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The following appropriations were made:—Seminary Students, \$200; Village Schools, \$870; Books and Tracts, \$280; Bible Women, \$160; Samulcotta Seminary, \$1550; Woman's Work, Akida, \$700; Tuni, \$650; Cocanada, \$1000; Cocanada Zenana, \$910. Total for India on regular work, \$6,200. Miss Hatch's furlough allowance and probable passage to India, \$721; Home expenses, \$79. Total, \$7,000.

As this is equal to the total amount raised last year, including \$500 extra for the boat, it was felt that the Board could not undertake more at present, but would

make a special effort to raise \$600 for girls' dormitories, and \$100 for widows' quarters, to be paid as soon as we are able to do so.

A resolution was passed by the Convention encouraging the Board to go forward and enlarge the work for the coming year. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of Hamilton, for kind hospitality, was passed. Next Convention to be held in Jarvis St., Toronto.

ELLEN DAVIES, Rec. Sec.

### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the past year the Board has had four regular meetings and one extra meeting. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board for the year, held in the Paris Baptist church, on October 26th, the following appropriations were made.

AKIDU—Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$300.00; NARSAPATNAM—Books and tracts, \$10.00; RAMACHANDRAPURAM—Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$205.00; YELLAM ANCHILI—Village schools, books and tracts, \$75.00; COCANADA—Village schools, books and tracts, \$160.00; PEDDAPURAM—Bible women, Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$130.00; TUNI—Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$85.00; SAMULCOTTA SEMINARY—Miss Hatch's salary, \$500; teachers, \$375.00; students' support, \$950.00; books and tracts, repairs and miscellaneous, \$235.00; VUY YURU—Bible women, Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$195.00; WOMEN'S WORK FOR WOMEN—Akidu, \$660.00; Tuni, \$450.00; Samulcotta Bible Work, \$80.00; Cocanada School, \$1000.00; Cocanada Zenana Work, \$610.00; Total, \$6010.00.

A request came from the Women's Home Mission Board relative to some proposed changes in the Constitution of Associational Societies and instructions to directors. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of Mrs. Pease, Miss Buchan and Miss Elliot, and at the half yearly meeting of April 14th, a Letter of Instructions to Directors, with such alterations as were concurred in by both boards, was unanimously approved.

On behalf of the Society the president and recording secretary signed a petition to the Minister of Customs, which had been prepared in conjunction with the other Women's Missionary Societies of the country, with a view to the abolition of the importation of Chinese girls.

It is with much sorrow that we record the death of our Secretary for Bands, Miss Hattie West, of Toronto, who passed away on the 28th of December last. In spite of great weakness, Miss West had continued to the last in her much loved work. After her removal Mrs. West kindly carried it on for a time, but was obliged to relinquish it, when Mrs. C. T. Stark, of Toronto, was appointed to the vacant office.

At a special meeting of the Board on February 24th, an application was received from Miss Ellen Priest, of