

during the past year, with an average attendance of five at our meetings.

We were pleased to have the Rev. F. B. Moore, of Blenheim, with us, as well as Rev. T. J. Manthorne, of Kingsville, who both gave us instructive addresses on Missions.

The dialogues and music by the children were well rendered, as well as the dialogue given by the ladies of the Mission Circle. The choir favored us with suitable music, and the proceeds of the evening amounted to \$7.12.

J. RITCHIE, *President*.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORD ST. CHURCH.—The Mission Circle of this church held its Thanksgiving meeting in November. An effort was made to have as large an attendance as possible of all the women members of the church, and the result was not satisfactory. A delightful and helpful hour was spent in telling of the many causes for thanksgiving during the past year, nearly every one present speaking from a full heart of the countless mercies of our Father. There was a brief talk on the work of the Circle and the necessity of an increase of membership if our regular income is to be increased. A little resumé of the work on our various mission fields during the year was given in a very interesting form, speaking particularly of the reason for thanksgiving for what has been accomplished. There were also extracts from a recent letter from Miss Belle Hatch, a duet from two Circle members, and two solos from Mrs. Kerr, of the First Church, were songs which spoke to our hearts. The amount of the offering was \$13.50, and two new names were added to our roll.

PAINLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.—Our Circle held their annual Thank-offering meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at eleven o'clock, our usual morning Church service. A goodly number of the members of the Church were present. Meeting opened with President in chair and singing hymn 140, after which our President read the Scripture lesson from Psalm 135, and Miss Fisher led in prayer. Our President gave some remarks on Mission work, followed by the Secretary's report of the work done by the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario and Quebec. The collection was then taken up, which was put in envelopes with reasons for thankfulness. Miss Galbrith read these, which formed an interesting part of our programme. The amount collected was \$7.43, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. We then had an instructive paper by Miss Maggie Fisher, on Home Mission work. The choir provided suitable music between the papers. Mrs. Clements then read a paper on the many reasons

we had given for thankfulness, after which we were favored with a duet by members of the choir. Miss Fisher gave a very practical and interesting address on the work. Meeting closed by singing hymn 706 and prayer by Deacon Darroch.

MRS. BUCHANAN, *Sec.*

PETROLEA.—On the evening of Nov. 1st., '98, the Ladies' Mission Circle held their Thank-offering meeting in the lecture room of the Church, President, Mrs. Stonehouse, in the chair. Each sister had been asked to enclose with her offering a text of Scripture or some token of thankfulness. Our pastor, Mr. Farmer, gave an address, and made us all feel how little we were doing for this grand work. Several others took part in singing and reading. The offering amounted to \$6, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

MRS. J. DIAMOND, *Sec.*

PHILLIPSVILLE.—Our annual public meeting, which we always look forward to with great interest, was held on the evening of November 3rd. The meeting was opened by the singing of a gospel hymn, reading of the Scripture by our President, Mrs. Toffey, and prayer by our pastor, Mr. Puttenham. After "Go ye into all the World" was sung, and the report of the year's work read, the speaker of the evening, in the person of Rev. J. A. K. Walker, a missionary fresh from the field of labor, was introduced. Mr. Walker gave us an excellent address on "India's Women," and as he told us of the degradation of our dark skinned sisters, hated and despised from their birth, we longed more than ever to help send them the Gospel of Peace. Our pastor gave us a few very encouraging words, and the meeting was brought to a close. Pleasant weather, fine roads, good attendance and earnest attention all combined to give, we trust, a profitable meeting. The collection amounted to \$19.78.

M. KNOWLTON, *Sec.*

LISTOWEL.—We held our Thank-offering meeting at the home of our President, Mrs. W. T. Bunt, on Friday, October the 28th. Most of the members of our Circle were present, and a goodly number of others. The programme consisted of readings, music and short addresses. One sister gave a reading entitled "Woman's Life in India." As we sat and listened to her description of the degradation and misery to which woman is subject, our hearts go out to them, and we could not but thank our heavenly Father that we had been born in a Christian land where we can worship, none daring to molest or make us afraid. Our collection amounted to \$4.04. Light lunch was served at the close.

MISS M. PARK.