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## Editorial.

### REPORT OF BOARD MEETING OF THE W.B.F.M.S. OF ONTARIO WEST.

The first meeting of the Board was held in the Baptist church, Peterboro', Friday, May 17th. Mrs. Eva Rose York having kindly offered her services to visit Circles and churches to help increase the interest in missions, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to give Mrs. York a letter of introduction to ministers and Circles. A letter was read from Miss Baskerville, expressing her great disappointment that the Board had decided not to undertake any building this year.

Estimates for six months, beginning Oct. 1st, were passed, amounting to \$3,401. Very few of the Associational Directors being present, it was decided to pay half their expenses to the Annual Convention if the Home Mission Board will pay the other half, in order that all may have the benefit of being at the first Board meeting of the year, which is a very important one.

Future meetings of the Board will be held on the Friday nearest the 15th of September, December and January. The President and Secretary are to confer with the President and Secretary of the Home Mission Board regarding thank-offering meetings to be held in October to supply in a measure the place formerly occupied by the Convention.

The Gatham church very kindly invited the Convention to meet there next May. Definite action was deferred till the September Board meeting. Miss Nichols, of Peterboro', was appointed a member of the Board in Mrs. Dryden's place.

The following resolution was passed: "That as there has been a reduction in our estimates, we give \$100 toward the deficit of the General Board, and in case they require in addition \$100 or less to make up the balance before the General Convention, we will give that also."

The sum of \$200 was paid to the Treasurer of the General Board toward the deficit.

A. MOTLE, *Rec. Sec.*

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT for Ontario is omitted from THE LINK this month, as Miss Elliot is away for a much-needed rest. They will be published in full in *Canadian Baptist*.

MISS ROGERS.—We deeply regret that, on account of ill-health, Miss Martha Rogers, of Tuni, has been compelled to leave for a time, the work which needs her so much, and in which she has been so successful. Miss Rogers arrived in Toronto on the 20th June; the sea voyage has done her much good. We hope that her stay in the home land will soon restore her health.

A CIRCLE WITHOUT A CHURCH.—At Gananoque the sisters show commendable zeal. They were organized in a Circle three years ago with three members, since increased to seven. They raised last year \$47 for missions. In the three years, \$140. They have started a weekly meeting for Bible study. Pray for the little band, that it may become a power at home as well as for missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DEFICIT CANCELLED.—The recent Convention in Toronto was a grand occasion for the Foreign Mission cause. The deficit of \$10,000 carried over in October from the preceding year had been fully provided for, and that the regular receipts for the seven months had been equal to the expenditures. This result was due in large measure to the energy and zeal of Secretary McDiarmid and the Board, but quite as much to the readiness of our people to respond to appeals in behalf of missions.

SHALL WE GO FORWARD?—The resolution that had been adopted by the General Board to limit appropriations for the current year to the amount of regular contributions for the preceding year, was not regarded with universal favor by the members of the Convention. To some it savored of lack of faith and looked like a policy of retrogression. It was unanimously voted that one or more missionaries should be sent out this year, provided that special funds sufficient to defray the expense be contributed for this purpose.

OUR NEW MISSIONARIES.—Before the close of the Convention it was announced that two new missionaries had been appointed, subject to the above provision, and that \$1,300 of the \$2,700 necessary for sending them out and maintaining them for a year, has been pledged. The names of the appointees awakened great enthusiasm. Mr. H. C. Priest, B.A., and Mr. H. E. Stillwell, B.A., graduates in Arts of McMaster University, and under-