

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION meets at Aurora June the 8th, in the afternoon.

GUELPH.—At Berlin, June 7th, afternoon and evening.

NORTHERN.—At Burks' Falls, June 16th, afternoon and evening.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMPTON.—At Poplar Hill, June 7th, afternoon and evening.

OWEN SOUND.—At Paisley, June 15th.

NORFOLK.—At Boston, June 7th, afternoon and evening.

OXFORD AND BRANTFORD.—At Park Church, Brantford, June 8th, at 2.30 p.m.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY.—At Stouffville, June 22.

THE PETERBORO' ASSOCIATION of Circles and Bands will meet at the Haldimand church on 22nd June, a good programme is being arranged, and Miss Armstrong returned missionary from Burma, will speak in the afternoon and evening. All Circles and Bands are requested to send delegates.

A. WALTON.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE CONVENTION.

President, Mrs. Booker; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Free-land; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. M. Harris, to take the place of Mrs. Wm. Davies, Sr., resigned; Rec.-Sec., Miss Moyle.

Miss Alexander, Miss Nichols, Mrs. Chas. Raymond, and Mrs. A. H. Newman, were re-elected on the Board.

Miss Rogers was elected in the place of Mrs. Barker—resigned.

Mrs. S. W. Barber, St. George, in the place of Mrs. Laidlaw, Jr., of Sparta.

Mrs. P. A. McEwen, Berlin, in place of Miss Scofield. The two latter changes were made on account of non-attendance, according to Article 6 of Constitution.

Mrs. Wm. Davies, Sr., was appointed a member of the Board in place of Mrs. T. M. Harris who was elected Second Vice-President.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Five meetings of the Board and three meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the year, with an average attendance of twenty at the Quarterly Meetings.

At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board in May appropriations were passed for regular work amounting to \$8141.00. In view of the serious decrease in our regular appropriations and the large balance on hand the Board felt justified in making special grants from our balance; namely, two hundred dollars for the extra building at Pedapuram for the use of the lady mission-

ary and five hundred dollars additional grant to Samulcotta Seminary. Miss Elliot was appointed with Mrs. Newman and Miss Buchan to meet with the Executive Committee of the General Board. Miss Tapscott was appointed Secretary of Bands in place of Mrs. C. T. Stark, whose resignation had been reluctantly accepted at a previous meeting.

A Code of Revised Rules for the use of missionaries and missionary candidates having been prepared by the Executive Committee of the General Board, those relating to the Woman's Board were read and adopted. At the November meeting the Treasurer stated that Miss Baskerville's school buildings had exceeded by several hundred dollars the amount appropriated and there was no money on hand which could be used for that purpose. This was due to the permanent closing of the Tunj Girls' School and the extra children to be provided for because of the famine making necessary much larger buildings than had been first planned for. At the suggestion of the President some time was spent in very earnest prayer that the money might be provided. The answer came in gifts amounting to \$575.00, including \$50.00 specially designated for the "sick room," which Miss Baskerville had omitted from the plans on account of lack of funds.

In response to the united appeal of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards seventy-seven Circles held Thank-offering meetings. These Circles contributed \$565.72. Seven Bands held Thank-offering meetings; these contributed \$35.40. Total for Circles and Bands raised through the Thank-offering meetings, \$601.12. An increase over last year of \$40.72.

In May, 1897, a request came from a young lady to be sent to India. Though the application came from one who was exceedingly well fitted for the work, owing to lack of funds the Board could not consider the matter.

At the Feb. Board meeting the Cor. Sec. stated that an urgent request had come from our workers in India for two single ladies to be sent out this fall. With an almost empty treasury staring us in the face and the cry of hard times on every hand the need was so pressing the Board felt compelled to respond to the call if possible.

Ten life-members have been added during the year: —Mrs. Thos. Stovel, Mount Forest; Miss Margaret Maud Whiteside, Lindsay; Mrs. George Matthews, Lindsay; Miss Amelia S. Ellis, Toronto; Miss Lizzie Tilley, Toronto; Mrs. John Hutchinson, Aylmer; Mrs. E. W. Grove, Galt; Mrs. Wm. Somerville, sr., Hamilton; Mrs. G. W. Mann, Gilmour Memorial Church; Miss McColl, Hamilton.

One life-membership cancelled during the year, leaving the total list now 192.

Again the angel of death has entered our ranks and we feel the loss sustained by the Society in the death of our sister, Mrs. Welter, of St. Thomas, Director of the Elgin Association from its formation.

Mrs. Welter was one of those quiet workers always to be depended upon because "the love of Christ constrained her."

We miss her familiar presence in our Convention this year, still we rejoice that as those in the front of the battle against sin and idolatry in distant India lay down their work another steps forward to fill the vacant place.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA MOYLE, Rec. Sec.