

brought a new testament, which his sister had received as a prize in school, he begged him to give it to him, and as he did not care for it, he readily consented. Shortly after this one of the teachers from Sompetta took some Gospels out there for sale, and he bought a number and presented several to his school boys and offered some to his own people, but they would not even touch them. They tried to keep him from reading, but he had now seen the light he had so long been unconsciously seeking. Soon he came into Sompetta and learned that there was service on Sundays and Thursdays, and, as he began to attend, the light grew brighter, and he saw his Saviour. Now came a great struggle. To become a Christian meant to be considered as one of the untouchables, whose very shadow meant defilement. He would be cast off by all his former friends and loved ones, but victory came to him. The light had revealed the truth, and the truth had made him free. Was it easy for him to leave his wife and two children? No, indeed, and he hesi-

tated for a long time because of them. He spent much time in reading God's word and in prayer, and God took away all his fear and filled his soul with joy unspeakable, as he bravely came forward and put on Christ in baptism. The light which he had sought for so many years, and which had shone on him through God's word, had become brighter and brighter, until all the darkness of the long weary road was dispelled forever, and he was walking in the sunshine of God's love.

More than two months have passed. Two months of happy service and joy not altogether unclouded as his dear ones are yet in darkness. May the light which led him soon shine on their path, and once more the family be united, all working together for their Master.

For the last ten months he has been teaching in a little school of 21 Orija boys here in Sompetta, and lives on our compound. They all attend our Sunday School, and are learning nicely. Pray for him and his work. —Tidings.

## AMONG THE CIRCLES

Ormond:

The Ormond B. W. H. and F. M. Circle held their annual thank offering service on the evening of December 7th.

Our pastor, Rev. Geo. Robertson, occupied the chair. The President, Mrs. A. D. Carner, read the Scripture lesson, after which Miss Jessie Rutherford, Treasurer, gave a very satisfactory financial report.

Mr. Turnbull, missionary from Bolivia, was then introduced to the audience, and for an hour his audience spjourned with him in the strange land south of us. After sketching a word picture of its physical features, climate, products, etc., Mr. Turnbull passed on to speak of the people, who are of three classes: Indians, Whites and mixed.

He spoke of the deeply-rooted odd of Romanism in Bolivia, the extreme degradation and vileness of their religious ceremonies, the sufferings of con-

verts to the Christian Faith, and the thousands of people for whom no effort has as yet been made.

Mr. Turnbull received the very best attention, as this subject has seldom been presented to us, so that what he had to tell us was new to all.

Two young boys from the Mission Band passed the collection plates. The offering amounted to \$18.20.

The social committee took charge of the remainder of the evening, and a pleasant half hour was spent in conversation and partaking of lunch.

During the evening four of the Circle Ladies sang "The Debt We Owe," in this way contributing to the enjoyment of all present.

Since this meeting was held the ladies of the Circle have been raising money for the Famine Fund, with splendid success. Wishing all a prosperous New Year.

Milly M. McDonald.