

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.—Women's work for women is the key-note of our Circles. It was the missionaries seeing the destitution of the woman of India that suggested the organization of our Societies: and in this we feel to thank God that He has counted us worthy to be co-workers with our Lord Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Shall we not "honor the Lord with our substance and the first fruits of our increase." To those who have experienced the peace which passeth all understanding, it is a fearful thought that myriads are marching to destruction without having heard that Christ died to save them. When we read such figures as these, two hundred and fifty millions of women depend for the gospel on the women of the Protestant churches of America, they appal us. Our lives seem so short, our work so contracted, before such gigantic necessities, but for such promises as these, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me," we would grow weary in the attempt, forgetting that our work, though small, is twofold. We are winning the world for Christ; and the influence it is having on our own Christian characters. I will read a few extracts from the reports of Circles:

1st. It is a strength to our souls to have the privilege to report to you once more. Pray for us, that every member may become a lively, unquenched worker for the advancing of God's gospel.

Another—We desire to express our hearty sympathy with our sister Circles in the work for which we were all organized; and our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the honor He has conferred on us in permitting us to be helpers in this great work.

From another.—It is a glorious work. It gives us definite work to do for Jesus. Thinking of others in distress, and helping them, takes one out of self, and brings us into living sympathy with others. Let us seek to get into closer fellowship with Jesus, and we will then work with renewed energy, earnestness and zeal.

There are twenty-nine churches in the Ottawa Association. In nineteen of these there are mission Circles. From seventeen we have received reports. Three from whom reports were received last year, did not report this year.

Buckingham, Dominionville and Kenmore reported \$11 in church letter at the Association. We have reports from eight Circles that did not report last year, Cornwall, Grenville, Papineauville, Roxborough, S. Gower, Thurso, Vankleek Hill, and St. Amidee. The aggregate of membership is 456. Total amount received, \$456.39.

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Second Annual Report of W. B. F. M. Circles of Eastern Association.

Dear Sisters,—In submitting this our second annual report as an Association, we have mingled feelings of sorrow and of joy. Sorrow, that so little has been done when there is so much to do, sorrow, that our numbers are so few, our strength, both physically and financially, so small; but we rejoice for the little we have been permitted to do, for the strength and the means we have been provided with, and the desire to do this little for the promotion of the Master's work in the foreign field. We trust it will be our aim in the coming year to work more

zealously, to pray more earnestly, and give more liberally, that at last the Master may say of us, as He said of one of old, "She hath done what she could."

A condensed report of the different Circles of this Association are as follows:

Quebec—This Circle was organized in the fall of 1888, with a membership of twenty. Since then the number increased to twenty-seven, but owing to removals and other causes, now reduced to the original number. Meetings held regularly once in two weeks, except during the summer months, when the majority of members leave the city. The membership fee is ten cents a month. During the three years, have supported a native student at the Samulcotta Seminary, and have raised for the various Home and Foreign Missions, a little over \$300. Have much encouragement in the work, and feel that in helping others, they themselves are greatly blessed.

Magog—Reports no meetings held during the past year. Their fifteen members being scattered over a district eighteen miles in extent, render it impossible to maintain regular meetings. \$20 were contributed the past year. Although their numbers are few, they have an earnest desire to help in the great work, and to be of some use in the Master's cause.

Barnston—This Circle has not held regular meetings during the year, as the home duties of the President has detained her from meeting with them. Have held a few Missionary prayer meetings, after which have always felt refreshed and strengthened. Have a few earnest Christian workers who show their loyalty to the Master, by doing what they can for His cause. But some when invited to come to a Missionary meeting, "begin with one consent to make excuse." Let us pray that the time may soon come when we shall all take heed to the words of Christ when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of Christ and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Money raised, \$12.

Coaticook—This Circle has met every month during the year, except two, with a good interest manifested. Are mourning the loss of two dear sisters from their midst. Amount contributed during the year: Ladies' F. M. Circle, \$20.00; Home M. Endowment Fund, \$3.00; Grande Ligne Box, valued \$17.00; Ladies H. M. Circle, \$12.00; Ladies' A. B. Lorimer Fund, \$11.46; Mrs. Humphrey's S. S. Class, pledged to Lorimer Fund, \$12.00; Total, \$81.46.

Sherbrooke—Circle reports very little in the way of progress that is encouraging, the past year having been one of conflict and trial in various ways, which it will be wiser not to enumerate here. Have held meetings regularly since the beginning of the year. Have some one to collect each month, and find more money can be raised in this way than any other. Membership eleven, and have contributed \$10.00.

Montreal—Olivet Mission Circle is pleased to report a certain amount of success attending the year's work. Have been permitted to do the work that has come to them regularly and steadily. Meetings have been held uninterruptedly, and been well sustained and interesting. Valuable papers have been read, and good addresses given by ladies of the city churches and abroad. The Treasurer has received \$103.60 for the year, including \$22.80, the result of a "Thank Offering" service. The circulation of the LINK has received a decided impetus, through the energy of one member, who raised the subscribers' list from 25 to 70.

Abbots Corner—This Circle reports sixteen members,