

thoughts which it contained. Mrs. Ira Smith, of London, followed with an address which was intended to inspire and encourage those connected with the smaller and weaker Circles. In the course of her address she said, "Did you ever think of Jesus and His Mission Circle? He gathered a few around Him whom He induced to study with Him the great need of and only cure for a lost and sin-ridden world. Sometimes the meeting was large and great interest was manifested, a picnic being the attraction. At such time He took advantage of the opportunity to further His mission, while gently reproving the motive which prompted their attendance. As He trained them and taught the great and sometimes hard truths connected with His mission, many went back and walked no more with Him; and to the regular members of His Circle He said, 'Will ye also go away?' And so, as it is to day, the interest waxed and waned according to the caprice of the people. Then there came a day when clouds gathered over the little Band, but their Leader, with His mission ever in view, set His face steadfastly to go forward till it was accomplished. We know well the story of His faithfulness and of His being left alone, and yet not alone, as the Father was with Him. Of the members of His circle it is written, 'They all forsook Him and fled.' And Jesus, knowing that there would come times when we would be left alone in our work, gave the promise, 'Lo I am with you always.' One individual and Jesus makes a complete Circle. But what about the financial aspect, a sore point with many? Large gifts, large numbers and large talk spoil success to-day with men, but not so with God. Two mites and the gold and precious stones of character and loving faithfulness are more than all else to Him. Precious stones lose nothing by being used, but grow brighter, and gold is only brighter and purer after having passed through fire. Christian workers will need to stand service, and may also be obliged to pass through the fire. How much are we prepared to endure in this service with Christ?" At the close of this address, the officers of the past year were re-appointed.

In the evening a public meeting was held, at which Mrs. Barber, the Vice Pres., gave the annual address, the President giving the Bible reading. The Director's report showed that two Circles had been re-organized and two Bands organized during the Associational year; that \$513.36 had been contributed to Home Missions, and \$648.29 to Foreign Missions, a total of \$1,161.65, this being an increase of \$140.28 over the preceding year. Rev. C. Segaworth, of Wyoming, gave a map exercise of our Foreign Mission field, pointing out the stations and giving a sketch of the work and location of the workers. Mrs. S. S. Johnson, of London, followed with a paper, subject, "Our Societies," which showed why we are organized and the work we are doing at home and abroad. Rev. E. Phillips, of Sarnia Township, then gave a paper entitled, "The Holy Spirit the Originator and Controller in all Missionary Work," which was considered such a clear exposition of the subject that the Association requested its publication in the *Baptist*. Good music was rendered during the afternoon and evening by the church choir. The meetings were marked by a deep spiritual influence. The collection amounted to \$8.49.

E. PARK, Director

WALKERTON. - The tenth annual meeting of this Association was held at Listowel, June 9th and 10th. Both sessions were characterized by a deepening interest in Home and Foreign Missions. At our first meeting we were welcomed by Mrs. Haviland. Mrs. Haywood responded. Mrs. Banton addressed us in a few well chosen words. She urged each one to seek that intimate relation with Christ which brings fruit. Greetings were brought from the Methodists and Congregationalists. Thirteen Circles and seven Bands reported encouragingly. Two Bands and one Circle have been reorganized during

the year. Much is hoped for through these new reinforcements. Officers for the coming year are: - Director, Miss Pelton; President, Mrs. Banton; Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Cook. A letter from Miss Stovel, of India, (see page —) interested the audience exceedingly. Three three-minute papers followed on Home Missions. Miss Switzer spoke on the work in Ontario, Mrs. Lennie on the work in Quebec, Miss Braden on the North-West. A most pleasing feature in the programme was the question-drawer conducted by Mrs. W. W. McMaster, who answered the questions with great wisdom and tact.

The evening session was opened with devotional exercises from half-past seven to eight o'clock. After opening exercises the Director's report followed, which was one of encouragement. A strong appeal for more consecrated effort this new year. Mrs. J. J. Cook gave a most helpful paper on Band work. Many practical hints to Band leaders, re-carrying on and the importance of this branch of Christian work being engaged in more freely by all our sisters. Mrs. McMaster favored us with an address on some phases of "Women's Work in the Homeland." Home our first duty, no wider sphere exists to-day; bring Christ into the home, live Christ, so that our home is an atmosphere of love and sunshine. Miss Buchan, of Toronto, represented our Foreign work, giving extracts just received from Miss Hatch, India, coupled with a description of work among the Jarriah outcast women in India, and other phases of our work. In closing she appealed to us for increased zeal in giving the gospel to India's women. Music was well rendered by Miss Lennie, Mrs. Hoover, of Clinton, and the Listowel choir. Collections amounted to \$9.56. Meeting closed with "God be with you" and benediction.

IDA M. PELTON, Director.

HARROW. - A Union Mission Circle was organized at Harrow on June 10th, with eight members. President, Mrs. (Rev.) Johnston; Vice President, Mrs. H. Rosebrugh; Secretary, Miss Annie Shay; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Ford; Agent for the Link, Miss Dasia Munger; for the Visitor, Miss Celia Renno.

FIRST HOUGHTON. - Band was organized by Mrs. Roussin, in April, with a membership of 12. A fee of two cents a month to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. The officers are: - President, Mrs. Albert Loucks; 1st. Vice-President, Miss Raymond; 2nd. Vice-President, Miss Latham; Secretary, Miss Loie Hicks; Treasurer, for Home Mr. Smith; Treasurer, for Foreign Mr. Pielt.

PORT HOPE. - Another year with all its opportunities has passed since our last annual meeting. To many it has been a year of trial, and our missionaries in India have had a new experience in the famine which has brought suffering and distress to so many of the natives of that country. It is with a feeling of devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we meet to-day. Thankfulness that in this land we have not only abundance for ourselves, but have the privilege of assisting in some small measure our sisters in India. We rejoice that our church has the great honor of being known as a missionary church, and that our Mission Circle has no small part in this work. The number of women on our church roll is one hundred and five, many of them are prevented by family duties from attending the meetings of our Circle, but we wish that all of them were identified