

ment. It was a pleasure to gather in the new house of worship of the Olivet Church and the large number of ladies present felt that it was a good place for a good meeting. After the opening exercises Mrs. Harris, of Olivet Church, welcomed the ladies most cordially, and Mrs. T. M. Harris, President, responded, giving some texts which were very helpful. The reports of the treasurers of the Circles showed an increase in contributions in almost every case. The Director reported a total increase of over \$300. Mrs. T. M. Harris was re-elected President, and Mrs. C. G. Pease, Director. Our new Circle in Eglington reported. We all felt that it was an inspiration and encouragement to have a young lady of Miss J. Norton's ability and enthusiasm to represent the Home Mission Society, and it kindled a new hope in our hearts to feel that our young women were ready to fill our places when they shall become vacant. Mrs. Brechin lifted our hearts in worship by her beautiful solo. The Literature Department is becoming a great power for good. It will be a long time before any one who heard Miss Hatch will forget her eloquence, as she pictured the diamonds which our missionaries are finding in India, and her urging us at home to become the lapidaries of these precious souls. After the close of the meeting the ladies gathered in the airy basement of the Church, where was served a dainty appetizing lunch and all felt that a meeting of unusual interest had been added to the long list of Associational gatherings. Collection, \$22.50. Number of ladies present, 170.

J. F. PEASE, *Director*.

GUELPH.—The annual meeting of the Association was held in Georgetown, on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 2 p.m. A prayer service was led by Mrs. E. W. Booth, Guelph, after which the President, Mrs. E. L. Hill, B. A., Guelph, conducted the opening exercises. Then a cordial welcome was extended by Miss McAlpine, to which Mrs. J. Baines, Guelph, responded. Greeting was also given by the Presbyterian Auxiliary, Georgetown. Encouraging reports of Circles and Bands followed, the former having contributed \$567.46, and the latter, \$173.40, to missions. Mrs. S. Powell, Guelph, led in prayer. A most interesting feature was a Question Drawer on Band Work, presided over by Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Toronto, who ably solved many difficulties. Miss Norton, B.A., Toronto, gave an interesting Map Exercise on New Ontario, showing the extent and needs of that field. A solo by Miss Bessey, was sweetly sung. Miss Hatch then read extracts from letters from the native doctor, in charge of the leper work.

At 7.45 p.m. a song service was conducted by Rev. W. S. McAlpine, followed by Scripture reading and prayer, by Rev. W. C. Weir, Cheltenham. In her address the President spoke of the need of specific prayer and definite purpose in all Christian work. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs.

C. J. Holman, the address of Miss Hatch was transferred to the evening. The speaker referred to the native Christian women of India as diamonds, discovered, and now shining in the service of their Master. Some of these women have done noble work among their neighbors, and are an inspiration to those around them. Miss Hatch emphasized the importance of work among the Telugus and appealed for liberal giving, that more missionaries may be put in the field. During the evening special music was rendered by the choir, Miss Bessey and Mrs. Warren, and the Male Quartette. Collections amounted to \$14.83 and will be entirely devoted to missions, as our expenses are met by a special contribution from the Circles for that purpose. This contribution amounted to \$11; paid for expenses, \$7. The remaining four will go in with our regular collection to our Home and Foreign Mission treasurers, making a total of \$18.83. The same officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. L. Hill, Guelph; Director, Miss Warren, Acton; Assistant Director, Miss A. M. Evans, Guelph.

ALICE M. EVANS, *Asst. Director*.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON.—The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands of Niagara and Hamilton Association, were held in the church at Port Colborne, in the afternoon and evening of June 2nd. Mrs. Mullock, the Director, being unable to be present, Mrs. Hewson, of St. Catharines, occupied the chair. Mrs. Turnbull, President of Port Colborne Circle, read the Scripture and spoke of the self-sacrifice that should characterize us in our lives and gifts. Two sisters led in earnest prayer. Mrs. D. M. Walker was elected Associational Secretary for the day.

The Director's report urged to more faithful and earnest work. The amount raised by Circles and Bands for Missions was \$465.61. The address of welcome was given by Miss Cross, of Port Colborne, and the response by Mrs. Hendry, of Hamilton. Reports were received from fourteen Circles and eleven Bands. Two papers of exceptional interest and merit were read. One by Mrs. Ross of St. Catharines, on "Methods of Conducting Circle Work to Insure Success." The other by Mrs. Rogers, also of St. Catharines, on "Band Work." Mrs. Mullock's description of Grande Ligne, her visit to the Institution and "Our Share in its Work," was read by the Secretary. We were glad to have Mrs. Wells with us to tell us of Moulton College, of its Mission Circle and of the deep interest most of the students had in Missions. It was regretted that Mrs. Mullock was not able to be present, or to resume the duties of Director. We are sure, however, that in Mrs. J. H. Hendry, of Hamilton, we will have an earnest and faithful successor. Mrs. W. H. Hewson, of St. Catharines, was elected President.

In the evening we had a full and interesting program. Mrs. Wells, by request, spoke briefly on