

Sackville; and we might do so much more. This may catch the eye of some sister, in whose church there is no Mission Band, whose Sunday School is giving nothing to this cause, which is so dear to the heart of the children's Friend. Will not that sister set to work *at once* to interest the school in our foreign work? It is easily done: there must be many of our schools who are not contributing at all. To our shame be it spoken! "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," seems as though it must have been meant originally to be applied to this subject. Any way, teach the children to give, and there will be no difficulty with the men and women. Wake up sisters, the half year is gone, let the other half bear more fruit. We must be up and doing if we would have a rich harvest. A.E.J.
Darmouth, N. S.

News from Circles.

PAISLEY.—DEAR LINK.—We have never told you anything about our Home-Foreign Circle since we organized. We held our first meeting January 1885, and although we did not have any idea how the Circles were conducted, we succeeded well. Our membership at the close of the year numbered forty-three, and we raised about forty-eight dollars. We took the *Link and Gospel in all Lands*. Commenced an autograph mission quilt, and have raised over twelve dollars on it. In November we organized a Mission Band, and have fifty-two members, we call ourselves the "Cheerful Workers," and intend holding a public meeting in February, and hope we may be able to do something for the Master's cause in far off India.

A MEMBER.

FULLARTON.—DEAR LINK.—The Foreign Mission Circle organized here last July has prospered very well. We have now organized into a Home and Foreign Circle with thirteen members.

M. J. MARTYN, Sec.

Fullarton, Feb. 1st, 1886.

Cheltenham.

DEAR MRS. NEWMAN:—We wish your paper every success. Many of us have enjoyed the visits of the LINK ever since our Circle was formed, and we are pleased to state that this year we have quite a number more subscribers.

We feel greatly encouraged in our work; a flame for missions has been kindled amongst us. Our membership is larger, and our meetings well attended. We have begun a mission quilt, and have formed a Home Mission Circle separate from the Foreign. We had them combined before giving one-half of the Foreign to Home; but it was thought advisable to start a Home Circle—each giving what she felt she could give.

Our Mission Band which was formed by Mrs. Dadson in October with the membership of twelve, has increased to forty-six. At our last meeting Mrs. Mitchell proposed giving the children sacks containing sweet-meats now and then to keep the smaller children interested in coming, which the children were all greatly delighted with.

Oh! that each one would feel their indebtedness to God. Some have been called away who were laborers in the Master's vineyard, and while on their death-beds had a longing desire to work. Oh may we who are spared work while 'tis called to-day, for the night cometh when no "man can work."

"No work to do!

Look up! and see,
The fields already white;
No longer sit with folded hands
And waste God's precious light.

Behold! the harvest draweth near
Arouse thee, from thy sleep;
For what thou sowest, shalt appear
When thou shalt come to reap."

S. HAINES, Sec

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2ND MARKHAM.—DEAR LINK.—It is time you should hear something of what the ladies of the 2nd Markham M. C. are doing. During the last month we received Mrs. McMaster's address bearing on Home Missions which was read at our last meeting. The sisters agreeing to take up the work we did so there and then. A number of the ladies volunteered to give \$1 a year, others whatever they could, by some extra effort, or if need be by some personal sacrifice. A beginning with which I was well pleased. I feel that we are just getting a hold of the right end of the work when we take up Home Missions as it is the source from which we must gather our material for foreign work. May He who has so abundantly blessed the Foreign Mission, in like manner bless the Home. What pleasure there is working for the Master. How sweet to be in His service.

MRS. N. M. BAKER.

CORNWALL Ont.—I am glad to be able to say that the interest in mission work—both Home and Foreign, is deepening and widening in our little Church and "Circle," and our Sunday School scholars are enthusiastic over the work.

Yours sincerely,

JENNIE MACARTHUR.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

The Lost Mite-Box.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Christmas Eve had come once more. All day long the snow had been falling, until now the earth was covered with a mantle of white "and the trees looked like white corals, like blooming almond branches." Dorothy Grey and her friend Nellie Stowe were hurrying homeward in the twilight, their arms full of Christmas gifts.

"What a delightful Christmas Eve! I'm so glad it snowed. I don't half enjoy Christmas without snow," said Dorothy.

"Yes, it makes it ever so much pleasanter, and the decorations in the church will look prettier than ever by contrast with the snow outside," answered Nellie.

"Didn't we have a good missionary meeting this afternoon?" she continued, "and aren't these dear little mite-boxes?"

On top of their numerous packages each girl carried a little pink paper box (the mite-boxes referred to by Nellie), which had been given them by the president of their mission band at their meeting in the afternoon. As she distributed them she said that as their next meeting would be the beginning of the new year they would try raising money by the mite-boxes instead of entertainments, as they had done heretofore. Each member was to drop into her box during the year as much as she felt able and willing to give, not hesitating even if it required some sacrifice on the part of the giver; and at the end of the year they would bring "all their tithes into the storehouse," and she hoped not one box would come