

PORT HOPE, ONT.—A most successful missionary social was lately held, of which the *Port Hope Weekly News* says:—In the Women's Missionary Circles—if the Port Hope one is a criterion the Baptist Church of Canada has a most valuable auxiliary in helping to secure for, and circulating information about, the Missionary work in connection therewith. The social of this society, last Friday night, was, in all its features, excellent. To the comfortably filled church a knowledge of the field these missionaries were occupying, together with the characteristics of its inhabitants, the lives of the missionaries, and the good they were doing was clearly imparted. The missionary spirit was engendered by stirring appeals, in poem, prose and song; and the artistic taste of the audience was satisfied by an inspection of a number of curious works of carving, embroidery, handiwork of various kinds, plants, seeds, embalmed serpents, scorpions, etc., etc., from India, and a further variety of curious arts from the Sandwich Islands, collected by Mr. Henry Trawin, of this place, while he was sailing on the good missionary ship "John Williams." A missionary quilt, made by the children of the Sunday School, under the direction of Miss Lechner, was also exhibited. There were nearly 600 names thereon each of whom had subscribed ten cents for that privilege, the sum realized being \$55, which pays for a dormitory in a school for boys in India. From an intellectual point, great pleasure was derived from the perfectness with which the programme was carried out. From the "Little Gleaners" through to the elders who had part in the entertainment, the ability was noticeable, and attracted much favorable comment.

The points of interest in Rev. Mr. McDiarmid's opening address were briefly: Previous to 1873 the missionary work of the denomination had been carried on in conjunction with the American B. M. C., but at that date it was thought they were old enough to walk alone. An independent mission was established and India chosen as the field. Four missionaries were supported there, among them the Rev. J. Craig, one lady and another missionary and his wife are shortly to go. God was abundantly prospering the work, and the society had great cause for thankfulness. The Women's Mission Circles were a later development, and besides awakening a strong spirit of Christian work, unitedly they have raised \$10,000 for missionary purposes.

A report by Miss Jackson, the Secretary of the Women's Mission Circle of Port Hope showed that it had been in existence four years. During the first year \$20.20 were raised for the cause, but the total for the four years was \$301. Besides they had established, in connection with the Sunday School, a juvenile organization, by the title of "Little Gleaners," these had contributed \$11.50 since they had been started three months since. In attending the meeting of the society much useful and valuable information had been received.

Music, readings, recitations, dialogues, social chat, congratulations and friendly greetings occupied the remainder of this delightful evening.

The offerings were entirely of a voluntary nature, a plate being on a stand at the top of each aisle. It must be gratifying to the Society to find that the sum of \$26 was thus contributed. The pastor, Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, occupied the chair, and Miss Purslow, presided at the organ. The choir rendered valuable service during the evening.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—The Secretary writes: At the time of the annual meeting at Woodstock, we were very much discouraged in our work. Owing to the removal of some

of our best workers, and the indifference of others, our Circle had dwindled down to, I think, ten members. As some of these lived in the country we seldom had more than five at our meetings. But these five had the mission cause very near their hearts, and all went to the Woodstock meetings which we more than enjoyed. We became inspired with fresh zeal and enthusiasm, and came home with the determination to make a desperate effort to interest our sisters in this noble work for the Master. A public meeting was held before Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin went away, and the result has been the addition of sixteen new members to the Circle. The meetings are now quite interesting, and the women are yaking up more to the greatness of the work and the honour of being co-workers with Christ.

ST. GEORGE, ONT.—At the last regular meeting of our Circle in February it was decided to hold an open meeting the first Tuesday in March. Accordingly it was held with the most gratifying results. Though the roads were very bad and the night somewhat dark, we had a fair attendance. The performance consisted of music, readings, an address by the pastor, and a dialogue. A silver collection was taken up which amounted to \$6.50. Twelve new names were added to the Circle, making a total of thirty-seven members, and six new subscribers received for the *Link*. We are much encouraged and are glad to add our mite to help in the great work of saving souls.

MRS. D. M. MIBELL.

SARNIA, ONT.—A correspondent says: I am happy to say that our Circle is prosperous. Though on our roll of over sixty members there are some who never appear in the Circle meetings, yet we have a goodly number of earnest workers who are willing to do the Lord's work in this humble way. The cry of all the Circles seems to be "How can we make our monthly meetings sufficiently interesting to bring the members out?" We feel this too and would be glad of any suggestions. We have lately organized a Mission Band with a membership thus far of over twenty—the Golden Mission Band. Now the question is, how can we interest the children?

Maritime Provinces.

REINFORCEMENT OF OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

The following extract from the minutes of the Foreign Mission Board carries with it an appeal for more extended means for carrying on the important work to which, as Baptists, we have set our hands:

Resolved, That in view of the early return to this country of the two missionary families still remaining in India, of those first sent out under the auspices of this Board, it becomes an imperative duty forthwith to reinforce the Mission, by sending out, at least, one additional missionary, so that the valuable properties acquired at Bimlipatam and Hobili, as centres of operations among the Northern Telugus, the schools established, and the Christians gathered into churches there, may be properly cared for during the necessary absence of those who have given their best physical strength, and mental and moral energies to the Lord's work on our behalf, and who must return to their native land to recuperate their wasted powers, or die at their posts.

And further resolved—That the pressing emergency which has now arisen in the Foreign Mission interests demands prompt and liberal contributions from the churches, to enable the Board to fulfil its pledges to the