

**THE SECRETARY'S LETTER.**—Mrs. Rose's letter published in this number of the LINK, furnishes a large amount of information which the Circles need to possess. We bespeak for the letter a diligent reading.

**THE NEW YEAR.**—In entering upon the New Year, would it not be well for every one of our readers to resolve to *double* her exertions for the spread of the Gospel, and if possible her contributions? For our own part, we intend to make the LINK just as much better as we are able and we again ask the co-operation of the Circles.

**MISSIONARY LITERATURE.**—We publish again the list of valuable missionary books kindly provided for free circulation, by Rev. John Craig. We trust that these books will be more and more in demand, and that the purpose of the donor will be fully subserved. We would earnestly advise the Presidents of Circles to send for these books one by one, to study them or get others to study them, and to use the materials they contain for keeping up the interest of the meetings.

**ARREARAGES.**—In looking over our mailing list we find a large number of names with 1885 opposite them. Will not our readers examine the labels on their papers, and if they do not find 1886 thereon, remit their subscriptions promptly? Many of our readers live in communities where few copies of the LINK are taken. Will not such endeavor to send each a few new names along with their own renewals? As there is comparatively little in the paper that is strictly denominational, there is no good reason why its circulation should be restricted to Baptists. Get some of your Pædobaptist friends to subscribe.

**MISSIONARY LEAFLETS.**—In order that our Circles and Aid Societies might be supplied with good reading of this kind, we have taken considerable trouble to gather information with reference to missionary leaflets in use among several of the leading societies, and we have selected and ordered a supply of the following which we can furnish at the prices attached: "My Missionary Box and 1," (10 cents each); "A Grain of Mustard Seed," (10 cents each); "The Story of the Bees," (3 cents each); "For His Sake," (3 cents each). The two first are large pamphlets, and are very neat in appearance. It is needless to say that we regard these tracts as very valuable. We have had printed on tinted paper, some extra copies of Mrs. Baker's poem, "The Promise and the Work," which we will send to any address at 3 cents each. It is hoped that no order will be for less than 20 cents worth, as the postage on a single leaflet would be as much as on several.

**MISSIONARY LETTERS.**—We beg our missionaries to keep the readers of the LINK well informed as to their every day experiences, and the progress of the work. Our brethren and sisters in India do not need to be in-

formed that the people require accurate and detailed information, and that continually. Letters, journals, and articles on matters of missionary interest, will be welcome at all times to our columns. We should be glad to carry on a personal correspondence with each of the missionary families, but we are so preoccupied as to be obliged for the present to forego this pleasure. We are sure that our missionary friends will accept this explanation as satisfactory, and will wait for no further invitation to favor us regularly with their letters, etc. Mrs. Archibald's letter, which we publish this week, is full of interest and instruction; but we should have been glad of one or two others from different parts of the field.

**THE GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS.**—The arrangement mentioned in the last LINK was primarily intended only for the Ontario Circles; but we are glad that circles in other Provinces are interested in the matter, and are wishing to avail themselves of such an opportunity, to supply themselves with this very valuable periodical. As stated last month, the Ontario Board authorized the Secretary and the editor of the LINK, to select and to send to each circle for the year 1886, whatever periodical they might think best adapted to the needs of Circles. In accordance with their instructions, a copy of the *Gospel in all Lands* was ordered for each circle in Ontario, and the Circles were requested to collect and forward to the editor of the LINK \$1 for meeting the expense. As the names of all the Secretaries were forwarded together, little expense was involved. We shall be happy to furnish a copy each to the circles and Aid Societies of Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, and Manitoba, if each \$1 for subscriptions be accompanied by 10 cents to cover expense of forwarding the subscriptions to New York. *We can furnish the paper to private individuals, who are not already subscribers, at \$1.25.*

"THEY also serve who only stand and wait." It is a sweet thought for those whose arms are too weak to turn the soil, and whose languid frames cannot bear the sun that blazes on an open field. They may stand and wait outside where the only service is the unsung song of praise, and the unuttered prayer of faith. But there is a standing and waiting that is not service in the eyes of our Master; a folding of strong arms that should bear the burden of the day, and voices silent that should sing aloud of the "Lamb that was slain." We to whom God has given strength to toil, cannot serve Him in rest. For us 'stand and wait' is dishonor to Him, and it may be destruction to the souls of men. "Why stand ye here idle all the day?"

Mrs. J. J. B.

It took fifty years to bring the King James translation of the Bible into general use.

Congregationalists in California gave to foreign missions last year eighty cents per member.