

The afternoon session was enlivened by the singing of two solos by Rev. J. J. Whyte of Hespeler, and was closed with prayer by Rev. C. E. Burrell of Orangeville.

In the evening two addresses were given, one by Miss Baskerville, who addressed the audience as a messenger from India, with a message to the women of Canada. The women of India have no social standing and are treated like dogs, they can only be reached by women missionaries and the Zenana work which is to-day the foot-hold for all female missionary work in India. Great need for more missionaries, as to-day every missionary is responsible for over 200,000 native women, to say nothing of men. Not only is work being done among heathen, but those who are christianized need to be looked after, and their children educated. Many reasons were given for the work amongst women in India being continued and increased. A solo was then sung by Rev. W. S. McAlpine, "They Shall Shine as Bright as the Stars," after which Professor E. S. Roy spoke on Mission Work in the Province of Quebec, stating that out of a million and a quarter of French Canadians there were only 20,000 Protestants and it is among the remainder, the Roman Catholics, that the work of the Grande Ligue Missionary. The lower classes in Quebec are in need of a higher education and this is being prevented by the religious leaders. The mission is doing successful work but at present the school is too small.

Mrs. E. L. Hill, of Guelph, was appointed President for ensuing year, with Miss Warren, Directress, and Miss C. Bessey, Assistant.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—Women's Circles and Bands of this Association met at Florence, on June 12th, 1901.

Meeting opened at 11 a.m. by devotional service which lasted for an hour. We then adjourned for dinner. The afternoon session opened at 2 by singing, followed by prayer and scripture reading by Mrs. Mellish. Next was the report of the nominating committee and the following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs. Hattón, Chatham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. C. Walker, Chatham; Sec., Miss Eva Chamberlain, Wheatley; Director, Miss J. Ritchie, Amer. Mrs. Redman, of Thamesville, then gave the address of welcome which was replied to by Mrs. Davoy. Circles and Bands of the Association then reported. We then had a paper on "Nineteenth Century Missions," by Mrs. Oldershaw, Chatham, which dealt with the progress of missions in the different countries of the world. It was very instructive and gave us some thoughts which will never be effaced. A paper on "The Advantages of a Mission Band in a Church," was given by Miss Eva Chamberlain. We can see no possible reason why any Baptist Church should be without a Band. We then had "A Synopsis of our Work at Foreign Stations" by Mrs. Davey, Wheatley. She showed clearly that until the women of our Foreign lands are won that the battle is not half won. Our unmarried lady missionaries have possibly the hardest lot in the Foreign land. We have now ten mission stations in the Telugu land and all of our lady missionaries except one are supported by the Women's Foreign Mission Board. In the evening session the Director's report was not very

encouraging. A considerable falling behind was noted in the contribution for Foreign Missions both in the Circles and Bands. Extra effort during the next year is thoroughly needed. Singing and prayer then closed a very enjoyable day.

EVA CHAMBERLAIN, *Sec. pro tem.*

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.—The Mission Circles and Bands of the Walkerton Association met in Mt. Forest, June 5th, 1901.

Meeting was opened at 2 p.m., by a prayer and praise service, led by Mrs. Peter Fisher, of Wingham. At 2.30 the President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, of Mt. Forest, took the chair.

After the singing of a hymn, Scripture reading and prayer, the Circle reports were given. We have 12 Circles and 7 Bands. 11 Circles reported and 4 Bands. They report having given to missions \$358.37, divided as follows: Circles, to H. M. \$153.95, to F. M. \$173.43; Bands, to H. M. \$13.52, to F. M. \$17.43.

Mrs. Emerson, of Mt. Forest, extended to the delegates and visitors a cordial welcome. It was replied to by Mrs. Hayward, of Palmerston. Greetings from the Presbyterian and Methodist sisters, also from the W. C. T. U. were conveyed by representatives, after which we listened to addresses on H. M., and Moulton College, Grande Ligne, and India, by Mrs. Lillie, Prof. Nicole and Mrs. Walker. A paper was read, prepared by Miss Cullen, of Toronto, on M. B. work. All the addresses, as well as the paper, were interesting, and we trust profitable, to all who heard them.

A collection, amounting to \$8.50, was taken, which will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

The officers for the coming year are:—President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Mt. Forest; Vice-President, Mrs. Darroch, Kenilworth; Director, Mary McDougall, Tiverton.

After the singing of a hymn and prayer, a very interesting and helpful meeting was brought to a close.

MARY McDUGALL, *Director.*

NORFOLK.—Meeting opened at ten o'clock with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Seymore Culver, of Bloomsburg. Then Mrs. Barber, of Boston, took the chair. Verbal reports were given by the delegates from Circles and Bands. There were six Circles and four Bands which did not report. Mrs. Davis gave a talk on our "Indian work in the North-West." Two very interesting letters from Mr. Sharp were read.

At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Kitchen, of Waterford, gave a Bible Reading. The address of Welcome was given by Mrs. Silcox, of Waterford, responded to by the President. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Pres., Mrs. Barber, of Boston; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Cahoe, of Langton; Director, Mrs. Davis, of Simcoe. An address was given by Miss Trotter, of Toronto, in behalf of Moulton College. Collection amounted to \$5.58.

Evening meeting opened at eight o'clock. A very stirring address was given by Miss M. Rowland on Band work.