

**WHITBY.**—The Mission Band in connection with this church is steadily increasing in numbers and interest. We have a large membership and the largest average attendance during the last year that we have ever had. During the year, \$17 has been paid for support of student, \$5 sent to Home Missions, with a balance of \$14 now on hand, which the Treasurer has been instructed to send to Home Mission fund. The annual entertainment was held Easter Monday evening, and was a success. Mrs. Auvache, of Oshawa, was with us and gave an address on "Life in India," showing several of the costumes worn by the natives, also a number of idols, ornaments, etc., which has helped to impress on the minds of all the need there is for every one being at work. The mission barrels were opened the last Sunday in April, when the finances of the band were considerably increased by the well-saved pennies of the children; Bertha Campbell heading the list with \$2.55. A large number have taken barrels for next half year, when we hope to report even greater results for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

### Association Meetings.

The annual platform meeting of the Circles and Bands of Walkerton Association will (D.V.) be held in the audience room of Wingham Baptist Church, June 9th, at 8 p.m. Mrs. J. J. Baker, of Walkerton, will give an address and conduct a question drawer on Home Missions. Miss Frith, late of India, will, it is expected, give an address on Foreign Missions, and answer questions on the same. Miss Stovel sends from India a letter to be read, and a table of curiosities to be explained by her sister, Miss Kate Stovel, of Mount Forest. A few other exercises by members of the Association will help to make an enjoyable and profitable evening. A collection to pay Association expenses. Everybody invited. Business meetings in the basement the afternoon of 10th, at 2 o'clock, and the forenoon of 11th at 9.30.

A. V. BRADEN, Teeswater, *Asso. Dir.*

The annual meeting of the Circles of the Whitby and Lindsay Association will be held on June 19th, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Newman, of Toronto, and others are expected to take part in the meeting. We hope that every circle will send delegates.

A. E. DRYDEN, *Dir.*

The eighth annual meeting of the Brant Associational Society will be held in the basement of the First Baptist Church, Brantford, Thursday, June 5th, at 2.30 p.m. An excellent programme is being prepared, and it is expected that a large number of delegates will be present from the Circles and Bands, also from the churches without Bands.

A. MOYLE, *Assoc'l. Dir.*

The sixth annual meeting of the Elgin Association of Mission Circles will be held at the Malahide and Bayham church on Thursday, June 5th, commencing at 2 p.m. A public meeting will be held in the evening at 8 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by one of our newly-appointed missionaries and the Rev. J. P. McEwen, and others.

MRS. WELTON, *Dir.*

The annual meeting of the Women's Circles of the Toronto Association will be held at West Toronto Junction, Wednesday, June 18th, at 2.45 p.m. The Circles are requested to send as many delegates as possible. These annual meetings should be one of the most important means of gaining and giving information in regard to our work, as well as a time for becoming acquainted with the members of the different Circles. Let each one come determined to do all that she can to promote the work.

F. B. WELLS, *Asso. Director.*

The Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission Circles of the Peterboro' Association will hold their annual meeting in Norwood, June 19th, at 2 p.m. Let all the Circles of the Association appoint delegates to attend this meeting, as we want to make it most interesting and beneficial to all. Also, the church delegates will please send their names as soon as possible to the Rev. W. M. Peer, so that the Billeting Committee may know how many they will have to provide for.

A. N. PEZZI.

The annual meeting of Circles in Midland Association will be held at Galt, on Wednesday, 11th June, at 2 p.m. Preparations are made for a good meeting, and we hope to see every Circle, and every church that has no Circle, represented there. A collection will be taken.

M. McKECHNIE.

### New Circles.

On the evening of March 21st, the young ladies of Moulton College, organized a Union Mission Circle, with a membership of twenty-eight. The following were the officers elected: President, Miss K. M. Laurin; Vice-President, Miss Emma Huston; Secretary, Miss Aggie McLaren; Treasurer, Miss Holman.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

#### Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Arthur True sat on his stool in the chimney-corner, shelling corn, on Christmas Eve some forty years ago. Close at his feet, almost touching him, lay a handsome dog.

"Mother, is my gold piece ready?" he asked abruptly. "Are your fowls all sold, little wise man?" said Mrs. True, waiving the question.

"Hal takes the last ones' to-morrow, with all the shelled corn;" and the little chicken merchant rubbed the grain off with more vigor than before. "What ho pays and what's in my bank will make enough."

Mrs. True took from an old-fashioned bead-purse a shining half-eagle and laid it on the table, where it glowed and sparkled like a thing of life.

"I'll trust you for the money till to-morrow," she said smilingly, "seeing you're Arthur True."

Arthur eyed the bright gold with a thoughtful face. "Hal says five dollars is too much money for us boys to give to the heathen; he thinks the grown up people ought to support missions," he remarked gravely.

"Freely ye have received, freely give," quoted Mrs. True.