

CIRCLE REPORTS.

AYLMER, May 26.—The silver anniversary of the Elgin meeting of Women's Circles and Bands was held in the Baptist church here yesterday.

A large number of delegates were present and much interest and enthusiasm was shown. The following papers were given:—"The Divine Right of Missions," Mrs. A. S. Rogers. "The Advantages of Circle Work to Individual Members," Mrs. Reekie. "Slavic Work in Toronto," Mrs. John McDiarmid. "Our Bands," Mrs. Buckborough. "Junior B.Y.P.U.," Mrs. Pringle. Historical sketch, Mrs. Albert Cohoon. The evening prayer and praise service was led by Mrs. Upton.

Miss Mary B. Selman, returned missionary from India, gave an address on Foreign Missions, and Dr. J. L. Gilmour on "Our Evangelizing Agencies," which brought to a close one of the best associational meetings in the history of the Circles. The following is a list of officers elected:—President, Mrs. A. S. Doolittle, Sparta; vice-president, Miss L. Chute, Lakeview; director, Mrs. J. H. Rinch, St. Thomas; assistant director, Mrs. D. Brown, Iona Station.—The Aylmer Times.

SPRINGFORD.—The Mission Circle held their annual Thank-offering on May 5th, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Brough. Thirty ladies were present. Our president, Mrs. Smith, conducted the devotional exercises and after a vocal solo by Miss Sovereign, and a piano solo by Miss Monk, it was our privilege to listen to an address by Miss (Dr.) Hulet. She told us of her "work among the women," giving us a little glimpse into "things as they are." Our offering amounted to \$17.15, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The ladies of our church as a whole, are more fully appreciating the Circle meetings, as evidenced by a number of new members, and increased attendance, though three of our most faithful members have been called to a higher service, within the past year.

MRS. F. W. VARDON,

Secretary.

DUNNVILLE, Ont.—The monthly meeting of the Women's Mission Circle, was held on May 12th and was well attended. After the regular programme and business were attended to the following officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Mrs. A. Camelford; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. Spence; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. D. Culp; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Franklin; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Rowe; Treasurer, Mrs. Saunders. A committee of four was also appointed to visit the sick and look after the absentees. This committee to report each month.

Although not many in number, we have splendid meetings and a deeper interest is manifested from month to month.

MRS. WM. E. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

GUELPH.—The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Circles and Bands was held in Cheltenham, on Tuesday afternoon, June 1st. The President, Mrs. R. D. Lang, of Berlin, conducted a very helpful prayer service, and the opening exercises.

Miss Senior, gave an address on Home Missions. She spoke of the problems of the Home Mission Board—the question of the advisability of supporting rural churches, disabled by the exodus of the population to the West—the failure of the urban churches to accommodate the rapidly growing population, and of the difficulty of the work in New Ontario, owing to the scattered population. Then there was the problem of the foreign speaking people. Miss Senior spoke of the need of a German professor in Brandon College.

Mr. White, of Grande Ligne, sang "Face to Face," in French.

The Director's report, showed a marked increase in contributions of Circles and Bands, but a decrease in the number of both "Links" and "Visitors" taken. Most of the Circles and Bands gave encouraging reports of the work of the year. The Director spoke of the necessity of the prayers of the stronger Circles and Bands for the weaker ones.

Two members of the Brampton Band, which is one of the strongest in the