

year have been fully and promptly met. Since the October meetings, Mr. T. D. Craig, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Society, has received from them and remitted to India, \$1,200; \$700 being for the school work, etc., and \$500 for the boat.

While deeply grateful for the efficiency and zeal with which the action of the Central Board has hitherto been sustained, we would earnestly entreat our sisters not to rest content with what has been done,—to press forward—to “attempt great things for God, and to expect great things from God.” What has been accomplished is but the beginning—but the preparation for what lies before us. Year by year, if God bless the work—and we are asking and expecting Him to bless it—it must increase. The schools will not only be more largely attended, but their number will be increased. Girls and women now under training will become fitted for work as Bible women, and teachers, and it is to the Women's Societies the missionaries must look for the means to pay their salaries. We believe, however, that as the work grows the necessary money will be supplied. God will bless His people at home with a more liberal spirit—not with more money, perhaps, but with a fuller consideration of themselves and all they possess, to His service.

We must remember that as a Society we have other work to do besides collecting money—important and necessary though that be. One of our objects, as set forth in the constitution, is to “obtain and diffuse Mission information among the churches.” Let us then seek, by all the means in our power, to interest and arouse every man and woman, youth and maiden, boy and girl, in our churches, to a sense of their individual duty and responsibility in regard to fulfilling the last command of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, “GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE”: remembering that it is to those who are thus engaged the gracious promise is given, “LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE WORLD.”

TO THE CIRCLES OF THE EASTERN SOCIETY.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Women's Eastern Board was held in the parlor of the First Baptist church Montreal, on June 8th. The treasurer reported that one hundred and fifty dollars would have to be received before the end of September, in order to complete our payments on the chapel, Co-canada. I gladly take this opportunity through the LINK to lay this matter before the Circles composing our Society, and urge upon them the necessity for some extra effort being made to enable us to meet our engagements. When we promised to send the one thousand dollars, we hoped that sufficient would have been received before this to have completed our last payment in June. It will be a very serious disappointment, and source of anxiety if we have to begin another year with any amount, no matter how small, owing on the chapel. However, we trust that such will not be the case, but that each Circle will make an effort this summer to collect as much as possible and send it to the treasurer in September. The receipts so far have been about four hundred dollars, very much below the amount received this time last year. We feel sure that our sisters need only to be told of the position of our funds and our unfulfilled promise, in order to incite them to fresh effort in this bright and happy field which God has so graciously opened to us.

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OTTAWA.—Mrs. J. B. Halkett says, in a private note, dated June 17th:—

“Last night we had a rousing Circle meeting in connection with the annual meeting of the Ottawa Association. Our large basement was crowded. Mrs. Cameron read an address of welcome to the delegates. Mrs. Dr. Bentley, of Montreal, responded earnestly. Our dear missionary, Mr. McLaurin, then delivered one of his eloquent addresses on the women of India, urging us to new zeal in this work. By request, I then spoke for a few minutes on organizing Mission Bands and interesting the children in this work. As fruit, I have been requested to meet our own Sunday School next Sunday and organize them into a Mission Band. The interest deepens in our Circle. At its last meeting each member promised to try and bring at least one new member at our next meeting. So the work goes on among us, and our hearts rejoice and give God the glory.”

MONTREAL.—The members of the Olivet circle have made Mrs. Wm. Muir and Mrs. T. O. Phillips life members of the Society.

TORONTO.—At the last meeting of the Women's Mission Circle at Alexander-street Church, Mrs. H. J. Rose was constituted a life member by the payment of \$25. This amount was raised by means of a patch-work quilt—the names of contributors being written in indelible ink on the patches, the price set upon each patch being ten cents.

YORKVILLE, ONT.—Miss Jennie G. Buchan has collected, by her missionary quilt, the second sum of \$25, and at the June circle meeting Mrs. Freeland was made a life member of the Society.

Nova Scotia.

CENTRAL ONSLOW, N.S.—A Woman's Missionary Aid Society was organized at Central Onslow in 1874, and continued some time in a healthful condition. But gradually the interest declined. Some of the most active members moved to other places, and others to the home above. The regular meetings were neglected, and the interest in missions abated, although some continued their yearly contributions.

After the meetings of the Convention in Truro, we decided to resume work. We desire to contribute what we can with the many others who are interested in our Foreign Mission.

At the first of the year we received a letter from our esteemed sister, Mrs. Armstrong, which greatly cheered us, and we look forward to the time when we may see her again in our midst. We want all our missionaries to know that they are remembered in our monthly meetings for prayer, and we always read their communications from time to time from the *Missionary Link*.

In one section of the church we hope to organize a Boys' and Girls' Foreign Mission Band. There is a little girl in that community who is deeply interested in the heathen children, and puts one cent every week in the missionary box to send some Bibles to them. We hope others will follow her example.

May, 1860.

San Salvador Congo Mission.

In a recent letter from Mr. Comber he gives a bird's eye-view of the first six months' work at the San Salvador Congo Mission. He says:—

“Although far less is accomplished than we should like, and we ourselves often feel impatient, yet we and all the friends of the Congo Mission need to remember that six months is a short period in the history of any Mission. To have settled down (we think in firm and undisturbed possession), to have built extensive, fairly comfortable, though but temporary, premises, and half-finished the work of building a large stone house; to have attached to ourselves many warm friends, including the King of Congo; to have commenced a school, and taken some of our scholars to page 14 of ‘Mavor's Spelling Book’; to have held a well-attended service (average attendance 150) for the last four months, and been able to explain clearly God's truth, besides every evening having Bible-reading and prayers in Portuguese for those who understand that language, with good opportunities of pressing home the truth to the hearts of those who attend; to have collated about a thousand words of a hitherto unwritten language; to have made a journey to Makuta in the face of very great difficulties, two journeys to Mussuca, a visit to our friends at Palaballa, and the lower cataracts of the Congo, and to have in near contemplation a journey to Zombo (en route for Stanley Pool);—all this means work done, and the blessing of a gracious and faithful God upon the work of the Congo Mission. We can certainly ‘thank God, and take courage,’ while we humbly and earnestly, as we think of unfaithfulness, carelessness, and indulgence on our part, pray for grace and strength and a memory quick to remind us of His love and our duty, so that we may be more faithful and earnest in our important work. Don Pedro V., King of Congo, has ‘England on the brain’ very severely. Sent yesterday for thirteen copies of ‘Mavor,’ so that his wives might learn English; talks of having his photograph taken to send to Queen Victoria; is concocting a letter to send to her Majesty; cannot be persuaded to abandon the idea of sending his son to visit her, thinking she would be graciously pleased to load him with presents (although the king could not afford the passage to England by steamer). No chief ever visits him without getting a good present of cloth. He is not niggardly or selfish, has given us a bullock and several pigs and goats, and seems to delight in securing friendship by means of presents. It is my habit, when not too tired, and school duties fall upon one of my brethren, to go and spend an hour on the Sunday afternoon with the King. We have most interesting conversations, any other subject than religion being

vetted. Last Sunday I talked to him on the subject of prayer.”

THE ENGLISH BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY has called forth a most enthusiastic response to the appeals of the Secretary, Mr. Baynes. The amounts received during the few weeks previous to the annual meeting would be marvellous if they were not manifestly in answer to prayer. A fear was entertained that the income would fall short, instead of which it is in excess. The gross receipts for all purposes being £50,351,—last year it was £46,092,—showing therefore an increase of £4,259. This society has a very strong hold on the confidence and affection of the churches.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.—Dr. W. S. McKenzie says:—“The past year has been one of marked success, both in procuring the means for sustaining the work, and in the results which, under the blessing of God, have been reached by the labourers on the fields abroad. The treasury of the Union, reports for the year ending with March, 1880, a total of receipts amounting to \$314,860.88, which is \$9,150 in excess of the donations of the most fruitful year in the history of this work, and \$30,748.90 in excess of the donations of last year. The year which closed with last March carried a debt contracted the year before, of nearly \$23,000; but besides meeting the appropriations for the year, there was a large reduction of that debt, bringing it down to \$6,623.14. Of the amount received by the Union last year, the sum of \$30,479.78 was contributed by the Karen churches of the one district of Bassein in Burmah, and was expended in the erection of buildings for the Normal and Industrial Institute. This is a marvel of liberality in giving, by a poor people just emerging from the ignorance and degradation of heathenism. These Karens in that same district of Bassein are now engaged in raising an endowment of \$25,000 for the support of the School which they have so amply provided with buildings. The sum is nearly raised already. Think of this! Those impoverished Karens, in a single district of Burmah, raising, in about one year and a half, over \$55,000 for their educational work!”

THE RECEIPTS from all sources of the Woman's Society in connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union, have been \$46,178 32, and increase of \$4,705 55, over the receipts of last year. The expenditures have been \$44,767 35, which is \$3,355 90 more than last year; and the balance in the treasury is \$172 10.

Mite Boxes.

Some of our circles and secretaries make good use of mite-boxes in their work, especially in the smaller and poorer churches, and among children. They are used in various ways. Sometimes a single one is owned by the Band, and the pennies dropped in at each meeting. Sometimes each individual has a box at home, and they are all brought and opened at the annual meeting of the Society. In some homes the mite-box has always a prominent place on the centre table or the mantel; in others it is brought out for the Sunday-morning offerings.

One pastor's wife found the ladies of the church unwilling to form a circle thinking themselves unable to give two cents every week. Nothing discouraged, the good lady went about collecting all the collar-boxes she could find. She made the necessary hole in the top, and pasted a strip of paper around the edge of the cover, and thus had a supply of tasteful mite-boxes, which she presented to every lady and child who would accept one, requesting them to deposit a penny whenever it was possible. The most of those who tried the experiment were surprised at their success, and, mentioning it to their friends, the demand for collar-boxes became so great that they were obliged to send to a neighboring village for a supply.

Another lady tells of presenting one to a young girl who thought it would be impossible to give a dollar a year. As the box was opened at the end of three successive years, it was found each time to contain more than the required hundred cents,—once, more than twice that amount. “Many a little makes a muckle” is a proverb which applies to the littles of many mite-boxes.—*Helping Hand*.