

WOMAN'S BOARD.

We congratulate the women on the discovery of a power which has been latent heretofore. The power of thorough organization is illustrated growingly in their work. About a thousand dollars have been gathered by them; of which about half has gone to Foreign Missions. And we hope that before the close of the coming year, an auxiliary will be established in twice as many churches. Their emphasis of systematic giving will do our churches good; and we commend highly the effort to pick up *much* by gathering the *littles* through persistent effort. The science of giving, and the love for it, must be learned young; and the women have that matter on their hearts!

INDIA.

To the Executive was referred the question of supporting Miss Lily Lyman. In the autumn, under commission from the American Board, she sailed from Boston for Bombay, and landed safely at her destination. She immediately began to study the language, and at the same time to teach some youth who could speak English a little. Thus she has already given nearly a year of useful service; and writes of much delight in her work. The Executive decided to furnish her outfit, and her support for the first year; the Woman's Board promising to raise as much as they could of the salary.

But as our work is opening up in Africa, the Executive do not recommend the continuance of support from this Society; hoping soon to have at our station in Africa all the workers whom we can support with the resources at hand. And this seems wiser, since there is no prospect of the Bombay station ever coming to be a Canadian field.

AFRICA.

Our missionary, Rev. W. T. Currie, has been doing some exceedingly valuable work in exploring the country, to the north, east and south of Bailundu and Bihé. The novelty of this work has been a consolation to him in his loneliness. In response to the resolution passed at the meeting of the Union a year ago, he writes:—

"I am very thankful for the sympathy expressed to the parents of my dear wife. Never parents gave to Christian missionary a daughter better calculated to be a helper in his home, his Christian life, and his missionary efforts. They made the gift cheerfully, in spite of the sacrifice involved. And when the heavy blow fell, they uttered no word of complaint against me, as grief might have prompted.

"I am thankful also for the kind words spoken to myself. The brethren in our churches have taken hold of my heart by their great kindness, as they could not have done in any other way. I rejoice to represent them in this country, and in the good work here to be done. With such friends to hold the ropes, I am ready, if the Lord will, to descend into the darkest pit in Africa, in order to save men for Christ."

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