

Among The Circles

NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

There were thirty-three members present at the quarterly Board meeting in May.

It is not often that the Directors from out of town get in to the meetings, so it was a pleasure to welcome Miss Sara Evans of Claremont, Director of the Whithy-Lindsay Association.

It was a particular joy to have with us again our Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Piersol, and our Superintendent of "Link" agents, Mrs. J. C. Doherty, both of whom are recovering satisfactorily from critical illness.

A very cordial invitation has been received from the Centre Street and Broderick Memorial Churches, St. Thomas, to hold our next Convention in Centre Street Church. This was heartily accepted.

The Treasurer wishes it emphasized that if each Circle would pay the "Exchange" on its own funds, the danger of a deficit this year would be largely averted.

The Joint Committee of the Home and Foreign Boards has interviewed several ladies in an effort to secure a Mission Band Secretary, but thus far has been unsuccessful.

The returns, financially, from the Mission Bands show that the work is not progressing as we would like it to do.

The committee who has in charge the care of the Missionaries' Rest Homes in Toronto and Muskoka are finding, as most housekeepers do, that things will wear out and so have to be renewed. But, their purse is empty! They ask that each Circle take an offering once a year for this work, thus sufficient will be provided for all necessities.

We wish it were possible to publish in full the report of our Secretary of the Literature Dept. One sentence from it reads: "In the beginning of the quarter especially the greater part of the orders came from the North West Provinces. Orders from our own convention were mostly from new customers. This is not only interesting but shows an ever-widening source of usefulness." The total sales for the quarter amounted to \$206.

The Biblewomen and Students' Secretary, Mrs. Harold Firstbrook, reports that twice last quarter the support of five students has been provided for, but there are still fifteen

of these students whose support is unprovided. A student is supported for \$20 a year.

The Board is already making plans for our Jubilee Convention in 1926, and has the promise from Mrs. Eugene Levering of Baltimore (our own Miss Ellis of Moulton College), that if nothing intervenes to prevent, she will "count it a rare joy and privilege" to come and bring us a message on that occasion. Other prominent workers in missionary endeavor have been approached to speak on our fiftieth anniversary, and we are awaiting their reply.

E. N. INRIG, Secretary.

SOCIAL EVENING AT MOULTON.

A most interesting and pleasant evening was that of April 28th. The members of the W.B.F.M. Board, who reside in Toronto, invited the President and Treasurer of each Mission Circle, both Senior and Young Women, with the Counsellors of the latter, of Toronto Association, to meet them that evening at Moulton College for a social time,—to get better acquainted with each other and the Board members, and to get better acquainted with some of the problems of the work.

Upon passing through the door, each one had a card, bearing her name, pinned upon her,—and the names were written so plainly that any two ladies speaking to each other and not sure of one another's names, could read at a glance and not disclose any ignorance or even hesitation.

The Committee of two, which arranged the social part of the program, gave out cards cut into curious pieces (after the style of the jig-saw puzzles), each piece bearing a few letters which at first glance seemed to mean nothing. Four of these cards, when rightly matched, made a square, and the letters pieced together, spelled a Missionary's name and the Station. All formality was forgotten as each one went around hunting the other cards to fit hers. The first four to complete their names were duly awarded a prize, (a candy "sucker").

Then another competition was introduced—sheets of paper—one sheet to every three