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The sketch and portrait of Miss Johnstone were furnished by a friend without her knowledge.

Dr. Clough of the American Baptist Mission in India, reports 450 baptisms in February.

Nine-tenths of the people of India live in villages.

Miss Baskerville will not be at home in May as was expected. She has decided to remain till Fall.

"What's the matter with this country (India) is not in the least political, but an all-round entanglement of physical, social, and moral evils and corruptions, all more or less, due to the unnatural treatment of women. So long as the system of infant marriage, the prohibition of the re-marriage of widows, the life-long imprisonment of wives in a worse than penal confinement, and the withholding from them of any kind of education or treatment as rational beings continues, the country cannot advance a step. Half of it is morally dead and worse than dead. It is right here where the trouble is, and not in any political considerations whatsoever."—*Rudyard Kipling*.

The advance of China is most strikingly shown in the increased demand for books on western science and learning. To supply the calls for this sort of literature the old printing houses have been overtaxed, and many new ones started. Bookbinders have advanced their prices, and the price of paper has risen. Nineteen books on western learning have been published in Szohuan, the most western province in China, and the number of native newspapers has quadrupled in three years! The Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Literature among the Chinese, last year printed more than 37,000,000 pages, and the Presbyterian Mission Press in Shanghai printed 45,000,000 pages.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

## CONVENTION NOTICES.

### DELEGATES.

Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less; for each additional twenty, one

delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is, either life-members or contributors, of at least one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

### 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.

**BILLETING.**—The Church at Ingersoll is looking forward with interest to the coming Convention and are praying that God's richest blessing may be with us.

We extend a very hearty invitation to each Circle to send their full number of delegates, and billets will be sent. The Billeting Committee at Ingersoll ask that all Circles will send in the names of their delegates as soon as possible to Miss Jessie Reader, Ingersoll; please be very particular to ascertain whether or not the delegates appointed can come, before sending their names, as it will help the Local Committee very much. If possible, state what day the delegates will arrive. All delegates are asked upon arrival to go at once to the Church, where they will register and be directed to their billets.

JESSIE READER, Sec'y.

**SUGGESTIONS TO DELEGATES.**—Do not wait till just a few days before the Convention to send in your names. After you receive your billet, if you find you cannot go, notify the Committee at once. It will also be well to send a card to your hostess, stating what time she may expect you.

## BOARD MEETING.

Members of the Foreign Mission Board can leave Toronto, Tuesday, 16th, by the 2.10 train (G. T. R.), arriving in Ingersoll at 5.50, in time for the Board meeting at the Church at 7 p.m., not 9 p.m. as in last LINK.