

also sent \$18 to help support a missionary in Africa.

Peterborough Association reports that a Circle has been recently reorganized at Picton. We wish the new Circle every success. We welcome Miss Nicholls to the Directorate, but Peterborough Association will long remember the faithful services of Miss Annie Walton. Gilmour Church sent a bale of clothing to the needy.

Mrs. Ryley, of Lindsay, reports the Circles under her care in a fairly healthy condition. She says: "Of course, it's the same old story, small meetings, so many removals, etc., but there seems no help for it in our weak churches. She mentions Haliburton Circle—fourteen members of Circle, with only twelve women in church. Most of us would be satisfied if we had as many women in the Circle as we have in the church, but they belong to the honorable few who have exceeded this. Let us aim high next year.

Guelph Association, under the enthusiastic young Director, Miss Dayfoot, reports two of the youngest Circles as doing splendidly, away ahead of her most sanguine expectations. Change, sickness and church difficulties are among the drawbacks, but many of the Circles are in a good healthy condition. One Circle that has not been holding meetings, has started again and promises to "pay up." Two German churches came into the Association on condition that their Mission offerings should be sent to the German Board of the U.S.A. Some sister who is gifted in this language will perhaps persuade them in time to come in with us in our work for women and children in India.

Norfolk has encouragements and discouragements. Some of the churches are small and the work is kept up with difficulty. Mrs. Davis says: "There is reason for encouragement, for there is deep interest in some of the Circles." No report came from some of her Circles although urged to send one in. Some failed for the first time. Let us hope and pray that they may soon rally.

Mrs. Mulock reports that quite an impetus has been given to their work by the young women forming themselves into Circles. This she has long advocated and it is gratifying to see the fruitage of her labors. This is one of

our largest Associations and great things have been done in it for several years past. We hope it will long be under our sister's care. It would be hard to find one who has the work as much at heart.

Mrs. J. G. Taylor, who takes the place of Mrs. Campbell, comes to the work untried as it is, with a spirit of willingness to do all she can to further the interests of her Master. Her report was among the first to arrive. May the spirit and zeal of the former Director be given to her successor.

Little Elgin Association has cheered the heart of Mrs. Rinch by increasing its gifts to Foreign Missions. When the emergency call reached them they were able to say: "We have done all we can this year." Can the rest of us say that?

Walkerton report was not so complete as it might be, owing to some of the largest churches failing to report to Miss Stovel. There may be some good reason for this, but we hope as soon as a Director sends out the blanks, a great effort will be made to have them returned properly filled out.

Owen Sound returned a very full, clear report, and there was only one church missing.

Good work has been done this year in Toronto Association. New Circles have been formed and others are asking for constitutions and any information they can get, so that they too may have a Circle in their church. Mrs. Scott is ably assisted by Mrs. Urquhart in the formation of these gatherings, that mean so much for our women at home, as well as abroad. Thirty-six Circles are reported in Toronto Association this year. Last in this report, but not the least by any means.

"Every woman in the church a member of the Circle" was our motto last year. Let it be the same this, and let us not be satisfied till we get them in and give them something to do.

"Go, labor on while it is day:

The world's dark night is hastening on; Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away, It is not thus that souls are won."

Respectfully submitted,

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