

The Owen Sound and the Walkerton Associations. The officers elected for the Owen Sound Association are as follows: *President*, Mrs. McNeil, Port Elgin; *Director*, Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Paisley. For Walkerton, *President*, Miss F. M. Stovel, Mount Forest; *Director*, Mrs. J. Reid, Mount Forest.

Prof. Wolverton, of Woodstock College, delivered a very interesting address on Foreign Missions, setting forth the necessity of Christian love and power in the homes of India, our responsibility, and the importance of being up and doing to-day. Mr. P. McEwen, spoke a few words on missions generally, then came Mrs. A. R. McMaster's address, on "What is being done by our Women's Home Missionary Societies on their various fields?" She presented forcibly the needs of the Indians of our North West, and closed with an earnest appeal to the Circles on their behalf. Music was furnished by the Glamis ladies, and delegates of the different Circles. Collection amounted to \$7.00, which was divided equally between the Home and Foreign Missions. The meeting closed with prayer, led by Mrs. A. R. McMaster.

EDITH HOWSON, Sec.

### News from the Circles.

COW BAY, C. B.—For about three months we have been prevented from holding our usual meetings, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in our midst. During that time death has entered our little Society and robbed us of our beloved and worthy President, and we mourn for her as one who ever responded to the Master's call, and who was always found at the post of duty. She truly had the object of our Society at heart, and sought to point others to the importance of assisting God's cause in this way. Our number still remains small, but is composed of loyal subjects to the Master's will, who know He is faithful to perform whatsoever He has promised if we will do our part, and O may we always be found faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

A. V. MCINNIS, Sec.

MIDDLETON, N. S.—The Pine Grove Woman's Missionary Society held a public meeting on the evening of the 4th of April, which (though not largely attended owing to unfavorable roads, etc.) has been sufficiently fruitful in good results to deserve mention, seven new names having been added to our list, and a branch society organized at the Spa Springs, some four or five miles away but within the limits of this Church, starting with eleven members.

The Branch Society formed two years ago in Brooklyn by Mrs. J. T. Eaton, was the first; this the second. We hope the time is near when two or three more in other sections of the Church will be added to the little cluster. When in 1870 Miss Norris asked the sisters here to undertake this work but nine were ready, though six others soon joined them.

A few of the original members still remain, with a love for the work that deepens and strengthens as the years go by. One of these, Miss Jessie Woodbury (who was for a number of years the faithful leader of a successful Mission Band, now in the hands of the Sunday School), was present at the Springs on 8th of May, to aid in forming the new Society, whose officers are as follows:

*President*, Mrs. Zebideo Durling; *Vice Pres.*, Mrs. Theodoro Marshall; *2nd Vice Pres.*, Mrs. Rufus Elliott; *Sec.*, Miss Emma Marshall; *Asst. Sec.*, Miss Maggie Marshall; *Treas.*, Mrs. Busby Gates. *Auditor*, Mrs. Ray.

NEW ALBANY, N. S.—On the first of December at our Aid Society we resolved to have a public Missionary meeting on the evening of Wednesday after Christmas. The young people and children were invited to prepare recitations and dialogues upon missionary subjects. On the evening appointed, though the weather was unfavorable, quite a congregation

assembled in the church. The exercises consisted of readings, pastor, recitations and dialogues; also an address by our pastor, Rev. W. J. Bleakney. All seemed pleased with the evening's entertainment, especially with the children's part. A collection was taken up amounting to \$6.68. The chief object of the meeting was to awaken an interest in Missionary subjects.

MRS. F. W. OAKES.

HILLSBURG.—An open meeting was given by the Women's Baptist Mission Circle of Hillsburg, on the evening of May 31st. After Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. M. P. Campbell, who occupied the chair, the Secretary's report was read, and a reading, "The Story of the Bees," followed. The remainder of the time was occupied by Mrs. Newman of Toronto and Miss McKechnie of Glaupe. Miss McKechnie gave a general sketch of the Mission Field, showing very clearly the great need for more laborers. Mrs. Newman, in an earnest address, showed the necessity for missionary work and the great responsibility of each in the matter. Music was furnished by members of the Circle and others. A silver collection amounting to \$13.80 was taken up, but we hope to receive a still greater benefit, in increased interest, and consequently increased work on the part of the sisters here.

L. M. REID, Sec.

MONTREAL.—It was with feelings of deep regret that the Executive Board for W. M. Soc., Quebec, heard that its Esteemed Corresponding Secretary, Miss Muir, in order to recruit her health, had been promotorily ordered to lay aside all work for a time. The Board appointed an assistant to relieve her as far as possible from her devoted labors. Will correspondents please send communications to

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GUELPH.—On Friday, May 6th, delegates from the (the following Circles in Midland Counties Association met at Guelph: Edmondton, Brampton, Cheltenham, East Flamboro, Hillsburg, Acton and Guelph. At 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Thompson, President, was in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing, reading of Scripture, and a short season of prayer. After the opening exercises Mrs. Weir gave a warm address of welcome. Reports were now given by delegates from Circles represented and from Circles not represented, by Director of the Association. The reports showed the Circles generally to be in a healthy condition. A reading, "Preparations for the Master's work," opened the way for a discussion on "How to make Circle meetings interesting?" We heard the experience of different Circles—one Circle has been taking up the study of the Congo Mission, and its members have found their knowledge becoming more interesting. Other Circles prepare a programme at each meeting for following meeting, and those whose names are on the programme come prepared and the meeting is a success. All those Circles that have tried it, find that a short time spent in prayer, in which a number take part, is a great help to the meeting. The monthly missionary concert in our churches was then discussed. A number of ladies took part in this. One church in this Association has already introduced it and believe it to be a great means of spreading missionary intelligence and thereby interesting our church members. Some had taken part in these monthly meetings amongst our American neighbors and told us how they were conducted there. The subject was thoroughly discussed and the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That each Circle appoint a committee to confer with the pastor in regard to bringing the monthly missionary concert before the church."

The meeting at 8 p.m. was opened by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and prayer by Mr. Webb.