

### ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES

Norfolk.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands was held in Eden, June 10th. The sessions were well attended, the programme bright and helpful.

The President, Mrs. J. S. Culver, emphasized "Faithfulness" in a fine paper she gave us.

Helpful thoughts were given by three Band workers on "How we conduct our Band."

Short addresses on Circle work contained many practical suggestions, it being moved that Mrs. Boemer's paper on "Finances" be published.

Our Director, Mrs. Geo. Pearce, reported six new Circles, with a gain of sixty-one members, and a total increase of \$20.00 in giving, an increase of nearly eighty in Circle membership, but a falling off in contributions.

In the evening, Rev. M. Andoff, Dr. Therren, and Miss Ryerse, ably presented their respective parts of the work. A special contribution of \$50 was given during the afternoon session, which, with the collections \$16.11, make a total of \$66.11.

Officers for the year are—Director, Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Waterford; Assistant Director, Miss I. Ryerse, Simcoe; President, Mrs. L. Beemer, Round Plains; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Cameron, Langton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Fitch, Waterford; Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Berry, Courtland.

C. A. BERRY,  
Secretary.

Oxford-Brant.—The Circles and Bands held their annual meeting in St. George, on Tuesday, June 15th.

A prayer and praise service at 10.30 a.m., conducted by Mrs. J. T. Priest, of Jerseyville, was a fitting preparation for the day's programme.

The afternoon session was opened at 1.45, Mrs. Rose, presiding. After the appointment of committees, Mrs. McIntyre, on behalf of the St. George people, spoke words of welcome, while Mrs. Rose expressed the appreciation of the delegates.

The verbal reports showed faithful work done by the individual Circles and Bands—but not for long were they permitted to congratulate themselves on the success of their endeavors, for it

was with shamed and downcast hearts that they heard the Director say that the receipts for Foreign work were behind those of last year. However, the fact that there was an advance in every other department, helped to lessen the strain. There have been two new Circles formed, four life memberships made, and an increase in the number of "Links" and "Visitors" taken. \$1,519.36 was the total amount given to Foreign work by Circles and Bands, while \$1,130.88 were raised for Home work.

The President's message as given by Mrs. Rose, is always inspiring and always true to Christ, and to the highest ideals of Christian living.

Mrs. Doolittle, of Norwich, gave a helpful map exercise on Home Missions. By use of the map, and by vivid word pictures, she made us see how much had been done—also how much remains to be done.

"Knowledge, the Keystone to Service," was the subject of an address given by Mrs. McLean, of Ingersoll. She emphasized the thought that knowledge is never gained without sacrifice, and if we would gain a knowledge of God's great character, we must sacrifice self and selfish inclinations, and take time for study and prayer.

Following this address, was a solo very sweetly rendered by Miss Vera Wilcox, of Springfield.

Miss Hooper, of Scotland, gave us some splendid ideas on the preparations of Band programmes.

It was Mrs. Goble's privilege to present a tribute of love to the memories of Mrs. Stillwell and Miss Peck—two of our honored missionaries who have been called to their reward. This was done with great tenderness, and with loving appreciation by Mrs. Goble. The ladies also took great pleasure in presenting a tribute of love to one who was with us in the flesh—our Circle Director, Mrs. J. W. Nicholson. Mrs. Richards was the one chosen to voice the appreciation and warm regard in which Mrs. Nicholson is held by the Circles. She has labored so efficiently and yet so cheerfully for many years, and because of her enthusiasm and encouragement, many a new Circle has been called into existence, and many a struggling Circle has been incited to nobler efforts. It gave the Circles great pleasure to present her with a certifi-