

Oh, the whirling dust, and the blinding glare!
 Oh, the brown, brown earth and the scorching air!
 Oh, the perspiration, and prickly heat,
 And the absence of all desire to eat!
 The boils, and toils, and feelings contrary,
 Which form the lot of the missionary,
 Who perforce must stay for many a day
 On the plains of Ind' in the month of May!

We have all been there, and know how it goes,
 How the leaves curl up as the hot wind blows,
 How birds, trees, and earth, seem ready to burst
 With all-consuming, unquenchable thirst.
 We have felt our zeal and love fast dying,
 And like dead leaves by a gale sent flying;
 Yes, we know all about one long, hot day
 On the plains of Ind' in the month of May.

Ere you read this, your ship will be sailing,
 And you'll have looked back over the railing
 At the shores of Ind' swiftly retreating.
 Yet you and I must often be meeting
 At the Throne of Grace. As we plead for aid
 To face what comes next, and not be afraid,
 Let us pray for those who are forced to stay
 On the plains of Ind' in the month of May.

AMONG THE CIRCLES

Woodstock.—The Ladies' Missionary Societies of the First Baptist Church held their annual business meeting last month, and a very encouraging report of the year's work was given. The meetings have been well attended, and deep interest shown in the work. While our membership has been increased, we have suffered greatly in the loss by death of five of our most valued members. Mrs. MacKay, who passed away last April, was one of the charter members of the Society, which was organized forty-one years ago, and was Treasurer of the Home Circle until her death. Mrs. MacKay was a great loss, both spiritually and financially, not only to our Circle and church, but to the cause of Missions. The memory of her devoted life will long be an inspiration to those who were privileged to know her and to work with her in the service of her Master. Mrs. Biggins was over 97 years of age, and although not able to attend the meetings for some years past, was always a true friend to the missionaries. Mrs. Dawes and Mrs. Clarke were most faithful members, always ready to do their part, and ever sympathetic with the work. In January we lost our much-loved President, Mrs. (Dr.) Wearing, and we have placed upon the records of our Society our deep appreciation of her faithful services. Her gracious and winsome personality will be greatly missed, and the memory of her consecrated life will inspire us to more devoted service.

DIANA L. MACNEILL, Secretary.

Moe's River, Que.—The Moe's River Mission Circle held their Annual Thank-offering service in the church on Sunday, February the 29th, with the pastor, Rev. R. W. Matthews, in the chair. Special music for the occasion was provided in the way of a solo, ably given by Mrs. J. Gemmill, and a duet by Mrs. E. Richardson and Mrs. Gemmill. The speaker was Rev. D. W. Terry, B.A., of Sherbrooke. His addresses dealt with the sacrificial spirit and work of our missionaries beyond the seas. The address was not only appreciated, but was most helpful to all. The offering amounted to \$10.00.

A. M. PARSONS, Secretary.

Brantford.—The Women's Mission Circle of First Baptist Church held their Thank-offering meeting for Foreign Missions in February. We had one of our