

A LITTLE SACRED SPOT OF LONELINESS.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

Niagara and Hamilton.—The Circles and Bands of this Association met in Port Colborne on June 2nd. Mr. Turnbull, of Port Colborne, assisted by Mrs. Widdicombe, of Welland, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Spencer gave the delegates a hearty welcome to the church and homes of Port Colborne Baptists, to which the President, Mrs. W. H. Cline, of Hamilton, aptly responded, saying the perfection of arrangements and hospitable welcome in the homes had already told us what Mrs. Spencer so kindly expressed.

As the Circles and Bands responded to the roll call, many helpful suggestions were given, and all entered heartily into the discussion which followed, led by the President, on "Ways and means of improvement in all missionary work." Mission Study Books, Missionary Anniversaries, Special Prayer Meetings, Missionary At-Homes, and Missionary Bulletin Boards. "How to turn time and effort into money" was also considered, Missionary Concert, Star Cards, a mile of coppers, and other suggestions were freely discussed.

The Director's report showed a slight increase in the gifts of the Circles, but a decided falling off in the Bands. A more spiritual, prayerful, missionary zeal pervaded the reports, and marked a year of progress.

Mrs. Wm. Raithby, of Dunnville, conducted a very helpful prayer service, followed by a sweetly rendered solo by Miss Pearl Roek, of Port Colborne.

Miss Freeland, of Toronto, gave a well planned and splendidly delivered address in the interests of Band leaders. We must ourselves be interested,—we must have a decided interest in children,—we must possess all the missionary knowledge we possibly can,—we must plan to interest the children in such knowledge, prayer and hard work must ever be emphasized.

"Some factors that help in the religious education of our women," by Mrs. Huddleston, of St. Catharines, brought out some thoughtful points why women

should train themselves for the best work in the Master's Kingdom. The help gained by attendance at Moulton College, the careful reading of the Canadian Baptist and of our LINK and Visitor, were especially referred to. Master Clark Mackie represented Port Colborne Band by a recitation.

The addresses in the evening by Mrs. Holman on Home Missions, and Mrs. Firstbrook, on Foreign Missions, were especially instructive and inspiring, and closed a successful annual meeting.

Mrs. O. C. Grey, of Niagara Falls, very ably assisted as Secretary for the day.

MRS. J. H. HENDRY, Director.

Walkerton.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Walkerton Association met with the church at Goderich, June 2nd, 1914.

A business meeting of delegates was opened at 10 a.m. In response to the Roll, encouraging reports were received from eleven Circles and five Bands, a new Circle at Kenilworth being among the number. The Directors' report stated that \$401.93 had been raised for Missions. Mrs. Moor, of Toronto, gave a helpful talk in the interests of the LINK and Visitor. The afternoon session opened at 2:00 o'clock with a prayer and praise service, conducted by the President. Mrs. J. H. Marshall, on behalf of the Goderich ladies, welcomed the delegates.

"Home Missions" was presented by Mrs. G. C. Roek, of Walkerton, and "Foreign Missions" by Mrs. J. G. Brown, of Toronto. Both were interesting and helpful addresses and much enjoyed by all present. Solos from Mrs. Dingman and Miss Effie Cook were also much appreciated. The newly appointed officers are: President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Mount Forest; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Marshall, Goderich; Director, Miss Ruby Stovel, Mt. Forest; Assistant Director, Miss Edna McKechnie, Walkerton.

R. M. STOVEL, Director.

Guelph.—The Women's meetings of the Guelph Association were held in the Baptist Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, June 9th, 1914. The morning session was devoted to the business of the Association.