

which ever attends the Master's work. A letter from Mrs. Holman with reference to student work was read, but no action was taken. An instructive paper on Mission Band work was given by Miss Nellie Hatch, of Woodstock. We were then delighted to hear from Mr. LaFlamme. He gave us a vivid and interesting account of his work in India, and also of the work of our single lady missionaries now in the field.

A short address on Woodstock College and its missionary work was given by Mr. D. K. Clarke. The collection taken at the meeting amounted to \$8.14, after which Mr. LaFlamme closed with prayer. B. L. H.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—This Associational meeting was held at Almonte, June 20. Our meeting was one of unusual interest and pleasure this year, and we trust one of profit also.

The afternoon was devoted to the usual business reports, letters from Circles and Bands, greetings from sister societies and absent ones, and the Question Drawer. It was our privilege to have with us "Sister Belle" (Ottawa), whom to know is to love. The Question Drawer was conducted by her, and was a very interesting part of our meeting. Reports showed about \$900 raised by Circles and Bands, and a good increase in circulation of *LINK* and *Visitor*. While there are not as many of the women in our churches engaged in the work of the Circle as we could wish, we trust those who are will put forth greater effort this year, and the number increases.

The evening meeting, though long, was too interesting to be tiresome. An exceptionally good paper on "Giving" was given by Mrs. Murdock, an inspiring address on Band work by Mrs. Halket, and stirring ones by Rev. A. P. McDiarmid and Prof. Farmer, with fine music by the Almonte choir, constituted the programme.

The hearty welcome given and the kindness shown us by the Almonte people could not be excelled, and this Association was pronounced the best we have ever had. We trust that the enthusiasm and inspiration we received was of the right sort so that it will not evaporate in a few weeks, but show itself in our work during the year. May our zeal be according to knowledge and provoke in all of us loving service, self-denial and perseverance.

L. J. KNOWLTON, *Director*.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION. The sixth annual meeting of Mission Circles and Bands was held in the Orillia Baptist Church on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 18th. The afternoon session commenced at 2 o'clock; in the absence of the Director, on account of illness, Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, presided. After singing and prayer, and reading of Scripture by Mrs. Miller, the reports from Circles and Bands were read, these were very encouraging, especially the report from the Midland Band. This Band had sent a quilt to the Association to be sold, the money to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions. This quilt was commenced by a sister, who never had the courage to speak a word for the Master in public, but much precious seed was sown during the making of it. On account of ill health

Mrs. Kendall resigned her position as Director, and Mrs. Cummer, of Parry Sound, was appointed to the office.

Mrs. Lillie brought forward the *Visitor* and *LINK*, several spoke on the merits of these papers. A circular letter was read by Mrs. Lillie in reference to the ladies taking up the support of the students. After discussion on this subject, no definite conclusion was arrived at. A duet by Mrs. Gunton and Miss Hern was then sung with good effect. A paper was then read on the Telugu work in India, by Mrs. Cummer of Parry Sound. After some discussion a paper was given on North-West work among the Indians, by Mrs. Gunton, of Barrie. This was followed by a paper on the Scandinavian work, read by Mrs. Mill. A short item on Grande Ligne was read. Mrs. Miller read a paper on our Home Mission work and its claims upon us. After singing, the meeting closed with prayer.

Mrs. Miller presided at the evening meeting. After singing "Work for the night is coming," Mrs. Gunton, of Barrie, read an appropriate portion of Scripture, after which Mrs. Lant, of Midland, led in prayer. This was followed by a hymn. Mrs. Lillie then read a very interesting paper on Missions. A duet entitled "Was it for me" by Mrs. Gunton, of Barrie, and Miss Curry, of Orillia, was well rendered. After singing a hymn a most interesting address on Foreign Missions was given by Dr. Pearl Smith, who is about to go to India. After singing a hymn the meeting closed by Pastor Bridgman pronouncing the benediction.

R. CUMMER, *Director*.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.—The Women's Mission Circles held their tenth annual meeting on Wednesday June 19th with the Lindsay church. A fifteen minute prayer service was conducted by the Director. At 2:30 the regular meeting was opened by singing "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," followed by Bible reading and prayer by Miss Trotter, the President.

The election of officers resulted in the appointment of Mrs. John Dryden, of Brooklyn, President, and Miss A. Dryden, Greenbank, Director. The meeting for 1896 will be held at Whitby.

Delegates from 13 Circles were present to read their reports. The Director's report showed steady progress, two Circles having been organized during the year. There are now 16 Circles with a membership of 258, and 549 women in the churches.

The amount raised for home missions is \$188.18, for foreign missions \$200.56, total, \$387.74, which is an advance of \$46. Three Circles have collected \$14 for Indian missions.

Eight Bands have a membership of 319, and have raised \$117.95. Mrs. Riley gave words of kindly greeting to the delegates, to which Miss A. E. Dryden responded. Sisters from the Presbyterian, Methodist, and English church societies, were present to convey greetings, which were highly appreciated.

The Telugu work was represented by four delegates. Miss Stovel by Mrs. Ellis, Miss Baskerville by Mrs. Ram