

organizer can give some suggestions that will be helpful to us. Had I the time during the summer I would have visited these churches and see if personal contact would not accomplish what letter writing has failed to do.

Total contributions for Foreign Missions, \$542.37; Home Mission, \$304.15; Mission Bands, \$132.40; amount reported for Grand Ligne Missions, \$2.40 Total for Middlesex and Lambton Association, \$981.38.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. Last year we reported eleven Home and Foreign Circles and eight Mission Bands. Since then a Circle, doing home and foreign work has been organized at Erin, and a Mission Band at Freeport. Edmonton Circle has held no meeting since April, and although a small sum has been collected it is still in the hands of the Treasurer, and so not included in our report. We hope the sisters here may find a way by which they may meet together and also keep up their contributions. The amount raised during the year is, for Foreign Missions, \$171.33; Home Missions, \$178.66 Seven Mission Bands, \$45.09. Total, \$395.07. There is a falling off in the contributions to Foreign Missions from all the Circles but Acton, Hillsburg and Brampton, there is a slight increase from these. About \$12 less is contributed to foreign work this year than last. All the Circles but Cheltenham, Georgetown and Fullarton show an increase in their contributions to Home Missions. About \$7.00 more is contributed to Home Missions this year than last. Last year eight Mission Bands contributed \$100; this year, seven Bands, \$45-\$55 less than last year. The Circles and Bands of our Association are about \$60 behind last year. We cannot help asking our selves the question 'Have we been faithful in our work? Have we been faithful in giving and collecting the Lord's money for Him? Let us remember that the increase belongs to God. He does not measure us according to our success, but according to our faithfulness. We are to sow and labor beside all waters, amid all discouragements, and God will give the increase.

MARGIE McKECHNIE

EDIN ASSOCIATION. There are in this Association twelve Circles with about 860 women in the church and only 268 contributors. As a rule the small churches have more contributors in proportion than the larger ones. Out of a small church of 70 women 21 belong to the Circle, while in a large church of 270 women only 60 are contributors.

Ten Circles contribute to Home and Foreign Missions. 1st Houghton and the Borean to Foreign only.

Two Circles and two Bands have been organized during the year. There are 144 MISSIONARY LINKS taken.

St. Thomas Circle, in addition to \$75 raised for Home and \$77 for Foreign Missions, sent \$15 to Grand Ligne Missions. They made two life members, one in the Home and one in the Foreign. An extra effort is being made in all the Circles in behalf of Grand Ligne Mission in addition to what they are now doing. Great progress is being made in this Association, and if the work increases in the next four years, as it has in the last four, there will be a Circle in every church. Nine Circles contributed for Home Missions, \$213.43; Foreign Missions, \$275.83; 5 Mission Bands, \$95.10.

PETERBORO AND BELLEVILLE ASSOCIATION. There are eleven Circles in this Association. The average membership is not quite half of the church membership. There are four Circles that have sent in no report, viz. Stirling, Campbellford, Warsaw and Cramahe. Some of these

may not have received the blank forms sent them, as your Associational Director had no addresses except as she obtained them from the Year Book and some of these were very indefinite. The amount raised by the seven Circles that have reported is \$228.66. This is an average of \$9.04 per member and an average of \$32.66 per Circle.

The MISSIONARY LINK is taken by nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the members.

A number of Circles report not so great an interest as they wish for. The Peterboro Band has raised during the year \$20.50 for Foreign Missions, and a Band has recently been organized in the Smith Church.

ALMA BRADLEY.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION. There are in this Association 26 churches, in 8 of these Circles have been organized leaving 18 churches with no Circles. Only Boston reported a Mission Band. Bloomsburg Circle organized last June, 7 of these Circles are doing foreign work while only 4 reported home work. Hagerstown doing no foreign work and Villa Nova did not report where their money was sent. The amount raised through the Circles during the past year, for Home Missions, \$53.28; for Foreign Missions, \$96.00. Boston Mission Band, \$51.00; by Villa Nova Circle, \$26.00; making a total of \$226.28.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION. Number of churches in Association, 37; Circles, 19; Circles reported, 13; Women in the churches reported, 1,074; Contributors in churches reported, 603; LINKS in churches reported, 133. A Circle was formed in Ossington Avenue in May, and one in Barrie in June. College Street formed a Home Mission Circle in September. As all the Circles did not report it is difficult to make a true statement. A greater interest has been shown in the smaller Circles throughout the Association. There is a decidedly growing interest in both home and foreign work.

F. B. WELLS.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION. Since last October three new Circles have been formed, one at Harrow, one at Chatham and one at Blytheswood, and two Bands, one at Leamington, and one at Blytheswood, making twelve Circles and six Bands. The amount of money raised during the year for Foreign Missions, \$49.11; for Home Missions, \$49.61; two Bands, Woodslee and Essex Centre, \$24.53. This is from seven churches and two Bands, five churches I have not heard from, and four Bands. I sincerely hope we may be able to do more another year.

M. E. LOVE.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION. This Association numbers twenty-three churches. We have Home and Foreign Mission Circles in seven. I posted blanks to seven and only four were returned filled. Reported whole amount collected \$122.73. As regards Mission work the whole field, looks like one vast prairie with a few furrows turned up in only seven places. The field calls loudly for some one to break up the fallow ground.

AMANDA McNEILL, Director.

NIAGARA ASSOCIATION. This Association reports one new Circle for Home and Foreign Missions. A Home Mission Circle at Beamsville. Number of Circles, eight; Bands, five. Amount raised by Circles, \$328.61; by Bands, \$109.50.

MRS. WM. FORBES, Director.