

We are happy to say that a very cordial letter from Rev. Dr. Murdock, the honored Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, states that their Society most cheerfully assumes the expenses of Miss Alexander, now Mrs. Drake. It is said that in all treaties between United States and Canada, the United States got the best of it, and this no exception, as all who know our lost missionary can readily testify. At the same time we heartily acknowledge that the most generous reparation possible has been made, and the Woman's Society, of Ontario, tender to their co-workers over the line their most sincere thanks.

M. A. CASTLE.

News from the Circles.

PALMYRA. On Tuesday, Feb. 28th, the ladies of our Baptist Mission Circle held their annual entertainment, which showed, by the interest displayed, that the mission work in this place is progressing favorably. Rev. L. Iler, the presiding pastor, and Rev. W. Prosser, of Ridgetown, gave edifying addresses. The programme consisted of readings, recitations and excellent music, furnished by the choir. The proceeds together with membership fees, amounted to \$10, which we have divided equally between the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The Circle, though consisting of but a few members, seems thoroughly sympathetic with the mission cause.

MRS. Wm. COLBRIDGE, *Treas.*

CALTON. It is a long time since you have heard from our Circle, and you may think that we are getting tired or "resting" from our work. Not so, we are one of the oldest of the Mission Circles organized by our beloved Missionary, Mr. Timpany. We have a noble band of workers; although small, we find that every year brings new responsibilities, creating in our hearts a greater desire for bringing others into the vineyard, to gather in the sheaves. Our yearly meeting in June seemed to give a fresh impetus to our home Circle, or many are more in sympathy with us. We were made stronger by attending the annual meeting at Aylmer. Additions have been made through the direct or indirect influence of those meetings to the various Circles.

E. E. McCONNELL.

WALKERTON. On Thursday evening, March 1st, the (the third anniversary of our organization) our Mission Circle held a public meeting in the church. Mrs. N. Crawford occupied the chair. Addresses were given by Mrs. J. J. Baker (our new president), and by Mrs. D. McNeill, Port Elgin. Miss McCormick gave an account of the organization of our Foreign Missionary Society, and the secretary gave a report of the three years work of our own Mission Circle. Two missionary readings, Thanksgiving Ann, and Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box, were given by Miss Cutlenden and Miss MacKenzie, and a recitation by Miss Essie Walford. An excellent musical programme was rendered by the choir; we were also favored by two solos from Mrs. E. R. York. A very pleasant evening was spent. Money taken at the door (\$15.50), fifteen dollars and fifty cents. As a Circle we feel very much encouraged by the coming among us of Mrs. J. J. Baker, who has kindly consented to take the position of president, which has been vacant since Mrs. Daak left Walkerton more than a year ago. And we hope in the fourth year of our life as a Circle to do more in the Master's cause than we have done in any year that is past. Praying that God will bless you in your work for Him.

A. SPROULZ, *Sec.*

MOUNT FOREST.—The ladies in connection with the Circle are now feeling much encouraged in their mission work. Meetings are growing in interest and though we are few in numbers we feel strong in God, who is able to give strength to those who put their trust in Him. Hearts have been touched by the earnest appeals for the Home Mission fund and great success has attended the efforts of those wishing to send an answer to these appeals. At a Home Mission Social, held on the eve of Feb. 25th, we raised \$24, and at a recent meeting a few of the sisters gave a thank of \$3.25 for God's kindness to us as a Circle. We are encouraged by a few new names added to our list and are hopeful for the future.

MRS. J. J. COOK.

LISTOWEL AND ATWOOD.—On Thursday, March 1st, it was my privilege, as director of the Walkerton Association, to attend a meeting of the Listowel and Atwood Circles, at the home Rev. D. Daak, Listowel. The meeting opened at 2.30 o'clock, with Mrs. Daak, president of the Listowel Circle in the chair. The president in opening the meeting gave a very nice address of welcome to all present, after which an enjoyable season was spent in prayer, praise, readings, etc. Sister Hammond, president of the Atwood Circle, gave an encouraging report of her circle, which seems to be accomplishing much good for the Master. Mrs. J. Cook, of Ingersoll, who was a visiting sister, was then invited to give some suggestion on "How to make the meetings pleasant and profitable," which she did, and by her words of comfort seemed to encourage the sisters present. These Circles seem to have a deep interest in mission work and seem very hopeful for future work. They have a very earnest and loving helpmeet in Mrs. Daak, and cannot but feel like pressing forward in the work. We all felt it was indeed good to be there, and hope it will not be the last meeting of the kind we shall be invited to attend.

MRS. J. J. COOK.

PAINLEY.—Our Home and Foreign Mission Circle, held a public meeting on the evening of the 14th February, being the third anniversary of the Circle. The church was beautifully decorated and well filled with a very appreciative audience. The meeting was conducted entirely by the ladies; our Pres., Mrs. J. C. McDonald, presiding. Our Secretary reported \$61.84 raised last year. Meetings better attended, interest in missions greater than ever before. Our programme commenced with a piece of music, "Tell it out among the Heathen," by the church choir. Addresses by Mrs. McNeil, of Port Elgin, and Mrs. Baker, of Walkerton. Readings and recitations interspersed with music from ladies of the Giammi Circle; Mrs. York, of Walkerton, and some of the Painsley friends. Collection amounting to \$22, was taken up by four young ladies.

E. W., *Secretary.*

MALAHIDE AND BAYHAM.—The second annual meeting of our Home and Foreign Mission Circle was held in the church on the evening of Jan. 17th. The chief feature of the evening's entertainment was a thrilling and instructive address on "Our Work in India," by our beloved Missionary McLaurin. The meeting was ably presided over by the president of 1887, Miss Cohoon, and the following programme carried out:—Singing, From Greenland's Icy Mountains; Reading of Scripture by the Vice-President; prayer, pastor; address by president; report by secretary, Miss Abell; address by Missionary McLaurin; address by pastor Mason; dust, "Help a little,"