

others who were kept away by lack of room, but to the character of the faces into which one looked. This was no gathering of weaklings, but of the pick of our schools. By your side on the platform were the battle-scarred veterans (144 strong) from 26 mission fields, the heads of mission boards, and, as invited speakers many men of force and of international renown—Sir Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador; Hon. H. B. Macfarland, President of Commission of District of Columbia; Gen. John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State; J. A. Macdonald, of the Toronto Globe; Dr. Herbert Lankester, of London; Harlan P. Beach, professor-elect, of Yale; Donald Fraser, of British Central African Mis-

sion; Dr. Carl Fries, of University of Upsala, Sweden, and many others, not the least of whom were those princely men, Robert E. Speer and John R. Mott.

One of the most impressive things of the convention was its deep spirituality. The whole house was pervaded with the atmosphere of prayer. Here and there before the meeting opened, little groups—State delegations—would gather for a brief talk with God; from a few moments of silent prayer the people went to their homes. Levity was lacking—joy there was, and with it deep seriousness and oneness of purpose. Christ was exalted everywhere and to God was given all the glory.—The Foreign Mission Journal.

Our Work at Home.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTES.

NORFOLK.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held in Port Rowan on June 12th, afternoon and evening sessions. The afternoon session will open at 1.30. Will those representing Circles and Bands please remember the time limit, for each report will be one minute. Considerable time will be given to discussion, on the importance of reading our missionary papers, and Band and Circle work. Will all kindly come prepared to take part in these discussions. Platform meeting in the evening.

MARY E. DAVIS,
Director.

ELGIN.—The Mission Circles and Bands of the Elgin Association will hold their annual meeting in Lake View on Wednesday, June 6th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Will every Circle and Band kindly appoint delegates, and send reports.

M. LAIDLAW,
Director.

WESTERN.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands will be held in the church at Kingsville on Tuesday, June 5th, commencing at 11 a.m. The programme will be varied and instructive in missionary work. Mrs. John Lillie will give an address in the evening on Home Missions, and a representative of the Foreign Field is also expected to be with us. Will all Circles and Bands send as many delegates as they can, and churches where no Circle exists are earnestly requested to send as many delegates as possible. Will

the sisters make these meetings a subject matter of prayer, that they may be rich in blessing, and that the Holy Spirit may be poured down in great measure upon us for a revival. Trust we shall be favored with good weather and a large attendance.

JANE RITCHIE,
Director.

OXFORD, BRANT.—The Circles and Bands of this Association will meet in the Immanuel Church, Brantford, on Wednesday, June 13th. Programme in June "Link."

LENNIE M. GRAY.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—We have 18 Circles; of these the smallest has 5 members, and the largest a membership of 108. This number does not represent those attending the meetings, for here, as elsewhere, the majority give their offering only, and know little about the object to which the money goes. Feeling the need of educating ourselves, our men and our children, along missionary lines, a programme committee was formed two years ago to arrange a series of subjects for study during the year. This programme is used in our Circles, also in the B.Y.P.U. and Mission Band societies, and provides a topic for each month. Previously our giving has been in the proportion of one-fifth for foreign, and four-fifths for home work. This year we have increased our foreign offering to one-third the amount raised. This does not mean less need for home work, but an increase in our giving. The home