

with the Association met in Knox Church, St. Marys. There was a fair representation from the Circles of the Association, although the attendance was somewhat lessened on account of the distance of the place of meeting from a number of the Circles. Good reports were received from a number of the Circles in the Association. Mrs. Thompson, of Guelph, presided, and Mrs. Campbell, of Hillsburg, Mrs. McLaurin, Mrs. Richards, and Miss Mitchell, of St. Marys, took part. Mrs. Thompson was re-elected President, and Miss MeKechnie, of Claude, Secretary.

**BRANT ASSOCIATION.**—The sixth annual meeting of the Circles of Brant Association was held at Onondaga, Tuesday, June 8th, Mrs. J. G. Goble presiding. The Circle at Onondaga was re-organized in January, reports half the ladies in the church, members, with an average attendance at the meetings of two-thirds. As East Zorra Circle, Dundas Circle and Band go to other Associations, we only report nine Circles. These have contributed to H. and F. missions during the year \$652.92. Six Bands have contributed \$163.35 for Foreign missions. Total for Circles and Bands, \$835.30, \$54.70 less than last year. East Ward Circle has increased in membership from twenty to forty, in contributions, from \$49 to \$104.63. In addition to Circle and Band, a class of young girls, who cannot attend either, are, under the direction of Miss Walsh, taking up work for Grande Ligne. The Circle at Gobles has increased their contributions from \$53 to \$104. After reports were read, a very interesting paper on Grande Ligne was read by Mrs. J. C. Yule. Mrs. Coetian, of Gobles, followed in a short address, pointing out the importance attached by the priests to the training of the children. Miss Walsh spoke of the power of the priest, of the degrading influence of the confessional, and the darkened state in which Roman Catholics are kept. Her words were listened to with close interest, as she has lately been freed from the bondage of the Catholic Church into the beauty of the Gospel of Christ. All were pleased to listen to a few words from Miss Simpson, of Paris, soon to be our representative in India. A paper on Missions, by Miss Morton, of Park Church, and discussions of various questions sent in, brought to a close a very successful meeting.

ANNA MOYLE, Director.

**WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.**—The Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission Circles belonging to the Walkerton Association, held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening, June 13th, in the Baptist Church in Walkerton. Our President, Miss Fanny M. Stovel, being in Chicago preparing for her mission work in India, and our Director having gone to Manitoba, Mrs. Crawford, of Walkerton, presided, and the Secretary of the same Circle acted as Secretary for the meeting. The Circles of the Association were well represented, and, although only ladies were invited to attend, the house was crowded. The ladies of the W.C.F.M. of Walkerton, sent greetings to the Circles through their President. Miss McCormick, of Walkerton, read a most interesting paper on the Grande Ligne Mission. Mrs. A. McKillop (Secretary of the Hamilton Circle) gave an address on Foreign Missions, "Our need of Mission Work, and what we are doing to supply the need." Mrs. McKillop presented forcibly the terrible condition of the heathen world groping in darkness, bound down by superstition and caste, and having never heard the only name given out under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. A very earnest address was delivered by Mrs. A. R. McMaster, of Toronto, on Home Mission work, showing what had been done by the Women's Home Missionary Societies in their various fields during the past year, and the need of still more earnest work during the coming year. Mrs. McMaster also presented most forcibly the great need of the Grande Ligne Mission, and urged the Circles to take up this work. The reports of the different Circles were read by their delegates and were most encouraging. Our Heavenly Father seems to be greatly blessing our in their work for Him. Out of the thirteen Circles in the ladies Walkerton Association, twelve reported; the amount raised

for the year was \$309.19; owing to some mistake, several of the Circles did not say how much of the money raised by them went to Home and how much to Foreign Mission work. On Thursday evening the delegates of the different Circles met for the election of officers, when Mrs. G. C. Rock, of Glamis, was elected President, and Miss M. Stevenson, of Riverstown (President of the South Arthur Circle), Director. A collection amounting to \$9 was taken up at our Wednesday evening meeting.

A. SPROULE, Sec.

**MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON.**—The fourth annual meeting of this Association was held in Petrolia on June 5th. The address of welcome was read by Mrs. St. Dalmas, and was responded to by the President, Mrs. Porter, of London. The Secretary then read the reports from the Circles. Two new Circles have been recently organized, London South and London North. There are in this Association, with 29 churches still nine without Circles, viz., Alvington, Arkona, Caradoc, Zion, East Williams, Plymton, Middlesex, Sarnia Tp. and West Niasouri. Some of these have promised to organize soon. In Pt. Edward and Oil City, where no Baptist churches exist, a few noble women meet and contribute to the funds of the Society. Only nine Mission Bands report. The number of LINKS taken by the majority of the Circles is much smaller than is desirable. There are 456 members in the F.M.C. and \$531.69 contributed. The membership of the H.M.C. is smaller, as is also the amount raised, \$319.58. \$82.20 was contributed to the G.L.M. The Bands have raised \$151.14 for F.M., and \$9 for H.M., making a total of \$1,093.61. Interesting papers, written by Miss Hughton, of Sarnia, on the "Indian Question," and Mrs. Dayfoot, of Strathroy, on the "Congo Mission," were read. Mrs. McMaster, of Toronto, was present, and delivered a soul-stirring address on the work at Grande Ligne, and the necessity of raising a large increase of funds for it. She also spoke of the Home work undertaken by the women, and the question of work among the N. W. Indians.

In the evening a platform meeting was held. The president delivered an excellent address. A paper, full of information on "Work at Home," was read by Mrs. G. F. Robertson, of London. Two recitations by Mrs. Gauld, of London, relating to Christian work, were well rendered. The paper of the meeting was one written by Miss Sinclair, on "Work among the Indians." She spoke of their past and present condition, showing what they were made by the more enlightened whites; of the Christian's duty to counteract the evils effected, and the best methods of evangelizing them. The meeting was brought to a close by an address from Mr. Porter, on the work in general.

L. M. W.

## News from the Circles.

**IGONA.**—About three years since a Home and Foreign Mission Circle was organized here, and on Monday evening, May 21st, we held our first public meeting. The programme consisted of speeches on Home and Foreign Missions, readings, recitations, dialogues and music, all of which was instructive and highly appreciated. Collection amounted to \$4.17. We have but thirteen members and have raised in the past year over \$46.00.

MRS. J. W. MANN, Sec.

**CLAREMONT.**—Our Mission Band is trying to be worthy of the name of "Willing Workers." Some time ago they sent twenty-five dollars to help in Foreign Missions, and now wish me to forward the enclosed fifteen dollars for the Home Mission fund. The Band has been organized now a little over a year. On the sixteenth of May we had an open Band meeting, and free tea, it being the anniversary; a free-will offering was taken up at the close of the entertainment. At present the Band is prospering, our meetings are entertaining and instructive and all seem