

would be when the first baby came to their home. It will be a substantial addition to the influence over the homes of the people. There are 42 little tots on the roll. But the running record must be read in the *Monthly Leaflet* to be enjoyed. Mrs. Read, of Sakinjimba, and Miss Fay have translated several of the popular Kindergarten motion songs. They sadly lack the equipments that our home children are so well provided with; and during the next year effort will be made to send out some equipment for this department.

THE YEAR'S FINANCES.

The Treasurer will report in full. But a few items will be fitting here. This year the regular subscriptions to African work have been \$165 in advance of last year. But when legacies, Indian famine, Armenian and such special funds are counted in, there is a decrease of about \$165 from last year. Each of the Provincial totals has shown a decrease except Ontario, which has shown an increase of \$359.

A point in which your directors are particularly interested is the number of contributing churches. And also there are 38 churches in the Dominion this year that have sent this Society nothing, and this is more than last year, instead of less, as it should be. Look at it: in Ontario, 27 churches sent nothing. In Quebec, 1 church. In the Maritime Provinces, 10 churches.

NINETY-SIX PER CENT. REACHES AFRICA.

There is a slander that dies hard because it has been so much a favorite with the critics. It says that of all foreign mission contributions, "10 cents in each dollar goes abroad, while it takes 90 cents to collect and send it." It never was true of any society. The truth about our Society is, that of every dollar, 94 cents reaches Africa, and about 2½ cents is used in printing information, while 1½ cents is all that is used in executive expense! Let this fact be repeated often and widely!

INCIDENTS AND ITEMS.

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