

this branch. Mrs. Booker read a paper on Foreign Mission work. She dwelt principally upon the extreme sacrifice of the workers in India, and the loud call their example is to us. The address was exceedingly impressive. Mrs. Wittet, of Thorold, read a paper delineating the customs and religion of the Hindoo, that was calculated to impress any sympathetic listener with the idea of the sad, mental and spiritual condition of the people of India. A letter from Rebecca, a Bible woman supported by the Dundas Circle, was read by Mrs. Hallam. A paper by Mrs. Phillimore, of Pt. Dalhousie, dwelt upon the duty of greater economy in our expenditure of time, strength, and money, that we might have more with which to send the gospel to the heathen. Mrs. Murdock, of St. Catharines, gave an address on Grande Ligne and its work. She showed how the power of Rome has increased in Quebec. The sad facts recounted may have been new to some present, but they are all too true, and may be fully realized by our children. They are already familiar to those who are acquainted with Lower Canada, in its ignorance and degradation. Miss Priest, of St. Catharines, gave a paper on Mission Bands, which was thoughtful and suggestive. Mrs. McMaster then spoke on Home Mission work. It was late, but the speaker wanted to say all she had to say, and asked for patience on the part of the audience. Marked attention was given while the speaker glanced at Home, engaging the attention of our Women's Society. Special mention was made of the Colporteur work in Parry Sound, Calgary, Moosomin, and Sault St. Marie. These are particularly deserving of aid because of their efforts to help themselves. They will soon become self sustaining if assistance is given them in time. Grande Ligne, as a branch of this work, was alluded to, five pupils being supported in the school. Indian work was referred to, and the statement made that other denominations, after years of trial of sending missionaries to the reserves, were abandoning that method, and turning their attention to training the children in schools of the reserves. The work of other denominations in this or other lines does not lessen the responsibility of Baptists. Nor does what men are doing excuse women from work. People naturally seek the bad, but the good and true must be taken to them.

WALKERTON.—The second Associational meeting of the Circles and Bands of this Association was held with the Baptist church in Tiverton, on 12th and 13th June, 1899. There was a large attendance at our platform meeting on the evening of the 12th, and the interest was kept up until the late hour of 11.30. Mrs. G. C. Rock, of Glanville, presided; Mrs. Cameron, of Tiverton, led devotional exercises; Mrs. J. McLaurin (returned missionary) gave an interesting address on the Telugu Mission; Mrs. Dudson, of Woodstock, gave an address on Mission Band work, and also presented the claims of the Home Mission field.

Delegates from seven of our Circles gave readings, recitations and singing.

Misses Stovel and Hatch, missionaries in India, sent letters to this meeting, which were read by delegates.

The Tiverton Baptist choir added much to the interest of this evening.

Members of the Tiverton Mission Band rendered the programme belonging to the M.B. part of the meeting in a grand style.

The Director gave a report of our year's work, showing that we have 14 Circles, all doing both Home and Foreign work, with a membership of 197. There are 103 copies of the MISSIONARY LINK taken.

Our 14 Circles have sent to Home Treasurer, \$118.48; Foreign, \$185.93; Total, \$308.41. One of our Circles did not send anything to Home Treasurer, but kept their Home Mission money to help their own church. We have four Mission Bands with a membership of 129. They gave to Home Missions, \$7.27; Foreign, \$36.62; Other objects, \$5; Total, \$48.90. Total from Circles and Bands, \$367.30. Two of our fourteen Circles and three of our four Bands were organized during the year just closed.

A collection of \$11.13 was taken up.

Meeting closed with the benediction.

The next afternoon the sisters met in the Methodist church for a business meeting. Mrs. P. Dack, of Listowel, led a short prayer meeting, after which Mrs. Rock opened and conducted our business meeting. A motion was carried that the money derived from the collections at our annual meetings be used to defray Associational expenses. Mrs. D. Dack, Listowel was elected to preside at next annual meeting. Annie V. Braden, of Teeswater, to be Director for the year. Reports were given by the Circles. Very interesting was the time spent in listening to Mrs. McLaurin answering questions on Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Dudson on Home Missions and Mission Bands. Reports were given by the Bands, and our meeting closed with benediction. It being late we had to close in a hurry.

ANNIE V. BRADEN.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual meeting of the Circles in this Association, was held in Claremont, on Wednesday, June 10th, at 3.30 p.m. In the absence of our Director, Mrs. R. Richardson, of Whitby, kindly consented to occupy the chair. Opening exercises consisted of singing "To the work," reading the 90th Psalm, and prayer. In this Association of twenty-two churches, there are nine Circles. Eight of these were represented by delegates who read very encouraging reports. Delegates from churches without Circles were also present and expressed a desire to organize. Mrs. McEwen and Mrs. Say, of Port Perry sang, "Walk in the light." Mrs. Hapgood, a Presbyterian sister spoke words of cheer and encouragement. Mrs. McMaster then addressed the meeting on Home Missions, telling of the colporteur work done in Parry Sound, Sault St. Marie, Moosomin and Calgary. The Grand Ligne Missions were also brought before the minds of the sisters, as a part of our home work. Among other things, Mrs. McMaster urged very strongly that the children be instructed and interested in mission work.

There are only three Bands but they are doing good work. These are in Claremont, Whitby and Lindsay. From the general report it was found that \$27.87 had been collected for Foreign Missions; \$11.13 for Home Missions; \$37.25 for Grand Ligne, and \$89.75 for Bands. This is over \$40 in advance of last year. Miss A. E. Dryden was elected Director for the coming year. A collection of \$7.06 was taken and given to the Claremont Circle to be divided between home and foreign missions. At the close of the meeting Mr. Tracy came with words of greeting, encouragement and good wishes from the gentlemen who were then assembled in the body of the church.

A. E. DRYDEN.

WOODSTOCK ASSOCIATION.—The Circles of the Woodstock Association held a delightful and profitable meeting at Beachville, on June 5th, Mrs. Coultas presiding. Mrs. Brown gave a hearty welcome to delegates and visitors. A few items of business received attention. Miss A. Hatch was re-appointed director. As the next meeting will be held in Scotland, Mrs. Hastings was appointed presiding officer. Reports were read from the Circles and Mission Bands. From the Director's report it was learned that some new Circles had been formed within the year, and others re-organized. After a solo by Mr. Coultas, Mrs. McMaster gave a talk on Home Missions, urging strongly the necessity of hard work—personal work, in our Circles. The novelty of "woman's work" has now worn off; but the necessity for it increases, and so must our resources. We who are interested must take a deeper interest in interesting others. We must go forward, or we will go back. Circles are asked not to keep money on hand, but forward regularly, at the beginning of each quarter; that for Home to Mrs. A. B. Alexander, 28 Doyercourt Road, Toronto; that for Foreign to Mrs. J. L. Elliott, 231 Wellesley St., Toronto. We were told of the various missions fields receiving assistance from the Women's Society of Grande Ligne, and of the Indian work, and