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OUR FINANCES.—It is always gratifying to find that matters are not so serious as at first supposed. This is the case with our financial condition. Two cheques which were simply money returned to the Society, appeared as receipts in last year's report. When these are deducted a small increase will be shown this year over last, instead of the large deficit. But this does not increase the amount, actually in our treasury, by one cent. We are in just the same position financially as I stated it in the last number of the LINK. Much greater obligations undertaken and no appreciable increase in the receipts. Many new Circles formed, but the older ones falling behind their former record.

JESSIE L. RLLIOTT.

THE FACTS ABOUT THE ONTARIO TREASURER'S REPORT.—It will be gratifying to our readers to know that the apparent diminution in the receipts for the past year was due to an oversight. Mrs. Elliott does well, however, to explain that the discovery of this oversight makes no difference whatever with the present state of the treasury, or with the financial responsibilities of the year upon which we have just entered. Least there should be any misapprehension, we will explain the matter more fully. During the financial year 1888, sums amounting to about \$900 were refunded to the Society. These could not with any propriety be reckoned in the Treasurer's report of October, 1888. In comparing the receipts of 1889 with the receipts of 1888 in her recent report the Treasurer failed to distinguish between the gross amount received in 1888, including the \$900 refunded, and the regular receipts for the year, and so the comparison was unfavorable to the receipts of 1889.

SIXTY-EIGHT of the Circles of Ontario have fallen off in their contributions to Foreign Missions during the last year. Twenty-one of these have fallen off at least one-half or even more. Fifteen Circles that contributed the year before did absolutely nothing this year. It is, however, a pleasure to know that fifty-three Circles have increased their gifts. Five that sent no money to the treasury last year have sent this year. Sixteen new Circles have been formed and five have re-organized. Can we not all do more this year? For two years we have stood still in our gifts. The command is to go forward.

JANE BUCHAN.

THE NEW TREASURER FOR ONTARIO.—We are glad to welcome again to the staff of officers, Miss Violet Elliot, formerly Recording Secretary. She is willing now to undertake the more arduous duties of the Treasurership, and has been appointed to that position by the Board. Her address will be, Miss Violet Elliot, 99 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

Letter from Mrs. Rand.

Dear Mrs. Newman.—Near the close of August last it was my privilege to spend some happy days at the beautiful home of my dear friend, Mrs. A. F. Randolph, of Fredericton, and to renew many Christian friendships with members of the Baptist church of that city. The house of worship seemed as cheerful and pleasant as it did the day it was opened, and the social meeting was very delightful to me. With this church the Convention of the Maritime Provinces held its meeting this year, and it was a happy and interesting departure for the church, at the closing meeting of the Convention, to thank the delegates of the churches for the privilege the church had enjoyed in entertaining them while engaged in the Master's work, and at the same time, asking the Convention to accept, as a thank-offering, a special donation of five hundred dollars to its funds. It remains for the future, to show whether there are other churches in the Convention ready to follow so worthy an example as was thus set by the dear old Fredericton church. But I took up my pen to say a word of the public Foreign Missionary meeting of the Convention. It was the first occasion for years on which new missionaries were leaving for Telugu land, and all hearts were deeply moved. From the same platform in that church—or rather from the platform in the office that was burned—I listened to the farewell words of brave Carrie Hammond, now Mrs. Archibald of Chicacolet. The missionaries now being set apart to the field seemed worthy to be the companions of those who have preceded them.—Mr. Walter V. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins, and Miss Nettie Fitch (a niece of Mrs. Currie, formerly of Tuni), all of Wolfville, each addressed the meeting in words of simple pathos and power. Without doubt there were young hearts which there received impulses that will carry them into gracious work for Christ. This is the beginning of brighter days, let us hope, for the mission supported by our churches of the Maritime Provinces.

On the evening of Oct. 2, I was present at a meeting in the Baptist Mission House, Furnival Street, London, to take leave of ninety missionaries, seven of whom