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Editorial.

A FRIEND sends us the following:—A pastor's wife has just been remarking that her husband always felt that he could count on the members of the Circles when preparing for any spiritual movement in the church. He knew that they would not need to be aroused like so many church members. Doubtless this is true of many Circles. Is it not almost universally the case that those who are in sympathy with Christ in the matter of zeal for the perishing heathen, are also alive to every good work nearer home?

COVENTION NOTICES.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario West, will be held in the Baptist Church, Galt, on the 19th and 20th of May. The 20th will be Foreign Mission day. Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of 20 or less; for each additional 20, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is, either life members or contributors of at least \$1 a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

BOARD MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in the Baptist Church, Galt, Tuesday, May 18th at 7.30 p.m. Members of the Foreign Board will need to leave Toronto by the C. P. R. train 4 p.m. No cards will be sent to members of the Board.

CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points, on purchasing a first-class full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway. These certificates must be surrendered to ticket agents at place of meeting ten minutes before train time, when return tickets will be issued at one-third fare.

The certificates are only good for use three days after the meetings close, and if the delegates go and return on the same line.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

Mrs. YULE'S DEATH.—The recent death of Mrs. P. S. V. Yule removes from our midst one of the ablest and most devoted of the friends of missions. Her writings in prose and verse are fermented with the spirit of missions,

and she will long be remembered as one of the noblest of Christian women. We intend to publish a portrait and sketch next month.

"LEAN HARD"

II Corinthians xii: 12.

A messenger from Christ, the Lord
To heathen women taught the word
Of Love and its reward,
And when her weariness was seen,
One said to her, "Against me lean,
And, since you love, lean hard."

For us the Saviour's blood was shed;
He freely suffered in our stead,
And still our lives doth guard.
Can we for Him all self forsake
And say, while we His burden take,
"Since Thou dost love, lean hard?"

When called to tread on thorny ground,
Where constant hindrances abound,
And all our steps retard,
Can we the true devotion show
To say to Him, while forth we go,
"Since Thou dost love, lean hard?"

Can we His hungry orphans feed,
And by His loved ones in their need,
Keep patient watch and word?
Can we accept such work with joy
And say, why He doth us employ,
"Since Thou dost love, lean hard?"

Can we our choicest treasures give,
That dying ones may rise and live?
Can we their need regard?
Can we for Him endure each frown
And say, by lives for Him laid down,
"Since Thou dost love, lean hard?"

Oh may that love our hearts inspire,
Which tuned so well the sacred lyre
Of Israel's king and bard:
Then while all else may pass away
True bliss is ours while we can say:—
"Since Thou dost love, lean hard."

Colborne, Ont.

T. WATSON.

ON HALF RATIONS.

I was coming from one of my appointments, and being weary sat down to rest a little. Just then a cart cante-rattling by, and the driver asked me to ride. I accepted and took a seat in his cart. As we went on our way, a conversation took place: "Are these bullocks and cart yours?" "No, they belong to Savakar (merchant or money lender), I am only a 'servant.'" "What pay do you get?" "Six rupees, sir." "How many in your