

But shall the work be hindered for lack of money coming into the treasury of the Lord? This will be the case, if the Lord's stewards keep back that which they should, at once, send on to the address of our Treasurer, T. Dixon Craig, Esq., 51 Front-street, Toronto. "He gives twice who gives quickly." JAS. COUTTS, Sec.

SARNIA, ONT.—We held our annual meeting on the 1st of March, at 3 p.m., at which the following officers were chosen:—*President*, Miss Rowles; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Ellis; *Secretary*, Miss K. Watson; *Treasurer*, Miss E. Wodell; *Collectors*, Miss Wodell, Miss Winters, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Ellis.

President for the Golden Mission Band, Miss Bean; *Vice-President* Mrs. Johnson; the choice of other officers being left to the children. The Mission Band numbers 32, and we think will be the means of great good among our little ones. We were all made sad by the death of the treasurer of the Band, a bright boy of fourteen, but we know that he has gone to be with the Saviour he loved and served.

Our Circle now numbers 58, and although this is not an increase over last year's membership, (many of our members having left town), still our outlook is much brighter, we are beginning to awaken from our sleep of carelessness, and realize our individual responsibility. May our interest deepen so that as a Circle we may be made a blessing to our sisters in far off India.

Our public meeting was held April 4th. Although the evening was dark and rainy, the attendance was very good and the programme interesting. The collection was \$7.15, and eleven new members were received. We are encouraged to work on, trusting in Him who is ever the refuge and strength of His people.

KATE WATSON, Sec.

Offering Unto the Lord.

THE OFFERING.

Rom. xii. 1.—"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present *your bodies* a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

2 Cor. viii. 5.—"And this they did. First gave *their own selves* to the Lord, and then unto us by the will of God."

1 Chron. xxix. 5.—"And who then is willing to *consecrate his service* this day unto the Lord?"

1 Chron. xvi. 29.—"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. Bring an *offering*, and come before him."

Prov. iii. 9.—"Honour the Lord with *thy substance*, and with the *first fruits of thine increase*."

Mal. iii. 10.—"Bring ye all the *tithes* into the storehouse."

Acts iii. 6.—"Silver and gold have I none, but *such as I have* give I thee."

Exod. xxv. 2.—"Of every man that *giveth* it willingly with his heart, ye shall take *my offering*."

Exod. xxxv. 21.—"And they brought the *Lord's offering* to the work of the Tabernacle."

Exod. xxxv. 25.—"And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought *that which they had spun*."

THE MANNER OF THE OFFERING.

Exod. xxxv. 29.—"The children of Israel brought a *willing offering* unto the Lord, every man and woman whose heart made them willing to bring."

Matt. x. 8.—"Freely ye have received, *freely* give."

2 Cor. viii. 12.—"For if there be first a *willing* mind, it is accepted to that he hath not, and not according to that he hath not."

2 Cor. ix. 7.—"Every man according as he *purposeth in his heart*, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Rom. xii. 8.—"He that giveth, let him do it *with simplicity*."

THE MEASURE OF THE OFFERING.

Mark xiv. 8.—"She hath done *what she could*."

Luke xix. 8.—"The *half of my goods* I give to the poor."

Mark xii. 44.—"But she of her want did cast in *all that she had*, even all her living."

1 Cor. xvi. 2.—"Let every one of you lay by him in store as *God has prospered him*."

1 Peter iv. 11.—"If any man minister, let him do it as of the *ability which God giveth*."

THE REASONS FOR OFFERING.

Psal. xxiv. 1.—"For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

Hag. ii. 8.—"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord."

1 Chron. xxix. 14.—"For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."

Acts xx. 35.—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Prov. xi. 25.—"He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Heb. xiii. 16.—"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Rom. x. 14-15.—"How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

2 Cor. viii. 9.—"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye, through his poverty, might be rich."

Isa. lxxi. 11.—"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied."

Rev. xi. 15.—"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever."

Keeping the Good News.

A New Zealand girl was brought over to England to be educated. She became a true Christian. When she was about to return, some of her playmates endeavored to dissuade her. They said:

"Why do you go back to New Zealand? You are accustomed to England now. You love its shady lanes and clove fields. It suits your health. Besides you may be shipwrecked on the ocean. You may be killed and eaten by your own people. Everybody will have forgotten you."

"What!" she said, "do you think I could keep the good news to myself? Do you think that I could be content with having got pardon and peace and eternal life for myself, and not go and tell my dear father and mother how they can get it too? I would go if I had to swim there! Do not try to hinder me, for I must go and tell my people the good news."

THE greatest luxury of superfluous wealth is *in giving it away*.