

Hamilton has fallen off in its contributions.

Middlesex and Lambton sends a report conflicting greatly with that given by the treasurer.

Niagara reports two fewer Circles, but a slight increase over last year's report in money raised.

Norfolk reports one new Circle.

Northern Association gives an encouraging report of its work.

Owen Sound sends no report.

Peterborough sends a very encouraging report.

Toronto Association has made some advance this year.

Walkerton reports some decrease in its work.

Western Association has two new Circles and two new Bands.

Whitby and Lindsay Association reports no new Bands nor Circles.

Woodstock has some decrease on last year's work.

After the reports from the Associations, the Recording Secretary's report was presented.

The secretary emphasized the importance of the Thank-offering meetings, which, in some measure, take the place of the Convention formerly held in October. The means of the Board have been so restricted that the progress of the work is stayed.

The Treasurer's report followed, showing that this year has had the smallest receipts since 1891. There is almost nothing on hand, and the outlay this year has far exceeded the income, accordingly the work must be cut down.

THE LINK reported 4,600 subscribers.

The Bureau report was very cheering. The demand for missionary literature has been much greater this year than ever before. The reports of Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, THE LINK, and the Bureau, were then adopted.

Another verse of "Far, far away in Heathen Darkness," was sung, then Mrs. Laidlaw, of Sparta, gave an excellent paper on "Prayer." Mrs. Laidlaw emphasized that God looks upon the heart, in prayer, not upon the words. "Specific prayer is signally blest. Prayer must accord with God's will, and be made in faith and humble submission to God. Prayer is, moreover, the preparation for triumph. In Ephesians vi. we find how to pray: though prayer is far-reaching it must be like a wheel whose hub is the will of God."

A motion was passed that Mrs. Laidlaw's paper be published in THE LINK, that we might all enjoy it more fully.

The nominating committee was then appointed: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Oline, Mrs. Welter, to act with Miss Buchan.

After prayer by the President the meeting adjourned until the afternoon session.

MAY 20TH--WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," and prayer by Mrs. Peer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. Then followed the report of the Nominating Committee; the officers of the new Board were appointed as suggested by this committee.

Miss Buchan then read Miss Clemesha's report of the "Prayer Union." 104 names have been added during the past year.

Miss Buchan declared this "Prayer Union" to be the very backbone of our work. This report was adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was next given; though we are discouraged by the falling off in our contributions, the work in India is being greatly blessed. Our missionaries have been restored to health, and the interest of the people of India is greatly increasing.

People are anxious to hear the Gospel and to be taught about the Bible. Cheering reports come from every department of our work, education, zenana work, visiting, touring, everything. Everywhere people are willing and eager to receive the Gospel of hope. Then let us enter this field which is white already to the harvest.

After the adoption of the report we were favored by a vocal solo, "I think when I read the Sweet Story of Old."

Miss Rogers then gave an address on the "Condition of the Women of India." "The needs of the women and children of India are greatest. The girls are hated and despised, they receive very little education, are married when mere babies, and live wretched lives. The misery of a Brahmin woman is quite beyond our conception. Although the women are so low and degraded, they have a great influence, and can hinder their husbands from becoming Christians. Their degradation keeps down the men. The women think they have no souls. Only the Gospel of Christ can lift them from this forlorn, hopeless condition. We should then feel our responsibility, and work and pray for Hindu women."

Miss Rogers' address was followed by several five minute talks, by Mrs. W. J. Robertson on "The Woman's Society"; by Miss F. M. Iler, on "Contrast of our Position"; by Miss Hendry, on "Our Responsibility"; and by Mrs. Emerson, on the subject, "Am I my Sister's Keeper?"

A collection was then taken in aid of Foreign Missions. Then, after the singing of "Work, for the night is coming," Miss Fisher, of Paisley, gave a paper on "Mission Bands." There are many difficulties in this work. It is especially difficult, and especially important that we have good well-trained readers. If the children are properly trained when young, they will be good mission workers and givers when they grow older.

The great question of the workers is, "How shall we interest the people?" The secret of interest is knowledge. So, "Mission Bands, by instructing the young, will solve the problem of interesting the people in missions."