

the training received at McMaster University. Ponthill sent away two bales, valued at \$43.50, and James Street, Hamilton, one barrel of clothing.

Peterborough director reports that although many demands have been made on time, strength and money, the members of our Circles have not allowed our missionary interests to suffer in these times fraught with so much trouble and sorrow. Park Street Circle raised its membership from 15 to 30 this year. A Young Women's circle has been organized at Lakesfield, and is getting into working order. We hope they will ask Mrs. Charles Stark, the Secretary of Young Women's Circles, about anything they wish to know.

Owen Sound director says her Circles all seem to be doing their best. Paisley has organized a Mission Circle. Meaford sent three boxes, Owen Sound three quilts, Willisroft five quilts to Home Missions in addition to their regular giving. Much missionary literature is being circulated in all the Circles in the district. That is one way some may help. Buy leaflets from Mrs. Moor and scatter them broadcast throughout the land. Sow the seed. The harvest may be much greater than you think. Perhaps you could send the LINK or "Visitor" to someone this year.

The Walkerton Association is doing good work. The report in June showed an increase of \$80 over last year, also a gain of 38 new members, as a result of the "Win One Campaign." Specials have been well kept up. Two new Bands and two re-organized Bands come within the year.

Elgin Association still shows advancement. Mrs. Rinch's report was very encouraging. It was a little late in coming. The only apology was an aching heart, which is the common lot of many other mothers. Boxes and bales have been sent out to Grande Ligne and to Home Missions from Aylmer and St. Thomas.

Norfolk reports a new Circle at Port Rowan. At Forestville and St. William's the Ladies' Aids are undertaking Mission work. In these country places it is difficult for the women to meet very often. The Aids are already established, and if they cannot have Circles they will add Missions to what they already possess. Mrs. Pearce says she has much to be thankful for, and hopes

that none of our women will begin to economize by reducing their offerings to the Lord's work. We heartily endorse this hope.

From Western Association comes the good news of a new Circle at Walkerville, and that Chatham leads in membership and in the amount given. Eight bales were sent with clothing to our missionaries. There are faithful workers somewhere among these women. A decrease in the amount received for Home and Foreign Missions caused regret to Miss Ritchie, one of our faithful directors.

Oxford-Brant and Toronto Associations seem to be each striving to excel the other in good deeds. Barrels, boxes and bales filled with clothing, quilts and other useful things have been sent to many Home Mission churches. Both have increased their giving to Home and Foreign Missions. You will see the exact amount by glancing at your Treasurers' reports. Miss Whiting and Mrs. Bagsley must feel greatly encouraged.

We waited long for Guelph and Whitby and Lindsay, but they came at last. Miss Dayfoot reports that the Win One Campaign resulted in a good increase in membership in some Circles in Guelph Association. We welcome Mrs. Goodfellow to the ranks of the directorate, and hope she will find the work interesting, and that the Circles will prosper under her supervision.

To briefly summarize:

The W. H. M. Society have given through their 267 Circles and 12 Ladies' Aids \$9,667.40.

The W. F. M. Society have given \$11,830.53 through their 275 Circles.

One word to the Secretaries of the Circles. Last year in my report I urged you to send in your returns a little earlier, so that the Directors' reports would reach us in time. In confidence I have been told you were not to blame at all—that the fault lay with the collector; that the Treasurer of the Circle had to wait for them, and the Secretary could not send in her report till the Treasurer reported the amount collected. This work may appear very small, but you see how important it is. If possible, get all money in for the October meeting, so that your own Treasurer's books may be closed, the returns sent to Miss Wright or Mrs. Campbell, and your own