

the non-interested class whom we would have wished to have present were as usual absent. The topic for the evening being Missions and Thanksgiving, a very sociable and profitable time was spent by listening to addresses, or rather words of encouragement and sympathy from the pastor, president and deacons, a map exercise on the Foreign Field by a young brother; a responsive recitation entitled "The Two Voices," and a dialogue by the Mission Band entitled "The Gospel Ship," and also suitable singing. To close up the exercises refreshments were then served. A collection having been taken, which amounted to five dollars, was divided equally between Grande Ligne and Manitoba Missions. A word before closing concerning the time for Thank-offering meetings. Although Nov. is the usual Thanksgiving month, it is not suitable for a night meeting, especially in country places on account of uncertain weather and bad roads. These services are a profit to the Mission cause both spiritually and financially, and I think we should remove every thing that would hinder their success. What is the opinion of the Circles? *Mrs. D. McDIARMID, Sec.*

*PRESTON.*—Our Circle held a very profitable open meeting on the afternoon of March 5th, at the residence of Mrs. A. Zieman, the President, Mrs. Peer, presiding. After devotional exercises, roll call, and the business of the Circle transacted, we were addressed by Mrs. McKittrick, of Galt, a Presbyterian lady who has worked for some time in Tarsus, Asia Minor. She gave us a great deal of information about the Turks, Greeks and Armenians, especially the latter. She had with her a great many curios, such as the veils the Turkish women wear on the streets, and wedding veils, and charms the Turks put on their horses to keep the evil spirits away, and a great many other things of interest. The address was of great interest to all. The ladies of the town were invited to the meeting; sixteen ladies of other denominations responded to the invitation. We think this a good way to interest the people in our work. Our Circle is growing, four have been added to our number lately.

*WINCHESTER.*—We had a most interesting meeting under the auspices of the Circle, on Friday evening 13th inst., held in the Presbyterian Church, which was kindly lent for the occasion, as it was anticipated that the audience would be far too large for our own small chapel. Brother Laffamme gave his seven years' experience in India. All were delighted with the plain chat which brought up so vividly the every day life of the missionary in contact with the people. Pathetic as well as laughable incidents were graphically related, sustaining the unflagging interest of the large audience for an hour and a half; their appreciation being practically expressed by a voluntary silver collection of over \$24. This is brother Laffamme's native place.

*Mrs. J. A. CHAMBERLIN, Pres.*

*BRANTFORD.*—On March 4th the union meeting of the Circles of the Baptist churches of the city was held in the First church, Mrs. John Harris presiding. Meeting opened with prayer. Miss Gardiner read a leaflet, and Mrs. Brown a very interesting paper. These ladies were from Park church. Mrs. Murray, from the North Star church, read a very interesting leaflet. Mrs. Beckett, from Calvary church, read a poem, followed by a very interesting talk on the Leper Mission, by Mrs. Porter. An excellent paper was read by Miss Merrill, and a short sketch of Miss Stovel's life, by Mrs. Zurich, both from our own Circles. Missionary songs were sung, and a solo by Miss Beal was very much appreciated. Collection, \$8. Over 90 remained for tea. Our meetings are growing in interest, and encourage us to do more for our Master.

*ELEANOR POPPENWELL, Sec.*

*ST. MARYS.*—Our Mission Circle held a Thank-offering meeting on the 12th of March, at the home of the president. A good programme was given; our pastor, Rev. Mr. Anderson, presided. An address by a returned missionary from China was much appreciated. Collection amounted to \$3.30, for Telugu missions. After the programme, refreshments were served and all enjoyed a social evening. We hope it will be the means of deepening the interest in mission work. We sometimes feel discouraged, our number is so small and we accomplish so little. But if we pray, work and give in the right spirit, the Lord will bless our labors and the harvest will be abundant.

*Mrs. SMITH.*

*BERWICK.*—The annual Thank-offering service of the Berwick Aid Society was held Jan. 6th. The meeting was impressively and beautifully conducted by the president. A large audience responded to the personal invitations given by the society. We trust many who came to listen only, returned to their homes filled with new enthusiasm for the work. A very interesting programme consisting of singing, recitations and reading of valuable papers was enjoyed by all. Offering from envelopes, \$10, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

*Mrs. SIMPSON, Cor. Sec.*

*PORT HOPE.*—The Women's Mission Circle held their annual Thank-offering meeting for Foreign Missions on February 5th, at 8 p.m. Each envelope contained an appropriate text with the offering. The reading of these texts formed a very interesting feature of the meeting. The offering amounted to \$37, which was a little less than the previous year. No doubt one reason for the decrease is, that at that time the Circle was a Foreign Mission Circle, but is now both Foreign and Home, and the Home Mission Thank-offering in Nov. 1895, was \$28.

*MAUD CRAIG, Sec.*