

(2) Obedience to the command; Miss J. Ritchie. The one thing that hinders our obeying the command is the world on the throne.

Command, Obedience and Result go hand in hand. The more we give to the Lord, the more He enables us to give, be it time or money. He is able to make all grace abound. Commit our way unto the Lord and He will show us how to go forward.

Miss Ritchie urged the Circles to undertake at least a great part of Miss Selman's support in India, as she belongs to the Western Association.

(3) Result of Obedience; Mrs. E. Mellich. Moses obeyed and the children of Israel were led into the promised land.

God commands, we obey; result, we also enter into the promised land of our Master's.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

If we disobey the command to go forward, we, like Lot's wife, become paralyzed and useless.

Miss Fitch, of Kingville, in her paper on India, traced the beginnings of work from the time of William Carey to the present time. She urged us to take a stride forward in our work, help to relieve the famine sufferers and undertake at least the greater part of Miss Selman's salary.

The Wheatley Mission Band gave an exercise, in which they told us of the opening of the different mission stations in India, the first missionaries, and the missionaries now in charge.

The knowledge these children possess of the mission stations and the missionaries put many of the older ones to shame.

Miss Baskerville prepared a paper on the work among the children of India in Boarding schools, in Village schools, in Caste schools and in Sunday schools.

Miss Baskerville suggested that some of the Mission Bands might undertake the support of village schools, as they could get messages from the teachers, through the missionaries, from time to time.

The afternoon session closed with a discussion on How shall we get Circles organized in churches, where none exist?

Collection for expenses, \$3.24.

Evening session. Opened with praise service, led by Mr. Dewey. Reading of Scripture by Mrs. Hutton, and prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. The Director's report showed a slight increase over last year, though one Circle had failed to send anything to Foreign missions, and several gave smaller amounts.

Miss Ritchie spoke to us for a short time on the new work of the Home Mission Society.

Mrs. S. C. Walker read an excellent paper on the work among the Galicians. Miss Her, a paper on the beginnings of work in Bolivia.

Mrs. Walker sang a solo, and then came the best part of our evening program, an address on the "Women of India," by our Foreign Mission Secretary, Rev. J. G. Brown. It caused our hearts to ache as we listened to the history of a

girl's life, to her death, and it made many of us feel that we must undertake the greater part of Miss Selman's salary. Collection \$6.15.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON. — The Association of Circles met at Mount Brydges, on June 5th.

Amongst the many good things which we enjoyed, may be mentioned fine weather, a fair attendance, a cordial welcome and the presence of the Divine Spirit in large measure.

The President took the chair at 2 p.m., and conducted the prayer and praise service.

Mrs. Weld gave a Bible reading, basing her remarks on Phil. iv. 4-7. She taught us that we were enjoined to rejoice in the Lord always, and that this was possible, if we knew our God and looked for His coming. We must not carry our burdens, but, casting all our care upon Him, we may rejoice, knowing that all things shall work together for our good. Under these conditions, the peace of God shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Robertson, the President, read a very interesting letter from Miss McLeod, who is still busy telling out the glad news, that Jesus saves.

Mrs. Jesse Gibson's letter, bringing before the Association the new work of the W. H. M. Society, was read, and at a prayer meeting held on Wednesday, at 1 o'clock, the needs of all the new work, with the workers, were brought before the Father's throne, and while we were yet speaking, He heard and, unsolicited, an offering of \$3.92 was given for the Galician work, by some of the sisters whose hearts the Lord had touched. This meeting was truly a Bethel to our souls, as many present acknowledged.

When the "Roll-call" was conducted, three new societies reported, viz.: West Nissouri, Marthaville, and Alvinston.

By three companion papers on "Prayer," we were taught the relation prayer bears to the success of our work, how to pray, and also that—if we fulfilled the condition—we had every reason to believe that we would receive the blessings sought.

Mrs. Macken, of Forest, who gave the first paper, reminded us that, if we pray "Thy Kingdom come," it may cost us something, but, praying thus, and receiving the power vested in Jesus, and then going forth as *He wills*, success is ours beyond a peradventure.

Miss Vining, who prepared the second paper, taught us that "Holiness unto the Lord" must be engraven on our escutcheon, if we would have power with God and prevail. We must abide in God, His word abide in us, be filled with the Spirit, and ask in faith and we will have the petitions desired. Mrs. Ellis read this paper in the absence of Miss Vining.

Mrs. Fothergill gave the third paper, showing that effectual prayer was not a singular occurrence either in the past ages or in our own day. Several touching instances were given to prove statements made.

The discussion of these papers, led by Mrs. David Mills, and the discussion of questions of the "Question Drawer," were very helpful and interesting.

Resolutions on "Temperance," "Sympathy," "Link."