

Among the Circles

ELGIN ASSOCIATION

Morning Session

The morning session was opened by the President, Mrs. D. E. Brown, followed by devotional exercises under the leadership of Mrs. James Haggan. The objective for this year's Home Mission Work is prayer. A cordial welcome was extended to the Association by Mrs. Ashmore, Aylmer, and a fitting response given by Mrs. Johnston, Calton.

Committees were appointed and Circle Greetings were heard. Although a decrease in many departments of the work, much encouragement and many ideas for service were gained. A total of \$1,726.00 was raised for Home and Foreign Missions. \$9.60 for India Missions, and \$137.00 special to mission work outside our general board's work. There was also a decrease in total offerings of Bands, and yet we feel that the work among our boys and girls needs only more interest and effort put forth by the older ones. The Band's total offerings were \$481.50. A missionary message in the form of a duet by two band members brought the session to a close.

Afternoon

The afternoon's work began with devotional exercises by Mrs. J. W. Hisey. The Foreign Mission Objective was more prayer, more gifts, and a willingness to give of ourselves for the Master's service. To close this a solo portrayed the very essence of Foreign Mission work.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

President—Mrs. T. S. Johnston.

Vice-President—Mrs. S. D. Cummins.

Director—Miss Van Velzer.

Band Director—Mrs. F. S. Johnston.

Resolutions on Temperance, cigarette smoking and cordiality were presented.

The Mission Band Cup was presented to First Yarmouth Band.

A great appeal for Young People's work was made by Mrs. R. W. Hawkins, Brownsville. The fifth chapter of II Kings bears a message for every woman. Young folk

would benefit if pressed into Christian service. Christ should be the objective of young life.

Just here an inspiring duet was sung by Mrs. Ashmore and Mrs. Huxtable.

Grande Ligne Missions with its centre at Feller Institute, a Mission to French Canadians—fellow countrymen of Quebec—with its crying need for prayer, money and service, was taken by Miss Clarke, of Aylmer.

Rev. J. Pollock delivered a short inspirational address on the text, "I beseech ye therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Sacrifice is the basic principle of home and church life, vicarious suffering of whole universe.

The work of Northern Ontario was presented by an exercise given by Aylmer Mission Band during which the two young girls of our Missionary Rev. C. T. Timpany sang in Telugu dialect and costume. A piano trio and a solo "The Plains of Peace," closed this helpful session.

Evening Session

A song service led by Rev. W. A. Ashmore and a number by the Symphony Quartette, opened this session.

Miss Crane, Aylmer, in a talk on Home Missions in Ontario, showed much work under way and the need for much more. A chorus was given by the ladies of Aylmer choir.

The main feature of the evening was a lantern slide lecture on South America, by Rev. H. E. Stillwell.

The benediction closed the Ladies' Day session, one which could not have been more interesting and inspiring.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION

A warm welcome awaited those who attended the annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circle and Bands of the Owen Sound Association which was held in the Owen Sound Baptist Church on June 19, 1924.