

The roll-call was responded to by a number of delegates, some helpful suggestions being given, and resolves expressed for more faithful work.

The Director then gave a summary of the past year's work.

21 Circles reported contributions to both Home and Foreign missions; 6 Bands contributed to Home, and 10 Bands and 2 B. Y. P. U. Societies to Foreign missions.

Total from Circles and Bands for Home missions, \$787.20; for Foreign missions, \$1206.25, being a slight increase for the Home work and decrease for the Foreign. Three organizations failed to send their money to the Treasurer in time for this year's report.

An interesting discussion followed, on "Circle Programs and Open Meetings," led by Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Chave, both of Woodstock, a number of others taking part.

To assure the highest state of efficiency in our meetings, programs should be carefully arranged in advance, and made as interesting as possible, even to the smallest details.

Open meetings held quarterly, may be made a great factor in the enlargement of our work.

A solo by Mrs. Newton, of Norwich, gave enjoyment to the meeting.

The subject of "Stewardship" was then taken up. Mrs. Cline, of Paris, and Mrs. Menhennick, of Ingersoll, giving papers, and Mrs. Hazelton, of Brantford, an address.

The underlying thought of all being, "Ye are not your own," "therefore glorify God in your bodies and your spirits, which are His."

Mrs. Cohoe, of Norwich, spoke of the "Relation of Mothers to the Mission Band."

In the evening, Miss Trotter, of Toronto, gave a detailed account of the Home Mission work we are doing, especially in New Ontario. Mrs. Davidson, of Woodstock, sang for us; after which, Dr. Gertrude Hulet, of Norwich, read an excellent paper on "The Influence and Need of Medical Missions."

The officers for the ensuing year are:—President, Mrs. D. K. Clarke, Woodstock; Vice-President, Mrs. S. W. Hazelton, Brantford; Director, Mrs. C. F. Gray, Norwich.

In view of the great need for a "forward movement" both at Home and in India, can we not, as an Association, report as much in our half-yearly report next October, as we have in the past year?

—L. G.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON. — The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circles of the Niagara and Hamilton Association was held with the church at Dunnville, on Tuesday, June 5th, the result of which will be, it is hoped, a deeper interest and greater zeal in the work. Reports were received from fourteen Circles and seven Bands.

The Director's report outlined the work of the Circles during the past year, and showed that an advance had been made in the contributions, \$797.21 having been raised for the various objects.

Mrs. Walker also referred to the fact that Miss Selman

will be sent to India in the fall; and that Dr. Hulet will also go, providing the necessary amount for expenses is raised. Mrs. Walker urged that each Circle take some part in sending Dr. Hulet to India.

The claims of the *Visitor* and *Link* were presented by Mrs. Hewson, of St. Catharines, who spoke of the importance of knowledge as an incentive to giving.

Mrs. St. Dalmas, of St. Catharines, spoke of the women's work in the various departments—Home, Grand Ligne and the North-West, and in a letter from Mrs. Gibson, Secretary of the W. B. H. M. S., special mention was made of the new fields opened at Schreider, White River and Temiscamingue.

The interests of Foreign Missions were presented by Mrs. Garvide, of St. Catharines, who dealt especially with the work of the schools.

The offering amounted to about \$10.

Mrs. D. M. Walker, of St. Catharines, was re-elected Director.

W. B.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION, June 13th.—The Woman's Meeting of this Association met with the church in Wheatley.

The morning session was opened with a prayer and praise service, led by Mrs. Dewey. Reading of Scripture by Miss Ritchie.

After the appointing of the Nominating Committee, the meeting adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon session opened with the usual devotional exercises, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Mrs. M. Hatton, Chatham; Director, Miss J. Ritchie, Arner.

An address of welcome was given the delegates by Mrs. Lamarch, and responded to by Mrs. S. C. Walker, of Chatham.

Reports were heard from 9 Circles, 4 Bands and one Junior Union. One Circle not heard from is known to be in a flourishing condition, while the other two are not so healthy. The reports, on the whole, were quite encouraging.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Smith sang a beautiful duet, then came the principal feature of the afternoon program—the discussion of the Forward Movement.

(1) Command to go forward; by Mrs. M. Hatton. Ex. xiv. 15: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." When Moses saw the difficulties surrounding him, his heart failed him with fear; soon fear spread to the whole company.

The Lord reminded him that he had in his hand a rod which, if he would use, would make a way for him and his people.

God has given us a command to go forward—Matt. xxviii. 18, 20. He has also given us a mighty rod—Acts i. 8; ii. 1-4. Let us lift up the rod the Lord gives and follow the Leader, who has promised to bring us off more than conquerors. "See that ye come behind in no gift—till He come."