

inating Committee, Mrs. Brown, Strathroy; Mrs. George, Arkona; Mrs. Stonehouse, Petrolia, brought in the following names, which were duly elected as officers for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Mrs. T. Woodburn; President, Mrs. Boyd, London; Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Barber, Sarnia; Director, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Sarnia; Assistant Director, Miss Campbell, Strathroy; Alternate (Asst. Dir.), Miss Pratt, Petrolia; Secretary, Miss K. Watson, Sarnia. Mrs. McLaughlan, in giving the President's address, likened the Circles to a building, urging us to build in good material, good literature, good music and sacrifice.

Mrs. Brown, of London, sang very appropriately "Send the Gospel Swiftly."

The Quiet Hour was observed. Mrs. Boyd, of London, gave us some essentials in preparation for service, based on Christ's words, Mark 6: 31, "Come ye yourselves apart." We must let the Master talk to us if we would be fitted to serve Him. Mrs. George read a paper prepared by Mrs. Wright, Arkona, the main thought being that true service brings its own reward.

Mrs. Woodburn opened the prayer session, many others taking part. Mrs. Rapley, Strathroy, sang "Crossing the Bar." Mrs. Weir told us of some "Instruments of Service" (well known to most of us), the "Link" and "Visitor," not forgetting the "Canadian Baptist."

A Band Conference was conducted by the Director. Miss McIntyre, of Strathroy, spoke on the need of mission Bands, emphasizing their need for education and preparation for service of the boys and girls. Mrs. Taylor spoke of "Band Problems," the first and hardest problem being scarcity of Band leaders, another problem being how to train children in all-round "giving." The discussion was spirited and helpful. Miss K. Watson closed the Conference

by a summing up of what the outlook should be.

The Strathroy Mission Band sang for us, being accompanied on the organ by a boy (the President of the boys' Band).

At the evening session the Foreign Mission address was given by Miss Edith Pratt, Petrolia, who, in a most graphic way, told us of the abundant labors and trials, also of the "overweights of joy" of our lady missionaries among the Telugus of India. The Strathroy choir sang an anthem, "Send Out Thy Light."

We were highly favored in having with us Mrs. Weir, who told us in a most interesting way some of her experiences among the Slavs of Toronto. Mrs. Weir closed by asking us to pray earnestly for her and this work among the "foreigners" in our own province.

After a solo by Mrs. McCandless, of Strathroy, the Benediction was pronounced by Pastor McLaughlan, bringing to a close a very helpful and inspiring session of our Association.

K. Watson, Secretary.

CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Springford.—The annual thank-offering meeting of the Women's Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. B. D. Smith on Wednesday, May 7th, with our President, Mrs. M. L. Haley, in the chair. The programme consisted of solos by the Misses Margaret Shattuck, Hazel Monk and Vera Wilcox, also a reading by Miss Pearl Havens. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Ryerse, of Simcoe, who spoke in a very touching manner of the work and the needs of India. We feel that we have been benefited and encouraged by her visit to our Circle. A few suitable remarks by our pastor, Rev. D. Brown, finished the programme, and the guests, 35 in number, were invited to sit down to a dainty lunch provided by the host.