

Work at Home.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

PENTH.—The Woman's Mission held a Thank-offering service in the Church Dec. 4th, at three o'clock. Invitations had been given to most the women in Church and congregation, also a little silk bag to put their offering in. Quite a number were present from town and country. Mrs. J. F. Kellock, Home Mission Pres., presided.

The programme in the Nov. *Visitor*, was rendered, which we found very helpful, a number of the members taking part in it. Mrs. McKerracher sang very sweetly "Count your many blessings one by one." At the close of the programme we adjourned into one of the side rooms, where Mrs. Rock had kindly provided a "tea." While seated at the table, the Pres. announced the contents of the bags were \$29.29. All stood up and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Soon afterwards we separated, each one feeling, if not expressing, "it was good to be there." Some who were unable to be present sent in their offering, since; the amount is now \$36.65.

AGNES A. ROBERTSON.

PETHOLIA—In summing up our work for the past year we feel that gratitude to the Father of all mercies should be first in our thoughts, that he has opened to us so many doors straightened so many crooked places and prospered us as a society, true there yet remains "much to be done" true, too, there has been at times much of disappointment, much to dishearten, nevertheless, with strong faith in God, let us go through the coming year with greater effort, taking courage in the thought that though our numbers may be few, yet "one with God," let us go on in faith, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Sincerely yours in the work for our Master.

I. C. HARRIS, Cor.-Sec.

ST. GEORGE.—There are encouraging features in connection with the work of our Mission Circle over which we rejoice, and we are sure the LINK readers will rejoice with us. Twelve new members have joined us during the year past. So that now we have twenty-two in the Foreign Mission department, and thirty-one in the home. Our monthly meetings are characterized by a spirit of prayer and earnestness and the programs rendered are interesting and instructive. The average attendance is sixteen. Our Thank-offering meeting was held on Oct. 31. We had with us two ladies from Chicago, who were on their way to China as missionaries and they assisted us not only by their sweet singing, but by addresses. After a season of devotional exercises in the afternoon, we had a good program of solos, readings, a paper on "Women who Leave their Stamp on Nations," and an address on "Rejoice in the Lord Always," Phil. 4:46. Tea was then served in the vestry and the ladies enjoyed the social hour. A larger audience was present for

the evening meeting. The program was varied and Miss Dieterle's address was on "Sent Ones." The offering was \$14.25 to be divided equally between home and Foreign Missions. We hope to do still better work in the future, as we learn more thoroughly the truth of these lines from Lucy Larcom's gifted pen:

"The secret of life—it is giving;
To minister and to serve;
Love's law binds the man to the angel
And ruin befalls if we swerve."

S. M. BAROLAY, Sec'y

GILMOUR MEMORIAL, PETERBORO.—Our Circle here held its Thank-offering meeting in the Church on November 1st at 8: p.m. The attendance was good. Our meeting was very interesting and helpful. We were all very pleased to have with us Miss Baskerville who gave us a good address, showing us the condition and needs of India. Three of our young people favored us with a trio on the organ, auto-harp and violin. We also had a duet by two of the members of the choir and an anthem by the choir. The offering amounted to \$14.04 which was divided equally between home and foreign missions. The pastor closed with prayer.

At our regular monthly meeting in December we were pleased to receive a gift of \$10.00 from one of the members of the Church, Mr. G. W. Mann. This was divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. J. R. GUNTON, Pres.

MONTREAL.—A Foreign Mission Circle was organized in the Tabernacle Church, Montreal, in November, with nine members. Officers Pres., Mrs. Tuddenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Balmfirth; Sec., Mrs. Owen; Treas., Mrs. Davies; Organist, Mrs. Chandler; Agent for the LINK and *Visitor*, Mrs. Goodwin.

L. C. GRAHAM, Director of Eastern Association.

PHILLIPPSVILLE.—The Annual public meeting of the Women's Circle was held on the evening of December 12th, and in spite of muddy roads, and a very disagreeable evening, it was largely attended.

After the opening exercises, the programme consisted of the report of the year's work, vocal music by Miss Robinson of Smith's Falls, recitation by Miss Robinson and Miss Powell, and addresses by our pastor Mr. McLennan and Rev. G. N. Simmons of Athens. The proceeds amounted to \$11.83. We have been much encouraged during the last few months by having four new members join our ranks.

M. A. K., Sec.

STRATFORD.—Our Thank-offering meeting was held Tuesday, Dec. 5th, the evening proved to be stormy but we had a good attendance and a delightful meeting. The meeting was presided over by our President, Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. McKay, and after the opening exercises she called on the Treasurer and Secretary to read their Annual reports, both of which showed an increased interest in mission work. Mrs. McKay then made a short address urging upon every one the need of becoming a subscriber to the LINK and *Visitor* and so be better posted in the work of our mission.