

and the folly and sinfulness of idol worship is being realized by them. The attendance has been small hitherto, but we hope to secure a larger number during the year before us by using all the means in our power. Not one per cent. of the girls who attend this school can read. This is a lamentable fact. They would probably all attend a day school if we opened one in their vicinity.

The officers elected for the coming year are: Pres., Miss Baskerville; Vice-Pres., Miss Lottie Gibson; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. G. H. Barrow. — A. E. BASKERVILLE, Sec'y-Treas.

DEAR MRS. NEWMAN. — Perhaps this will be in time for the September LINK. It is very pleasant to be in Canada again, though there is one trouble about visiting at this time of the year, so many people are away from their homes. I had a nice letter from Peter, of Gunnanapudi, who is helping Mrs. Craig to care for my work. He had baptized seven persons at Kottu Cheruvu, just north of Akidu. I wrote about the work there last December. Eighteen had been baptized by another of the preachers on another part of the field. Fifty-one had been baptized before I left, and I think I have heard of some twenty more apart from those just reported by Peter, so that the number of baptisms for the half year would be about 100 on the Akidu field.

I am hearing from Mrs. Craig regularly. She says in her last that cholera was still pretty bad throughout the country. She was at Cocanada when she wrote. The July conference for the passing of estimates and the transaction of other business was held on the 11th, 12th and 13th of July. Miss Hatch had not returned home. All the others had returned from their rest on the hills. Mr. Leflamme did not attend the conference, probably on account of weakness from his recent illness. Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CRAIG.

Work at Home.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting was held in Leamington June 9th, at 8 p.m. Excellent addresses were given by Mrs. Melish of Chatham, Mrs. Roney of Blenheim, and Mrs. Peer of Rodney. Miss F. M. Her spoke a few words on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions. The Director reports three Circles organized during the year and the ten Circles reported last year all alive, though some of them are almost discouraged. The Circles have sent to the Treasurer \$108.10. This is less than last year, but we find they have raised more for Home Missions. So the amount raised by the Circles is about the same as last year. One Band has been organized, making six bands this year reported. They have sent \$50.75 to the Treasurer, \$5.25 more than last year. A business meeting was called June 10th, in the morning, at which there were thirty delegates and some visitors present. A very interesting feature of this meeting was the question drawer. Mrs. Roney, of Blenheim, was chosen President and Miss Florence M. Her Director for this year.

HAMILTON. — A large and enthusiastic gathering of ladies met in James St. Church on Thursday, June 9th, to celebrate the first anniversary of the Hamilton As-

sociation of Women's Mission Circles. Reports from eight Circles and Bands were received, which number we hope to have increased before another year. Excellent papers and addresses were given by Mrs. T. M. Harris, of Brantford, Miss Lottie Stark, of Toronto, and ladies belonging to the different Circles of the Association. Miss Stark's paper on "Bands" was followed by "A Mission Band at Home," being a specimen of an ordinary meeting of the Victoria Avenue Band. In one of the parlors of the church a large number of curiosities from foreign lands had been collected for the inspection of guests and delegates. As this is the first report of this new Association, it will be impossible to give as full statistics of the number of members and of the monies raised as we hope to do next year, but from the spirit of earnestness and consecration manifested it was evident that the ladies mean to make this centennial year a marked one in their history. Mrs. Viner and Miss Tapscott were re-elected as President and Associational Director for the ensuing year. This most hearty and interesting session was brought to a close by a supper served in the basement, to which the Victoria Avenue Mission Band was cordially invited.

OWEN SOUND. — The seventh annual meeting of the Mission Circles of this Association was held in Paisley on the 21st of June. The Board of Management kindly gave the ladies preference the previous evening and the well filled church attentively listened to addresses from Mrs. Baker of Walkerton, Miss Fisher of Paisley, and Mrs. McNeil of Glenelg. Also to kindly greetings from the Baptist sisters of Paisley, the W. C. T. U., and the Pres. M. Society. Collection, \$6.11. The business meeting was held the next forenoon in the vestry, about 50 ladies being present. Information from thirteen Circles was obtained directly or indirectly. Owing to the keen interest manifested by the greater number present the meeting was helpful and inspiring, and not a really discouraging one was heard though many of the Circles met with difficulties that would baffle weak hearts. Four new Circles have been organized since the last meeting, though one of them lay dormant for ten months as the President appointed did not feel that she could take the position. They met the 24th of July, reorganized and are ready for work at Strathaven with Mrs. Martha McKinnon as President, Miss Janet Lory Vice-President, Miss Bertha Brown Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Morgan agent for Link. — MRS. H. G. FRASER.

CANADA CENTRAL. — The fourth annual meeting of the Women's Circles of this Association was held in the Phillipsville Methodist Church at 2 p.m., on Thursday, June 30th. There was a large attendance of delegates and friends. After a prayer meeting of half an hour, led by Mrs. Sirrell, the President, Mrs. Laing, took the chair. Mrs. Gile, President of the Phillipsville Circle, welcomed the delegates in a neat and very cordial address. Mrs. Wilson, Director, read the reports from the various Circles. After these reports were discussed and received several questions were introduced, among them the ever-recurring one "How can we induce our members to attend the Circle meetings more regularly?" If the question has been satisfactorily answered in any Circle or Association we would be thankful for information. An interesting letter to the Association from Mrs. McLaurin, of Bangalore, was read, and also, by the kindness of Mrs. Claxton, an extract of one from Mr. Brown. After a few minutes of silent prayer the election of officers took place. Mrs. Knowl-