

WHERE TO SET UP

The Director's report showed 19 Circles, 2 Young Ladies' Societies, and 15 Bands, 1 new Circle and 3 new Bands having been organized during the year. The Circles show an increase to their offerings, but we regret to report a decrease in the offerings of the Bands, and the Director urged that this be made up before October.

The Circle delegates gave encouraging reports of their work. We would make special mention of New Dundee, reported by Mrs. Morton, a Circle organized two years ago, with 15 members, and now has a membership of 43, each one paying \$2.00 a year.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. Weland, of Galt, after which Mrs. Merry, on behalf of the Stratford people, extended a warm welcome to the delegates.

A conference on Circle work was conducted by Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, and many helpful suggestions were given as to how to increase both the membership and contributions. Personal work among the women of the church is necessary.

Mrs. Tyler, of Preston, spoke for the LINK.

The President, Mrs. R. D. Lang, led a prayer service, of which the theme was "being ready for the call of the Master by being busy at the work the Master would have us do."

Mrs. John Lillie gave a most interesting account of her trip through New Ontario.

Rev. A. S. Woodburne, of India, then spoke on the work in India, and mentioned the different hindrances to the progress of the work, dwelling particularly on the inadequate forces. The only way to overtake the task is to educate the Christian Church to the fact that work in India pays as an investment. Statistics do not measure the influence of Christianity.

The Stratford Girls' Band gave a dialogue entitled "How Aunt Polly Joined the Mission Circle," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. R. D. Lang, Berlin; Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Merry, Stratford; Director, Miss G. H. Dayfoot, Georgetown; Assistant Director, Mrs. Morton, New Dundee.

S. W. LANG, Secretary.

EASTERN CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of our Society will occur on Oct. 6, 1914, in the First Church, Ottawa. Will all the Circles and Bands take notice?

Of late years, the number of delegates from the smaller Circles has been growing less and less, and the officers of the Society are much discouraged at the large percentage of our women who let this opportunity pass, year after year, of becoming more useful to their Circle, better acquainted with the work, and more inspired for service by mingling together with the officers and leaders who bear all the responsibility, and need the encouragement and support of the rank and file.

Then, too, the absentee delegate never shares with us the pleasure of personal acquaintance with the returned missionaries, one of whom is generally with us, and whose presence is always our greatest inspiration.

This year we are specially favored in the promise of an address from Rev. H. E. Stillwell, and no Baptist woman can afford to neglect this occasion of hearing from one whose ripe and varied experience with the Telugus makes him one of our foremost missionaries.

We are asking special prayer for our finances. Can we not help to answer our prayers by beginning at once to make this whole work a more vital and more personal matter than ever before with every woman throughout our convention?

Pray, Give, and Come to Ottawa.

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Singing the Lord's Song.

Describing the state of affairs in his neighborhood, the testimony of Rev. C. E. Parker (Vikarabad, India) is: "A few years ago, throughout this district, a Christian song could not be heard, unless sung by a Christian worker, or some little children, here and there, who had been taught. To-day, all along the roads the people are singing praises to God, and the old, obscene songs are given up. The men are singing at the well; the women singing at the mill; the farmers singing in the fields. A few years ago, you heard very few people praying. To-day from thousands of hearts and lips is going up the prayer: 'O, Jesus Christ, have favor on me, remember me, and save me from sin!'"