

A. D. Rogers, of Sparta, to which Mrs. L. C. McConnell very fittingly replied.

The Directors report showed one Circle and one Band organized at Iona, during the year, making a total of 17 Circle, 5 Bands and 1 Junior Y.P.S.C.E. Total amount contributed by Circles and Bands \$939.71, an increase of \$80.65.

Mrs. Vining, of Aylmer, then told of our work among the Scandinavians and showed their willingness to receive the Gospel. Two papers on Band work, by Mrs. W. H. Barnum, Dutton, and Miss Porter, St. Thomas, gave many thoughts and suggestions and presented the work very clearly. These were followed by a discussion led by Mrs. W. L. Silcox, of Shedden, in which many took part.

Miss Dryden, of Toronto, presented the claims of Moulton College, telling of the good work being done, and urging parents to be loyal to "our own College."

Miss M. P. Pound, of Bayham, one of our sisters, now missionary elect to Burma, briefly addressed the meeting. It had long been her desire to be a missionary, and to go to India under the Ontario Foreign Missionary Board, but God had led her to go to Burma instead, and she was going in obedience to His command. Let us all remember our sister in her far away home.

Mrs. W. P. Reekie, of Sparta, gave a very helpful and practical address on "Christ our example in service." During the afternoon solos were given by Miss Moore, of Sparta, and Miss Mabel Clarke, of Aylmer, which were very much enjoyed.

The evening session opened with a song service after which, the President, Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, of Sparta, gave a very earnest address on witnessing.

We were very glad to have with us Miss Dryden, of Toronto and Miss Murray, of Canada, India.

After a trio by the Misses Prior and Laidlaw, of Sparta, the claims of Home Missions was shown by a most excellent address by Miss out Dryden. She pointed out opportunities and the results of the work being done, but much territory waits yet to be entered.

Miss House, of New Sarum, then sang a solo after which Miss Murray told of the work so dear to her; that of giving the Gospel to the women and children of India. She contrasted the lives of the women of India, and the women of Canada, and showed the power of the Gospel in transforming lives of sin to lives of consecrated service. Much has been done but the work is great. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

Offering for day \$16.24. The Officers were re-elected. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. W. P. Reekie, Sparta.

M. LAIDLAW.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Western Association of Mission Circles and Bands met in Windsor, on June 10th. The morning session

opened with a prayer service, led by the President, Mrs. E. Burr. After singing the Coronation Hymn, Psalm 33 was read by Mrs. Potts. Mrs. C. N. Dewey offered prayer. Although several were absent, whom we expected to take part in the meeting, yet a large number was present; and a great spirit of earnestness prevailed, especially in the many prayers offered for a blessing on the coming sessions. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Campbell.

During the afternoon meeting, which was opened by singing "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," prayer was offered by Mrs. Rosebrugh. Psalm 103 was read by Mrs. Oldershaw. On the committee's report, the following officers were appointed: Mrs. Burr, re-elected Pres.; Miss E. Eberle, Vice-Pres. and Miss Ritchie, re-elected, Director. Mrs. L. C. Walker, of Chatham, then rendered a very pleasing solo, entitled, "A Clean heart." A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. Chisholm, and very appropriately responded to by Mrs. Campbell, after which the various Circles and Bands gave their reports, with the exception of Ridgeway and Blenheim, although Blenheim sent \$5 to Foreign Missions. Mrs. Bovington, next read an excellent paper on "The Work at Grande Ligne, from the time of Madame Feller, to the present." This paper dealt with all branches of the work, and showed that Grand Ligne had made great progress, materially and spiritually. A very profitable time was spent with the Question Drawer, conducted by Miss Ritchie. The burning question being "How to deal with the indifference of the women." After this, Miss Ritchie read a paper on "The Galicians," written by Mrs. Henderson, of Toronto. The leading thought being, "If we do not Christianize the Galicians, they will heathenize this fair Dominion of ours." This was followed by a paper on "What a Church Loses by not having a Mission Band," read by Mrs. C. N. Dewey, which gave us much instruction regarding the usefulness of Mission Band work. She strongly advocated the use of the *Baptist Union* for the leader of the Mission Band, and the *Junior Baptist Union* for the children. The collection amounted to \$10.57, out of which half of Miss McLaurin's travelling expenses were paid. The session closed with prayer by Mrs. L. C. Walker.

During the evening session, Mr. Bovington offered prayer, and two selections were well rendered by the choir. Miss McLaurin was the speaker for the evening. She gave a very thrilling address on her work in India, in which she fully answered the question, "Why give the light to the heathen?" Mrs. L. C. Walker, and Rev. C. N. Dewey, sang a beautiful duet, "He will not Slumber." Mr. Bovington was called upon for an address, but declined on account of the lateness of the hour. The collection for the evening amounted to \$9.38. The session closed with prayer by Rev. Prosser.

IRENE P. LA MARSH, Sec.

Two new circles have been organized, Sniderville and Kingsville, as a result of our annual meetings, held in Windsor in June. T. R.