

Officers of Circle: *President*, Mrs. Watson; *Vice-President*, Miss Kate Newhouse; *Secretary*, Mrs. Maggie Snell; *Treasurer*, Miss Mary Watson. Mission Band: *President*, Miss Ida Newhouse; *Vice-President*, Miss Ellis; *Secretary*, Miss Polly Quin; *Treasurer*, Master Geo. Ellis.

EAST OXFORD.—Home and Foreign Mission Circle organized on the 17th by Mrs. L. R. Bates. Officers: *President*, Miss Muir; *Secretary*, Mrs. Farwell.

BRANTFORD, PARK CHURCH.—Home and Foreign Circle organized—Nov. 4th. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Hutchinson; *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. Wm. Buck; *Sec.*, Miss Morton; *Treas.*, Miss Walker.

### News from Circles.

GOBLE'S CORNERS CIRCLE.—We held our annual public meeting on the evening of the 13th. The night was exceedingly stormy, yet the attendance was encouraging, notwithstanding the fierce winds and billows of snow, through which some came weary miles. Our report for 1886 was gratifying, inasmuch as we have raised more money, and the average attendance at the Circle meetings twenty, has been larger than any preceding year. We have raised, during the year, \$58 for Foreign, \$24 for Home Missions, and \$25 by the Band.—To al, \$107. We are thankful for the past, and hopeful for the future. The Rev. S. S. Bates, B.A., Toronto, gave his carefully-prepared lecture on the "Problem of Religious Progress," and although we may not remember all the statistical information given, we could not fail of taking with us the gloriously encouraging thought that "Christianity is not a failure." Like "the stone cut out of the mountain without hands," it is rapidly filling the whole earth. Its progress cannot be stayed till "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever." R. W. G.

OWEN SOUND.—Our Missionary Circle is in a flourishing condition, and though not very much increased in numbers, the interest is well sustained. A social was held on the 21st ult., at our pastor's house, and was a success both socially and financially. At the December meeting two were added to our number, and many more would gladly join us if it were not for their many domestic duties. We meet every two weeks at the houses of members to sew, devoting the proceeds to missionary work, our President usually reading some suitable selection while we are busy with our needles. This we all enjoy, and it is a sure preventive of gossip, of which sewing societies are too often accused, justly or unjustly. The Mission Band is well attended, the membership numbering eighteen. They are regular "Busy Bees," always planning for some good object. Two children, warmly clad from head to toe, and regular in attendance at church and S.S., are practical examples of the results of the enterprize of the Mission Band. A kind friend furnished the material, and the M. B. with some of the Circle members, also met and made up this material into suitable clothing for those two formerly half clad children, who are motherless and poor. I must tell you before I close, that we each answer to our name when the roll is called by repeating some verse of scripture or promise. We feel it a benefit, and perhaps some other Circle would "Go and do likewise." It was suggested to us by an article from the LINK.

A. B. MORRISON, *Sec.*

LONDON.—Dear Link,—The Mission Band of the Talbot Street Baptist Church was organized Jan., 1883, since then it has increased in numbers and interest. We hold our meetings monthly, and generally have a nice programme prepared. An average of about fifteen attend, and spend a very enjoyable time. In order to increase the amount—which we devote annually towards the support of our Telugu student, Jaipal Doss—we held an entertainment about two months ago, the proceeds of which were nine dollars. We have not accomplished as much during the past year as we hope to during the present one. We have just finished an autograph quilt, the amount proceeding from the autographs being \$24.50. MARY CLAYPOLE, *Sec.*

PAISLEY.—(A correction).—Instead of raising over twenty dollars, as stated in January LINK, we raised over seventy dollars. Nineteen dollars seventy-five cents of that we raised on an autograph quilt. We divide our funds equally between home and foreign work, home funds going to Port Arthur field, twenty dollars of foreign to support Anna on Mr. Craig's field, balance to Women's Treasury. About half of our members live in the country, consequently, our meetings are not so well attended as we would like, yet the interest is increasing and we hope for a better attendance this year. MRS. WHYTE.

HILLSBURGH.—As our Circle has just completed its first six months perhaps it is time to report progress. We have now a membership of thirty-five, and the interest seems to be increasing.

The ladies of the Circle gave a very interesting social at the Parsonage on the evening of December 16th. A programme consisting of singing, missionary readings, etc., was carried out, and a silver collection amounting to \$12.80 was taken up. This was divided equally and added to our contributions for Home and Foreign Missions for the quarter now ended.

Yours sincerely,

LIZZIE M. REID, *Sec.*

DUNDAS.—My Dear Link.—The Mission Circle in Dundas has entered on its second year, since reorganization, with encouraging prospects. Our meetings are well attended and interest in the work is deepening. Our pastor (Rev. E. C. B. Hallam), recently gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Work among Women in India," the proceeds of which, amounting to over twenty dollars, were for the funds of our Society. Our newly elected officers for the year are: Mrs. Hallam, *Pres.*; Mrs. Echlin, *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. D. A. Watson, *Treas.*; and Miss C. S. Palmer, *Sec.* On behalf of the Circle.

C. S. PALMER, *Sec.*

### Our Work.

The place our work has in the estimation of thoughtful, earnest people, depends largely on how we carry it on. If we realize the dignity of being "workers together with God." If we are loyal to Christ, our king, and loyal to one another, we need not fear the lack of nor covet undue appreciation. The fact that all our pastors do not fully endorse and co-operate in the movement will only make us more careful of ways and plans; more prayerful for divine guidance. Another thought for the New Year is: the greater the measure of prosperity attending our work, the greater the responsibility resting upon us, as a society, as circles, and as individual members of circles. May this year be filled with humble, loving service for the Master.

R. W. G.