

Hopewell, N. B., presided. After a season spent in prayer, interspersed with appropriate music, Miss L. Whitman on behalf of the Canso Society, gave an address of welcome to the stranger.

Mrs. J. F. Kempton responded in fitting words, and gave an interesting account of her experience in connection with the work of our Societies, throwing out many valuable hints.

Mrs. Gunn reported from the Society in Onslow, referring especially to the success which had attended the use of mite boxes.

Mrs. T. B. Layton gave a pleasing report from the Society in Great Village, and spoke cheering and encouraging words which were listened to with much interest.

An interesting feature in the exercises was the reading of the minutes of a meeting held in Canso Baptist church, June, 18th 1870, on which occasion the first W. M. A. S. in the province was formed, under the direction of Miss H. M. Norris, now Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. T. O. Cook, who had been present at the meeting, spoke feelingly of Mrs. Armstrong's early zeal in mission work, and of the discouragements which attended her setting out for India. In view of what our Societies have accomplished since then let us thank God and take courage.

Mrs. A. N. Whitman gave a sketch of the history of the Canso Society since its organization, followed by an excellent paper read by Miss Emma Cook on Mission Work in India.

After prayer by Mrs. D. A. Steele and Mrs. A. T. Dykeman, in which special reference was made to Mr. and Mrs. Churchill in their recent sorrow, the meeting closed. L. S. W.

To the Aid Societies in the Maritime Provinces.

Dear Sisters,—Many of you are aware that at our annual meeting in August, the constitution of our Union was so altered that we are now enabled to appropriate funds for Home, as well as Foreign Missions. An advisory committee was appointed to carry out that part relating to the Home Mission work, and no doubt we shall hear from them soon. But in the meantime let us not be idle, but when our contributions to the foreign work are sent in to the treasurer for the first quarter, let something be sent in for our home fields, if it is only five cents per member, from each Aid Society, yet send it in.

Dear Sisters, I am aware that this added contribution means added self-denial; but, He gave *His Life* for us. We do well to obey His last command, "Go ye into all the world"; but all the world implies Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island as well as India. Let the treasurer of each society, take this matter in hand at the November meeting, and let earnest prayer go with our offerings. A. E. J.

New Circles.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of Milton, Queen's Co., was reorganized on the 19th inst. The officers were elected as follows: *President*, Mrs. Newton Freeman; *1st Vice-President*, Mrs. J. W. Cook; *2nd Vice-President*, Mrs. Samuel Freeman; *Sec.-Treas.*, Mrs. D. W. Crandall. A Visiting Committee was appointed to visit every sister in the church in the interest of the society. It is

hoped that, by a personal canvass, every one may be reached, and interest aroused in our great Mission work.

MARY K. CRANDALL, Sec.

New society organized in September, in the African Baptist Church, Halifax, N. S., with fourteen members: *President*, Mrs. McCarra; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Louisa Bailey; *Secretary*, Miss Davis; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Cooper; *Auditor*, Rev. Mr. Jordan; *Committee*, Mrs. White, Miss Bush, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Bailey.

LONDON, Grosvenor St., Circle organized for Home and Foreign Missions. *President*, Mrs. W. M. Moore; *Vice-President*, Mrs. R. W. Sharpe; *Secretary*, Mrs. W. G. Rickert; *Treasurer* for Home Missions, Miss Ferguson; Foreign Missions, Mrs. Elliott Davis.

CLINTON Mission Band, organized June 13th, by Mr. R. Trotter, of Woodstock. Name, "Willing Workers"; motto, "In His name." *President*, Mrs. Wm. Smithson; *Vice-President*, Miss Brown; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Miss J. Reeve. Twelve members.

PETERBORO', Smith Church. Band organized June 28th, by Mrs. Peer, of Norwood (Officers—*President*, Miss Annie Watson; *Secretary*, Wallace Huff; *Treasurer*, Laura Mann. Organized with 10 members, increased now to 45.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The twelfth year has, like former years, shown steady growth. Fifteen new Circles have been formed, some old ones have grown stronger, while others have weakened, and, alas! a few died out, but we are thankful to say these last are very few. For the first time in our history, the contributions have not increased. On account of changes in some of the Associations and the slowness of a good many Circles in reporting to the Directors, it has been impossible to get correct statistical returns.

There are now thirteen Associational Societies. Steadfast work has been done by some of the Directors, others have only lately been appointed, so are new to the work. As our work on the Foreign field has greatly increased, we look to our Circles to support us in the coming year, even more abundantly than in the past. Last year we had one missionary in India, next year we shall have four.

It is with peculiar pleasure we report a Circle formed in the English church in Cocanada. Miss Hatch says, "This Circle had a good roll of membership the first meeting, and has increased it each month since."

At the time of our last annual meeting, we fully expected that Miss Hatch would soon have with her one to assist, and, when able, take her place in Zenona work in and around Cocanada; but Miss Alexander, who last October sailed from Boston in company with a number of American missionaries, wrote in December, resigning her connection with our Quebec and Ontario Societies, as she was about to become the wife of Rev. Mr. Drake, American missionary at Madras. She was married in the Cocanada chapel on January 17th, and left the same day for her new home, where we pray that she may be greatly blessed.