

Among The Circles

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION

The 33rd annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Northern Association took place at North Bay on June 25th, 1924. The meeting was opened at 2 o'clock by singing "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim". Mrs. J. Cockerline, the President, occupied the chair; Miss Copp, in the Devotional period, gave us a beautiful message from John 15—8-16. Mrs. E. Morgan, President of North Bay Mission Circle, welcomed our visiting sisters, which was very ably responded to by Mrs. G. A. McDonald, of Timmins. The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. D. J. Elliott, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. John Galt, Mrs. G. A. McDonald.

The Director, Mrs. Phelps, then called for verbal reports of Circles and Bands of the Association, to which a good percentage responded considering the long distances we have to travel in the north to attend Association. The reports showed advancement along many lines, and were very encouraging. Mrs. Phelps submitted the following statement in her annual report, of money raised by each church in the Association, through its Circles and Bands for Home and Foreign Missions, North Bay \$382.30, Sault Ste Marie First \$165.65, New Liskeard, \$110.15, Wellington St. Church, Sault Ste Marie \$99.39; Cobalt \$82.90; Blind River \$61.16; Timmins \$43.04; Cochrane \$23.73; Thessalon \$12.00; Sudbury \$10.00; Capreol \$10.00; Total \$1000.35 compared with \$962.13 last year. Of this amount \$474.49 goes to Home Missions and \$525.84 goes to Foreign. North Bay Circle stands first for amount of money raised in any one organization being \$212.75. First Church Sault Ste Marie, second with \$156.65. Cobalt Circle is first for giving per capita contributing 8.21 per member, North Bay second contributing 5.71 per member.

There are three new Circles, and four new Bands in the Association, making a total of nine Circles, and ten Bands, compared with seven Circles and six Bands last year. There were 134 subscriptions

for Links, being six more than last year and 159 subscribers for Visitor, being eight less than the year before.

The Bands in the Association have raised \$225.35 compared with \$219.52 last year. Blind River is the Banner Band for highest amount raised, being \$61.16, also highest per capita, having contributed 2.15 per member. North Bay raised the next highest amount, \$46.50; Timmins stands second per capita having given 1.56 per member; Cobalt s the next with 1.15 per capita and they have only been organized six months. Thessalon is worthy of mention. They organized on Jan. 20th and have contributed \$12.00. Wellington St. Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Band has the largest increase in giving this year, having given \$19.00 more than the previous year. Timmins is second with \$14.29 increase.

After this report there was a lively discussion on Mission Band problems led by Mrs. P. E. Nichols of North Bay. Then Mrs. C. J. Holman, President of our Home Board gave us a very interesting and convincing address on Stewardship in our Circles. (Mrs. Holman spoke on Home Missions in the evening).

The Nominating Committee reported Miss Olive Copp of Timmins, President; Mrs. John Galt, Sudbury, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Gordon Sims, Sault Ste. Marie, Secretary; Mrs. Norman Phelps, North Bay, Director. These nominations were unanimously approved.

The final address of the afternoon was given by Dr. J. G. Brown. He made a very stirring appeal, ably sketching the work of the Foreign Mission Board in the past, and outlined the wonderful possibilities for the future as a challenge to Stewardship.

And a very profitable meeting was brought to a close with the Hymn, "Jesus shall reign where e'er the Son" and prayer by Pastor Hardy of Capreol.

Fannie E. Hardy,

Sec. Pro Tem.

A. M. Phelps,

Director.