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Editorial.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.—Several notices of these meetings came to us too late for publication, and we presume reports of the meetings will come in also, but it will be too late.

COLLECTING.—We would direct the attention of Circle leaders to a very careful study of Mrs. Holman's article in this number of *THE LINK*. It is the most complete system that we have ever heard of, and if faithfully carried out would solve most of our difficulties.

MISSION BAND LESSON.—Miss Muir has been ill and could not prepare the lesson for this month. All of our readers will regret this. We are fortunate though in having one from Sister Belle, who has been unable to write for us for some time on account of a broken arm. We are very glad to say that she has very nearly recovered. It was our purpose to give the two lessons this month, as we have no August number.

MEMBERS OF CIRCLES IN EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC are reminded that Friday, the first of September, is one of the days set apart by the Women's Societies East, for special prayer for our missions and missionaries both at home and abroad. Let the sisters gather together and make their supplications known unto the most High that special blessing may descend upon our representatives on the fields.

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THE ONTARIO AND QUEBEC CONVENTION.—The report of Secretary-Treasurer McDiarmid gave an account of much earnest and successful work at home and abroad. Attention was called to the fact that a quarter of a century of separate foreign mission work on the part of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec has just been completed. "Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin entered Ocanada on the 12th of March, 1874." An interesting account of the circumstances under which we entered upon the work follows and a contrast is presented between the financial status and the number of converts then and now. At present we have in India property valued at \$50,000, a membership of about 4,000, (6,348 have been baptized during the

twenty-five years). We have "more than a hundred Sunday schools, more than sixty Christian day schools, six station boarding schools, the Timpany Memorial school, and the Seminary with theological, literary, and manual-training departments, ten ordained and sixty-two unordained native preachers, seventy-five native Christian teachers, thirty Bible-women and five colporteurs; Christians in 270 villages, 181 places of regular meeting, forty-one Chapels owned, some of the churches already self-supporting, and others reaching out of their deep poverty toward self-support, and a Christian medical work of untold blessing to a most needy people."

The receipts for the year totalled \$31,807.61. We entered upon the year with a deficit of \$5,689.18, and closed it with a deficit of \$7,120.92, of which amount \$4,773.09 was due to the bank, and the remainder to special funds held by the Board. The total amount received included the amounts raised by the women's societies, \$13,136.92, a good deal more than a third of the entire amount, and about a third more than the direct contributions of all the churches.

Secretary McDiarmid called attention to the fact that a large number of the churches restrict their giving for foreign missions to the amounts raised by the women. While he appreciates very highly the work done by the sisters, he is exceedingly desirous that *each church as a church* should appear among the contributors to the mission funds. We think it highly desirable that the churches as churches should contribute, and we would request the Circles in all non-contributing churches to make a special effort this year to have a general collection taken for foreign missions. We believe that a determined effort on the part of the Circles would result in filling in all the blanks and giving to each church in the Convention a place in the list of contributors. We think each church should make it a point of honor to have some direct part in this great work. It makes an unfavorable impression regarding women's work for churches to excuse themselves from giving on the ground that the Circles have sent in contributions.

DR. McDIARMID'S RETIREMENT.—It was a source of deep regret that Dr. McDiarmid, who for several years has labored so faithfully and successfully as Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, felt it to be his duty to relinquish this work in order to enter upon another