

A barrel of clothing sent to the Indians on St. Peter's Reserve, valued at \$8.50. A window put in the new Church costing \$8, besides their regular offering, speak well for their zeal. Mrs. L. Newton, our Pastor's wife, has been an inspiration in all the work of the Circle, of which she is the President. Through her efforts a Mission Band has been organized which promises well for the future.

AUGUSTA H. E. STEWART.

PAISLEY.—We held our annual Thanksgiving meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th, at which Miss McLaurin gave an excellent address on her work in India. Envelopes containing reasons for thanksgiving were opened and read. The Choir also provided suitable music during the meeting. Amount of collection \$17, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions; we also sent a barrel of clothing to Mr. Sharpe, of St. Peter's Reserve.

MRS. JESSIE BUCHANAN.

SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

THE regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of W.B.F.M.S. of East Ontario and Quebec, was held on Friday afternoon, March 6th. The financial statement was very satisfactory, two items mentioned by the Treasurer being of special interest. The first was a gift of twenty dollars (\$20), as an offering to be used towards the deficit. This was enclosed in a letter from Mrs. McCallum, of Vankleek Hill, which it was decided should be published in order to give the Circles an opportunity of contributing towards this object. The other special gift was that of one hundred dollars (\$100), from Mr. Wm. Scott, in memory of his wife so long an earnest member of the Board, and whose sudden death not long ago was most deeply regretted. With this amount his three daughters and daughter-in-law received Life-memberships in the Society. A motion was also carried to appoint Miss Scott to fill the vacancy caused by her mother's death.

A most interesting report of the Post Office Crusade was given by Mrs. Cole, and very encouraging in its account of increased interest taken by the Circles.

The first Thursday in April, the appointed day of prayer, was particularly urged before the meeting was brought to a close. Letters were received from Miss Murray and Miss Selman.

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY,
Rec. Sec.

TO THE CIRCLES IN EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Dear Sisters :

At our last Quarterly Board meeting it was decided to insert the following letter in *THE LINK*, thinking that it would prove a more urgent plea than anything that could be written by us.

We shall be pleased to receive sums through our Treasurer as a special offering from the Circles, and we pray that you may give of your abundance that this deficit of the General Board may be wiped out.

Your Board are very grateful for the funds which have come in so promptly this year, so that we have been enabled to meet our appropriations to date, and it is felt that if we could do something extra to aid the General Board in their difficulty, we should be helping on the work in India and relieving the burden.

The sum of \$20 was enclosed from this sister who writes as follows :—

"As this is the beginning of another year it is my privilege to enclose this money as a gift to our Lord in His work. This seems to me a critical time in our foreign work. The debt is so heavy that I presume this is the cause of the cut, mentioned in the *LINK* lately, to native workers in India. It appears too bad that we fail in the financial part when we have those willing to make the sacrifices a missionary does. The debt of the Board is truly appalling. Can we women not do something to avert this drawback which seems inevitable? Do you think if you used this coin as a nest-egg and asked through the *LINK* for a special offering of all Circles, that we might not gather some hundreds of dollars? Our lives here are so short and eternity so long, it surely pays to lay up our treasures in Heaven. I trust this gift may speedily bring forth fruit a hundred fold."

The nest-egg is ready and waiting. Who will add to it?

On behalf of the Board,
ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,
Cor. Sec.

GROWTH AND NEED.

Growth and need, material and spiritual, keep pace with each other. Trees and animals require increased nourishment as they increase in size and usefulness. And so do educational, commercial and manufacturing institutions and enterprises. And so too do religions.

Hence our cause for gratitude when our Home and Foreign Missions are ever requiring increased expenditures.