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Editorial.

Mr. Laflamme reached Bombay on the 15th January. He wrote from Samulcotta on the 20th.

AT THE BOARD ROOMS.—The quarterly meeting of the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario, met on Friday, February 12th. There were present ten members and two visitors.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on the 19th and 20th of May.

A number of interesting letters were read from missionaries. Considerable routine business was transacted.

The Treasurer's report showed a falling off about \$160 in the regular income, up to this date, as compared with that of last year. It will be remembered that last year fell behind \$600 as compared with the previous year.

The matter of investing the legacy of one thousand dollars was discussed. A committee was appointed to make enquiries, and report upon the best way of investing it.

The Treasurer also reported an interesting fact in response to the letter from Dr. Chute, in last LINK, as to a little house for the sick, four individuals had applied for the privilege of building it. The first subscription having been applied to that purpose the other donors very generously allowed their gifts to be transferred to other special needs.

Miss Simpson's home-coming for needed rest, was approved of.

To the President and Treasurers of the Circles and Bands of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West.)

The treasurers of Circles and Bands are reminded that they should close their books for the Convention year on March 31st, and forward the money on hand then for Foreign Missions as promptly as possible to me.

As there have been differences of opinion as to the meaning of closing the local books, and it is desirable that some general method should be adhered to, an explanation is given below which we hope all the treasurers will act upon.

By the request to close the local treasurers' books on March 31st, we mean that all efforts to bring in money to the Circle or Band for the particular Convention year

should be made *before* that date, and the results should be in the local treasurer's hands and entered in her books on or before the 31st March. No further entry should be made for the Convention year after that date. The local treasurer should immediately forward the funds in hand to the treasurer of the Society.

When the blank form is filled out for the Associational Director there should be a receipt from me for every cent reported as "sent to the Foreign Mission Treasurer," such receipts bearing a date between May 1st of previous year and the month of April of the year in question. I think the presidents of Circles and of Bands should make it a duty to see that the figures reported on the blank forms are correct.

Probably some money will be handed in late, but it should be entered in the local treasurer's book on the next year's account, and any money received by her in April should not be forwarded in to the Treasurer of the Society until May, on account of the difference of date in closing.

Last year there were a great many discrepancies between the reports sent by the Circles and Bands to their Associational Directors, and the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Society to the Convention. Some sent in money to me in April after certifying on the blank form the amount sent in to the Convention year, but such offerings were included in my Annual Report. In relation to these, I ask as a personal favor that the Circles or Bands holding receipts dated before May 1st, last year, for money which they have not yet reported to their Associational Director, should leave out that amount from the regular place on the blank form, and this year report it below in the space for remarks, giving the reasons.

It is very important that there should be some system of checking the report of the Treasurer of the Society, but at present the attempt is a farce. Let us strive to reach a higher standard that "All things be done decently and in order."

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VOILET ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

DON'T FRITTER AWAY.—We most heartily commend these very excellent words of Rev. F. E. Clark to Endeavorers in regard to raising money and spending it. He advises the envelope plan; so much each month