

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

Northern.—The annual public meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday, June 24th. Most of the delegates were wearied with long, and very hot, and dusty journeys, yet the meeting was splendidly attended and most inspiring.

The President, Mrs. (Rev.) G. C. Rock, conducted the meeting, and addressed a few well-chosen words of welcome to the assembled delegates. The Directress, Mrs. (Rev.) W. F. Price, presented her annual report, which was most interesting and encouraging in character. The older societies are being strengthened, and there is an increase in the number of the new Circles and Bands. The report was much enjoyed. Miss Barbara Mould, of India, quite fascinated the audience, both by the matter and manner of her address, "The story of Mission work in India," set forth in a peculiarly gracious and winsome style, left none of those present in any doubt as to the value of women's work for the myriads of Hindoo women.

Dr. Norton was heartily welcomed, and spoke in his own most interesting manner of the great work being done by the Home Mission Board, especially emphasizing the greatness of the opportunity of Canadian Christianity in the crowds of foreigners now flocking to these shores. It was very gratifying to receive the cordial greetings expressed by representatives of other Women's Missionary organizations of the town—these testifying to the esteem in which the North Bay Circle is held by their friends of other churches.

The music rendered by the choir was of a high order, and was much enjoyed.

Directress.

Eastern.—The Mission Circles of the Eastern Association, held their annual meeting with the Sawyerville Baptist Church. In the absence of the President (Miss Chandler), Mrs. H. H. Ayer,

of Montreal, occupied the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Truell, of Coaticook, after which Mrs. Ayer briefly but tellingly, presented the claims of the Women's Foreign Mission work. A most inspiring paper was then read by Mrs. Elliot, of Sawyerville, on "The Place of Prayer in our Circle Work." The report of Circles and Bands was very encouraging. The amount contributed to all Missions, being \$2,257.35, an increase of \$822.96 over last year.

The number of "Links" taken was 184, "Visitors" 205. Sister Belle, of Ottawa, was listened to with rapt attention, as she addressed us on "The Need of Patience, Perseverance and Prayer in connection with our Band work."

At the joint meeting in the evening, Mrs. Ramsay, of Montreal, read the report of the nominating committee, President, Mrs. R. Dick, North Hatley; Directress, Mrs. J. Pollock, Moe's River; Secretary, Mrs. G. Allen, Abbott's Corners.

Two inspiring and soul-inspiring addresses were given on Home and Foreign Missions, by Mrs. Haikett, of Ottawa, and Rev. Dr. J. A. Gordon, respectively. A resolution was passed of loving sympathy for Miss Chandler in the loss of her mother. A very pleasing exercise was given by the Sawyerville Mission Band, and benediction by Rev. G. A. Williams, closed a day of spiritual uplift and encouragement to all.

C. Pollock,
Directress.

THANK-OFFERING.

Every autumn our Women's Home and Foreign Boards unite in requesting the Circles to set aside one Circle meeting, for a time of Thanksgiving. To many of our Circles this has come to be the most beautiful service of the year, when we, as Christian women, redeemed and sustained by our loving