

The weather proved very favorable for the season. The pleasant fellowship enjoyed made the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," specially appropriate. The arrangements of our meetings were somewhat new this year, but proved very satisfactory, not only to the sisters, but to the brethren also, as was graciously expressed by Mr. McNee, the Moderator.

The officers appointed were: President, Mrs. W. A. Gunton, Wallaceburg; Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Roberts, Leamington; Director, Miss Ritchie, of Arner, who received a very hearty vote of thanks for her long and faithful services.

The reports read from the Circles and Bands were very encouraging, showing an increase to Home and Foreign Missions, and also in subscribers to the Link and Visitor.

Amounts raised by the Circles, for Home Missions, \$228.98; for Foreign, \$268.21. By Bands, for Home Missions, \$44.73; for Foreign, \$69.89. Total, \$610.81, an increase of \$62.74. Amount raised on the debt for the Akidu Bungalow, \$41.65. Two new Circles were organized during the year, and one Band.

We were delighted to have with us Mrs. Woodburne, who very ably told of some of the developments of the work in India, and also of the need of the field and the heroism of our missionary workers.

Mrs. Gunton spoke with great familiarity of our Indian work, making an earnest appeal for increased liberality on its behalf.

Mrs. W. S. Roberts gave an extremely interesting address on our New Ontario and Quebec work, voicing the call of our missionaries, "Come over and help us." She referred to letters received from Mr. Peer and Mr. Commous, giving vivid accounts of the rapidly opening and growing towns and districts and the urgent calls for increased laborers and work.

Mrs. Halton very ably conducted a question drawer, showing her comprehensive ideas of women's work.

Miss Selman reminded us of our duty to the young, in a very excellent paper on Band work, showing the great importance of early instilling in the mind Divine truth. Also of exercising tact, and of giving letters, if possible, from the missionaries themselves direct, instead of as second-hand.

Mrs. R. Hanna, Chatham, read a paper from Mrs. J. E. Oldershaw, of Chatham, entitled, "Be not weary in well-doing," which was most refreshing to those engaged in Christ's service, and especially in view of the accompanying promise, "In due season ye shall reap if ye

faint not." Dr. Norton expressed the feelings of others, in referring to the helpfulness of the paper to himself, telling how weary he had come to the meeting, and how inspired he had been by hearing the paper.

Miss Ritchie's address on our N. W. work showed the encouraging advancement it had made, and the urgent need of more prayer and increased liberality, if we would see our incoming foreigners become Christians and good citizens of Canada. Miss Aldershaw, Mrs. S. C. Walker, Mrs. W. A. Gunton, Mrs. Roberts, and Miss LaMarsh, by their beautiful solos, added much to the pleasure of the meetings, which were largely attended and interesting and inspiring throughout. Collections allotted to us amounted to \$7.93. Mrs. Vizard, of Kingsville, very fittingly presented the claims of the Link and Visitor.

OXFORD, BRANT.—The Circles and Bands of this Association met in Ingersoll on June 12th, 1907; the President, Mrs. C. F. Gray, of Norwich, presided. The afternoon meeting opened at two o'clock with devotional exercises, a hymn, scripture reading by Mrs. Gray, and prayer by Rev. J. E. Hawkins, of St. George, after which Mrs. MacLean extended a very cordial welcome to the visiting Circles. Mrs. Gray and Rev. MacLean responded. The Circle secretaries gave very encouraging reports, also the report of the Directors. Mrs. G. F. Mahon, of Woodstock, showed that four new Circles had been organized, and that 25 of the 29 Circles had raised \$927.92 for Home Mission work, divided as follows: Regular work, \$828.02, Indian Work, \$34.00, and for a building lot in the North-West, \$65.90 and \$1,158.96 for Foreign. Total \$2,086.88, an increase of \$253.42. Nine Circles reported an increase in their regular Foreign offerings, and twelve a decrease; and eleven an increase in their regular Home offerings and ten a decrease. Nine report an increasing attendance and interest, and two decreasing, the majority being in interest and attendance about the same as last year.

The Mission Band Secretaries' reports followed, after which Miss Annie Winters, of Brantford, Band Director, reported one new Band organized, that six Bands had increased and two decreased, and that thirteen of the nineteen Bands in the Association had raised for Home Missions, \$115.75, and for Foreign, \$127.15.

Mrs. C. F. Gray, President of the Association, followed with a practical and inspiring