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PETERBORO ASSOCIATION.—Mrs. Dr. Tracy of Peterboro will attend to all associational matters in Miss Caswell's absence.

W.B.F.M. SOC. OF ONTARIO.—At the Board meeting January 13th, the usual routine of business was transacted. The Board wish to call special attention to the treasurer's quarterly statement, which shows a decrease in the receipts in comparison with the corresponding quarter of last year, as follows: Receipts for 1st. quarter of this year, \$758.10; receipts for 1st. quarter of last year, \$974.80; receipts for 1st quarter year before last \$1,051.17. Amount available for general expenses on January 11. \$819.84. Amount needed for the ensuing quarter \$1,563.00. We need about \$500 a month to keep our work going from this time on to the end of the year. Miss Elliott says that the 2nd and the 4th quarters are like the Egyptian years of plenty in that they are expected to provide more than one quarter's funds, to tide over the lack in the first and third quarters; but this year's 1st. has been so very lean that it will take a very large surplus in the next quarter to make up the deficiency.

AS WE go to press we are again called to mourn the loss of a sister in whose heart Foreign Missions had a very warm place. Mrs. Hatch of Woodstock, mother of our esteemed Missionary, was called home on the 24th. She will be greatly missed both by her family and in the work of the church. Shall we not all pray the God of comfort to sustain the stricken family?

THE NATIVE Christian girls of India are many of them taking responsible positions. One graduate of a mission school has charge of one of the Lady Dufferin hospitals, some are clerks in dispensaries, another has been appointed to the charge of a post-office,—a thing before unknown in India,—and some are in charge of waiting rooms at railway stations.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.—*As My Father hath sent Me into the World, even so send I you.*"

PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.—For Mrs. Churchill, that she may be speedily restored to health, and her heart made glad because of showers of blessing on the Bobbilli field.

When Mrs. Archibald was leaving for India, she gave to the W.B.M.U. a number of photographs such as, "The servants at Chicacole," "Burmese women," "Colporteurs and teachers at Chicacole," &c., These will be mounted, and then any Aid Society or M. Band wishing to borrow them may do so, provided that the postage is paid, and the photographs carefully returned. Mrs. Archibald also gave us several costumes and curios which are to be used in the same way. But with all these care must be taken, to return at once, or some one else is kept waiting. The Ex. of the Union knowing that Mrs. Archibald had these articles decided to purchase them, but Mrs. Archibald refused to sell, saying she gave them for the work. That they are a help

anyone who has used them will acknowledge and we are sure that leaders of M. Bands will feel specially grateful to our sister. In a few weeks we will publish a list of these articles, they will be in charge of whoever has the Bureau of Missionary Literature. At present Miss Johnstone, Dartmouth N. S.

Among the good things we need to forward our work, is a circulating library. Aid Societies and Bands would often be greatly benefited by reading one or two of the many books on missions. Of course we must be content to begin small. From the library of Mrs. Selden we have "Missionary Sketches" by S. F. Smith, "Pagoda Shadows," "The Vintons and the Karens," and "The Macedonian Cry." Also in monthly parts the "Miss. Review of the World." These last will be useful to many. The Reviews take in the whole field. If any of our sisters are inclined to help in this work either by donations of money or books please write Miss Johnstone, Dartmouth.

Orders are coming in every day for the New Game, "Missionary Pioneers," and we hope soon to be able to announce all sold. Mission Band leaders are working hard to familiarize our young people with our Indian work and workers but the short time allowed to the Band meeting renders the work a difficult one. "How to interest in and at the same time teach about the Mission is solved in a pleasant way by these games. Frances Willard in a recent article in the "Union Signal," entitled "Around the Evening Lamp," urges the committing to memory of at least one verse an evening from the best poets, and says she shall never be thankful enough herself for the habit thus formed during her school life. The object of M. Band leaders is so to train the young people that in years to come they will be thankful that this last command of Christ was urged upon them, that the obeying of it became a fixed habit of their lives. With this object in view these games have been sent out. One of our Ministers in urging them upon his young people said: Here is something you can play with and derive profit and amusement from at the same time. When you meet together for a social evening here is something to give your friends, that will lead them to know our Mission Stations, and the names of our missionaries, past and present. This will soon lead to a desire to hear these missionaries when they return, to know more of the manners and customs of the people among whom they labour, and thus, the desire will be awakened, to help in sending them the Gospel.

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In a letter received from our Treasurer the last of December, she says, "Do you know I need to receive \$800, between now and the end of the present quarter to enable me to meet the installments?" Last year between December 29th, and the end of the quarter \$900 was sent in. Let us remember my sisters that at our annual meeting in August, we pledged ourselves to the Lord to raise \$7,000 this year: "Do not let any quarter find us with a deficit. *The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts.*" Let us not keep back His own from the Lord,