

Mrs. Timpany drew our attention that all the Bible-women were drawn from the boarding-schools for girls, and urged upon us the importance of this work.

Mrs. Yule then read an excellent paper on "The present need of the Foreign field," which will be published in the LINK, and all would do well to read it.

As there was some little difficulty in the formation of one of the new Associational Societies, a meeting of the Directors of all the Societies was called to try to make them alike in their working so far as possible. It was decided that the present number of officers would have to continue until the Association Annual Meeting when they were recommended to conform to the one model, having one officer, the Director, whose work it should be to have an oversight of the Circles in her district, to correspond with them frequently, to aid in the formation of new Circles, and so on; but that the Circles had best send their money direct to the Treasurer of either Board for which it was intended.

After the adjournment those present were invited to go to luncheon, when Mr. Stewart informed the ladies that it was very stormy, and that as there was plenty of provision, all who could were invited to stay for tea; accordingly great numbers remained.

The afternoon meeting was well attended in spite of the unfavourable state of the weather. Mrs. A. R. McMaster, President of Home Mission Society, gave a fine address on the subject of the true Missionary spirit, and dwelt on the thought that love for Christ is the true inspiration for this as for other work.

The reports of the Home Mission Board were then read; Mrs. Newman said that 60 new Circles had been formed, about 3 of this number were only Home Mission Circles.

Mrs. E. S. Strachan represented the Sister Society of the Methodist Church, and gave some account of what they were doing in Quebec, the North-West, and in Japan. Mrs. McQueston followed, bearing greetings from the Presbyterian Society, after which greetings from the American Baptist Board were read.

Mrs. Barker, Whitley, then delivered an excellent speech, which would be an incentive to work either in Home or Foreign Mission fields. Then Mr. Stewart, the pioneer missionary was called upon to tell the ladies about Dwight, one of their fields. He spoke very touchingly of the people and their need, and said he had come away from there to get money for a frame church to seat 200 people, and which would cost \$200. They had purchased the lot and were going to build a log-church, but he advised them not to; he had now come from Toronto, where he had collected some money, and one gentleman had promised him \$20 if he could raise the \$180, and get back to his people.

Mrs. Moor rose and said she guaranteed that the College Street Mission Band would give \$10; another rose and guaranteed that Ingersoll Mission Band would give \$5, and the Home Mission Board will do the best they can when they get in their estimates.

Some conversation then was held, discussing the best way of interesting children; many ladies rose and gave their experience, and so many valuable suggestions were thrown out.

The Committee on Resolutions then brought in this report:

1st. That we extend to Mr. Currie our tenderest sympathy in her deep sorrow—assuring her that our prayers in her behalf are: that the God of all grace for whose sake both Mr. Currie and she sacrificed all things, may sustain and comfort her, and that the memory of their life-work in India will ever be cherished by the Baptist women of Ontario.

2nd. That the ladies thank Mrs. Newman for the able and successful manner in which she has conducted THE MISSIONARY LINK, and also recommend every Baptist Church, and Missionary Society in Canada to extend its circulation as far as possible.

3rd. That we rejoice to see the success that has attended the work of our Associational Directors.

4th. That the thanks of the Society be extended to the ladies of Hamilton for the kind hospitality shown to us.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The evening meeting was conducted by the pastor; Rev. J. Donovan, Toronto, spoke on behalf of Home Missions, and said some excellent things, which we have not space to report. Then Mr. Boggs, Missionary to the Telugu, gave an earnest appeal for the thousands in total darkness, lost already, and eternally lost, unless we send light to them, and go ourselves to them.

The music was very acceptable throughout; Hamilton is noted for its singers, and we enjoyed hearing them. All must carry with them more zeal for the Master's work, greater love for Him, and a determination to improve in this. V. E.

Tenth Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario.

Those who were active in the formation of this Society ten years ago amid many misgivings set to work. From the first its growth has been steady. Each year more Circles have been reported, and more money sent into the treasury. It is gratifying to find that very few Circles have given up the work, and of these few, several have been re-organized.

The year just closed has been the most fruitful one yet in the formation of new Circles, no fewer than 40 having been reported; 28 through the Associational Directors, and 12 in other ways. There are now about 133 Circles, with a membership of over 2,000. Seven Associational Societies have been formed this year, so that our number is complete. No doubt the large increase in new Circles is owing to these Societies; most of the directors are earnest devoted workers.

The following are the Associational returns as far as reported:—Brant reports 9 Circles in all, 1 new; East Ontario, 14 Circles, 4 of them new; Elgin, returns not complete, 8 Circles reported, 2 of them new; Grand River, 10 Circles have reported, 2 of them new, 4 have sent no returns; Huron, 10 Circles, 4 of them new; Midland Counties, 9 Circles, 2 new; Middlesex and Lambton, 22 Circles, 2 new; Niagara, 5 Circles, 2 new; Toronto, 18 Circles have reported, 7 new, Alexander St. and Beverley St. have not reported; Western, 3 Circles, all new.

Some of the small churches are very brave; several with only 12, 13 and 14 women in their membership have Circles. One church in the Toronto Association of only 16 members has a Circle with 9 contributors. Surely if these few women have zeal enough to form and carry on a Circle, some of the larger churches that have no share in this grand work might follow their example and try not how little but how much they can do to send the Gospel to those who are perishing for want of it. If we fully realized that the command to "preach the gospel to every creature," has been given us by the King of kings; that it was to women that He gave the first glad message of a risen Saviour, and that until every creature has heard of Him, God holds us responsible, surely instead of holding back we would be so filled with thanksgiving for such a commission that we would vie with each other in our eagerness to fulfil it.

There are women amongst us willing and longing to go to India if we provide the means. In response to a notice in the LINK, last November Miss Hester C. Alway offered herself for the foreign field. She is too young yet, but we hope that in the future the way will be opened for her to go. In the same month Dr. Mary Preston, a Canadian lady, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, offered herself as a medical missionary. Her application was favorably received and the Board were in hopes of sending her out this fall, but the necessary medical examination showed that her constitution could not stand the climate of India. Last June Miss Hatch, of Woodstock, offered herself and was gladly accepted by the Board. For a few weeks the way did not seem plain for her to go; but in September a very unanimous request came from our missionaries for her to be sent out as a teacher. Your Board took imme-