

Among The Circles

NOTES FROM THE OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD

Some time ago the question came before the Board as to whether it would not be beneficial to our work to hold an open meeting of the Board monthly. After thoughtful consideration the conclusion reached was that as the audiences at such meetings would be composed largely of women from Toronto, and, in view of the many opportunities afforded us in this city of hearing outstanding inspirational and missionary speakers, it would be unwise to add another to the already long list of regular meetings. At the same time it was felt that we might, with profit to the work and to the workers, come together occasionally in an open meeting of the Board for inspiration and information.

Such a meeting was held in Walmer Road Church on Friday, March 13th, convening at 10.30 a.m., with the President, Mrs. Albert Matthews, presiding.

Looking about the audience one could see not only a large number of interested women from Toronto, but representatives from New Toronto, Mimico, Birchcliff, Stouffville, Willowdale, Richmond Hill, Jefferson, Georgetown, Bracebridge, Peterborough, Niagara Falls, and a splendid delegation from Hamilton. There may have been others from outside of Toronto whom the Secretary missed seeing.

We are not so far removed in point of time, from our great Convention in Walmer Rd. Church as to have forgotten the quality and the full measure of the hospitality of the women of this church. It was not only manifested once again in all their thoughtful preparations for the comfort and happiness of those present, but it was felt in the atmosphere and it ministered largely to the success of the meeting expressing as it did our oneness in Christ as to fellowship and purpose.

The morning was spent in hearing from the officers and the conveners of committees their reports of the work done last quarter, and all of them were encouraging. The Supt. of "Link" Agents is still adding names to her subscription list, and has every confidence that those "wonderful agents" will not grow weary in well-doing before those 2419 missing sub-

scribers are found and our 'ten thousand' objective reached.

The Literature Dept. report is always of interest. Here is the first paragraph, "It is said that business is like a wheel-barrow, it needs pushing to make it go. Your Secretary feels this more and more. Of course pushing will make it go, but go where? In what direction? Your prayers and co-operation are the handles by which this can be pushed, and pushed in the right direction." The remainder of the report shows that your prayers and co-operation have not been withheld during the past quarter, for the work of the Literature Dept. has been going in the right direction. The total sales for the quarter ending January 15, amount to \$492.16.

Mrs. Dengate and Mrs. McLean, who have charge of the work of sending the boxes to the missionaries in India and Bolivia, are getting ready for this year's boxes. In the April issue of the "Link" Mrs. McLean will have instructions as to what things are most suitable to send to Bolivia. In the February and March "Links" are lists of things suitable to send to India. Information as to the time these things are to be sent will be given in our paper.

From the Mission Homes' Committee we learned that there is urgent need for comfortable beds for these Homes. If every Circle would set apart one month in the year, preferably June, in which to take an offering for this work, there would be sufficient funds to provide for these and other smaller necessities.

We learned from our representatives on the different Girls' Work Boards, that our missionary programme is being promoted through the Canadian Girls in Training organizations.

The Convener of the Furlough Committee, Mrs. W. R. Henderson, asks that the constituency do not make too heavy demands on our Missionary, Miss Robinson. While her health is much improved, she must not be asked to speak in public too frequently.

An announcement by Mrs. Stillwell on behalf of the Candidate Committee, that Miss Janet Holmes is our missionary elect to Bolivia, to go this Fall if at all possible, will mean much more to you when I add that Miss Holmes is the daughter of an honored member of our Board, Mrs. Geo. Holmes, who has given many