

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W. E. F. MISSION
BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, OCT. 9th, 1916.**

During the past year we have held four regular meetings of the Board, and one special meeting, with an average attendance of 24 at the regular meetings. We were pleased to welcome Miss Marsh, honorary missionary, home on furlough, at one of our meetings.

The special meeting was held October 12th, 1917, with our regular monthly prayer meeting, to consider and arrange plans for raising the \$700.00 extra asked for this Convention year, to meet our appropriations. After prayer and much thought, it was decided to send a letter to each Circle, setting forth the great need of our mission work, requesting each member to give ten cents a month in excess of their regular subscription. Many Circles responded, and our hearts have been made glad by the knowledge that our prayers have been answered, and, to our great joy, the amount needed has come into our treasury from the women of our Circles. Three prayer meetings have been held, and the special days of prayer have been observed.

During the winter, three lectures were given in aid of our expense funds, one by Rev. Malcolm L. Orchard, another by Rev. J. B. McLaurin, returned missionaries from India, and the third by Miss Ellis, of Mount College, Toronto. Miss Ellis also addressed a Sunday afternoon meeting of young ladies from the several Baptist Churches of Montreal. These meetings were well attended and intensely interesting, and we are sure that the influence of these lectures will be of lasting benefit to our Foreign Mission work.

Quarterly Reports from our missionaries in India have been received, giving interesting and valuable information as to their work in their several fields of labor.

Our Superintendent of Bureau of Literature reports a steady increase in the demand for missionary books, study books and leaflets.

Reports from the Superintendents of Bands have been encouraging. Bands have been reorganized, and a Young Women's Circle has been formed.

It was with deep regret that we were unable to grant the requests made to the Board last December by Rev. E. G. Smith, M.D., of India, for a nurses' home in Pithapuram, and from Miss McLaurin for a special bungalow for the use of the single lady missionary in Avanigadda. We hear that the bungalow has been provided for Miss McLaurin, and we rejoice with her, and trust the nurses' home may be soon built for Dr. Smith.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to those families who have been called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones, and, as a Board, we have lost a valued worker and friend in the passing away of our sister, Mrs. A. T. Chapman, who for years has been an active worker in our Society and in mission work generally.

The success of our Board during the past year should encourage us to engage more earnestly in its service in the coming year, "Abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know, that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

EDITH C. BENTLEY, Rec. Secretary.