

their recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The new president, Mrs. McEwen, was introduced, and the morning session closed with a hymn and prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Nicolls, of Lanark, (a returned missionary) gave us a talk on the needs of the heathen in South Africa. Her heart has gone out to those poor people sitting in darkness, and she instills into her listeners the feeling that no matter what color the skin is, the soul is like precious in God's sight.

Mrs. Parsons, in dealing with Home Missions, said "we want a broad platform with good, strong, square timber of Faith, Works, Love and Duty—the foundation to go together with prayer.

A solo by Miss Washburn, and greetings from Sister societies, followed; Mrs. McEwen conveying greetings from the brethren of the Association then in session. A smile of welcome greeted Mrs. Halkett, of Ottawa, as she rose to talk to us, taking for her subject the words, "I shall be satisfied."

After the offering and a short address by the Rev. W. J. Pady on The A.B.C. of our Foreign Mission work, our annual meeting closed, to meet, if it so pleased our Heavenly Father, in Westport next year.

E. M. ROBERTSON, Recording Sec'y.

ELGIN—The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circle and Bands was held with the church at Bayham, June 1st, and was well attended notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather. The morning session was opened with a very helpful prayer service led by Mrs. E. J. Stobo, of Ft. Burwell. Following the opening exercises reports were received from twelve Circles and five Bands which were very encouraging and full of hope for the future.

The afternoon session opened with prayer, after which interesting letters were read from two of our sisters, Miss Minnie Pound and Miss Minnie Simlev, missionaries in Burma. Miss Abell extended a very hearty welcome to the delegates, to which Mrs. Deolittle responded.

The Director's report showed a small decrease from Circles, but an increase in offerings from Bands. One Circle, the Aldboro Plains, has died, but one Band at Gladstone had re-organized during the year, the total being sixteen Circles and seven Bands. Amount raised from Circles for Home Missions \$390.81; for Foreign Missions \$438.12; for Indian Missions \$9.55; total \$838.48. From Bands to Home, \$26.80; Grande Ligne \$2.00; North West, \$2.00; Foreign \$55.96; total \$86.76. Making a grand total of \$925.24, a decrease of \$12.44. The officers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. J. H. Doofittle, Sparta; Vice-President, Mrs. Cook Newcombe, Yarmouth, Ohio; Director, Miss

M. Laidlaw, Sparta; Assistant Director, Miss Amelia Pound, Bayham. A most interesting map talk on the work of our Lady Missionaries in India was given by Miss Cahoon, of Carleton, and was much appreciated by all present. The need of separate Bungalows for our Missionaries was brought before the delegates and each Circle urged to make an offering before October. Many helpful suggestions in Band work was given by Miss McDiarmid, of Aylmer. The old problem of trying to interest the women of our church in Missions was dealt with by Mrs. Newcombe and in the discussion following these two addresses many helpful suggestions were given.

The evening session was opened with a short song service, after which Mrs. A. J. Vining, of Aylmer, gave an excellent address on Home Missions. A very helpful address on "Women as Helpers" was given by Miss Hattie Mills, of Sparta. This was followed by a most earnest and able address on "The Kingdom," by Rev. W. P. Reekie, of Sparta. Solos were rendered during the session by Miss Opal Baker, Miss Alma Clark and Miss Chute, which were much appreciated by all. The offerings for the day amounted to \$11.24.

GUELPH.—The women's meeting was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 8th, in St. Marys. The president, Mrs. E. L. Hill, B. A., Guelph, opened the session with devotional exercises, taking as her message, "What the rising of the dead should mean." The puzzled disciples could not understand it, and we to-day know why only in part. To Jesus, it meant, 1st, victory over sin; 2nd, newness of life. To us it means birth of spiritual life. Brought up morally, the line of demarcation in our lives, since conversion, may not be plainly seen, but ours should be self-surrendered lives. After the resurrection "all power," was given to Christ, therefore "go ye." After several had engaged in prayer, Mrs. C. F. Smith, St. Mary's, cordially welcomed us to their church and homes, and Mrs. Ross, Orangeville, made a suitable response. Greetings were also extended from the Women's societies of other churches in the towns. Then followed the reading of Church, Circle and Band letters. 15 Circles reported \$678.33, an increase over last year of nearly \$70, and 10 Bands contributed \$169.12—total \$847.45. Of this \$11.15 was raised from contribution of 5c. per Circle member, for association expenses. By this means our collections at St. Marys amounting to \$10.45 can be sent intact to our treasurers. The reports were encouraging. Mrs. Marshall, Berlin, gave an interesting address on "The life abundant and vigorous." Made for life with God, anything short of this produces dissatisfaction. Out of touch with Him, we are out of our natural environment. Hence the spirit was given to us and we may have God in our common-place lives, thus raising our lives to a higher level. This life is needed in our churches and in our homes. The need of separate Bungalows