

should close ranks, stand nearer and keep more closely in touch.

(2) Use individual effort in increasing numbers, especially recommending the "Win One" campaign.

(3) The great necessity of an intelligent interest in the work to be cultivated by means of books and other aids.

(4) The importance of systematic giving.

(5) The great value of Bands and Y. W. Circles, and the necessity for Circles to make themselves responsible for their organization and encouragement.

(6) The paramount importance of a deeper and broader personal spiritual life.

#### FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY. 1915-1916.

The record of the past year is another proof of the faithful attendance at the Board meetings of those you have chosen to sit in council. These meetings in all ten,—four quarterly and six monthly. The average attendance of the quarterly meetings has been thirty-four, that of the monthly twenty-four. The president has presided at all the meetings, and has, by her Bible readings, helped and encouraged all to greater faithfulness. From time to time the Board has been glad to welcome in their midst, those of our missionaries who have been in Toronto during the year.—The names of such are: Miss Lucy Jones, Dr. Hulet, Mrs. H. E. Stillwell, Mrs. John Craig, and our new missionary, Miss Edna Farnell.

The first quarterly meeting was held in St. Thomas, the place of Convention, on Nov. 12th. The principal business was the examination of the estimates. These were passed to the amount of \$16,004.00.

The officers appointed by the Board were as follows: Foreign Secretary, Miss Martha Rogers; Home Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wilson Fenton; Band Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Barber; Treasurer, Mrs. Glen H. Campbell; Editor of "LINK," Miss J. M. Norton; Sec. of Y. W. Circles, Mrs. C. T. Stark; Bureau of Literature, Mrs. Thomas Moor, Agent for "Among the Telugus," Mrs. John Hooper.

The Executive Committee in addition

to the officers of the Board—Miss Na-smith, Miss Webster, Mrs. C. T. Stark, and Mrs. E. J. Zavitz.

At this meeting it was decided to name the Tuni Bungalow the "Elliot Bungalow," in honor of Mrs. Robert and Miss Violet Elliot, who have been associated so many years with our work.

At the beginning of the year, the Treasurer's reports showed a serious falling off in the receipts from Bands. A special effort was made to remedy this, as all felt that, for the sake of our own children, as well as for the sake of the children of India and Bolivia, we could not allow the Band work to lag. While at times during the year the general receipts seemed to be rather discouraging, the Treasurer's report to-day shows a better result than we at such times anticipated. Two legacies were received, one from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary C. Lute for fifty dollars, the other from the estate of the late Mrs. Free-land for six hundred dollars.

The Home Secretary's reports have shown that the Directors are alive to their opportunities, and are good captains of their several divisions. With some it is uphill work, and the mark towards which they press is not always attained, but with courage and faith they press on.

The Quarterly reports of our missionaries have been brought before the Board in a comprehensive and very interesting way by the Foreign Secretary. These reports mean much to our busy workers in India, as they make inroads on precious time. But they enable us at home to keep in close touch with the work, and serve to energize us to greater zeal.

We have missed the Editor of our paper at most of the year's meetings. Hers has been the path of sorrow. The LINK has, however, come to our homes and kept us well informed as to the progress of the work. Mrs. Oliver Master, as Superintendent of LINK Agents, has worked with commendable zeal in her endeavor to bring our paper into every Baptist home.

The Bureau of Literature has been well patronized and able to give splendid reports from month to month. The Literature Committee have done important work. Among other things, leaflets with sketch and photo of missionary