

distribution. Subscriptions to "Visitor" exceeded those of last year.

A stirring address was made by Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, Burgessville, on "Habits and Customs of Women in India." Beginning with the handicap of an unwelcome birth, a girl's life was depicted to the frequent close in the terrible fate of a widow, when with hair shorn, jewels stripped from her and cast from family circle as a thing accursed, she endures a living death. Comparing the Eastern women with the Western, they are clever did they have the opportunity, but while mentally undeveloped they exceed their Western sisters in affection, in patience and long suffering. In their homes they are tender, loving and are cheerful, helpful little housekeepers. The work of lady missionaries in reaching the high-class women was shown to be very necessary and helpful.

Under three divisions of "Giving," Jewish standard, Mrs. Deeves, Brampton; New Testament standard, Mrs. Coleman, Acton; Modern standard, Mrs. Marshall, Berlin, many instructive and practical points were made and though the conference was limited for time, we trust many were helped by consideration of this topic and that practical results will follow in this year's gifts.

Miss Mark, Stratford, rendered two delightful solos during the meeting. For the Home Mission text Mrs. E. L. Hill, Guelph, had the inspiring and extensive map of our Dominion. The extent of field in which our Women's Board is interested, stretches from Quebec in the East to Edmonton in the West. Touching our work in the old Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, the speaker passed to our new work in the mining regions of Ontario and among the Indians near Kenora, and how to assist in our work among foreign population in far West, the appointment of a Scandinavian professor in Brandon College, will have great influence. The Swedish professor hopes to gather students this summer to begin work in coming fall. This address closed with the prayer

"Lord, give the zeal and give the might,  
For Thee to toil, for Thee to fight."

Report of the Director was accepted and having held this position for three years, Miss Evans finds it impossible to retain it, and Miss Gertrude Dayfoot, Georgetown, was unanimously elected Director, with Miss Evans as assistant. Our President, Mrs. E. J. Zavitz, Guelph, was re-elected, with Mrs. W. H. Merry, Stratford, Vice-President.

The offering in afternoon meeting was \$8.20, and our share of evening offering was \$8.00.

This will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Three strong, interesting addresses were given at evening meeting, by Dr. W. E. Norton, Rev. W. Daniels and Dr. J. G. Brown, on the work each represents. Unfortunately I had to leave on early train, so cannot report.

ALICE M. EVANS.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON.—The 88th annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands was held in the Beamsville Church, June 4th, 1907.

Fifteen Circles and nine Bands reported, showing the amount raised to be \$1,021.12. The Director, Mrs. Mulock, reported two new Circles and two new Bands formed, and urged the Circles to endeavor to increase their membership in order to meet the new demands upon them, designated as "Specials," this year, but surely becoming part of the regular income required by the Societies.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. S. S. Bates, St. Catharines; Director, Mrs. (Dr.) Mulock, St. Catharines; Assistant Director, Mrs. S. S. Johnson, Grimsby.

Particular emphasis was given to Band work by having a splendidly conducted conference in the afternoon. An address on methods of work amongst the children, and reading and singing from the Beamsville Band in the evening. Following is the program:—

#### AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises, Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. Wismer; address of welcome, Mrs. Riggins; roll call and reports from Circles and Bands; Director's report; conference on Band work, Mrs. E. J. Haines; Grande Ligne, Mrs. W. J. Guyatt; solo, Prof. Wildgust; address, Miss Copp; "The Early History of Our Foreign Missions," Mrs. S. S. Bates; greetings from sister societies; election of officers; benediction.

#### EVENING.

Song service led by the choir; address on Mission Band Methods, Miss Wodell; recitation, by a Band member; quartette, from the Band; Home Missions, map exercise, Mrs. J. C. Sycamore; solo, Prof. Wildgust; Foreign Missions, "Early History of the Work in India," Mrs. Craig; collection; benediction.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Circles and Bands of the Western Association met with the church at Wheatley, May 28th, 19th and 30th, receiving a very hearty welcome from the Wheatley sisters.