

for the year, lessons in LINK and "Visitor" have all helped to make successful Circles.

It was regretted by all that our enthusiastic Band Secretary was unable to be present, owing to ill-health. She sent her report, in which she tells us there is a gain in Band membership, and for the third time in the history of the Bands, they have passed the \$1,000 mark. Mrs. G. W. Barber has been appointed again the Band Secretary.

The resignation of our missionary, Miss Zimmerman, has been received, owing to her approaching marriage to the Rev. H. B. Cross. She will continue in the work under the General Board.

Miss J. F. Robinson is now on the Pacific on her way to India, for her second term, to take up the work laid down by Miss Corning.

Loving, touching expressions were made of our great loss when the Master parted the curtains and said to our beloved missionary, Miss Corning, "Thou hast finished thy work. Come now and enter into the joy of thy Lord." Her rare gifts, her beautiful life and character, will be a lasting monument to her there and here.

Also very tender words were spoken of the "home-going" of our beloved Hon. President, Mrs. Yule, who filled this important position for seven years, after five years' service as President. For 18 years she bore the heat and burden of pioneer missionary life in India.

Telegrams of sympathy in their illness were sent to Mrs. Barber and Miss Norton; also one to Mrs. J. B. McLaurin, announcing that the highest honor that the Convention can bestow had been conferred upon her, the honorary presidency—the place of "mother" to advise us and consult with. Mrs. McLaurin's face is an inspiration to anyone to work for missions.

It is a pleasure to announce the return to the presidency of Mrs. Firstbrook, who has so capably filled this chair for so many years, and the appointment to the vice-presidencies of Mrs. J. J. Ross, Hamilton, and Mrs. J. G. Brown, Toronto, two women of tact, ability and sound judgment. With these four splendid women at the head of the Board, we look forward to great things in the next year's work. The

members of the Board are: Mrs. Thos. Trotter, Dr. Ellis, Mrs. Kingdon, Mrs. F. C. Elliott, Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Mrs. A. R. Park, Mrs. R. R. McKay, Miss Anna Moyle, all of Toronto; Mrs. Marshall, Chatham; Mrs. Jas. Grant, Aurora, and Miss Ethel Aldridge, Toronto, representing the young women.

A telegram from Mrs. McMaster, acknowledging the Home Missionary Convention telegram, was read by the president.

Mrs. Dundervale, of Wallaceburg, and Mrs. John Lillie led us in a helpful and inspiring prayer service, in which special prayer for India was made. We are powerless without prayer; prayer is the link between earth and heaven. God's promises are always conditional. We must abide in Christ; separated, we cannot be fruit-bearers.

Miss Esther Baker, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Sherman McCrimmon sang in splendid voices solos, "Just as I Am" and "Why Callest Thou Me?"

The exercise from "The Child in the Midst" was well given, in costume, by the St. Thomas Mission Band; also one by 30 young ladies, in costume, on "Giving the Light," representing heathendom lighted by Christianity.

Such splendid, interesting addresses we did have—every one worthy of being published verbatim, and it is to be hoped the time will soon come when the Convention addresses will be found, at least typewritten, in the Bureau of Literature. Six missionaries from India and Bolivia we do not often get on the programme.

Mrs. Mitchell told us the Bolivian Government is looking favorably on the Protestants now; that the high-class people are sitting up and taking notice; that Dr. Speer says more money is spent on education in New York than in all of South America; that procrastination is one of their bad habits—it is always "To-morrow" with them.

Mrs. Firstbrook emphasized the need of putting forth every effort, of gathering up the fragments that nothing be lost. We must try to interest more in this world-wide Missions.

Dr. Hulet showed us the great change that had taken place in India in receiving the missionaries. Yesterday they hid in the houses, and could not be induced to come out until they found we