

requested to read, think, and talk of the latter, and be prepared to discuss it at the Convention in October with the desire to do something for the Indians of our country, and do it in the best way possible. A hymn followed, after which Mrs. Dabson gave some good thoughts about Mission Band work. She spoke of the advantage of training children to give of prayerful, systematic giving. Nothing can take the place of religious home teaching. Early teaching is the most lasting. She closed with the hope that every church will have its Mission Band.

A letter to the Association, from Miss Hatch, was read by her sister, in which was described a day's work in Cocanada. This letter was full of interest, and ought to arouse us to more earnest, prayerful work. We hope to see it published in the *Link* and *Baptist*.

Mrs. McLaurin spoke of Foreign Missions. She told us of the thousands in Cocanada alone who do not know Christ of preaching in crowded streets of educated natives ready to enter into discussion with the missionaries.

of the infidel influences of the need of educated missionaries of the open doors to the homes of the high caste women, and of what they must sacrifice to confess Christ. She told us of the training school for preachers, at Samuleotta, and how our missionaries travel from place to place to baptize, and encourage native preachers. Amount collected so far as reported for the year: Home Missions, \$134.50; Foreign Missions, \$270.83; Grande Ligne, \$62.35; Bands, \$89.60.

**ELGIN ASSOCIATION.** The fifth annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Mission Circles of the Elgin Association was held in the Centre St. Baptist Church, St. Thomas, on Thursday, June 6. A large and most enthusiastic meeting was held both afternoon and evening. Every Circle in the Association was well represented. Letters from the Circles showed a marked increase in interest and numbers. The Director reported two new Circles, at Mount Salem and New Surin, and one Mission Band at Colton, making in all twelve Circles and five Bands. The prayer service was led by Mrs. Marshall, of Sparta, and a Scripture reading by Mrs. T. Orchard, of Fingal, after which Mrs. White, of St. Thomas, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Newcombe, of the New Surin Circle. The Presbyterian Circle was represented by Mrs. Boyle. Mrs. Wells, of Toronto, gave an excellent address on Home Missions. Mrs. Edwards, of St. Thomas, gave a paper on the same subject. A well-prepared paper by Mrs. A. T. Sowerby, of Aylmer, on "What stands in the way of sending out fifty-two men to India this year?" was read by Miss Clarke, of the same place. We were favored with solos, both afternoon and evening, by Mrs. Kilgour, of London. Miss Campbell, of the Alma College, also gave a solo in the evening, and a vocal duet by the Messrs. Secord, and an instrumental duet by the Messrs. Mallan and Ballah. Miss Campbell, of the China Inland Mission, gave an address on their work. The Rev. Mr. McLaurin gave one of the most appealing addresses ever listened to on Woman's work, which has already resulted in new contributors to our Foreign Circle. The Rev. A. H. Munro gave an excellent address on the Grande Ligne Mission. The meetings were presided over by Mrs. T. L. Landop, of St. Thomas. Mrs. Welter, of the same place, was elected as Director. The amount raised by the Association this year was \$397.61 for Foreign Missions, \$224.02 for Home Missions, \$74 for Grande Ligne Missions. Total, \$695.63. A collection was taken up at the close of the evening meeting, amounting to \$13, which is to be donated to Associational expenses.

E. WELTER, Asso. Dir.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.** The annual meetings of Circles in Midland Counties' Association was opened at 2 p. m., Wednesday, 12th inst., Mrs. Raymond presiding. Reports were given from the Circles and Bands. It was encouraging to find that out of 12 Circles 10 were represented, and two churches that have no Circle sent delegates to our meeting. In two churches, Galt and Orangeville, we hope soon to have Circles. In November a Band was organized in St. Marys. Some of the Circles and Bands are prospering and pushing on the work. A few we regret to say are languishing. It is our earnest hope that in view of the crying need of fields, Home and Foreign, no Circle or Band will be allowed to die out, or remain in a half-dead condition.

Papers were given by Mrs. Raymond, Guelph, Mrs. Davidson, Cheltenham, and Mrs. Bracken, Mountsberg on "What stands in the way of our sending fifty-two men to India this year?" The papers were short and to the point, and the feeling expressed in them was that our want of consecration stood in the way, and that if they were not sent, a golden opportunity was gone from us which might never be ours again, and millions of souls would perish through our neglect. Mrs. Brooker spoke of our Foreign field, its needs, etc., and said that what we wanted was more love for our Saviour and for dying souls. Mrs. McMaster spoke first of what Mission work is—it is something outside of ourselves, not work for our own church, but for others. Mrs. McMaster also spoke of the fields our Women's Home Mission Society are opening up. The Question Drawer was conducted by Mrs. Bracken. Many questions of interest came up and were talked about. The amount raised since October by the Circles for Home Missions is \$86, for Foreign Missions \$110. The Bands have raised since October \$70. The Circles have also nearly all contributed something toward Grande Ligne endowment fund.

In the three or four months that yet remain of the year we must almost double our contributions to home and foreign missions to raise as much as we did last year. Shall we be content with last year's amount? A collection of \$5.25 was taken at the meeting. Music was furnished by some of the Georgetown ladies.

MARY McKEON, Presiding.

## News from Circles.

**DEAR LINK.** Although it is some time since our annual meeting, still it is not too late to let you know how the Whithby Mission Band is progressing.

The Secretary's Report at the last annual meeting shows a bona fide membership of over 100, with a large average attendance. During the year \$47.50 has been raised by children, \$18 of which went to support a student at Samuleotta, and the balance divided amongst other missions. All members decided at their last annual meeting to support students instead of one boy and a girl.

Miss Frith and Mr. Anacle were present at our annual entertainment, a privilege that was enjoyed by all. The church was crowded, and the best of attention given throughout the entire evening.

The programme given by the children each month is interesting, they themselves being quite enthused in their work; quite a number have missionary gardens, by which they are rapidly filling their little mission barrels. We who are assisting have great reason to feel encouraged at the willingness on the part of the children to work, and the continued increase of interest in this the children's branch of mission work.

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**GRIMSBY.** Circles and Bands should improve the opportunity of securing Rev. E. C. B. Hallam, of Dundas, next