

returns from 54 Bands out of the 92 at present organized, and you will readily see that the 38 Bands not heard from, would materially alter the report now presented.

I have not had time to do the work which I see continually opening up. My convictions are, that if some one who had comparative leisure, or who would assume the burden of voluminous correspondence were appointed to this work, indefinitely larger results would be obtained. It would be very helpful to the work also, if the one appointed could by personal visitation take part in the organization of new Bands.

The reports received tell of increased interest in the work. Some of those who have not reported, I know to be in a flourishing condition.

Fifteen Bands have been organized during the year, seven less than last year, but an increase over previous years.

The amount raised for Foreign Missions having been reported by Mrs. Elliott, we will not give the financial statement in detail. The whole amount reported is \$1004.92. The Banner Bands are as follows:

Brant Association, St. George; Elgin Association, Aylmer; Midland Counties Association, Brampton; Middlesex and Lambton Association, Petrolia; Niagara Association, Hamilton, James St.; Walkerton Association, Tecumseh; Western Association, Leamington; Whitby and Lindsay Association, Whitby; Toronto Association, Emmanuel, Toronto.

J. E. DADSON.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.—In this Association there are 23 churches, six of these are German. We have 14 Circles, all but one doing both Home and Foreign work, Galt does Foreign work only. Two Circles were organized during the year, Galt in June and Orangeville in July. Last year Edmonton sent no money to the treasurers, this year they have been at work again. Erin Circle although meeting regularly this year have sent nothing to the treasurers, as they have used their contributions at home (this is not the purpose for which a Circle is organized). They hope in future to contribute their funds to Home and Foreign Missions. A Band was organized at St. Mary's, a year ago, they raised \$17.00 which is still in the hands of their treasurer, although included in our report. Acton Band has not been heard from, so we have just the number of Bands we had last year, namely, eight. Circles have raised for Foreign Missions \$177.00, a slight increase on last year's amount; for Home Missions \$127.90, \$40 less than last year's amount. Bands have raised \$84.50, \$39.50 more than last year. Total amount raised \$388.50.

The number of women in churches, 598; number contributors to Foreign Missions, 241; to Home, 182; number of Links taken, 166. With these figures before us we do not need to ask ourselves if there is room to extend our work? Is there need to extend it? Need! when millions of souls are in darkness that we cannot conceive, and when our own souls are starving because of our little service for, and our little faith in God.

MAGGIE McKECHNIE.

News from Circles.

WILKESPORT.—The members of our Circle have taken more interest in the work of missions, this year than before. The average attendance has been much better than last year. Our present membership is sixteen. In the year just past we have sent to Home Missions, \$19.00; Foreign Missions, \$19.00; and Grande Ligne, \$1.00, making a total \$39.00. Our Annual Public Meeting was given on July 8th, we had a large attendance. Our pro-

gramme consisted of missionary readings, recitations, and missionary music. Rev. C. C. McLaurin of Sarnia, was present, and all were well pleased with his address. The collection at the close amounted to \$7.15. We have secured several new subscriptions for the LINK, and we earnestly pray that all the women of our church will realize more fully how responsible we are for the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

MARY R. B. SELMAN, Sec.

The President of the Summerville Society, Hants Co., writes, that their meetings are well attended and one of the members who had moved to the States, enclosed her dollar the other day, asking that her name be still kept on the books. The President adds, "How much more I know of this work myself, since I joined the Aid Society."

CHELTENHAM.—In the year just closed, we have raised \$35.00 for Foreign Missions and \$11.00 for Home; \$10 of the amount raised for Foreign, was the collection at a meeting held last March, at which Mr. McLaurin spoke. We have 28 contributors to Foreign Missions and 10 contributors to Home. As we have 60 women in our church, we ought to have more contributors. Here we demonstrate the assertion that a Circle can be sustained and meetings held regularly, even if the members are scattered. Not more than 13 ever come to the meeting, while our average attendance is eight or nine. Five of the 13 live four miles from the church, four of the 13 live two miles away, while the remaining four live half a mile. Our meetings are profitable. It is not unusual for our sisters to walk four miles or three miles to the meeting.

PHILIPPSVILLE, ONT.—We would like our sisters to know how the Lord has blessed us as a Circle at Philippsville. Our interest in the work as well as our membership has increased since we wrote you before. We now number forty-three, including the little girls. We have raised since our public meeting last fall, \$92.00, this includes \$10, the collection at our meeting this fall, November 7th which was considered a success. An interesting programme of music, recitations, readings and addresses was carried out. Rev. D. D. Munroe, of Athens, gave us an excellent address. Mrs. Purvis (one of our members), a very interesting paper on Grande Ligne.

Last Christmas we sent a box of useful articles to Grand Ligne, valued at seventeen dollars, and intend sending something again this year. We feel greatly encouraged in our work, our souls have been greatly blessed. We mourn that we did not begin long ago, to work for our Master in this way. We have experienced the truth of His own word, that He is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think. Yours in the work.

H. W., Cor. Sec.

New Circles.

A Society was formed in October, at Round Hill, Annapolis County, N.S., with twenty members.

A MISSION BAND has been started in Sidney, Cape Breton. Miss Gertrude Armstrong, Sec. We hope soon to have news of them, as they are hard at work.

ANNAPOLIS.—On the 20th of September our Missionary, Mr. Higgins, held a meeting in Annapolis. Some of the earnest ones had been looking forward to, and praying for this meeting. They had arranged a programme,