

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From distant lands is heard the wail
Of those who long to find relief
From countless evils which prevail;
And fill their lives with pain and grief.

Unconscious of their deepest need,
Enslaved by superstition's wiles,
On worthless vanities they feed;
On them no "loving Father" smiles.

With weary feet their way they tread;
In vain for "light and love" they crave;
They know not what awaits the dead,
What glories shine beyond the grave.

And He who shed His precious blood
To rescue us from endless woe,
Beholds those souls, who, like a flood,
In swift succession downward go.

To Him as our ascended Lord,
All power in heaven and earth is given;
He bids us preach His gracious word,
Which sheds on earth the light of heaven.

Forth at His bidding may we go,
Or willingly the means provide;
That all lost ones soon may know
That Christ for their salvation died.

T. WATSON.

Colborne, Dec. 13th, 1895.

BRAMPTON.—The Willing Workers' Band held a very successful open meeting on Thursday evening, the 16th of April. The attendance was large, and the programme very interesting. Our President, Mrs. Stewart, occupied the chair. We have had pleasant and profitable meetings during the year, and although numbering only 29, have raised about \$33. After the programme refreshments were served, and all enjoyed a social evening.

LOTTIE HARRIS, Sec.

THE AFRICAN SPIRIT.—A few months ago the wife of a missionary in Africa was compelled to return to her home in the United States because of failing health. It was a painful parting between the husband and the wife; but under their united labors a successful mission had been established among those heathen tribes, and they felt that the missionary must remain on the field. It was hoped that she would return in a few months with health restored, but very soon her physician told her that her work in that distant land was ended, and that unless her husband speedily returned she would see his face on earth no more. Must the missionary who was standing in his distant field, waiting eagerly for the reinforcements which were so sadly needed in the prosperous mission, abandon the work and know that his flock would be scattered? A martyr's spirit was in the heart of the dying wife. "Do not come home," she wrote. "Stay where you are. Africa needs you more than I do." The spirit of a Christian hero was in the heart of her husband. They were worthy of the days when the apostles died for their Lord. When that spirit prevails in the Church of Christ, His kingdom will soon triumph among all nations.—*The World, for Christ.*

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