

NOTES FROM THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING.

Our missionaries show their interest in the home end of the work by their presence at the Board meetings. This quarter we had with us Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, of Bolivia; Mrs. J. B. McLaurin and Miss Baskerville of India.

Miss Baskerville's impressive message from John 15 will long remain with us. Just as the vine is pruned and the grapes are crushed in order to give forth of their best for the blessing of others so the Father deals with His children in order that they shall give of their best. We must entertain no thought of a time when we shall have given enough and can stop giving. We are here for the purpose of giving, always giving for the blessing of others.

The report of the Secretary of Bands was especially interesting. Four new Bands have been formed recently—two in the Niagara-Hamilton Association, one in the Owen Sound Association, and one in the Collingwood Association.

The Programme Committee have almost completed arrangements for one of the best Conventions yet. Plan to profit by their efforts by coming to London on November 13th.

The matter of an educational standard of qualification for our missionaries in the future has been before the Board for some months, and the following was unanimously adopted at the last meeting:

"That matriculation standing be required of all future applicants as missionaries of the Board; this to be the minimum requirement; but exceptions to this may be made in the case of specially qualified applicants, such as nurses or those having special training in other lines."

This action of the Board does not in any sense reflect on the qualifications of our missionaries already on the field, but since the opportunities now for obtaining an education are within reach of anyone desirous of being well equipped for the work, the Board considers this a wise decision.

The resignation of Miss H. S. Ellis, now Mrs. Eugene Levering of Baltimore, was received and regretfully accepted. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of her successor at Moulton College, Miss E. R. Whiteside.

The LINK continues to prosper: \$478.75 in the bank and subscribers increasing.

During the coming months Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Haddow will supply news from South America.

A series of lessons on "Women of the Orient" will be conducted by Mrs. H. E. Stillwell. Provision is being made also for the Mission Band Lessons, and announcement of this will appear later.

The Bureau of Literature, although closed during July, sold literature during the quarter amounting to \$14.97, and loaned 6 books and 8 papers.

Two new sketches of the lives of our missionaries have been printed and are in the Bureau, and others will soon be ready.

Mrs. J. H. Hendry of Hamilton has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of Mrs. W. L. Kingdon recently.

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