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Official News from the Foreign Society.

The Executive Committee met in regular monthly session in Room 55, Johnston Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 20, 1892. Devotional services were conducted by C. J. Tannar.

FINANCES.—The receipts for the month amounted to \$2,910.11; the disbursements to \$5,922.35.

CONVERSIONS.—The following were reported: 2 in China; 3 in Turkey; 3 in Fulham; 8 in Birkenhead.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.—M. D. Adams and family, after eight years of service in India, are coming home on furlough. They have been faithful and efficient missionaries, and have earned a year's rest. They propose to sail for America in March.—G. L. Wharton and W. E. Rambo and wife have gone to Bilaspur. They will occupy the bungalow there while M. D. Adams and family are absent from the field. This leaves J. G. McGavran, Dr. and Mrs. Durand, Miss Robinson and Miss Thompson at Hurda.—Dr. Durand says: "We hope to see a good number of persons turn to the Lord soon. If we can break the solid front of heathenism, we will capture the enemy in hundreds and thousands. The Lord grant that we may." J. G. McGavran writes: "I like all the missionaries very much, and I intend to." "We need a lady physician for Bilaspur and one for Hurda. We also need an orphanage at Bilaspur, an orphanage, girls' school and bungalow for the ladies here in Hurda."

China.—C. E. Molland writes that he is purchasing land in Wuhu. The money for this was appropriated a year ago. The missionaries in this city have been living in a Chinese house, and their health has seriously suffered. Miss Sickler has gone to Wuhu, and proposes to open a school for girls. She proposes to go to Wuhu because there is no Protestant school there, while there are two in Nankin. W. P. Bentley writes that a contract has been about concluded for a house in Chu Choo. "All the work is satisfactory. We labor and wait."

Japan.—Miss Callo Harrison urges that money be granted to secure a girls' school in Tokyo. A suitable building and grounds can be secured now. The Endeavor Societies have been asked to contribute the funds needed for this purpose. Thus far about \$200 have been received; there is needed \$3,000.

England.—J. E. Powell reports that nearly one-half the members in Southampton are down with the epidemic. Nevertheless they have just paid \$500 on their church debt.—W. T. Moore has been very sick, but is some better. He is able to preach and to edit the Commonwealth, but he is not as well as he could wish to be.—J. J. Haley writes very encouragingly of the work in Birkenhead: "Our work seems prospering in all departments. Last Sunday was one of the grandest days we have had—splendid audiences, large collections, eight baptisms and much interest manifested. Nine persons will be received into fellowship to-morrow. This makes thirteen since opening our new building December 1. Although our new place seats 400, it is filled by our Sunday school. Our collections and morning audiences are larger since our new chapel was opened. Things are taking on a more permanent and, therefore, a more hopeful aspect." Good reports come

from the new work in Gloucester. A neat brick chapel has been built; the audiences are large and full of enthusiasm.

NEW MISSIONARIES.—Several are under appointment. More are needed. The indications are that the receipts will justify a great enlargement of the forces in the field. The Committee take this for granted. Several men are needed for Japan, for China and for India. The work must be prosecuted on a scale and with an aggressive energy far beyond anything in the past. It is high time for us to do a work that will be commensurate with the ability which the Lord has given us. We could quadruple our forces and not reach the limit of our responsibility. Young men of good health, of fair education, of tact and patience, of faith and hope, of consecration and good sense, are needed. Young women possessing the same qualifications are also needed. We ought to send out a score of new workers this year at the very least.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Ledard, Supt. Owen Sound, Ont., to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

DEAR CHILDREN,—It is a long time now since I wrote especially to you, and as I have only one report I will do so this time. I want to remind you in the first place, how near we are to the Convention and that you have only a very few more meetings before your reports will need to be sent in. Now I am sure that every child in our band is anxious to make that report just as good as it can be. To do that it will be necessary for each one to do the very best you can to make it so. Do you want to know how you can do this? I will tell you some of the ways. Attend the meetings of your band as regularly as possible, and if you have been asked to take part in the programme, be sure and have it nicely prepared, and no matter whether it is a reading, recitation or song, do it to the very best of your ability. If each one does this what very interesting meetings you will have. Another thing is, to try and have something ready when the collection is taken up. It may be necessary for you to be thinking of the meeting beforehand and learn what you give, and I think this is much the best way. Of course we want to raise as much money this year as we can, and every cent which you give will help to make the sum larger. There is a verse in the Bible which says, "Even Christ pleased not himself." Now as we are doing this work for him shall we not follow his example, and instead of pleasing ourselves, try and please him? Although he is our King, yet he will accept the children's coins, and if they are earned by work or self denial they will be sure to meet his Divine approval.

DEAR MRS. LEDARD,—The reason we did not report before was that we had not more to report. On the evening of February 18th, we gave a parlor concert at the house of Mrs. Hamilton. The programme was given by the children and was quite a success, as we raised \$8.50 and \$1.00 for taffy and creams, making altogether \$12.50. Owing to the fact that we did nothing special at Christ-week we are somewhat behind with our funds, but will try to put forth a greater effort for the remaining few months and do what we can. Our band has naturally been much discouraged, but the last entertainment was so successful that they are feeling in better spirits. I am sure with the help of our Divine Master we will yet be

able to accomplish something more before long. MARY ROYCE, Sec. Walkerton, Feby. 22.

I hope soon to be able to report the organization of a new band in Bowmanville. This is a good time to begin the work so that it may be in good working order before the Convention. There should be a mission band wherever there is an auxiliary of the O. C. W. B. M. J. E. L.

Slang Words.

There is a constant tendency among young persons to use slang, and in some cases their language becomes so corrupt that they hardly know how to express themselves correctly or intelligently.

Not every new word is a slang word; new things require new names; new inventions must have terms to describe them. Thus, during the last century, such words as steamship, railway, telegram, telephone, photograph, phonograph and numerous other words, have been introduced into the language to describe things for which no names previously existed because the things themselves did not exist. Another class of expressions comes from new industries, as "pan out," which comes from the miners washing dirt from gold in pans, the earth being carried away by the current, and the gold settling in the bottom of the pan. So when Christianity entered the world with its new thoughts it brought into use new words, such as meekness, love, and various other terms strange to the heathen world, but found in the New Testament writings.

A new word may be far more expressive than an old word which exists, its meaning may be apparent to the ordinary hearer, and such a word is quite likely to come into general and permanent use. Such words cannot properly be called "slang." But a very large proportion of the new words which young people introduce into their vocabulary are words which mean nothing, or which have no appropriateness; and which are used in unusual and improper senses, which cannot be understood by an ordinary hearer, unless it is someone who is in the circle where the word has come into use. Such words are fitly classed among slang words, and tend to debase the vocabulary, and lower character and standing of those who use them.

It is related of the silver-tongued orator, Wendell Phillips, that when in conversation with a friend who had been speaking at a public gathering with the great orator, and had uncautiously dropped some word which he regretted; as he was apologizing to Mr. Phillips, Phillips remarked that he never used words in private which were improper for public address, and as he never used them in private, he was not liable to make use of them in public.

If young persons wish to speak and write correctly and properly for the public eye and ear, they should see to it that their private communications are of the same character. The apostle's direction is appropriate: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying."

Much of the slang talk of the present day is corrupting. It means anything which an evil mind can make it mean. It hints at things which are not spoken out, and serves to suggest things which ought not to be suggested. "He that keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles."—The Common People.

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