

school. The Board decided to accept only half the amount for the present, leaving Miss Stovel to pay the remainder, without interest, when it should be convenient for her. In response to a request from India, Miss Stovel was appointed to work on the Akidu field.

Miss Hattie West was elected Secretary of Bands, in place of Mrs. Dadson, who had resigned; and Mrs. Laine as Treasurer, in place of Mrs. Elliott, also resigned. Mrs. Laine, feeling obliged to decline the treasurership on account of the pressure of home duties, at a special meeting of the Board, called for the purpose, on Nov. 21st, Miss Violet Elliot was chosen for this important office.

At the request of our missionary, Miss Hatch, the Board undertook to contribute \$100 toward the expenses of Miss Folsom's return journey from India.

Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Freeland were appointed a committee to see about incorporating this Society.

At the first meeting of the newly-appointed Board, two applications from young ladies, wishing to be sent to the foreign field, were refused, the Board feeling that the state of the funds would not permit of the additional expense being undertaken. Subsequently, earnest inquiry has been made for a suitable lady, with a thorough medical training, to go as a helper on the Akidu field, but the Lord has not as yet directed us to such a person, who felt herself called to this work.

At the meeting held on July 2nd, Mrs. Newman presented the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution. The changes proposed by this committee, together with other slight changes, suggested at the meeting, were approved by the Board and will be laid before the Convention. The following is the list of life members who have been added during the past year: Mrs. Weld, London; Mrs. Weir, Guelph; Miss Selina Nelles, Unionville; Mrs. F. Fairchild, Scotland; Miss E. Vans, Woodstock; Mrs. Wm. Mickle, Harrow; Mrs. James Rogers, Aylmer; Mrs. McKay, Woodstock; Mrs. Boughner, St. Thomas. This makes an addition of nine in all.

The LINK, under the able management of Mrs. Newman, has continued to give much satisfaction, and has been recognized as a great help in carrying on the work. There is much cause for thankfulness in our experience as helpers in Foreign Missions during the year that has gone, but we look into the future with the earnest prayer that more grace and strength may be given, so that we may be enabled to accomplish much greater things for Him who did so much for us.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN DAVIES, *Rec.-Sec.*

October 20th, 1890.

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

In presenting the report of the work of the past year, we do so with deep thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that He has honored us by using us in helping to fulfill His last great commission. That he has blessed the Home Circles and Bands, so that their liberality has increased and their gifts have been the means of bringing light to "such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death," and glory to His own great name.

To the Circles and Bands, the collectors and contributors, we tender our thanks and pray that they "always having all sufficiency in all things may abound in this grace (of giving) also." That we at home are awakening

to our responsibility, is shown by the increased contributions to Foreign Missions. In many Circles this is very marked; but others have fallen sadly behind, and worst of all, several have ceased to exist. Can it be that there are Baptist women in our Ontario churches who care so little for the souls of others, or for the last command of the dear Redeemer, as to become wearied in this work for Him?

The reports from the Associations are exceedingly encouraging; in most cases the Circles have made very complete returns:

Twenty-one new Circles have been formed; 3 Circles have been re-organized; 8 Circles have failed to report, but are known to be working; 7 are extinct or doing nothing. Total number of Circles 173. 75 have increased their subscriptions; 55 have fallen off; 40 Circles have given \$1 or over per contributor; 7 Circles have given \$2 or over. Then again, 5 Circles have given \$1 or over per woman in the church.

As there are over three hundred Baptist churches in Western Ontario; only about half of these have Circles. We hope that soon nearly every church will have its "Woman's Mission Circle."

So many of our Circles and Bands support students at Samalcoota Seminary that it would be a grand thing if our Society could take the whole of the work there in addition to the other work.

It has always been our rule never to undertake work until the money to carry it on is in the hands of the Treasurer, and as the appropriations are made immediately after the annual meeting, the large balance with which we close the year, will at once be appropriated and sent on to India.

MISSIONARY INFORMATION.

No Circle can prosper without missionary information. Many are eager to get it. To supply the need Mrs. Wm. Craig, of Port Hope still takes charge of the "Free Circulating Library," and will gladly send any of its valuable and interesting books to those who ask her. Mr. Bovis, of the "Standard Pub. Co." has always on hand a large assortment of Foreign Mission leaflets, and for 25 cents will send a selection; enough to give reading matter to a Circle for some time. Interesting extracts from missionary letters have been circulated as often as possible and our lady missionaries have promised to send occasionally a letter that can be copied for Circles.

The chief source of missionary information must always be our own MISSIONARY LINK. It is gratifying to know that the circulation of this really valuable publication is steadily increasing. No family or Circle can be thoroughly informed about our women's work unless they read it carefully. And no woman can read the letters carefully, from our missionaries, which appear every month, without becoming intensely interested in the work.

Volunteers.—Two young ladies have lately offered themselves as missionaries to India, and others have been heard of who would gladly go. As the present need is a medical lady, nothing has been done about sending any others.

Medical Lady.—Last January Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Miss Stovel wrote a most urgent appeal for a medical lady to be sent as soon as possible to the Akidu field. The sufferings of both men and women were told in a way to touch the hearts of the most indifferent. The impossibility of reaching either doctor or dresser makes the need more urgent. Extracts from these letters were sent to all the Circles, with the request that they would make