

delight in this association. She would be entertained in some of the comfortable homes there, and visit the bright boys and girls who are in the mission Bands, and wonder if the Baptists have no missionaries, as they have never seen one. A most eloquent plea for such a one was sent in some months ago, but we had no one to send. Miss Pratt would have gone, but was on the eve of departure, and had already done so much in Peterborough and Middlesex and Lambton. We trust this work will appeal to someone.

Whitby and Lindsay have held up their record in the face of difficulties. Mrs. Madill has done faithful work.

Guelph Association will have a greater interest in missions than ever before, as one has been called from their midst to go to India as a missionary. She is now on the road, and we pray that God's richest blessing may follow Miss Hinman. She goes out under the Eastern Board. Miss Day-foot reports one new Circle organized and increased interest in the old ones. We hope all the women in Guelph Association will soon realize what a great advantage it would be to have a women's Circle in every church. One report is missing from Walkerton, otherwise the returns are simply as perfect as they can be. We are not surprised when we know how methodical the director is.

At our last Convention it was suggested that the directors who could visit the weaker Circles, do so. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Pratt started out on this mission, and the report they sent in was more interesting than a story-book. Great enthusiasm was aroused, and the meetings were productive of much good. All expenses were met cheerfully by the Circles visited, and at some of the larger churches banquets were given, thus enabling many to hear the addresses, who would not otherwise have been present.

In Toronto Association we notice a falling off in some of the large Circles, and find it is partly owing to the removal by death of some of our largest contributors, and partly to the fact that we hear so many calls for good and needy objects that we forget we are pledged to keep up the work that is depending on our gifts.

Our estimates are based on the income of the preceding year, and Sisters, let us learn this lesson to-day. No

matter how important and strong the need may be, we should support the work for which we are pledged. If we can respond to every call, let us do so, but do not cripple our own missionaries that are depending on us. That dollar you pledged for Foreign Missions in India should go there—not somewhere else.

The influence of a beautiful life has been felt in Oxford-Brant, and the gifts poured in for Miss Folsom's return passage, when her health was restored. The collections advanced over \$350.

Again we ask that a special effort be made to get the women to attend our Circle gatherings. Once get them to come, have good meetings, and you may start a work that may be as far-reaching for good as eternity itself. It is not enough to get their money—get them if possible. Only one-third of our women are in the Circle. You may influence some one that no one else can. Do it. Yes, do it as soon as you return home.

The number of Links taken is increasing, and we congratulate the Editor on the work she has done and is doing. The paper is invaluable to Circle workers. A live agent in every church will prove of great assistance. Let us take the paper, read it, and welcome the agent as she comes to collect for it; but above all, let us pray for the young Editor, who is doing this part of our work so faithfully and well.

Owen Sound, Elgin and Peterborough have sent in cheering reports, and are doing good work. The Northern Association reports four new Circles organized this year.

Last, but not least, comes Niagara and Hamilton. Mrs. Mulock has retired in favor of Mrs. John Hendry, and under her supervision we are looking for even greater things from the women here.

In conclusion, we would remind our Circles that we are auxiliaries to the General Board. Let us not fear being overshadowed by those who can do large things. Let us be willing to do the little things, gather up the gleanings, welcome the small offerings. Remember the work is one, and we are only responsible for our share of our own work. Do that well.

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