

leader; the leader must have a love for missions and a love for children. It was moved that this paper be published in the LINK.

The Rev. J. G. Brown (returned missionary) gave a most interesting address on India, using a map to show the location of the fields of the different denominations, and of our own stations, and he also gave an account of his own field, Vuyyuru.

A union (Home and Foreign) platform meeting was held the evening before the day devoted to Foreign missions, the Rev. J. A. Kennedy in the chair. Mrs. O. J. Holman gave an address on Home missions, Rev. L. F. Côté on Grande Ligne, and Rev. J. G. Brown on India. The three addresses were listened to with very great interest. The choir contributed music, and Mrs. Vaux and Mrs. D. Hudson each sang a solo.

A vote of thanks was given the friends of Kemptville for their kind hospitality, and also to the retiring officers.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," the Convention was brought to a close.

As a result of the Convention, a Circle has been organized in Kemptville.

The Convention will be held in Montreal next year, and it is hoped a large number will attend.

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### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*Mme. President and Ladies*.—It was in the month of September, 1876, now just twenty-one years ago, that this Society was formed, so that in ordinary parlance, we are of age. This is a period in the life of our Society that tempts to retrospection, and it is certainly a point from which we should attempt greater things for the future.

In looking back, we can truly say that our weak efforts to forward the work in which we are engaged, are worthy only of failure. But as this desire in our hearts, that the Gospel of our Lord shall be preached in all the world, is of His planting, so in His love to us He has given fruit and a gracious promise of a bountiful harvest in the future, for our reward, and to the glory of His great name.

Looking forward, may we walk in paths that shall lead to enlarged efforts for the spread of the Kingdom of Peace upon the earth, always in humble dependence upon the will of the Great Ruler of the universe. And to Him be all the glory and praise forever.

In the report of the Executive Board, there has been but one special meeting, while the regular quarterly meetings have been duly held.

Deep and harmonious interest has been shown in the transaction of the necessary business.

Average attendance, 12. One life member has been

made during the year, Miss W. Millar, of South Gower.

At the time of the closing of the Treasurer's books, October 1st, for the first time in the history of this Society, a deficit has to be reported of an amount of nearly \$200. It is hoped that this deficit may be somewhat reduced before the date of the annual meeting.

The three Associational meetings have been held in the month of June last. Good work has been done by various directors in the formation and attempted formation of Circles.

A Circle at Renfrew has been organized, and at Pembroke and Algonquin re-organized in the Central Association. In the Ottawa Association a Circle has been re-organized at Buckingham, and a new one formed at Dempsey.

The Ottawa Association still retains its devoted Director. The Director of the Central Association, Mrs. F. Knowlton, leaving Canada, Mrs. Vaux, of Brockville, was appointed in her place, and Mrs. D. Laing, Kingston, President, while the Eastern Association has appointed Mrs. D. Grant, of Montreal, Director, and Mrs. W. L. Williams, Sawyerville, Secretary.

During the year the thanks of the Society was conveyed to the Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Montreal, for the use of its parlors, in which the meetings of the Executive Board have been held for the past twenty-one years.

—At the request of the W. C. T. U. it was decided to pray for the prohibition of the traffic in opium and liquor. To be done, if possible, at every meeting of the Board.

Our devoted missionary, Miss Murray, has enjoyed good health during the year, but has not taken a vacation this season.

At the last conference of the missionaries in India, it was decided that owing to the need of one to take the place of Miss Simpson, now on furlough, and also in the desirableness of single ladies living, as far as possible, with relatives, that Miss Murray be moved to Cocanada, and Miss McLaurin take up her residence with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stillwell, who now have charge at Vuyyuru.

This change took place in June. While at Vuyyuru Miss Murray's reports are most satisfactory as to work done, and showing so plainly that it is prosecuted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we know that in due time the harvest is sure—"if we faint not." She writes: "The Kistna district has thus far escaped the famine, though not famine prices, and the people have much to thank God for if they would only realize from whom all these blessings flow. I am sure ignorance of this, and neglect to render unto God the thanks due to him in times of prosperity, is the real cause of these visitations. 'Jehovah says, I am the Lord, that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to