

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS.

Toronto.—On Friday, June 14th, a large number of ladies met in the Parkdale Church for the 26th annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Toronto Association. The sunshine without and the beautiful new edifice, and the warmth of welcome from Mrs. S. E. Grigg were most fitting preludes to the splendid reports and addresses.

Our beloved Director, Mrs. Wm. Scott, who has given herself unsparingly to the work for so many years, gave a most cheering report. One Circle has been re-organized, two Bands and one Young Ladies' Circle have been organized. The total receipts for the year were \$7,100.05, an increase of \$45.21.

The election of officers were as follows:—President, Mrs. A. R. McMaster; Vice-President, Mrs. Kingston; Director, Mrs. Wm. Scott; Assistant Director, Mrs. Thos. Urquhart.

The address on Band Work by Mrs. Charles Stark, gave several suggestions re qualifications for successful leaders and Band programmes. The boys and girls of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow. It is so necessary that they know about our mission work, for "knowledge creates enthusiasm." We must teach the children to give. The ideal way is equal giving to the two branches of our work. Mrs. T. J. De Laine sang "Just as I am." The Home Mission address by Mrs. C. J. Holman gave us a clearer idea and a warmer love for our Home missionaries, who count it all joy for the wonderful opportunity to extend our Lord's Kingdom under most difficult circumstances.

Dr. Sowerby and Mr. G. R. Roberts offered greeting from the General Association.

We were glad to have with us Mrs. J. E. Chute, M.D., who gave 14 years of heroic service in India, and to hear her present the work of Foreign Missions. Our hearts were touched as she depicted the horrors of cholera and leprosy, and showed us the great need of more medical missionaries, for our own missionaries' sake and also for the 8,000 native Christians, and the four million Telugus which it is our share to evangelize.

The report of the General Treasurer, Mrs. Glenn Campbell, showed \$5,355.42, the amount needed by October 21st, 1912, to complete the estimates.

The joy and optimism which characterized the whole session will inspire us, as we return to our task with deeper consecration.

Frances C. Macintosh,
Secretary.

Niagara and Hamilton.—Our Association met June 4th, with the church at Fonthill. The beauty of the surrounding country, and the first glimpse we had of our place of meeting and of our entertainers, assured us that the Lord was in that place, and that He is ever present and gracious to His children. At 2 p.m., Mrs. Balfour, of Hamilton, opened the meeting, and in the Scripture lesson, gave us as our theme "Love to God, and love to our fellow-man." Miss Martha Stone, in prayer, brought us to the feet of the Master. Mrs. Kinsman, in a few gracious words, welcomed us to the hospitality of the church at Fonthill, which was responded to and kindly accepted by our president. Mrs. Haist favored us with a solo.

The roll call of delegates and reports from the several Circles and Bands, proved interesting and helpful, and showed a gain financially, and a tone of culture and intelligence in meetings and programmes. The Director urged constant effort to reach the uninterested, for their own benefit, and in the cause of mission work. A plea was made for the "Link" and "Visitor," to make good use of the excellent material found in these papers.

Mrs. Hazelton, of Brantford, gave a very interesting and helpful address in the interests of Bands. One delegate said, "To have heard Mrs. Hazelton's message only, was worth coming to the Association." A paper by Miss Rodger, of Hamilton, in the interests of young women, urged a very close relationship to God, to keep the meetings free from catchy methods of raising money or trying to interest others. We would all be the better, if we would take to heart the lessons sketched out for us by this spiritually expressed and gifted address. Mrs. Miamer, of St. Catharines, followed with an able address on "Canada's Debt to the missionary," tracing fully what we owe, as a nation, to the untiring zeal and statesmanlike efforts of the missionary, from our earliest days to the present time. Resolutions were passed re a medical missionary for India