

Among other good things, she said: "Pray for your officers, and don't criticize them."

The officers were all re-appointed: Director, Mrs. S. Sheldon, Cornwall; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Campbell, Rockland. Executive—Mesdames C. E. Parson, Kenneth McDonald, A. B. Foster, with Director and Secretary.

The old historic Clarence Church is situated not far from the banks of the beautiful Ottawa River, across which from the church are seen the most picturesque views of the Laurentian Hills. This scenery, with the beautiful weather, the kindness and abundant hospitality shown us, made our visit exceedingly pleasant.

MRS. S. S. SHELDON, Director.

Oxford-Brant.—On Tuesday, June 4th, a large representation from Circles and Bands gathered in Burtch Church for their Sixteenth Annual Meeting.

The drive out from Brantford, in well-filled vans, affording opportunity for social intercourse, also for enjoying the beauty of the surrounding country, was but a prelude to the other treats in store for us. Upon arrival, we found a very material welcome awaiting us in the well-laden tables—and then again from the platform we were kindly assured of the fact by Mrs. Earl Burtch.

Mrs. Dadson was the one chosen to voice the appreciation of the delegates.

Mrs. Rose was our capable President, whose address, followed as it was, by a beautiful prayer service, formed the keynote for the entire session, and set all hearts in tune.

The verbal reports from Circles and Bands were encouraging, suggesting many new methods and ideas. Our Directors appeared with glad faces as the bearers of good news—each one having the privilege of reporting substantial increase in receipts; also two new organizations in each department.

A solo by Mrs. Anderson, and chorus by Burtch Mission Band, were much enjoyed. "Band Work" was ably dealt with by Mrs. Spidell, while "The Ideal Circle" was brought before us, and viewed from the standpoint of: 1st. "Its Business Management," when Miss Houlding showed us the importance of having every detail pre-arranged and carried out in a systematic manner. 2nd. "Its Contributions." Mrs. Newcombe held up before our view the different

types of collectors, showing us that the cheerful, intelligent collector proved herself a veritable missionary. 3rd. "Its Programmes." Mrs. Doolittle offered many practical suggestions, emphasizing the fact that our programmes should be purely missionary, and suggesting the advisability of having uniform printed programmes, prepared a year in advance, for the use of all Circles.

A resolution was passed approving of this suggestion.

After a spirited song service in the evening, led by the local choir, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Chapman joined in conducting devotional exercises.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows: President, Mrs. W. C. Rose; First Vice-President, Mrs. Newcombe; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Holson; Circle Director, Mrs. W. J. Nicholson; Band Director, Mrs. Bowyer.

The Home Mission address by Mrs. Lillie gave us a clearer idea of the heroic work our missionaries are doing under very unfavorable conditions.

After listening to a beautiful solo by Mrs. Elliott, we prepared ourselves for one more treat. The hour was late, but we enjoyed being taken to India by Rev. R. E. Smith, when he showed us the varying landscape, the throngs of people in their gay costumes, showing us extremes of poverty and wealth; of intelligence and ignorance; but all alike, enslaved by fear and superstition—all needing the emancipation of the gospel.

The Male Quartette rendered a fine closing selection, after which Pastor Simmons pronounced the benediction, and thus was closed a very enjoyable session, and a day of great spiritual uplift.

E. M. VARDON, Sec.

Norfolk.—The afternoon session was opened at 2 o'clock. Prayer and praise service was conducted by Mrs. Moyle, Bloomsburg, in the absence of Mrs. Bryan.

Mrs. H. Renner, Hartford, gave the Scripture lesson, Joshua 24, taking for her theme "Service," the believer's watchword. The speaker pressed upon her hearers their individual responsibility of serving and letting their light shine for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who hath redeemed us.

The address of welcome was given by the pastor's wife, Mrs. F. C. Elliott, who very heartily welcomed the Associa-