

pondence, etc., connected with Mission Boards. Mrs. Dadson kindly consented to fulfill this duty.

We have also to report our Recording Secretary's resignation. Her loss is deeply regretted by all the officers and members of the Board, as she has so long served in this capacity, and knew so well the duties of her position. At the next quarterly meeting Miss V. Elliott was elected.

During this year eleven new circles have been formed and one reorganized, which always sounds hopeful. An Associational Society has been formed in Middlesex and Lambton. Mission Bands have begun work, while one in Hartford has been given up.

These names have been added to our list of life members:—Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. Ettie Cohoon, Timpany's Grove; Mrs. J. G. Goble, Goble's Corners; Grandma Burch, Woodstock; Miss Flora Pegg, Simcoe; Mrs. L. C. Barber and Miss Harriet Haviland, of Boston.

The Treasurer's report also is encouraging; we have good reason to congratulate each other on the year's work; but there is always some room for improvement. Let us remember in all we do, and ask others to do, that we are working not for ourselves, not for the missionaries, not for the heathen, but for *Christ*, and in Him for *all*. This thought will overcome many of our difficulties. We may give, even out of our sin and want, an acceptable gift to Him who gave us *Himself*, in all His fullness.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of Corresponding Secretary.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

When we parted in Toronto a year ago, the work of the intervening months lay before us in the future, an unwritten page in the history of our Society—a hidden fragment in the history of our lives.

We meet to-day to unfold this page and examine the record.

As a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, what measure of success has attended our efforts to unfurl the gospel banner of freedom, among the enslaved people of that distant country where our missionaries are at work, and to proclaim the glad news of a full and free salvation, especially to the women of the Telugus ignorant, degraded, and yet *our sisters* for whom Christ has died?

As has ever been the case, we have some amongst us who are whole-hearted, enthusiastic, energetic, self-denying in this work; while many continue uninterested, indifferent, and who if they contribute at all, do so because they are *asked*, or from a vague sense of duty, *not* because they care, or because it is the Lord's work. We need occasions like this to rouse our flagging energies, to quicken us into new life, and to awaken in us a deeper sense of our responsibility.

New Auxiliaries.—Last year we noted an increase of nine new Circles; this year we have made a slight advance—twelve new ones have been formed. The earliest of these was organized in Springford last November, through the efforts of Mrs. D. B. Cohoe, very shortly after the annual meeting; then came one at Plympton, organized in February; then one in the Lewis-st. church, Toronto, in April, through the efforts of Mrs. Ebbels of the Parliament-st. church. In the month of May the Circle of Simcoe was re-organized; then in the month of

July, we have a Circle in Villa Nova in the Grand River Association; one in Ancaster, Jersey settlement; one in St. Marys, and one in Orillia, organized through Mrs. Holmes, the pastor's wife (formerly of College-st., Toronto).

The ladies of the Brant Association also organized a Home and Foreign Mission Circle in Burch, six miles from Brantford. On the 12th of August a Circle was formed in the Baillieboro' church. We have much pleasure in drawing particular attention to this one, organized as it was entirely through the efforts of Mr. I. J. Metcalf, student at McMaster Hall, who was supplying the church for the summer season. If more of our country pastors were to show a similar interest in our work, our Society would to-day be very much stronger than it is. Lastly, on the 14th of September, a Circle was organized in the Calvary Baptist church, Plympton, of which Miss Park is president. This lady is also secretary of two other Circles.

Since writing the above, we have received information of another Circle formed in Mount Brydges on the 7th of August, through the instrumentality of the ladies of the new Associational Society of Middlesex and Lambton.

But while we record the formation of twelve new Circles, we mention with regret that some of those previously organized have ceased to exist. In the month of March the Stratford Circle was disbanded, and in June the Forest Circle was discontinued. Last year five were reported as extinct, those of Fonthill, Whitby, Port Burwell, Paisley and Salford. This year, in addition to these, we must add Drumbo and Wolverton, Georgetown and Dundas, making a total of ten Circles which are practically extinct. There are also four others—Petrolia, Belleville, Brooklin and Selwyn—who hold no meetings through the year, but as they collect and send money to the Treasurer, we include them in the list. It will thus be seen that our gain numerically is not very great; last year we numbered 57, this year 64. It becomes an important question how we shall revive the interest in these places and how we shall best maintain it in all the others. More direct personal work is needed.

Associational Societies.—If it were possible to establish Societies for aggressive work in the different Associations, whose officers would endeavor personally, if possible, to further the work, both by organizing new Circles wherever practicable, and by building up old ones; also by disseminating good missionary literature, it would doubtless have a good effect. In addition to the Society formed in the Brant Association, a little over two years ago, we note with pleasure that another was organized in the month of June, in the Middlesex and Lambton Association. We hope that in the coming year much may be accomplished by the efforts of its members, and that many new ones may be formed.

Publications.—The MISSIONARY LINK still holds on its useful, honored, unpretentious way. Begun in the first place as a private enterprise, so that if it had not succeeded financially, the Society would have suffered no loss, it has been continued (although endorsed and sanctioned by the Board) in the same manner ever since. The sixth year of successful management has recently closed. Its disinterested editors who freely give their time to this work for the MASTER, having as in past years divided every dollar of the surplus left, after necessary expenses are paid, among the Women's F. M. Societies of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

The Central Board have not this year published any missionary tracts or leaflets, except that written by Mrs.