

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NOTES FROM BOARD MEETINGS— ONTARIO WEST.

During the past quarter three meetings of the Board have been held. The attendance has been good. The president, Mrs. McLaurin, has presided and conducted the devotional exercises. The reports have shown the work to be encouraging. Those from our workers in India read between the lines of the faithfulness of those who represent us there.

Apparently, work with the children has been (as it will be, although not always seen) fruitful. Miss McGill tells of the conversion of three pupils in the Timpany Memorial School, and Miss Robinson at Samalkot tells of great interest being shown in the Scripture lessons, and the conversion of four boys in the Boarding School. Hopes are entertained by the Board of being able to send out this autumn much-needed additional help.

At home our enthusiastic Directors are doing their utmost to urge the Circles to be alive, and ever on the alert to take advantage of the opportunities to arouse interest. Good programmes and the dissemination of missionary literature mean knowledge, and knowledge creates interest.

The Bureau of Literature has had a busy quarter. Returns from literature sold at Convention amounted to \$30.00. The Literature Committee has been hard at work. Samples of literature in the Bureau were selected and mailed to the Directors and to the Secretaries of Young Women's Circles and Bands. Pictures of 14 of our missionaries have been printed, and are for sale at the Bureau. The facilities of the Bureau have been very much improved. Purchasers will now find it much easier to make selections from the stock in hand.

The LINK has also had a busy quarter. Rearrange notices to all whose labels read "1914," and a letter to the Presidents of all Circles have been sent out. There are now 6,640 subscribers on the list. The financial position is about the same as this time last year.

Our Treasurer's report is encouraging. While the finances are not, perhaps, what they might be they compare well with last year. Circles and Bands are

ahead, and the regular giving shows an increase of \$843.84.

Appreciation was expressed of the voluntary work being done by Miss Laura and Miss Edith Craig, who have spoken very acceptably to Circles and Young People's Societies. India and its needs made an impression upon their young minds, and they are glad to "tell it out." Theirs is a labor of love.

Our new Band Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Marshall, 11 Glenholme Avenue, Toronto, was introduced at the last meeting. This important work so long and faithfully conducted by Mrs. G. W. Barber, of Brantford, will continue to be in good hands. Mrs. Marshall's appointment was received with much satisfaction.

An expression of sympathy was sent to Mrs. T. S. Johnson, of Aylmer, who has long been a faithful member of the Board. Her husband, the Rev. T. S. Johnson, very suddenly passed away last month.

A. E. FENTON, Rec. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

January, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

New Dundee (thank-offering \$2.10), \$7.60; Belleville (thank-offering \$3.24), \$6.00; St. Thomas, Centre, \$7.75; Freerton, \$4.00; East Flamboro, \$2.00; Westover, \$2.00; Toronto, Annette St., \$4.00; St. Thomas, Fifth Ave. (\$7.25 from mite boxes for Building Fund), \$12.50; Gladstone (\$12.10 special), \$19.00; Hamilton, Victoria Ave. (thank-offering \$30.00, special \$5.00), \$44.55; Toronto, Beverley St. (student \$17.00), \$25.00; Windsor, Bruce (thank-offering \$16.00), \$28.00; Toronto, Bloor St. (thank-offering \$77.00), \$140.20; Georgetown (thank-offering), \$7.92; Toronto, Jones Ave., \$3.00; Petrolia, \$7.20; Hespeler, \$19.50; Toronto, Parkdale (lepers 25c), \$11.52; Midland (thank-offering), \$7.55; Parry Sound, \$3.75; Toronto, Walmer Rd. (additional thank-offering \$1.50), \$25.40; London, Talbot St. (additional thank-offering), \$3.38; Villa Nova, \$7.00; Brantford, Immanuel, \$7.00; Toronto, Immanuel, \$18.95; Toronto, Ossington (thank-offering \$10.25), \$25.47; Century