

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1920.

Since the forty-fourth annual convention, held in the First Church, Guelph, November 3, 1919, the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Board have endeavored to carry on the work at hand under the guidance of the Master.

With exception of July and August, regular monthly and quarterly meetings have been held, with good attendance of members. It is greatly to be regretted that the out-of-town members find it so inconvenient to attend. We would better understand the conditions obtaining in their constituency, and they would be greatly helped by a more complete understanding of the whole Ontario West constituency and the work done on the foreign fields, if they could be with us at least quarterly, but it is hoped that in the future we may devise some way whereby news of the foreign fields may systematically be sent out to each directorate to be disseminated among the Circles.

The great success of the Forward Movement has shown on the part of Christian people a desire that the world be made better, and the foreign fields as a part of the world will benefit from the results. A united intercession toward this end will be rewarded according to God's promise that "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

There has been formed a federation of Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, consisting of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Anglican and Methodist denominations. This federation our board thought best to join, and appointed Miss J. M. Norton and Mrs. John MacNeill as representatives. The co-operation of all these boards, the united prayers of these several denominations if gathered together "In His Name," cannot fail to have its effect on the moral and spiritual issues in the Dominion.

We must not forget that January 7 will be a special day of prayer. The same plan as last year of asking all churches to unite in prayer on this day will be drawn up and published in all the papers. The prayers are to be for the nation, the churches and the individuals, the keyword to be "Thy Kingdom Come."

On May 10 the board were fortunate in securing as speaker for our annual lecture Dr. J. L. Campbell, who gave an address in the Walmer Road Church. Those of you who were present had a glimpse of his ten months' mission tour through Japan, China, Korea and India, and the darkness in these non-Christian lands are rather appalling to Western minds. He gave a glorious story of the work done by our missionaries in India, and said many times that "It's a great thing to be a missionary."

There seems to be a desire on the part of all the Mission Circles to become better acquainted with the missionaries on the foreign fields. Even when the missionaries are home on furlough they are not able to visit each Circle and tell of their interesting work, but some plan is being thought out and will possibly be presented at this convention, which will tend toward a special interest in the foreign worker and will be beneficial for everyone.

We hope that all members of the board have noted that we have changed date of meetings, which will hereafter be on the third Friday of each month, also date for closing the Circle Treasurer's book from the 15th to the 10th, that there may be more time for the money to reach the Board Treasurer.

We were fortunate to be able to induce Mrs. Pettit to act as Manager of The Link and Mrs. Doherty as Superintendent of Agents. They have accomplished wonderful results this past year. The campaign for more subscribers was very successful, and now due to the ever-rising price of paper, printing and postage, it was voted to raise the subscription price to 50c per year, commencing January 1, 1921. You will agree with us that this is a necessity when you hear Mrs. Zavitz's able presentation of the whole matter.

I'm sure you were glad to read in The Link that enough money was received to present Miss Baskerville with a car, which she may be enjoying even now.

There have been quite a few changes in the Directorate, which will be given later by Mrs. Lloyd.

The changes on the board have been very few. On January 2 Mrs. J. B. Kennedy resigned, and Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, a former missionary to Bolivia, now of Hamilton, was elected to fill her place. February 18 Mrs. William Davies, Jr., resigned, and Mrs. Burnaby, of Jefferson, was elected to fill her place on the board, and Mrs. Davies was elected to be an honorary member.