

At eight o'clock Mrs. Barker opened the meeting by announcing the hymn "*Work for the night is coming.*" Mrs. W. K. Anderson, of Lindsay, was then asked to lead in prayer. After singing "*Rescue the perishing,*" the above annual report was read by A. L. Dryden.

Miss Anderson, of Lindsay, read a very interesting paper, entitled "The opening up of the Congo." The choir then favored the audience with an appropriate selection. A paper on "Mission Bands," which had been prepared by Miss Aldridge, of Peterboro', was read by Miss Dale, of Pickering. Annie L. Dryden then sang, "*Only Remembered.*" Mrs. Barker then read a short paper on "Reasons why women should take part in Mission Work."

This completed the programme for the evening. As Rev. Alex. Grant was with us, he was called to the platform to sing "*The Handwriting on the Wall.*" The moderator was then asked to come to the platform and dismiss the meeting.

ANNIE L. DRYDEN,

Secretary pro tem.

UNION MEETING OF THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION CIRCLES, OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD, JUNE 12TH. 1888.

This meeting was held under the auspices of the East Ward Baptist Church, the President of the Circle, Mrs. Hazelton, in the chair. The exercises opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, followed by a brief address of welcome to the delegates of sister circles, by the President; after which the following programme was successfully carried out: Reading of a paper on "Missions," Miss Morton; rendering of a poem, "God's Witnesses," Miss Crawford; reading of a poem, "The Voice of Thy Brother's Blood," Mrs. Gardner; singing, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Murray, and Miss Barwell; an address on Romanism and connected topics, Miss Walsh; recitation, Miss Agatha Farley; a short address, Mrs. J. C. Yule; solo, Mrs. Harrison; a paper, Miss Carey, followed by the concluding hymn, and the benediction by the Pastor. At the close of the exercises the meeting adjourned for tea; and after a bountiful repast provided by the ladies of the East Ward Church, and partaken of by nearly a hundred persons, including several ministers, the large company dispersed, having enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable season together.

Report of Associations.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Mission Circles of the Western Association met on Tuesday, May 29th, at 3 p.m. An encouraging number of delegates and visitors were present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Mellish, President of the Chatham Circle. After words of welcome were given by Mrs. Mellish, the reports from the Circles were read, of which the following is the substance:—12 Circles and 4 Bands carrying on regular work, the Circles having a membership of 144. Amount collected for Home Missions, \$102.33; for Foreign Missions, \$92.70; total, \$195.03. Mrs. A. R. McMaster, of Toronto, then addressed the meeting, giving many interesting facts regarding the Home Mission work that is being undertaken by the Women's Mission Society. This address was followed by a few words from Rev. A. Grant, regarding the purpose and work of the Circles. Miss A. S. Ballard, of Essex Centre, was appointed Director for the coming year; and Mrs. Watterworth, of Ridgetown, presiding officer for the next annual meeting.

A. S. BALLARD, *Director.*

WOODSTOCK ASSOCIATION.—The Meeting of Circles, held at Springfield, June 6th, 1888, was called at 2.30 p.m.; Mrs. Cohoe in the chair. After spending some time in devotional exercises, Miss Monk gave an address of welcome, to which Mrs. McLaurin replied. Mrs. McLaurin then gave a very full and interesting address on "The Beginnings of our Mission Work in India." Reports of Circles followed, which were, on the whole, very encouraging indeed. Eighteen churches in the Association were called for and responded; four have no Circles, and two no report given. Amount of money collected by the twelve Circles:

Foreign Mission	\$246 38
Home "	125 07
3 Mission Bands reported	04 45
Total	\$435 90

Mrs. McMaster followed, and spoke hopefully of the work of our Association. Her address on Home Missions was very forceful and full of stimulus. Grande Ligne work was spoken of with much feeling, and its present need urged upon the Circles. A few words on Mission Bands were also given by Mrs. McMaster. The Nominating Committee reported, and the officers elected were:—Miss Annie E. Hatch, Director; Mrs. Coutts, Presiding Officer for the coming year. We had the pleasure of meeting with Miss Simpson, our missionary-elect for India, and of hearing a few words from her. After singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," we adjourned, to meet next year in Beachville.

ANNIE E. HATCH, *Rec. Sec.*

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual meeting of the Elgin Association of Mission Circles met with the Dorchester church on May 31st. A goodly number of delegates were present; reports gave evidence of increased interest throughout all the Circles during the past year. Two Circles and two Bands have been organized, a Foreign Circle at the Berean church, and a Union Circle at the Jubilee church; a Mission Band in connection with 1st Houghton, and one at the Bayham church. There are now in the Association two Home Mission Circles, four Foreign, six Union, and four Mission Bands. There was raised this year for Home Missions, \$186.60; for Foreign Missions, \$315.02; making a total of \$502.22, an increase from last year of \$102.80. The meeting was a very profitable one. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was an address from Mrs. A. R. McMaster, our Home Mission President, also one on the Grande Ligne Mission by the Rev. A. H. Munro, of St. Thomas. The meeting was continued in the evening, when addresses were delivered on the home and foreign work, the former by Rev. Alex. Grant, the latter by Rev. Jas. Grant, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, whom we now listened to for the first time, feeling assured that the Society has the right man in the right place. The Misses Munro and Coats, of St. Thomas, favored us with appropriate music. Papers on Mission work were read by Mrs. Sowerby and Mrs. Welter. Many of those present felt inspired with the desire to do better and more faithful work during the coming year.

E. WELTER, *Director.*

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the re-arranging of Associational bonds, and the fact that the Director appointed last year for this district has moved far away, the Circles had no Associational organization. But a meeting had been called for Friday afternoon, June 15th, when they had the use of the Disciples church. The number in attendance was small; but a few of them manifested an interest which encourages the hope that another year may see progress made in the mission work. The time was nearly all taken up by general conversation regarding the practical carrying on of Circle work. Mrs. D. McNeil was appointed Director for the coming year.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday, June 14th, at 2.30 p.m., the Women's Mission Circle connected