

Our Work at Home.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands of the Western Association, which met in the church at Palmyra, May 26, 1909.

The session opened at 2.30 p.m., the Vice-President, Mrs. Hatton, of Chatham in the chair.

After the devotional exercises Miss Ritchie named the nominating committee which consisted of the following ladies:— Miss Bosworth and Mrs. Oldershaw, of Chatham, Miss Palmer of Kingsville, Mrs. Smly, of Windsor, Mrs. Campbell of Ridgetown.

A most hearty welcome was then given the delegates and visitors by Mrs. Isaac Orr, Palmyra. This was ably responded to by Mrs. Thompson, of Chatham.

The reports of the Circles and Bands was next on the programme and was listened to with interest, a hopeful note was sounded from the majority of those who reported.

The nominating committee then presented their report. The following ladies were appointed to office for the coming year:—

President—Mrs. M. P. Campbell, Bothwell.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. McDonald, Chatham.

Director—Miss Ritchie, Arner.

Assistant Director—Mrs. L. S. Hughson, Windsor.

After the singing of the hymn, "Saviour, Thy dying love," Mrs. Hatton gave a short talk on systematic giving and also read a paper on the same subject, written by Mrs. Matthews, of Chatham, who was un-

able to be present. There were many thoughts given which ought to make us think seriously of our duty in giving, not only of our substance but of ourselves and our services to our Heavenly Father.

The topic of "Necessity of Service" was to have been presented by Mrs. C. J. McLean, of Blenheim, but in her absence Mrs. Roseborough, of Essex, read her papers. "Every Christian should feel bound to serve for nothing can take the place of service in the Christian life. Physical exercise is necessary for spiritual life. The command "Go Ye" comprehends more than travels over land and sea, it sends us into the untracked solitudes of the heart. "It is the way the Master went, shall not the steward tread it still."

Mrs. Rock, of Leamington, then presented the subject of "Preparation for Service." "Each one of us makes preparation for our different walks of life, so ought we to prepare for the life to come." The call to entire consecration on our part was very strongly emphasized.

Mrs. Galt, of Kingsville, then gave a paper on "The Reward of Service." "Service to some Christians is drudgery, but there is a reward for work which some fail to realize, every little service rendered by us has its effect, "If any man serve Me, My Father will honor him."

A solo was very acceptably rendered by Miss Grace Fox, of Colchester.

Mrs. Gunton, of Chatham, gave a most interesting talk on "Helps and Hints in Mission Band Work." "The boys and girls of to-day are to be the men and women of to-morrow. Per-