

Then Miss Trotter presented Home Missions to us in her usual interesting style. Miss Baskerville, of Cocanada, India, gave us a very interesting talk on the Women and Children of India, showing us their customs and articles for use. How great seems the need in these lands. Collections amounted to \$10.27.

NELLIE F. BARBER, *Rec. Sec.*

TORONTO.—The meeting of the Circles and Bands of this Association was held with the ladies of the East Toronto Circle, on Friday, June 14th. The day was fine and the meeting largely attended, there being about two hundred ladies present. We were made very welcome in the pretty building and basement of the church. The programme was excellent including a talk by Miss Priest, whom we feel belongs especially to us. Mrs. Walker threw new light on the work among the Eurasians in India, and one of our young women, Mrs. Brechin, gave an excellent paper on New Ontario. The finances of the Board of Home Missions were presented by Mrs. McMaster in a way that called forth many responses from the delegates. We were sorry to accept the resignation of Mrs. T. M. Harris as President. Mrs. Bert Davies was elected President. Collection, \$22.00.

ELGIN.—The 17th Annual Meeting of the Home and Foreign Mission Circles and Bands of this Association was held at Calton, June 5th.

Morning Session.—The meeting opened with a prayer service led by Mrs. Spencer, of New Sarum, followed by the Scripture lesson by Mrs. McConnell, and prayer by Mrs. Chute. Reports from Circles and Bands were given. On the whole they were encouraging, although some reported a slight decrease in contributions.

Afternoon Session.—The result of elections was: Pres., Mrs. Doolittle, Sparta (re-elected); Vice-Pres., Mrs. Spencer, New Sarum; Director, Mrs. M. Laidlaw, Sparta; Asst. Dir., Miss McColl, St. Thomas (re-elected). The following resolutions were heartily endorsed by the meeting: "On our missionary papers the LINK and *Visitor*," "Hospitality," "Temperance," and "Condolence with Mrs. Mason on the loss of her husband."

On behalf of the Calton Circle, Mrs. Cahoon, of Calton, extended a kindly welcome, which was fittingly replied to by our president, Mrs. Doolittle, who expressed the pleasure all felt in meeting with the church which had given to missions the late Rev. A. V. Timpany, our first missionary to India. The President's message, was the thought that in Christ alone was strength for every day, and to each Christian is the commission to pass on to the burdened the story of Christ's unspeakable gift.

Following this was a Bible reading by Mrs. (Rev.) Cross, of Aylmer, on "Every Christian a Missionary," and was a very practical, heart-searching address to each Christian, to use every opportunity we have for service.

The report given by the Director, Mrs. Newcombe, showed that there are 14 Circles, 7 Bands, and 1 Junior Y. P. S. C. E., making a total contribution to missions of \$762.33, an in-

crease over last year of \$69.13. One new Circle and two new Bands were organized and two Circles re-organized during the year. Mrs. Rogers, of Sparta, gave an excellent map talk on the work being done by the Women's Home Missionary Society. Miss Minnie Pound, having spent two years in Alberta, gave her "Impressions of Alberta," showing the great needs and opportunities for missionary work in that territory.

Mrs. R. McConnell followed with a very spicy and interesting address on the "Appearance, Customs and Religion of the Galicians and Doukhobors." Having lived eight years in the North-West and meeting many of these people her talk was very instructive.

A Conference on Christian Stewardship consisted of three papers. The first, "Prevailing Prayer," by Mrs. Orchard, of Shedden, was a thoughtful paper on the blessings received from this means of grace that God has given us. The second, on "Motive and Method," by Mrs. Hartley, St. Thomas, urged us to establish first the ownership, and then right systems and methods in service will follow, being a fixed portion of our means given regularly and frequently. The third paper was "Woman's Influence in Developing the Spirit and Habit of Christian Stewardship," by Mrs. Klug, Port Burwell, and was a very forceful application of the old adage, that example is better than precept in training the young to give to the Lord's work. A collection of \$7.15 was taken and the meeting closed with prayer.

Evening Session.—Opened with singing, prayer by Mrs. Spencer. An excellent paper on "Mission Band Work," by Mrs. Porter, of St. Thomas, showed the need of missionary training for the children. Miss Iler, Ridgetown, gave a very thrilling address on "Foreign Missions," showing from God's Word the hopeless condition of the heathen, and our duty in giving them the Word of Life. Unless the Gospel is sent, the women of India will remain in their hopeless degradation. What are we, their sisters, doing to help them? An address on "Home Missions," by Mrs. D. K. Clarke, of Woodstock, was one of exceptional interest, and was listened to with great appreciation by the large audience. She pointed out the need of Home Missions and paid a glowing tribute to our devoted Home Missionaries. Mrs. Baker, of Sparta, gave a very practical address on giving, the motive being love to Christ and instanced the blessings we receive by giving liberally to God's work. Enjoyable music was rendered during the sessions by Mrs. and Miss Clarke, Miss Harmbidge, Misses Laidlaw and the Church Choir. Evening collection \$4.95. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Baker brought to a close one of the best and most helpful of our annual meetings.

MARGARET. M. LAIDLAW,
Director.

OWEN SOUND.—The Annual Meeting of this Association of Circles and Bands, was held with the Church at Port Elgin, June 12th. At ten a.m. the Circles met for business. The minutes of last annual meeting were read by the newly elected Secretary, Mrs. (Rev.) John McKinnon, of Keady.