

diate action, the General Board unanimously sanctioned the appointment, and to-day she sails from Boston; having left father, mother and all that is dearest to a woman's heart, to give her life to the work among the Telugus.

Miss Hatch will be entirely supported by the Circles of Ontario; so she is our very own missionary, which means more earnest prayer and more money. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

The LINK, our chief medium of foreign intelligence, has been most satisfactorily conducted by Mrs. Newman. The high value set upon it is shown by its increased circulation, over 4,300 copies are sent out. There has also been a great demand for missionary tracts, etc. There is also a Circulating Library in connection with the W. B. F. M. Society. A list will be given in the next LINK, any of which may be obtained free of charge by applying to Mrs. Wm. Craig, Jr., Port Hope.

We close the year with thanksgiving to our King for what He has enabled us to do, and the prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in our Circles with mighty power during the coming year.

JANE BUCHAN.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

Recording Secretary's Tenth Annual Report, 1885-'86.

The year now passed has proved that our work in India grows with our growth—this year we have the visible sign that we have grown. At the last annual meeting of the Central Board we found that the estimates furnished by the General Board were (throughout) in advance of the year before, the total for Ontario being \$1,762, our balance was over \$2,200, while the corresponding estimates for the preceding year were \$1,705.

Appended to estimates for Zenana work was an item—"Zenana Workers' Home"—towards which a grant of \$500 was asked to buy certain building materials then cheap; the total cost of the Home to be about \$1,500. It was to be erected in the Mission Compound, Cocanada, to be large enough to accommodate two Canadian ladies, with native assistants. The grant was unanimously passed.

The next appropriation was, that as "a slight acknowledgment of the debt of gratitude we owe to the late Mr. Timpany and to Mrs. Timpany, that \$100 be remitted annually to Mrs. Timpany for four years."

A special donation of \$500 was made to the Samulcotta Seminary for general expenses.

According to the amendment published with last year's report, \$50 was voted to the editress of the LINK; this \$50 was returned later, as it was not needed to make up the \$200 the Board guarantees. The money left by Mrs. Freeland and Miss Buchan to pay for the LINK to the end of its year, was also returned as unnecessary, and divided in the same proportion to each Convention as the partial donation of \$300.

The "Literature Committee" was authorized to choose some Missionary Magazine for the Presidents of Circles desiring interesting matter for monthly meetings. They chose the "Gospel in all Lands," and 88 Circles took advantage of the opportunity.

The following important step was also decided upon at our annual meeting: That we were in a position to begin the medical education of some young lady to be a medical missionary; accordingly a notice to that effect was inserted in the LINK.

At the quarterly meeting in January two applications were laid before the Board by Mrs. Rose. The one, Miss

Hester Allway, Strathroy, felt a repugnance to the study of medicine, but expressed herself as willing to undertake it if she was found suitable in other respects. Every thing in this young lady's references and letters was *very satisfactory*, but the Board thought her too young to send out immediately and that a physician should be one by choice. The second applicant Miss Preston, M.D., who is a thoroughly competent physician and suitable in other ways as well, had to be refused as the medical examination was not satisfactory. Finally, the third applicant, Miss Hatch, was unanimously chosen by both the Central Board and the General Board as it seemed that God pointed her out as His choice. Miss Hatch has not gone as a medical missionary, but as a teacher, and we hope she may remain in Cocanada as Matron of the Girls' School.

Last year a resolution was passed by you in favour of forming Associational Societies, this year you have heard the result. A Standing Committee has been appointed to give counsel to the Directors; our representative being Miss Buchan.

A new office has been created during the year to relieve one corresponding secretary: the office of correspondent to the foreign field. Mrs. Humphrey was the unanimous choice of the Board, and kindly consented to fill it.

In January we were forced to accept the resignation of Mrs. Rose, when about to remove to California; but we have found an able successor in Miss Buchan.

In March a special meeting was held to consider the request of Miss Frith; that the \$1,000 necessary to complete the "Zenana Home" should be granted immediately, that the building might be begun under Mr. Craig's direction. The Circles of the Eastern Convention made a special effort, and raised \$200 extra; while our treasury furnished the remaining \$800.

The list of Life-members made this year, is as follows: Mrs. W. Pegg, East Ward, Brantford; Mrs. Wm. Hollins, St. Thomas; Mrs. Crawford, Brantford, 1st Church; Mrs. Wm. Pickard, Guelph; Mrs. A. V. Timpany, Woodstock; Mrs. Ryder, Goble's Corners; Mrs. S. Dadson, Paris; Mrs. Davis, 2nd, Lobo; John Bites McLaurin, India; Mrs. Carey, Brantford, 1st Church; Mrs. T. S. Shenston, Brantford, 1st Church; Mrs. Ira Barber, Villa Nova; Mrs. John Haviland, Boston; Mrs. John Nelles, Boston; Miss Clara Lugsdin, Jarvis St. Church, Toronto.

This has been a year of change, and also of progress; few, if any, at the beginning of the year were so sanguine as to hope that before its close, not only should we have money sufficient to complete the "Zenana Home," but also to equip, and send out another missionary. The increase of funds denotes an increase of interest throughout the province, for it is the efforts of each additional member that make the grand total in the year's report. It is encouraging then to know that so many new Circles and Mission Bands have been formed and that the returns have been larger than ever before. There is still room for effort, as we have not yet attained our *desideratum*; that very Baptist woman in the Province should be an *active member* of this Society. VIOLET ELLIOT.

List of Officers and Members of the Central Board for 1886-'87.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

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