

This year there were sixty-nine missionaries present, and each one who spoke, emphasized the importance of woman's work. Bishop Hurst said that *one* dollar in the woman's treasury was worth *two* in any other; it must be because we pray so much over our work. Dr. Phillips, in speaking on medical missions, says:—"A lady physician has prejudices to overcome, but she can do it, and then her field is a very large one, she can easily find more work than she has time to accomplish."

One evening during the week was given to the women, addresses from Mrs. House, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Beldon, Miss Gulick and our own Miss Frith, were listened to with much interest. Dr. House gave his wife strict injunctions to keep out of the pulpit while she was at home, but the dear old lady says, "Though I may keep out of the pulpit, I cannot be silent when I think of my poor, degraded sisters; while I live I *must* speak for them." A meeting such as this, is calculated to make one realize the immensity of the work before us. We may think we have done something, but oh! when we hear so many cries for help, any little we may have done is swallowed up in the *much* we ought to do. Without saying any more, I would advise any who want to spend a profitable as well as a pleasant week, to attend the meetings of the Union next summer. For further information write to the Secretary, Rev. C. W. Park, Birmingham, Ct.

Yours,

LEILA JAMIESON.

News from the Circles.

WILKFOOT.—We were organized a year ago with seven members; we now number sixteen. We have added to the funds collected from members \$12.20, by a sale of fancy and useful articles, also by an autograph quilt. We had a public meeting on our anniversary, at which Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baker, of Sarnia, assisted us. Collection amounted to \$9.90.

L. A. SELMAN, Sec.

ATWOOD.—Our Circle, organized a year ago, has gained seven members. Ten of our members take the LINK, with which all are well pleased. Our meetings are very interesting and profitable; the work is very encouraging. Those who manifested no interest at first are now putting their hands and hearts to the work. We have raised \$17. We hope to do better in the future.

ADDIE ROBERTSON, Sec.

ACTON.—Our Circle, organized about five months ago, has increased to fifteen members, that being about half the lady members of the church. Miss McKichnie visited us, and gave great encouragement by an address on Missions, the great need of more work, etc. We have raised about \$6.

BARBARA WARREN, Sec.

BRAMPTON BAND.—We organized little more than a year ago with 20 members; we now have 44. August 18th we held our first public meeting; programme consisted of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc., chiefly by the members. Mrs. Tapscott, our President, gave an address, containing much interesting information. Amount realized from meeting \$18 clear. We feel greatly encouraged, and surely have reason to be thankful.

ALICE JAYRB, Sec.

New Circles.

ESSEX CENTER.—A Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized July 2nd. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. P. Campbell; *Sec.*, Miss A. S. Ballard; *Treas.*, Mrs. T. H. DeShaw.

PARKDALE.—A Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized July 27th. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Wurtele; *Sec.*, Mrs. Gregory; *Treas.*, Miss Slight.

ACTON.—A Mission Band organized by Miss McKichnie, Miss Moffatt, *Pres.* The Band seems in a very prosperous condition, all seem interested and willing to take part.

JUBILEE CHURCH.—A Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized June 22nd. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Eloit McConnell; *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. Allen Weaver; *Sec.*, Miss Annie McIntyre; *Treas.*, Miss Jane Saxton.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

A Letter from China.

T'ai-yuen Fu, Shan-Si North China.

"MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—Perhaps you would like to hear a little about my Sunday school. You would think it a very funny one, I am sure, if you could lift up the large wadded curtain that hangs before the door, and peep in at us some Sunday afternoon. You would see a lot of little creatures with dirty faces (I hope none of you ever come to school like that), and all, boys and girls, with dark-blue cotton-wadded trousers and loose wadded jackets on. They look almost as broad as they are long, and I am sure you would laugh at them, and they would think you quite as funny. Their hair is long, and plaited down their backs in a pig-tail; but the girls have theirs done up in a large bob at the side of their heads: the little ones have all their hair shaved off except one little tuft on the left side. I think I told you about the poor girl's feet, and you have seen the tiny shoes the women wear.

"Well, now I have described their dress; I must tell you they all sit down on the straw mats round me, and I wish you could hear them sing, so heartily, in their own language, that pretty little hymn, 'Jesus loves me, this I know.' We clap our hands for two reasons, one that we may keep good time, and the other that it may please the tines; for I have some very little children who cry at first, because they are afraid of me. My little girl sits with them, and loves to sing too. Then I tell them about Jesus; often they have to be told who Jesus is, for they know nothing about Him. Dear children, you don't know what a great blessing it is to be born an English child, and how good God is to give you kind teachers who tell you so much about Jesus, and oh, how dreadful it will be for you, if you do not accept the good news! God grant that every one of you may love and serve the Lord Jesus whilst you are young.

"Well, these Chinese don't sleep on beds as we do in England; they have brick bedsteads, with a fire underneath in the winter-time. These have a straw mat on the top, and they roll themselves up in a wadded counterpane. This is folded in three, two thicknesses under them and one on the top, so that there are no draughts like we have in our beds; but sometimes these 'frangs' as they are called, get so hot that they can hardly bear it. I was once sleeping on one when I was