

each member resolve that, with God's help, it will be one that will speak of labors more abundant and gifts that will be a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing to God.

Respectfully submitted.

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Rec. Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF DIRECTORS.

Another year has come and gone—a year of stress and strain, of success and failure, of joy and sadness, of service for our Master.

The changes in the Directorate have been numerous this year, and as the work is new and untried to some, we cannot expect the same degree of efficiency. Next year will show greater results, we trust.

The Circles have contributed \$11,536.59 to Missions; the Young Women's Circles, \$1,003.25, making a total for Foreign Missions of \$12,539.84.

Norfolk.—A fine report came in from Norfolk Association this year. Financially, they have advanced. Miss Baskerville's visit was much appreciated by them. Wherever she went a deep impression was made, and renewed interest was awakened. The Director still deplores the fact that so many women have no share or interest in Missions, and that so few take our valuable papers, the LINK and Visitor. "More members and more papers" will be their aim next year.

Elgin.—The new Director of this Association sent in a well-filled report—her first. We trust the enthusiasm and zeal of her predecessor may descend on Miss Mary B. McCandless. Gladstone, Shedden and Rodney were too late for insertion.

Guelph.—This Association has fallen to the care of Mrs. D. A. Barnes of Galt. We notice the amount raised for Foreign work has been increased. They have sent in nearly seven hundred dollars this year.

Middlesex and Lambton.—A report full of cheer and encouragement comes in from Mrs. Baldwin. She reports two churches giving to Missions through the Ladies' Aid and two new Young Women's Circles. They are anxious to have a missionary tour their field, and we

hope to comply with their request, as they are planning to support a medical missionary, over and above their regular offering. This will necessitate the raising of \$500.

Niagara and Hamilton.—Neatness and despatch attended this report. It came in with every blank filled, and was a joy to the Secretary. Good work is being done in both Women's and Young Women's Circles.

Northern.—This far-off, wide-spread field is now under the care of Mrs. Dennis of Bracebridge, and already her power is being felt. She, too, longs for a touring missionary. There is much to be done, as there are 53 churches. What a grand thing it would be to have a Circle in every one of them. Let us pray them in.

Owen Sound.—Progress has been made here. Bands, Circles and a Young Women's Circle at Chesley have been organized. The Hanover Baptist Church applied for fellowship to this Association and was accepted.

Peterborough was toured in September by Miss Evelyn Smith, and good results are expected from the earnest addresses of this youthful worker. Brighton is a new Circle. Four valued workers have been called to higher service, leaving three organizations without a leader. The importance of having others ready to step into their places is thus seen.

Walkerton Association goes on in its steady course. Miss Stovel has a good assistant in Miss Agnes Cook, and the returns came in promptly, with two exceptions. These were late.

Whitby and Lindsay.—On the return of Mrs. Madill to her old post of duty she found some Circles in good working order, but others had allowed the patriotic work to crowd out their missionary zeal. We can do both if we will. Let Circles, Bands and all join together to do what they can to prove their loyalty to not only their King and country, but to the King of Kings. The poet says, "Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That cannot be done, and you'll do it."

Toronto.—Advance is marked all along the line, especially with the Young Women's Circles. They cheer the heart of the Director.

The Western Association Director