

Our Work at Home.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN JARVIS ST. CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM, FEB. 19th.

A MEETING of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Union, of Toronto, was held on Thursday, February 19th. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Holman, after which, the President, Mrs. T. M. Harris, took the chair. A hymn was sung, a passage of Scripture read by Mrs. Lugsdin, and prayer followed led by Mrs. Joyce. After the reading of the Minutes came the Treasurers' Statements, which showed a slight decrease over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. W. E. Norton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Firstbrook; Secretary, Miss Emma Fox; Program Committee, Mrs. Freeman, Bloor Street Church and Mrs. Moore, of College Street Church. After singing a verse of a hymn, Mr. Sircar, a native of India, told in a most interesting manner of his conversion, this was followed by a solo, "The Good Shepherd," sung by Miss Teasdale. Mr. Cameron gave an address on "Home Missions," founding his remarks on the text, "And he brought him to Jesus." An interesting talk on "Foreign Missions" was given by Miss McLaurin, of India, the keynote of which was prayer. The collection taken amounted to \$36.60, equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Singing and prayer brought to a close a most interesting session, and the meeting adjourned to the Church Parlor where afternoon tea was served and a social time spent.

M. C. STARK,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

MOUNT FOREST.—On Wednesday, Feb. 11th, an open Mission Circle meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions was held in the home of Mrs. Dr. Brownlee. Our President, (Rev.) Mrs. Emerson conducted the usual business, after which, Mrs. Brownlee, Convener of Foreign Mission Committee, took the chair. A very nice programme was enjoyed by all present. A letter from (Rev.) Mrs. McLeod, was read by Miss Ethel Pickard; recitation by Miss Lillie Smith; a paper on "Hindu Life and Customs," by Miss Lois

Emerson: A very interesting letter from the Rev. J. A. K. Walker, was read by Miss Ruby Stovel, and a recitation on "Prayer," by Miss Stella Smith. Instead of taking up an offering at the meeting, it was thought advisable to ask each member of the Circle to give what she could before hand, so that if the night was stormy (as proved to be,) our society would not be the loser. We had a very good attendance considering the weather, the amount collected was \$7.50. We are trying to keep up the interest, and are praying for the extension of our Master's Kingdom.

MRS. J. T. ALLEN,
Cor. Sec.

SHEDDEN.—The Mission Circle held its annual Thanksgiving meeting in the church, on Friday evening, Nov. 11th. The programme consisted of a very excellent paper on "Thanksgiving," prepared and read by our President, followed by readings and music. At the close of the program refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was spent. A Thank-offering was taken during the evening, amounting to \$6.83 in aid of the foreign work.

Our annual business meeting was held on Jan. 8th. Officers re-elected: Mrs. T. Orchard, President; Mrs. W. L. Silcox, Sec.-Treas.; Mrs. Hainer, Solicitor for *Visitor*; Mrs. W. L. Silcox, for the LINK. Our Circle under the leadership of its excellent President, Mrs. Orchard, has had a very prosperous year. The monthly meetings have been full of interest and spiritual blessings. The annual report read by the Secretary showing that \$50.56 had been raised during the year from teas and sociables in aid of the work at home. Amount raised for Foreign Missions \$15.85, for Home Missions \$7; also a large box of clothing was sent to Mr. Sharp, by the aid of ladies of Fingal and Tena, for which we received a very appreciative and encouraging letter of acknowledgement. We have great reason to thank our Heavenly Father for all His goodness during the past year. Pray and hope that He will abundantly bless the labour of His children during the coming year. We have just received the sad news that our Pastor's wife, Mrs. McFadyen, has been called to her long rest after a lingering illness. She will be greatly missed both in her home and the Fingal Church.

MRS. W. L. SILCOX,
Sec.-Treas.

DURHAM.—The Mission Circle has been taking a forward step during the past few months. A box of bedding valued at \$12.50, sent to Grande Ligne.