

of all over last year, \$105.90. Number of Circles, 17; number of Bands, 9. After a welcome was given to the delegates by Mrs. J. Dunn, a reply was given by Mrs. Tracy of Belleville. A welcome was given to sister societies by Mrs. Dickens of Brighton. Mrs. Peer was re-elected Director for the coming year. After the reading of Circles' letters, an animated discussion followed, led by Mrs. Tracy, Belleville. After the reading of a paper on Band Work, prepared by Miss Oldridge, of Peterboro', a lively discussion followed, led by Miss Gilmour, of Peterboro'. Much valued information was given, and we think much good will be accomplished by these discussions. The meeting was interspersed with a duet by the Misses Cross of Fenella, and a solo by Miss Cummings of Norwood. A sister was here introduced from the First church, Montreal. This closed the afternoon meeting.

Evening platform meeting at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Peer in the chair. After singing and Bible reading, Mrs. Chapman of the First church, Montreal, led in prayer. A condensed report of the work was given by the Director. A well prepared paper on Home Missions was read by Mrs. Hunter of Peterboro'. A beautiful duet, "Cast thy Bread upon the Waters," was sung by the Misses Cross, a very impressive paper on Prayer and Missions, prepared by Miss Hornbrook, of Cobourg, read by Miss Barker. A very interesting letter was read by Mrs. Tracy from Miss Shade of Boston, going to India under the American Board. She was formerly of Belleville. A very interesting paper was read on Foreign Missions by Mrs. Reddick of Port Hope. A solo by Miss Cummings; a recitation was beautifully rendered by Miss Jessie Squires of Cobourg, entitled "A Heathen Woman's Prayer." A duet by the Misses Barker of Smith. Collection taken, amounting to \$7. So ended the best annual meeting ever held in this Association. We find having a separate day much better than the former way. Choir sung, "God be with you till we meet again." The delegates were called together again on the afternoon of the 18th by the Director, when a committee of arrangements for next year's meeting was appointed. Also, fraternal greetings were sent to the sisters convened in the Baptist church at Lindsay, of the Whitby and Lindsay Association, by telegraph, asking them to read Ephesians, 3rd chapter, 16th to the 21st verses.

A. N. PEER, Director.

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Women's Meeting was held on Thursday, June 11th, at 7:30 p.m. Miss F. M. Iler presiding. Mrs. McCall, of Windsor, read an excellent paper on "The Benefit of the Mission Circles to the Churches." We hope to see some fruit from this paper, as delegates were present from many churches which have no Circles. Then Mrs. Weld, of London, followed, with an urgent plea for both Home and Foreign Missions. Hers was just such a talk as was needed, for it made each one feel there is something for me to do. Mrs. Mellish, of Chatham, also spoke on Foreign Missions. Her heart is in the work, and she gave us an ear nest, practical paper.

The choir kindly furnished appropriate music, which added much to the success of the meeting. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$6.46, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

On Friday, at 4 p.m., a meeting was held at the school house; nineteen delegates present.

The Circles have raised for Home Missions \$86.58; for Foreign Missions, \$32.93, and for Grande Ligne, \$4.

The Bands have raised \$16 for Home Missions and \$44 for Foreign. Three of the Bands sent in no report.

Two Circles and two Bands have been organized, and one Band has died during the year. Florence M. Iler was re-elected Director and Mrs. E. Mellish was elected President. F. M. ILER.

**WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.** At the platform meetings of the general Association, three of the sisters of our Circles spoke on the different branches of our women's work. Miss Pelton read a paper on Mission Bands embracing both Foreign and Home Missions. She dwelt much on the benefit of training the children while quite young, for they are our hope for the future. She remarked that it was her opinion that if there had been the same interest taken in Mission Bands years ago as at the present time, that our missionaries would not now need to plead so much for men and means. Miss Sproule gave a good sketch of the organization of our Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and of the need of the work they are doing. She also outlined the work done by the six ladies now on the Telugu field, who are supported by our Society. Miss Lizzie Braden took the Home Mission part.

Our business meeting was held the afternoon, of the 10th June. There was a good attendance of sisters and some of the brethren encouraged us by their presence. After opening exercises, and the transaction of some business, reports were given from fourteen Circles, there were two not reported. We gathered from what was said, that there is a forward movement. Mrs. Pencock gave a short but good talk on the importance of Circle work. Reports were given from our ten Bands, we are glad to notice that more of our young people and children are taking an interest in this work. Mrs. Bonnet gave an address on the need and benefit of Mission Bands. Miss McKinnon read our annual letter from Miss Stovel of Akid, India. We expect this letter will be published in the LINK. Miss Kate Stovel exhibited and explained a number of curiosities from India, mostly connected with the Hindu religion. Director's report showed that we have sixteen Circles and ten Bands in our Association. Three of these, viz., Circles at Howick and Bae Line, and a Band at Britton were organized during the year. Thirteen of our Circles did more for our Foreign Missions this year than last, two just the same, and the other one we did not get a report from. Total from Circles for Foreign work: \$239.63 an increase of \$83.78. Just half of our Bands gave more to Foreign Missions this year, the rest have fallen behind. Our ten Bands gave \$56.26 an increase of \$5.52.

Total from Circles and Bands to Foreign Missions \$295.89; Total from Circles and Bands of all Branches Mission work \$535.10. Officers appointed are: President, Mrs. J. J. Baker of Walkerton; Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Chapman of Wingham; Director, Miss A. V. Braden of Teeswater. Our meeting was brought to a close by singing and prayer. We hope to meet with the church in Mount Forest next year. The brethren kindly gave us the collection taken at the second platform meeting. We sent \$2 of that to Foreign Mission Treasurer.

A. V. B. Director.

**WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.** The annual meeting of this Association of Circles met in Lindsay on the afternoon of June 18th, Mrs. Whiteside presided. Out of the ten Circles, nine were represented by delegates who read very encouraging reports. Director's report showed progress and deeper interest in mission work,