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Editorial.

THE latest news from India says that Mrs. McLeod is a little better. Let us continue to pray that she may be restored to health, that her husband may be able to continue at his work.

ONE of the missionaries, in a private letter, says of our sister, Mrs. Barrow, when her husband's body was being laid away. She said: "Oh! this is what India does for you; but I can give *him* up for the cause." Talk of sacrifice in giving these hard times, but have any of us been called upon to sacrifice like that?

Our statement last month, that the time of Convention had been changed, was a little premature. We were told that the joint committee of the Home and Foreign Boards had decided unanimously for the change. It was a decision to recommend to the Boards. We supposed it was final.

IN reply to the numerous enquiries *re* the lateness of January LINK. An accident to the press caused delay. We were not burned out, but our printing office is less than a block away from the first fire, and when the second one came the January number was at the bindery, second door from the fire.

THE regular work undertaken this year by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario just equals the amount of the *regular* income last year. Extra provision having been promised for Miss McLeod's salary, and other definite amounts promised being equal to the salary of her munshi, the Board felt that this added responsibility was fully assumed by members of the Society, but if the regular income decreases, what position will we occupy when our time of reckoning comes? The Treasurer's first quarterly report shows a falling off of \$200, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, in the regular income, while the disbursements for this quarter are \$75 greater.

By the change in the date of the Conventions, and the closing of the books of the society on April 30th, in concert with the other Treasurers, we have only a little over three months before us in which to regain the

ground we have lost during this first quarter. It is essential that the income before the books close should at least equal that of the corresponding period last year, increased by the amount necessary for Miss McLeod's support during that time, and this means that \$1,800 should be sent in between now and the 30th of April. To aid in this, will every Circle and Band try to forward some amount, so that they may be represented in the Treasurer's report to the Convention, and, wherever it is possible to increase the contributions, will not an effort be made, so that the falling off in some places from real necessity may not have the result of decreasing our income.

Is there not just a little danger that our Circles and Bands will think that, as we came out so well in our funds last year, they need not try quite so hard this year? We have noticed, in looking over the Treasurer's annual report, that the saving of our treasury from embarrassment last year was *largely* due to the *special* gifts from individuals; gifts which we cannot expect to be repeated.

There is no occasion for us, in Circle or Band, to rest upon our oars. The example of the First Church, Brantford, Circle, is worthy of imitation.

BOARD MEETING OF THE W. B. F. S. OF ONT.

The quarterly meeting of the Board was held January 18th, at 2 p.m. It was a matter for regret that only two members outside the city were present.

The chief matter for consideration was the recommendation by the committee that the Convention be held in the spring.

Letters were read from a number, regarding the change. Also a message was read from the Woman's Home Board, that at their meeting the previous day a resolution had been passed in favor of the change.

After thoughtful consideration, the following resolutions were passed:—

Moved by Mrs. Raymond, and carried:—"In consideration of the action of the recent Convention in St. Thomas, by which the closing of Convention year is changed to last of May or first of June; *Resolved*,—That our Woman's Convention shall meet the Wednesday and Thursday nearest the 15th of May.