

well, and it contained a good deal of information as to our work, etc. The last exercise of the afternoon consisted in the opening of envelopes containing *special* donations to Home Missions, and in reading the accompanying texts of Scripture. The donations, all from ladies of Toronto, amounted to \$126. This is very encouraging and will be a great help to our Women's Home Mission Society in its pressing need. Two hours of social intercourse followed, during which time the gentlemen came and tea was served.

The evening meeting consisted of addresses by Rev. D. A. McGregor, on "Home Missions;" and Dr. Rand on "Foreign Missions." Appropriate selections of music formed a part of both afternoon and evening programmes. We in Toronto feel great benefit from these union meetings. They are inspiring and helpful in many ways.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board was held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, March 16th. A special meeting had been called the month previous, to consider a request received from Mrs. Castle by the President to co-operate with the Western Society in providing the necessary funds to complete the Zenana House. There being no Funds which our Society could devote to that purpose, it was decided to write to the Circles and see what they could contribute. This had been done and the reading of the letters received in reply was exceedingly interesting. Most of the Circles are small, two out of the thirty are in mission churches, but the reply to this appeal was prompt and liberal. All the writers expressed a deep interest in the mission and a desire to do all that was possible to make Miss Frith comfortable. Pledges for one hundred and sixty dollars have been received, and as some of the Circles have not yet been heard from, it was decided to vote two hundred dollars for the Zenana House. The Treasurer was instructed to send this amount with the one hundred dollars promised for the same object at our annual meeting. As soon as sufficient money is received the one hundred and twenty-five dollars for Miss Frith's salary, and seventy-dollars for the Tunj scholars, will be forwarded to Mr. Shenston. A letter was received from Mrs. Gates inviting us to send delegates to the annual meeting, to be held at New Haven. We regret that none of the ladies will be able to accept the invitation.

A. MUIR, Cor. Sec

DEAR LINK:—The Women's Missionary Circle of the First Baptist Church in Brantford has requested me to write, that you may know what we are doing for missions.

We meet monthly; the average attendance is fifteen; the meetings are interesting and everyone seems to enjoy them. The first hour is devoted to discussing our mission work; after all business is transacted a short prayer meeting of half an hour is held. The President is always in her place for the first hour; the after meeting is conducted, in turn, by the different members of the Circle. The Circle has pledged itself to contribute \$200 this year to Missions, \$100 to Foreign Missions, \$100 to Home. The money is raised, this year, by a new system. Every woman, who is a member of the Church, is supplied by the Treasurer of the Circle with a small envelope for each month in the year; the first Sunday in the month

these are put on the collection plate at the regular service. Each gives as much as she feels disposed. The Treasurer says the plan answers fully as well as the old method of collectors going from house to house. The new way is decidedly the more convenient and pleasant one. These contributions are supplemented by entertainments, which are arranged by the younger members of the Circle. The last social was a success, and all present seemed to enjoy it. Quite a novel feature was "Information on India." One of the young ladies, with Mr. Shenston's assistance, prepared twenty questions and answers on India, and our Mission work there. These papers were distributed, one person read the question, and another replied with the corresponding answer. In this simple manner quite an amount of useful knowledge was gained, concerning our Mission work in India. The young ladies take an active part in the missionary work, and the older members of the Circle are praying most earnestly, for the Lord to single out some one to be His light-bearer in the foreign field. Mrs. Harris (senior) has made herself a life member of the Home Missionary Society, for which we are grateful. We hope that many will follow her example. The Pastor is an honorary member of the Circle.

We are much pleased with our Bible woman, Ellen. She works in conjunction with Miss Frith. She has written us once, and we hope to hear from her again. The letter was written in English, and, although somewhat disconnected, was wonderfully well expressed. She gave us an account of her own life, and said how much she enjoyed being the bearer of the good tidings to her benighted sisters. Ellen spoke of the difficulty she had in overcoming caste prejudice, but she said when she had gained access to the homes of the natives, they heard the truth gladly.

We are purposing to support another Bible woman, and have written Mr. Sullwell to recommend a bright, promising pupil, in one of the schools to be trained for the work. We earnestly desire your prayers, that we may prosper, and that having put our hand to the plough, we may not look back.

On behalf of the Missionary Circle

ELIZABETH CAREY,

Brantford, March, 18th, 1886.

Cor. Sec

A UNION meeting of the Mission Bands in Toronto on the 12th March, was a great success. The programme which consisted entirely of exercises by the children was well selected and well carried out. A number of the recitations were from the LINK. A map exercise on the Telugu Mission, prepared by the Band Sec. Mrs. Daddon, and given by one of the girls, comprised one chief feature of the programme. We give this exercise for the benefit of other Bands and Circles. A dialogue by eight girls in costume, representing Chinese, American, Indian, Japanese, Negro, Hindoo, and Eskimo, was also much appreciated. After the exercise there was a sale of fancy and domestic articles made by the children and their friends, from which a considerable sum was realized.

DEAR LINK. In reading your last number my attention was called to the sweet little Charlie made in order to give his dollar to Missions. And it led me to ask, Am I making any sacrifice to give to the cause I love so dearly? Do we not all give out of our abundance? How seldom we practice any self-denial to give the Gospel to the Heathen. When we look around and see the opportunities there are before us, is there any sacrifice too great for us to make? God has opened