

others, drove with Mrs. Nalder to the Brookville church, a distance of six or seven miles, arriving about seven o'clock. But what was our chagrin and disappointment to find no one present. The conclusion arrived at was, "that the good sisters had misunderstood the hour for opening." We waited for some little time, and were rewarded by having an audience upwards of twenty-five or thirty ladies and gentlemen. Mrs. J. H. Marsters took charge of the meeting, and after Scripture reading, singing, prayer and short addresses, she called upon Mrs. Nalder, who gave an exceedingly interesting account of how, where, when, and why these Societies were started. She then requested the ladies of the Brookville church to express their desire or feelings in regard to the organization of such a Society in their midst, some of whom responded very earnestly. Then followed the usual routine of election of officers.

Mrs. Wm. Glenn was most unanimously chosen *President*; Mrs. Sam. Smith, *1st Vice-President*; Mrs. Grounough, *2nd Vice-President*; Miss Winnie Smith, *Secretary and Treasurer*; Miss Mary Starritt, *Auditor*. *Board of Management*.—Miss Sophia Dexter, Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Starritt.

Eleven persons joined, one of whom paid \$2, making the collection of fees amount to \$12. This was handed to Mrs. Nalder, to forward to *Missionary Treasurer* on the present year's account.

Forty-nine cents worth of literature and mite boxes were taken. Altogether we had a most encouraging and profitable afternoon and evening. We trust our sister will see as much good result from this effort, as the one made by her and Miss A. E. Johnstone, three years previous. It is the work of our Master and King. We are to serve faithfully and lovingly, looking not for wages. Will the readers of the LINK kindly remember in prayer the sisters of this Society? Many of them are young in the work, and we trust the Holy Spirit may open their minds to behold wonderful things, yet to be revealed, for without His aid we are powerless.

M. E. HUME,
Sec. pro tem.

SUMMERVILLE, HANTS CO., N. S., July 5th, 1890.

DEAR LINK.—Some time has elapsed since you heard from this Branch of your sisterhood, more than a year I think, during which time our Society has been gradually increasing an interest, having enjoyed some precious seasons of prayer and praise and reading of missionary labors on different fields, and especially those from your columns which cannot fail to inspire in Christian hearts greater love and zeal for missionary work. During Christmas holidays our Society undertook the work of preparing a missionary concert, and after a little sacrifice of time and patience met on the evening appointed. The good missionary hymns, recitations, dialogues and stirring speeches aroused in some hearts at least the missionary spirit. Thus causing the purse strings to be loosed so that two sisters, not members of the Aid Society, handed the President \$5 each and one \$1, making \$11 more to add to the collection of \$18.50.

Oh if many more sisters who could, by a little sacrifice, give \$5 and \$10, and many who could give \$20, would thus loosen their purse strings, how God would be glorified, and His Kingdom advanced. Oh, let us pray earnestly for warmer and larger hearts in mission work, filled with the spirit of the Master. Then the purse strings will be loosened to obey the great command, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature."

We also have some mission-boxes in connection with our Society.

Our funds from all sources during the year amounts to \$60.50.

THE WORK AT HOME.

News From The Circles.

PORT ARTHUR.—The Circle here has been for some time trying an experiment of uniting the men and women of the Church into a Society called the Missionary and Literary Union of the Port Arthur Church. This has not proved satisfactory, and the Circle has now re-organized on the old plan, with a good deal of enthusiasm. They are taking up missionary subjects each month, for study at the meetings.

OWEN SOUND.—It is some time since the Circle at Owen Sound reported its progress, but at our last meeting we were so encouraged at the result of our attempt to raise money by an envelope meeting, that we felt that we must tell of it, so that others might derive benefit from our experience. When we undertook to furnish a room at Grande Ligne, we thought it necessary to ask the Band to join with us, as we had only twenty-eight members in all. Each member enclosed her contribution and a verse of Scripture in an envelope, and the opening of these formed a very interesting part of our last meeting. The total amount realized was thirty dollars and five cents, and in addition to this, five dollars was contributed by a gentleman, through one of our members. When we found that the amount so greatly exceeded our expectations, we joined in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" with full and thankful hearts.

DAISY PEARCE,
Secretary.

BETHEL (KING).—On Wednesday evening, July 30th, we held our annual meeting. The attendance was small, on account of the unfavorable weather, but we had an interesting meeting. Our President, Mrs. Cappell, occupied the chair, and gave an account of the organization of the Circle, by Mrs. Cohoe, with five members. It is now numbers nineteen. The Secretary's report showed that during the year, we have contributed \$12 to Home Missions; \$12 to Foreign Missions; \$3 to Grande Ligne, and a box of clothing to Muskoka. At present we are making a special effort, by way of thank-offering boxes, in response to Mrs. Lillies appeal for Home Missions. Mrs. Ferguson, Pres. of the Presbyterian Auxilliary, gave an account of the work done by them. A reading entitled "Inasmuch," was given by Miss Hutchinson. Mrs. Bingham of Schomberg, spoke on the work in Muskoka, and gave some interesting incidents in connection with her experience there. Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, gave a stirring and interesting address on Home Missions which I am sure was enjoyed by all. Rev. Mr. Bingham then said a few words, and our pastor Rev. B. Davis gave a short but instructive address on Foreign Missions. Music was furnished by the choir. Collection \$3.20.

In the afternoon, an open meeting of the Mission Band was held and the above named persons each gave a short talk to the children. The Secretary's report showed an increase, in thirteen months from seven members to thirty-seven. They have contributed \$17 to support a girl in Akidu, \$3 to a little girl in Muskoka, and have