

Mrs. Dickinson, St. Catharines, presented "Our Literature." The new books: "A Crusade of Compassion," "Ministers of Mercy," "Mook," are recommended.

The Directors' Report showed, from Circles, an increase in gifts for Home Missions of \$152.41, for Foreign Missions of \$402.04, and, while there was a slight decrease in subscribers to "Visitor," there was an increase for LINK. Young Women's Circles increase \$73.46 to Home Missions, \$40.32, to Foreign Mission Bands report a slight decrease, due to the fact that the money did not all reach the Treasurers in Toronto by April 20. Life Membership was emphasized. To keep pay association expenses at tax of 5c per member was decided upon.

Conferences were held in the Young Women's and Band work, the latter conducted by Mrs. Mills, of London.

Mrs. D. M. Walker, St. Catharines, led the Quiet Hour in the afternoon.

In Mrs. Bennett's "Review of the Past" a synopsis of the meetings of the Niagara-Hamilton Association since the year 1886, when the meeting was held at Fonthill, was given, showing a steady growth, both in interest and membership.

Beamsville was the home of the first Circle, with a membership of 20, in 1887.

After Miss Reeb, Port Colborne, presented the Foreign Mission objective, Mrs. John McLaurin, Toronto, referred to the organization of the Foreign Mission Society in Beamsville, the seed which was sown then has now grown to a large tree nurtured and cared for by our Heavenly Father. "The strongest lights send their rays the greatest distance, thus if we are on fire for missions at home, our influence will be felt in foreign lands. In India we have 107 Biblewomen. They have two things to contend with, they are low caste and the majority of them are widows, the most despised of all people in India, but because God has come into their lives and transformed them into loving, sympathetic women, they are gladly received into the homes. They are urgent help to the lady missionaries, because they can teach. When on tour they seek out the Christian women. But these Biblewomen have to be taught to read, to know their Bibles. At present there is a Christian paper published in South India, which has a large circulation. But the great outstanding need in India to-day is a training school for the Biblewomen. An institution of this kind, if it were well equipped, would be one of the most helpful to our work. When we think of the way India gave her men and wealth as our ally, surely we are ready to help her in every possible way.

Mrs. Hendry, Hamilton, urged us to return to our Circles full of enthusiasm for this Biblewomen's Training School. Her motion was carried that we endeavor to give \$860 over and above our regular gifts to help on this work.

"Our Budget of \$3,196.04 was then presented by Mrs. Doherty, which includes a 10 per cent. increase in our regular giving and the apportionment to each organization for the "India Special."

Mrs. Mills, London, conducted a Band exercise on "Our French Work." Some of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church were exposed, and a short sketch of Mme. Feller and the Institute was given, the Beamsville Band assisting. This Band also captured the Poster Prize, and a dear little girl from London sang very sweetly.

The evening was given over to the young women. A missionary sketch, "The Plea of the Nations," was given by Niagara Falls Young Women in costume.

Canada, Japan, China, India, Syria, South America, Persia, Siam, each represented, and their needs given.

Mrs. Bensen was called to the platform. She made a strong plea for recruits for India, to which land she will return in the fall.

A "Rainbow Series" was given by seven Young Women of Hamilton, telling how, when, where shall we send the Gospel, who may go, why should women go, the wherewithal shall all these things be done.

Miss Trotter, Toronto, gave the address of the evening, on "The Call of the King." She pleaded with the Young Women to take time to read, to think of the other girls who are not so fortunate as they, to surrender their lives to the Master's service. Many boys have given their lives for us, are we to be less dauntless than they?

Miss Reta Carey, Hamilton, the soloist of the evening, closed the meeting, singing softly, "Where He leads me I will follow."