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Editorial.

THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.—Over \$3,100 needed before the books close to keep our income for regular work up to the standard of the last full convention year, 1893-94!

The treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that they should close their books for the new Convention year on March 31st, and after that they should forward all Foreign Mission funds to me as promptly as possible.

My books remain open until April 30th, so that every local treasurer should have ample time to send the money intended for this year's report to me *before that date*.

February 18th, 1896.

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treas.

LINK AGENTS.—Have you an agent for your circle, to look after the interests of THE LINK? If not, please have one appointed. Next to the president she should be the most efficient woman in your Circle, as the success of the work depends largely upon her. She, more than any other, has opportunity of reaching the uninterested.

A MISTAKE occurred in the arrangement of "Extracts from letters," last month. Page 20, "Nov. 2nd," should come under Miss Stovel's letter.

A PREACHER said not long ago that every one of us, whether we will or not, is writing three books, each of them an autobiography of the writer that will endure for ever. One is a story of our life in our own memory; another is the impression of it which we print in the memories of those about us; the third is the record which is constantly being traced in God's book of remembrance above. And by the witness of these three books we shall be judged.

What [are we writing? It is a solemn thought. Are we tracing records and drawing pictures of which we must, when they are revealed, be bitterly ashamed?

We have only to think of Uganda, with its 200 churches and its 50,000 native Christians, read the latest official reports from Nyassa Land, and glance at the latest map of Africa, to be convinced of the zeal, devotion, and industry of the missionaries. Gospels are not

translated into African tongues, nor are converts spontaneous products of human nature. I am somewhat familiar with African facts, and to me these things represent immense labor, patience and self-sacrifice; but others expect Africans to fall in love with the missionary's eyes.—HENRY M. STANLEY.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING OF W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO WEST.

The quarterly meeting of the Board was held Friday, Feb. 14th, in the mission room. Seventeen members were present, including Mrs. Booker, Woodstock; Mrs. Wm. Craig, Port Hope; and Mrs. Hansel, of Hamilton. Mrs. Froeland reported that letters from several of the workers in India had stated that Miss Stovel was looking very frail and worn. A special meeting of the Executive Committee was called for the last Thursday of December, but owing to the very heavy rain there was not a quorum present. As immediate action was necessary, and owing to a reduction in the estimates, there was some available money to our credit in India, it was decided to write Miss Stovel at once, urging her return home for a much needed furlough in the spring. This action was most heartily endorsed by the Board.

A communication from the General Board requesting our Society to assume the salary of Miss Folsom, in order that her work among the Eurasians and in the Timpany Memorial School may be of a more strictly missionary character, was discussed. Owing to the low state of the funds it was impossible to undertake this in addition to our regular work.

A vote was passed that the Board was willing to accede to this request, if relieved of a portion of the Samulcotta Seminary support. Several young women have expressed their desire to work in India. The Treasurer reported that about \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) is required before her books close, the 30th April. The Corresponding Secretary read extracts of letters from Misses Hatch, Baskerville and Stovel. The annual convention will be held at Chatham, on the 20th and 21st of May. The programme committee reported progress. Foreign Mission Day promises to be an exceptionally interesting event.

A. MOYLE, Rec.-Sec.