, Miss Murray, of India, gave a most interesting and helpful address. She said our interest in missions would be in proportion to our intelligent love for Christ. She referred to the conditions of Hindu women, as it had come under her own notice, of their degradation and sadness, and that the future of India's greatness is bound up in the emancipation of India's women. Mrs. W. W. McMaster, Ottawa, spoke on behalf of Moulton College, and gave a bright and spirited resume of the work being done at the different stations in the Home Mission Field. The three great needs to carry on this work are money, prayer and ourselves.

After a solo and greetings from sister societies in Renfrew, Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, Renfrew, spoke on "School Work in India," referring specially to technical schools and day schools,

the importance of these, on account of the seed being sown best among the youth.

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### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

GREEN RIVER.—We are glad to report a deeper interest in mission work, our meetings are well attended, and love for missions and faithfulness in service for Christ more manifest every month by the members.

Our Circle held an open meeting at the home of the pastor, Rev. Judson McIntosh, Thursday afternoon, July 2nd. There was a large attendance, the parsonage being filled to the doors. The President, Mrs. Hopkins, occupied the chair and made a short address extending to all present a hearty welcome. After devotional exercises and the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds," a very interesting programme was rendered. We were pleased to have with us the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Scott, missionaries elect to India. All present were deeply interested in the addresses given by them. The prayers and love of each member will follow Mr. and Mrs. Scott as they go to that far-away land to labor among the heathen. Excellent addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Legate, Methodist minister, and by the pastor. Interesting papers on missionary work were given by Mrs. McIntosh, Miss J. Nighswander and Miss Eva Hopkins. Mrs. McIntosh and Miss Champion sang very sweetly "O Morning Land," music was rendered by Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Nighswander and Miss S. Hutchings.

After the roll had been called, each member responded with an appropriate verse of scripture. One of our best and largest meetings was brought to a close by singing, "God be with us till we meet again." After the meeting a social season was spent, and then all sat down to an excellent tea on the lawn. Collection \$10.00. Officers: President, Mrs. H. Hopkins; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Ferrur; Secretary, Miss Jessie Nighswander; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Dofee.

J. NIGHSWANDER.

ORILLIA.—On July 31, 1903, eight ladies and the pastor met in the church to talk about organizing a Mission Circle. Pastor Dayfort opened the meeting with devotional exercises and a short address. The result was that we organized a Union Circle for Home and Foreign Missions. Our Officers are as follows: Pres., Mrs. Fader; Vice-President, Miss Sandders; Secretary, Mrs. Julia E. Maynard; Foreign Mission Treasurer, Miss Jones; Home Mission Treasurer, Miss Duffield; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Dayfort, Miss Maynard, Miss Fader.

The membership fee 10c. per month. We agreed to hold our first meeting at Mrs. Taylors on Aug. 13, as she is our oldest member. Twelve ladies were present. Mrs. Dayfort