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MITE BOXES FREE.—Enquiries have been made from time to time as to where mite boxes can be had. We are glad to announce that they have been provided by the *Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec*, and will be supplied *free* of cost to any Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, President of Circle or Band, who will use them in the interest of Foreign Missions. These boxes are something new and attractive: the "*Bell tower*," or "*Folding Pyramid Mite Chest*," with printing suited to our Society.

In distributing the boxes it will be necessary to keep an account of those given out, and to whom, so that the gathering in may be successful. The boxes are done up in packages of 100 or 50 and will be sent on application to *Miss Stark, 64 Bloor Street East, or to Baptist Book room, 9 Richmond Street West, Toronto.*

AN URGENT appeal comes from Mr. Brown to the Woman's Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, to send a lady missionary, for his field. We publish his letter with an earnest word from the President, Mrs. Claxton, urging a speedy response to this appeal.

Miss Hatch, in a card just received, says that at the January Conference our Missionaries decided to ask that "at least *three single ladies* be sent out to India *this year*. They also ask for a *boat* for the lady or ladies on the Akidu field." As it is our Society's rule never to go into debt, and the funds are very low, what shall we do with these requests? Remember that there are 250,000 women and girls in our own field who have never yet even had the *opportunity* of hearing of Jesus Christ and who never can hear of Him unless we tell them, and this we cannot do unless a great deal more money is sent to our Treasurer than is now being sent. Speaking of the boat Miss Hatch says, "how nice it would be for one lady to give that boat." The cost of a boat is about \$600.

REPORT OF THE ONTARIO BOARD MEETING.—A special meeting of the Board was held in the Board room at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 23rd. Fourteen members were present, also Miss Stovel of the Manitoba Woman's Foreign Mission Board, who attended by invitation. The meeting was informed that the Manitoba Women's Board had undertaken to provide \$560.00 yearly for salary, and munshi money, for a lady missionary, if the Ontario Board would assume

all travelling expenses in connection with her settlement on the field. An application was then read from Miss Ellen Priest, of Toronto, a lady well known to several members of the Board, as an earnest and successful Christian worker. Miss Priest was introduced to the meeting, and, in a few words told of her long cherished desire, to go to India, and of how the Lord had at last made it possible for her to devote her life to His work. A resolution was unanimously passed appointing Miss Priest a missionary on our field subject to the approval of the General Board and satisfactory certificate of health. Miss Priest would be prepared to leave for India during the coming summer. The increased responsibility thus assumed by the Board, will make additional effort necessary on the part of the Circles, but it was undertaken in full confidence that, the Lord having provided one willing and ready to go, such effort would be gladly put forth. A communication was received from Miss May McDonald, stating that she had reluctantly decided, that the state of her health made it advisable for her to sever her connection with the Board as our prospective missionary, and therefore tendering her resignation. As Miss McDonald has twice been unable to take her examinations, on account of a failure in health, it was considered necessary that the resignation should be accepted. The Board has been assured that the money advanced, in this case, for medical education, will be refunded.

E. DAVIES,

Recording Secretary.

(Mrs. McLaurin sends us the following clippings from an Indian paper.)

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"I have it on good authority that there is a movement on foot amongst certain educated Hindu gentlemen of Madras to ameliorate the condition of Hindu girls by applying to the Government to legislate that betrothals may take place at any age, but that the same be by law revoked by the death of the intended husband in which event the girl is not to be considered a widow. I trust the movement will meet with the support it deserves, and the whole Hindu community will combine in this commendable object."

THE CONDITION of the unfortunate Pariahs in India continues, says the *Daily News*, to occupy the attention of philanthropic persons. Apart from a series of careful investigations undertaken by the missionaries, Mr. Tremeneere, the Collector of Chingleput, has been personally enquiring into the subject, and he has embodied