

decided to recommend her to the General Board for appointment; the expenses of the journey and outfit and the salary to be assumed by the women's societies of Quebec and Ontario.

At our next meeting a report of the action taken by the General Board was received. The following is a copy of the resolution passed at a special meeting of the General Board held on the 14th of March: (See Mr. Coult's report—Ed.)

The appointment of our missionary has been one of the most important items of business transacted during the year, and having pledged our society for a part of her support we must endeavour to fulfil our obligation. We did hope that Miss Frith would have been present at this meeting, but as you are no doubt aware she had to leave some weeks earlier than we expected. What we have for some time desired is now an accomplished fact, we have a lady missionary appointed to work among the Zenanas. May she be wise to win souls for Christ.

The Corresponding Secretary has laid before us a number of letters from Circles, they have in almost every case been most encouraging, the Circles doing well and found to be a means of good to the individual members.

Seven new Circles have been formed; St. George, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Ailsa Craig, Beverley St. Toronto, Delhi and Belfontaine.

Eight new Mission Bands have been reported: Sparta, Goble's Corners, Sarnia, Hartford, Wingham, Port Hope, Courtright, and Moore. We would like to report a greater number of bands. Cannot every one here to-day connected with a church where there is no band, try to organize one and in that way interest the children in Foreign Missions? If you are connected with a church that has no Mission Circle, you may find material available to organize and sustain a juvenile Mission Band.

Mrs. McConnell; Mrs. Laing, Sparta; Mrs. McLaurin, India; Miss A. Davies, Mrs. J. Lewis, Toronto; and Mrs. Dawley, Guelph, have been added to the list of life members.

During the year one of our life members, Mrs. Coult's has been removed by death.

We were sorry to be compelled last June to accept the resignation of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Humphrey. She has ably filled this office ever since the organization of the Society.

Mrs. Laird, a member of the Board for some years, also tendered her resignation owing to other duties, making it impossible for her to attend the meetings.

Interesting and encouraging letters from the Missionaries have been received, most of which have been published in the LINK.

We cannot close this report without recording our deep sense of the obligation we are under to the ladies who expend so much time and labour on our paper. The MISSIONARY LINK is a great success, and to the ladies who so efficiently conduct it the thanks of the Board are tendered.

Such is an outline of the work of your Executive during the year. They feel grateful to the individual members of the different Circles that they have so ably endorsed their actions by their contributions, and would bespeak for your officers who shall be chosen for the coming year, the same hearty co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DEXTER, Rec. Sec.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

In reading the reports of the Circles of Ontario for the

year just past, it is very gratifying to note the advance the cause has made during that time.

A number of new Circles have been formed both East and West, indicating that the missionary interest is not confined to one section.

Some Circles which had almost ceased to exist have revived with fresh vigor.

The children, too, have been doing wonders. Here, and there bands have been formed, and great interest taken by the members. What an educating power is the Mission Band! By it the children hear of the state of the heathen, and learn to be thoughtful, to be self-denying, to give systematically, for others. They learn that they have duties to perform and a debt of love to pay, not only to those in the home circle and in school, but to boys and girls far off in another part of the world. This broadens their ideas, teaches them to consider the cause of the difference in condition between the women of their own land and those in India. Thus they are led to think of Christ's great work for the human race, of the civilizing and elevating influence that permeates all classes and conditions of men where His love abounds.

The appointment and departure of Miss Frith to the Zenana field is a great step forward.

For a long time, as you all know, we have been looking forward to the day when we should have our own Zenana worker—one who would make it her life-work to teach the women of India to be women, to be what God intended them to be, helpmeets to their husbands, not their slaves. What the story of Christ's love has done for the women of Canada that it can do for the women of India.

The day has come and Miss Frith is on her way. May our Father bless her and make her a blessing.

From a letter from Mrs. McLaurin to the President of our Society, we find there is plenty of work awaiting Miss Frith. She says:—

"I have been calling to-day on a caste family, one of my old houses, where Miss Frith will have two or three nice pupils. They are quite eager for her arrival, chiefly that they may learn fancy work! Well, we must take them poor people as we find them, and I hope Miss Frith is an adept at crochet, wool-work and knitting, for she is certain to be besieged with requests to be taught. This man, at whose house I was to-day, said he would introduce Miss Frith to many friends of his (his own idea), and I have two or three other invitations for her. I believe a most interesting work will open up before her. I wait, as we all do, with great interest to see it begun, but we must give her time to learn the language thoroughly." * * * "She is not inexperienced. She has made a worthy name and place for herself in a similar work at home. I believe she will be successful here." * * * There are a few of our Circles which need a little encouragement. Let these have our sympathies and prayers. But the greater number have sent in most cheering reports.

The women of Ontario are not satisfied with the progress already made, and never will be until our sisters in the East need no more help. If every woman would but acknowledge the responsibility God has placed on her by making her know the condition of those in the East, and do with her might what she can, be it much or little, how soon would the women of India be raised to the dignity of true Christian womanhood. * * *

[For list of Circles see Treasurer's Report. The Foreign letters are held over. —Ed.]

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