

Eastern.—On Tuesday, June 11th, the annual meeting of the Circles and Bands, was held at North Hatley. The beauty of the surrounding country with its lake nestling amid the green hills, filled our hearts with much thankfulness and praise, for truly our Association had met this year in one of God's fairest spots.

In the absence of the President, Miss Chandler presided very helpfully during both sessions. The devotional service was led by Mrs. McKenzie, of Coaticook, and many prayers were offered in behalf of the work. Miss Bryant very appropriately and warmly welcomed the delegates, and this was ably replied to by Mrs. G. A. Williams, of Sherbrooke. A paper was then read by Mrs. Kirkland, of Montreal, upon "How to interest uninterested women in missions." She emphasized the necessity of having an ideal president, an ideal secretary, and an ideal treasurer, and members so deeply interested in the work that they would be on the alert to win new members to their Circles. This was followed by a discussion in which many helpful things were brought before the delegates. Our Director, Mrs. Pollock, then gave her report of the Circles and Bands. She stated that during the past year \$1,434.39 had been raised for missions, and while much progress has been made by many of the Circles, some have fallen below the standard, and in view of this, she urged the Circles to make greater efforts during the coming year. Mrs. Ramsay, of Westmount, gave a paper on Band work, which was full of helpful suggestions and inspiration to those who are interested in the organizing and conducting of mission bands.

Mrs. Manderson then rendered a solo, which was listened to with much delight.

The matter of raising a memorial fund to the late Mrs. Claxton, was introduced by the acting president, and a committee was appointed to form a resolution. The meeting then adjourned with singing and prayer by the Rev. G. A. Williams.

The evening session opened with a song service, conducted by Mr. Dick, and prayer by Rev. E. J. Stobo. The following resolution was introduced and passed by the delegates: "At a meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, of Eastern Ontario and

Quebec, held March 8th, it was unanimously resolved that a fitting memorial be raised in honor of our late beloved president, Mrs. T. James Claxton, who held office for nearly thirty years, and was called to higher service January 26th, 1911; therefore be it resolved: That it is a recommendation from this annual meeting to all the Circles and Bands, that we unite with the Women's Foreign Missionary Board in carrying out the purpose of this memorial, and ask your various Circles to secure pledges from the members in aid of this object. Further, as the time for securing pledges is limited, it is requested that the members of the Circles respond to this appeal liberally and promptly.

A report was then given of the Home Mission Board Work, and in the absence of the corresponding secretary, was read by Mrs. Manderson. The report showed that great progress has been made in our home field. The election of officers was as follows: President, Miss Chandler; Directress, Mrs. Pollock; Secretary, Miss C. A. Hopson.

Mr. and Mrs. Manderson rendered a delightful duet, which touched all our hearts.

We were very glad to have with us Miss Robertson, a returned missionary to India, whose presentation of the work, its needs, and its possibilities, aroused deep interest in the hearts of those present, and a great longing to assist in every way possible the work of the Master amid these foreign lands.

Caroline A. Hopson,
Secretary.

CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Walmer Road, Toronto.—The members of the King's Band closed their first term of work in June. On that evening the children were "At Home" to their parents and friends. The school-room of the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Miss Muriel Brown, in Hindu costume, occupied the chair. The programme was strictly missionary, the most interesting numbers being the reports, and an oral review on India conducted by Mrs. S. S. Bates. During the winter Mrs. Bates instructed the Band in a thorough and interesting study of India. At the close a written examination was held, at which a large number did creditably. The oral review at the close was a