

zines, have worked such a transformation that you would hardly know the place. In short, instead of a dreary hall, we now have a pleasant parlor in which to hold all our church meetings, and, in consequence, find them all much better attended. At hours when there are no meetings the room is quite extensively used as a reading room by those who wish to consult the books and papers, and by enlarging our stock of reading matter, we hope largely to increase its usefulness in this direction. One of our members has just given us a cabinet with glass doors to hold our missionary curiosities, and another, a furniture dealer from the city, who spends his summers here, has sent us four comfortable easy chairs. The children are especially proud of the room, in its new dress, and keep it bountifully supplied with ferns and wild flowers in summer.

“Some objected of course. That is all some people *can* do. Those who said that if people *wanted* to go to a missionary meeting they would go anyway, and that it was a great waste of money to do all this—were assured that the expense was very little, nearly everything being given to us ; and as these people invariably had their own houses richly furnished, and seldom attended church we didn't care for their criticism. Deacon Old-time had something of a struggle, for he loved what he called the 'dear old ways,' but he also loved the base viol, and, in the end, the attractions of the musical instrument won the victory. The hardest people to get along with are those who claim that in making what they call 'such a fuss' about *foreign* missions, we shall forget the *Home* Missionary cause, and criminally neglect the interest of our own church. The facts and figures show the contrary to be the case. For instance, last year we gave more to home missions than in any *two* previous years. We increased our pastor's salary and paid it promptly every month, which we *never* did before. The Mission Band alone raised as much for foreign missions as we ladies used to give—and supported a