

THE WORK AT HOME.

News from the Circles.

LAKESHORE.—Since our last meeting death has visited our little Circle, and removed our dear sister, Mrs. James McConnell, one of our most earnest and faithful workers in the mission cause. While we deeply deplore our loss, we know it is her gain. She has gone to be with Jesus, which is far better.

ST. MARY'S.—The meeting of our Mission Circle for the election of officers, took place on the 7th of October, as follows:—Mrs. Campbell, *President*; Mrs. Perrin, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Smith, *Secretary*; Mrs. Hoover, *Treasurer*; four Collectors, a Visiting Committee of two each month, and a committee of two to arrange a programme for each meeting. Our Circle has increased both in numbers and interest during the year, and we hope to do still more in the coming year.

MRS. SMITH.

ONONDAGA.—The ladies of the Mission Circle held an open meeting Oct. 2nd. At 8 o'clock Mrs. Emerson, President of the society, called the meeting to order. After singing by the choir, and prayer by Mrs. Wm. Simpson, the opening address was very ably given by Mrs. Emerson. Mrs. Powley, of Brantford, delivered a pleasing address, taking for her subject, "She hath done what she could," urging the sisters to take an interest in the work and exert themselves for the Master's cause. Miss Harris, read a paper on personal responsibility, Mrs. Wm. Simpson, and Miss Tanton, also gave interesting papers. The quilt was then sold. The very enjoyable meeting was then closed with prayer by Mrs. Wm. Wood. The proceeds of the meeting amounted to \$10.

ANNIE VAN SICKLE, Sec.

ZONE.—On the evening of Oct. 14th, the ladies of our Mission Circle held their second quarterly meeting in the Town Hall. The building was filled with an attentive audience. The President occupied the chair, and after the usual devotional exercises, and the Secretary's report, an interesting programme consisting of recitations, and readings, all bearing on mission work, interspersed with music by the church choir, was well rendered by the members of the Circle. The collection taken up during the evening amounted to \$7.11.

We feel that these meetings, which are open to the public, are a source of encouragement to us and a help to the work. Though our Circle, has only been organized six months and at present only consists of fourteen members yet we feel that the Lord is with us, and He will lead on to still greater efforts and triumphs in this work to which we have consecrated ourselves.

MRS. M. A. DAVIS, Pres.

DELTA, ONT.—The ladies of the Mission Circle in connection with our church, held their second annual public meeting September 17th. The President, Mrs. Sirrell, occupied the chair. Pastor Sirrell opened the meeting by prayer; then followed an interesting programme, consisting of readings, recitations and music, and this, together with a stirring address by Rev. W. W. Weeks, of Brockville, made up a pleasant and profitable evening. The thanks of the Circle are due to Messrs. Brown and Stevens, who so kindly assisted the choir; and also to Miss Gertie Knowlton, who gave a recitation, entitled,

"The story of a Hindoo Widow." Miss K. wore the costume of a Hindoo widow, and entered so completely into the spirit of the selection that many of the audience were moved to tears, and we believe a lasting impression was made upon some who never before had so nearly realized the indescribable misery and crying need of our heathen sisters. A. A.

EAST FLAMBORO.—The Women's Home and Foreign Mission Circle, held an open meeting, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 10th, in the Freeton Chapel; a good programme was prepared, invitations were sent to the auxiliaries of the other denominations, which were responded to most heartily: Our President, Mrs. Gay occupied the chair. After the opening exercises the report was read which showed an increase each year. Then followed a well-prepared paper by Mrs. W. Revell, entitled "The Lone Star Mission," a good reading by Miss Robertson, also a recitation by Mrs. Cameron; a short address from Mrs. Carruthers, appealing to mothers to train their daughters for the foreign missions. Mrs. Thompson, of Guelph, led in prayer, and gave a very interesting address on the work of the Circles. We were highly favored with two returned missionaries, Mrs. Booker of Hamilton, and Mrs. Hallam of Dundas. Mrs. Booker gave a stirring address full of facts and encouragements that God has signally blessed the work of labor and love of the women of Ontario to the heathen of India; her address will not soon be forgotten. Mrs. Hallam not being well could not speak to us. We were sorry. However, Mr. Hallam was present and proved a very good substitute; his address was listened to with much interest. He pleaded for Christians to give the Lord His own, "the tenth is the Lord's" in doing so the sure promise of the Lord of hosts is ours, as found in the third chapter of Malachi, 10th and 11th verses. Also spoke on the work in Southern India, where they labored for over 25 years.

Rev. Mr. Cohoe, (Methodist) and Deacon Muddaugh spoke a few words of cheer. Tea was then served to about one hundred. Thus closed our first open meeting, which was declared by all to be the best meeting of the kind they ever attended. The Circle feels encouraged; since we were organized, four years ago last May by Mrs. Thompson with 16 members, 13 have joined us some have moved away, one has been taken from our midst. Our present number is 25. We have organized two Mission Bands, one in East Flamboro, the other in Freeton; both are doing good work.

S. MADDAUGH, Sec.

THURSO, QUE.—Miss Frith (returned missionary) met with the Thurso Baptist church on Sunday, Sept. 21st. At the close of a very earnest address—our Circle, which had not met for nearly three years, was re-organized. We commence again with only eight members, but it is probable that others will soon join us. The following officers were elected: Pres.—Mrs. D. MacLean; 1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. Lamb; 2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. P. Lamb; Treas.—Mrs. W. Thomson; Sec.—Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe.

J. MACL. METCALFE, Sec.

The American Baptist Missionary Union was sent out to the foreign field this season sixty missionaries. Forty-two of these are newly appointed and eighteen are returning. Eighteen go to Burmah, eight to Assam, ten to Telugus of India, four to China, eight to Japan, and twelve to the Congo Mission, Africa.