

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

ST. MARYS.—As God has very graciously blessed us in our Band work during the past term, we desire to make it known, as it may encourage others. The interest manifested by the members has increased very much. Each seems to feel that the success of the meetings, to a certain extent, depends on the amount of enthusiasm he or she puts into it.

We have introduced a new system with regard to electing our officers. They are newly appointed every quarter by the Circle. Our officers for the quarter commencing with October, in "The Little Gleaners" Band are as follows: Hon. Pres., Edna M. Rutledge; Pres., Mattie Richards; Vice-Pres., Annie Jackson; Sec., Aggie Lucas; Treas., Helen Anderson; Programme Committee, Ada Smith and Lissa Richards; Visiting Committee, Ethel Hoyt and Jenny Boyle.

Our regular meetings are held each alternate Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The number of members on the roll is 34. Our officers are all Christians except two. We have formed ourselves into a committee and meet once in two weeks for special prayer in behalf of our work and for the discussion of plans to make our meetings more interesting. This meeting is held at the different homes of those who form the committee. This we believe will prove to be of great blessing, not only to our Band, but to our church, as it will educate young believers to take part in the different meetings in prayer and testimony and thus develop Christian life. Our desire is to see the members of our own Band accepting Christ as their personal Saviour then we are sure our efforts for the conversion of the heathen will be crowned with greater success. To this end our prayers are constantly ascending to the throne of grace, and we have the blessed assurance that if we ask anything in His Name He heareth us, and we have the petitions we desire of Him.

We are pleased to report in connection with our church a Band composed of boys. Although at times the work has been discouraging here, we have persevered and look for a marked improvement under the management of the new officers, which are as follows: Pres., Miss Clara Delmage; Sec., Master Alex. Harris; Treas., Master Hector Anderson. Owing to the small membership at present we are unable to have the committees similar to those in "Little Gleaners" Band. The number of the names on the roll is twelve. We are looking to God to give us wisdom to interest the lively stirring boys in His work. May his blessing rest upon our efforts.

EDNA M. RUTLEDGE.

HALDIMAND.—The Women's Mission Circle, of the Haldimand Baptist Church, held an open meeting on the evening of 4th Oct. A program, consisting of a paper

on "Home Missions," by Mrs. Watson, together with map exercises on the "Foreign Work," a paper on "Individual Responsibility"; readings, and vocal and instrumental music by members of the Circle was well rendered. The Secretary's report showed that since Oct., 1894, there had been ten meetings of the Circle with an average attendance of six. Total members of the Circle being nine. Since that date there has been raised for missionary purposes the sum of \$24.50. A box of comfortables, valued at \$12.50, was sent to a needy Home Missionary. A part of this was given by church members outside the Circle.

There has also been a Mission Band organized with a membership of 18 children, having as leader our President, Mrs. Gorman.

We realize that we are very few in number, yet the Lord has abundantly blessed our efforts in the past, and we are very grateful to our kind Heavenly Father for this, and take courage for the future. Collection amounted to \$3.65.

HELEN E. HINMAN, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—An open meeting of the Mission Circle of the Baptist church was held on Tuesday night, and the occasion was a very great success. There was a large attendance and the proceedings were of unusual interest. After devotional exercises, including a Scripture reading by Mrs. Hounsell, Mrs. F. E. Matthews gave a most interesting map exercise, illustrative of the work of the missionaries of the Baptist church among the Indians of the North-West, by Mr. Prince, a native, and Rev. Mr. Mellick. The map and the descriptive remarks brought home the truths of the subject very clearly. An unusually excellent reading, "All are God's children," was given by Miss Fair. Mrs. Mimma well entertained the meeting with a capital paper on "Family Training in Missions." This was followed by a fine reading by Miss Aldridge. Rev. J. E. Trotter, the pastor, made a few apt remarks, and a thank-offering was taken, amounting to the handsome sum of \$20. Afterwards a delightful social hour was spent, and all were very highly pleased with the thank-offering evening of the Mission Circle.

TORONTO, TECUMSETH ST.—The Circle held a thank-offering service on Thursday afternoon, November 7th, at 3 o'clock, the attendance being very good. Mrs. Garside, returned missionary, spoke to us for nearly two hours on her work in India, pointing out to us the many things that we, Christians, in a Christian land, have to be thankful for. At the close Mrs. Garside drew our attention to giving for God's cause; and, although we cannot go forth to the mission fields and work for our Master as she has done, may we try and serve Him in another way. Let each member of our city Circles give as liberally as they possibly can in Jesus' name, and by so doing help those that are greatly in need of it in other