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Editorial.

BOARD MEETING.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board was held Friday, Nov. 18th, at 2 o'clock; Mrs. Booker presiding. Nineteen members were present—Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. J. P. McEwen, and the Misses Nichol and Starr representing those residing out of town.

The Treasurer stated the general receipts were between one and two hundred dollars less than for the same period last year.

A post card from the General Secretary gave the welcome news that the vessel on which the Misses Simpson and Morrow sailed arrived at London on the 16th.

A letter was read from Miss Durfee, of Boston, U.S., asking that a representative from our Society be appointed a member of the committee of the World's Women's Missionary Convention. The Cor. Sec. was appointed to act on the committee, also to represent the Society at the Convention meeting in New York in April, 1900.

A communication from the Rev. Ralph Trotter, of Victoria, B.C., setting forth the claims of the work among the Japanese in that place was read. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Trotter that it was impossible to accede to his request for assistance, as the Board was unable to take any fresh work.

Letters full of interesting information were read from Misses Murray and Stovel, also one from Miss Simpson, written just before leaving from India, expressing her appreciation of the earnest prayers offered for her, and the loving sympathy extended to her during her visit home. The meeting then closed with the doxology.

A. MOYLE, Sec.

TO OUR FRIENDS.—It is coming towards the close of another year. We wish to thank all who have so kindly aided us during the past year, and to ask your continued and increased effort in behalf of THE LINK. Will not our agents, and those who are not appointed agents, try to secure a good number of new subscribers before the first of January?

We wish this for two reasons: First, we want to reach the uninterested; second, our expense will be increased at that time on account of the new postal law, and we need more subscribers in order to meet this.

"AS YE WOULD."

If I should see
A brother languishing in sore distress,
And I should turn and leave him comfortless,
When I might be
A messenger of hope and happiness—
How could I ask to have what I denied,
In my own hour of bitterness, supplied?

If I might share
A brother's load along the dusty way,
And I should turn and walk alone that day,
How could I dare,
When in the evening watch I knelt to pray,
To ask for help to bear my pain and loss,
If I had heeded not my brother's cross?

If I might sing
A little song to cheer a fainting heart,
And I should seal my lips and sit apart,
When I might bring
A bit of sunshine for life's ache and smart—
How could I hope to have my grief relieved,
If I kept silent when my brother grieved?

And so I know
That day is lost wherein I fail to lend
A helping hand to some wayfaring friend;
But if it show
A burden lightened by the cheer I sent,
Then do I hold the golden hours well spent,
And lay me down and sleep in sweet content.

—Edith V. Brandt, *Med. Mis. Rec.*

HINDRANCES TO FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

BY MRS. J. C. SYCAMORE.

Hindrances to Foreign Mission work may be looked at from different points of view, each leading us to different conclusions. For instance, if we were to ask one of our missionaries what he considered the hindrances to his work, he would give us one set of reasons; or if we should take a general survey of Christendom and look at the hindrances in this large sense, we should have quite another list of statements, and perhaps after looking over these obstacles to mission work in general, we should feel that the little we could do would be powerless to help in their removal. But I take it that those who placed this subject on our programme to-day, meant that we should make it an intensely practical matter, and if possible, a helpful one for the little, particular, everyday difficulties.

In the first place, it is true that the *hindrances do exist*. We dwell joyfully on the story of what Missions have done during the last 100 years, and rightly so for they