

Work at Home.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

BRANTFORD.—The Mission Band took charge of the closing exercises of the Sunday School. We had a short programme, consisting of reading, recitations and singing. We had distributed envelopes the previous Sunday among the members of the Mission Band and Sunday School, for a Thank-offering and a verse of Scripture to be enclosed therein; which were read at the close of the programme. The collection amounted to \$5.67.

Nov. 20, 1898.

CALVARY M. B.

OTTAWA.—The Cheerful Gleaners' Mission Band of the First Church, Ottawa, held their annual entertainment Friday evening, November 11th.

The lecture room of the church was filled with friends and members of the Band. A very interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was successfully carried out, the little ones (as well as the larger ones) doing their part in a most able manner.

A collection, amounting to \$10.63, was taken up for Foreign Missions.

The following Saturday afternoon, the Band met with the Women's Missionary Circle, which one meeting took the place of the regular meetings of both Band and Circle. It proved very successful, as it afforded the Circle a splendid opportunity of seeing how we conduct our meetings.

Letters from foreign fields were read, and recitations and songs were given by some of the children, after which refreshments were served by the ladies. The meeting then came to a close by singing.

C. M. N., *Secretary.*

ALMONTE.—The Women's Mission Circle of the Almonte Baptist Church held an open meeting on the evening of November 17th. The chief feature of the evening was an address by Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, late of India. Music and appropriate remarks by the chairman made a most enjoyable evening.

J. A. CAMERON, *Secretary.*

ST. CATHARINES.—The Women's Mission Circle of the Queen St. Baptist Church held a very successful Thank-offering service on Tuesday evening, November 16th, in aid of Home and Foreign Missions. The President, Mrs. Trotter, occupied the chair and read a portion of Scripture, followed by the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Trotter, offering prayer for our meeting.

There was a large attendance and a very pleasing programme of recitations, dialogues, solos and music, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Secretary gave a very good and encouraging report of the work, having raised over \$100 since our last Thank-offering meeting, which was held on December 9th, 1897.

This year's report is the best given by the Circle in four years.

The envelopes were then opened and found to contain choice texts of Scripture, as well as a good offering for Missions; \$19 was received, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served, and a social and pleasant time was spent; when the Rev. Mr. Garside dismissed our meeting with prayer.

(MRS.) J. B. TATE, *Secretary.*

NORWICH.—Our annual Thank-offering meeting of the W. H. and F. M. Circle was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. After the devotional exercises, which were led by our President, Mrs. (Rev.) Newton, including the reading of that beautiful 6th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. We had a report from Mrs. S. Marsh, of what had been done by Women on our Foreign Mission Field; followed by a very interesting account of our Home Mission work from Mrs. Gray.

Miss Alma Clutton gave a reading, entitled, "Missionary Thank-offering Meeting." Miss Libbie Day sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Newton on the organ.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Miller, then gave an outline of what money had been raised by our Circle since its organization, which was very encouraging.

After the programme, refreshments were served, of bread and butter and coffee. Altogether, a very pleasant time was realized. A number of visitors were present, and some new subscribers for LINK and *Visitor* were received; and while we felt that it was very little we had done, we believe, as a result of our meeting, a greater interest in mission work was realized, and we were encouraged to go on and labor more faithfully for Him who has saved us that we might be laborers together with Him.

Our offering amounted to \$6.35, a slight increase on last year, for which we are thankful.

On behalf of the Circle.

A. E. MARSH, *Secretary.*

ARNER, COLCHENTER.—Our annual public meeting, which we always look forward to with great interest, was held on the evening of the 5th December, and was in every respect very successful.

Our President, Miss Ritchie, occupied the chair, and gave a resume of the year's work, showing that though we have had no increase in membership, we have not fallen behind financially, but rather done better than we have ever done before, in that we realized \$26.87.