

SECOND ANNUAL HOME WORK REPORT.

The silvery tinkle of the bells that ushered in our 25th anniversary as a Society has died away in the distance and we have steadily plodded on a whole year toward our golden celebration. Again the books are closed, audited and found correct. The reports have been written, read and enjoyed by some of us as much as ever.

For this year it has been thought advisable to dispense with the usual reports of the Directors and embody them all in one, thus giving time for the Conference which is to follow. Many have complained in previous Conventions that not sufficient time was given for questions, and answers from those who had more knowledge of the work. To remedy this the present change has been made as an experiment.

I come before you therefore as a condensed Director, as well as Secretary of the Home Department of the F. M. work.

We have in our churches, according to Directors reports, 12,686 women. Of this number 3,837 contribute to Foreign Missions, and about 4,000 to Home Missions, through the Women's Society. Where are the others? Will each woman try to get one other interested during the next year?

Our Home Mission paper *The Visitor*, has found its way into 6000 homes. It is well worth the price of admission, 10 cents a year.

The LINK, our Foreign Mission paper, has 4631 subscribers, an increase of 377 over last year. Let us increase that number largely this year. If we wish to keep posted on current events among our own missionaries we will need to read the LINK.

You will see by consulting our Treasurer's report that our thirteen Associations have contributed \$6973.15 to Foreign Missions, being an increase over last year of \$331.23.

Let each sister look at the Treasurer's Report for this year, then if you have one of last year compare the two and see whether your Circle has fallen behind in its giving, or taken a step forward. The Directors will take the whole Association into account, but our part is the individual Circle. Do not let us be utterly discouraged if we are behind, but let us be more determined to do our part in this great missionary work. Have we denied ourselves, tried to give as much information about them, and prayed as earnestly for missions as we should?

During the year two of our Directors have

changed their spheres. One we hope to soon count our missionary in S. America. Our best wishes and earnest prayers follow Mrs. Reekie wherever her lot may be cast. Her sister, Miss Annie McDougall has taken her place and we are confident that the work in Walkerton Association will be well looked after under her able supervision.

Then our able Director of Lambton and Middlesex will no longer be known as Miss E. Park, but Mrs. E. J. Haines, wife of the pastor of Wyoming. We wish our sister a long, happy life of continued usefulness, and trust the same splendid work will continue to be done there in the future that has been in the past.

The thirteen Directors with their 216 Circles and 114 Bands, have done good work during the year and some of them have items of interest to report if time permit, new Circles formed, Bands re-organized, interest increased, influence exerted for lasting good. Page after page might be written but we forbear.

The grand result will be reached when each individual does her best, no matter how small, and does it to please the King, whose we are and whom we serve.

L. LLOYD, Sec.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

During the year four regular meetings of the Board have been held, with an average attendance of seventeen; one special meeting of members residing in the city, and five meetings of the Executive Committee.

The monthly meeting for prayer on behalf of the workers and the work has been held regularly on the last Thursday of each month. The importance of these meetings can hardly be over-estimated. It has been a joy and inspiration to have Miss Priest at a number of these as well as the Board meetings. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board, held in Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, November 14th, 1901, regular estimates amounting to \$6,163.50 were passed. Special estimates came to \$1,241.87, making a total of \$7,405.37.

The resignation of Mrs. C. W. King, who for years had charge of the Bureau of Missionary Information, was received with sincere regret. As a Society we are deeply indebted to Mrs. King's wise planning, and loving service, in this department of work.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in December, Mrs. Dancy, a member of Walmer Road Church, was unanimously appointed Mrs.