

some on hand for Grande Ligne, and sent a box of Xmas gifts to India. Some recitations and singing was given by the children. Collection \$1.84. M. E. N.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.—The reports of these meetings, having reached us too late for the July number, we can only give a brief account of each.

Northern Association—Meeting June 24th. Miss Taylor of Collingwood, presided. Miss Frith and Mrs. Wells gave addresses. Only two Circles out of five were represented. Mrs. Curry, of Orillia, was appointed President, and Miss V. M. Taylor, of Collingwood, Director.

We are told that Miss Taylor has gone to work with great earnestness, and has already organized several Bands and Circles.

Owen Sound—Meeting held at Durham, June 19th. Mrs. Eberle, of Owen Sound, presided. Miss Frith, Mrs. Baker and Miss Buchan addressed the meeting.

There are only four Circles in the Association, but there is hope that several more will soon be formed.

Amount raised during the year, \$186.91.

Mrs. H. G. Fraser, Owen Sound, was appointed Director.

Peterboro and Bellefleur—Meeting held in Norwood on Thursday, June 10th. Mrs. Peor, of Norwood, presided. Mrs. Peor, Mrs. Gilmore, and Rev. Mr. McLeod, missionary elect for India, made addresses. A paper, written by Mrs. Tracy, of Belleville, was read. Miss Roberts read a paper. Mrs. Little, of Toronto, gave an address the evening before.

This report showed that there are 14 Circles and six Bands. Amount raised during the year for Foreign Missions \$250.49; Home Missions, \$118.69; Grande Ligne, \$5.83. Raised by Bands, \$153.12. Mrs. Peor was appointed Director.

New Circles.

NORTH OYUGA.—Home and Foreign Circle organized. President, Mrs. H. C. Barnes; Secretary, Miss A. Barnes; Treasurer, Miss Martha Strut, 10 members.

THOROLD.—Circle organized. President, Mrs. W. J. Robertson; Secretary, Mrs. Mathews; Treasurer, Mrs. Wandless, 8 members.

GUELPH CIRCLE.—Organized in the Second Baptist Church, September 11th. Officers—President, Mrs. W. R. Ennis; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. T. Couch.

BURTON.—Band organized September 18th; the name, "Choorful Workers." Officers: Pres., Miss King; Sec., Miss Annie Burtch; Treas., Miss Elsie Burtch.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Rose-Bugs and Missionary Jugs.

Give a small boy one cent for each bug he can catch on your rose-bushes, and they will soon be removed," Miss Hannah Kester read aloud from "Answers to Correspondents" in the morning paper. "Humph! that's all very well," she commented; "but where am I to get the small boy?"

"Boys are plenty enough," said her cousin, Mrs. Swayne, looking up from her embroidery. "There's one now," she added, as a dirty youngster came along, who, after flinging a stone at inoffensive Ponté on the veranda steps, put two fingers in his mouth and gave a most ear-piercing whistle, followed by a savage yell of "Hello, Jim!" to a comrade about two squares off.

"No, I thank you!" said Miss Hannah, emphatically; "I don't want any of that sort in my garden: I'd rather break my back and get a headache every day, picking the bugs off, than have any such vandals about."

That afternoon Miss Nettie Myers called to return a borrowed magazine, and after chatting a few minutes, rose to go:

"Don't hasten. Do sit a while," urged Miss Hannah.

"Thank you, but I cannot possibly stay any longer, for I'm on my way to my mission band, which meets at five o'clock."

"What kind of boys have you in that band?" asked Miss Hannah abruptly.

"What kind? Oh, all kinds—big and little, rich and poor, quiet and noisy."

"How do they get their missionary money?" was the next question.

"They either save it out of what is given them, or earn it, generally the latter, though sometimes they are rather 'put to' to find employment suited to their time and strength."

"Would they pick bugs of my rose-bushes if a body would give them—say a cent for every five bugs?—A cent for each one is too much."

"Why, I dare say they would."

"But I don't want them if they're the kind of boys who would trample down the plants, dig their heels into the gravel-walks, eat up the cherries and currants, or throw stones at poor Ponté."

"Oh, I'm sure my boys wouldn't do any of those things," replied Miss Nettie warmly.

"Well, I thought boys who were sensible enough to belong to a mission band would be better behaved. That's the reason I asked you about them."

"She won't have her rose-bugs picked off by any but good, gentlemanly boys," said Mrs. Swayne laughing.

"I'll speak to the boys about it," said Miss Nettie.

The result was, that very evening she brought two boys who professed their willingness to attack the bugs. A satisfactory bargain was made, and the next day being Saturday, work began. It wasn't easy. The sun was hot, the bushes were thorny, the kneeling and stooping positions were tiresome, but the boys remembered the cause they were working for and persevered.

Miss Hannah not only paid them liberally, but recommended them to certain of her neighbors, who were likewise pestered with rose-bugs. In fact several members of the band found employment in this way, both to the benefit of the roses and to missions. After the supply of bugs was exhausted for that season, many other things in those little gardens were found for the boys to do. Weeds would grow in the gravel and brick-paved walks, and in the grass-plots. Boys who conscientiously dug them out, roots and all—not merely pulling the tops off—were well paid, and missionary jugs grew quite heavy that summer.

Have any other suburban mission bands thought of rose-bugs and weeds?—*The Presbyterian.*

Two Women.

Yung Tse is a young woman of twenty years, who lives in the city of Fuchow. She has been married three years, and has a little son. In a cabinet behind her kitchen door is a gaudily-painted paper figuré representing a god. Yung is very poor, and works hard, but she always has time to kneel before this absurd deity, and never fails to burn incense and candles before him night and morning. Her husband and child may be hungry,