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The Convention held at Ingersoll was a great success. We have not room to give any extended account of the meetings, but hope to print later some of the addresses given. In this number we give in full the reports of the secretaries and treasurer.

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BOARD MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in the Baptist Church, Ingersoll, Tuesday, May 16th at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Booker presiding. Eighteen members were present.

The annual reports of the Reo. Sec., Treas., LINK, Bands, Bureau and Cor. Sec. were read. The first meeting of the newly appointed Board was held Friday, May 10th, at eleven o'clock, in the same place. Twenty-one members were present, also Mrs. Walker, our returned missionary.

Miss Buchan and Miss Elliot were re-appointed Cor. Sec. and Treasurer. Very interesting letters were read from Miss Hatch regarding her work among the lepers, from Miss Simpson telling how the new bungalow is progressing, and one from Miss Stovel containing a pressing appeal for three single lady missionaries to be sent out this fall.

The officers were re-clocted, also the retiring members of the Board, with the exception of Mrs. Hansel of Hamilton, who resigned her position. This resignation was accepted with much regret, and Mrs. Wolfkill, of Hamilton, appointed to fill the vacanov.

ESTIMATES FOR 1899-1900.

From Regular Income :

Miss Stovel and her work	\$650	00
Miss Simpson and our share of the Zenana work		00
Cocanada School		00
Miss McLeod and and her work	600	00
Miss Hatch and her work	575	00
Miss Priest and her work	668	00
Miss Folsom's salary	500	00
Towards Miss Morrow's support	392	87
Bible women (on fields where there are no single	• ·	
lady missionaries)	. 60	00
Grant to Samulcotta Seminary	360	00
Village Schools	628	00
Miss Baskerville's furlough allowance.	200	00
Expenses of the Society	. 65	00
	\$6203	87

From Special Gifts at the Discretion of the Board : Special grant for books and tracts..... 150 00

\$6535 87

A. MOYLE, Rec. Sec.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORD-ING SECRETARY OF THE W.B.F.M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST.)

Five regular meetings of the Board, one special meet ing and three meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the year with an average attendance of twenty-five. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board in May, appropriations amounting to \$6,573.43 were passed.

An appeal was read from the Conference in India asking that two single ladies be sent out in the fall of 1898. The sum of \$500 had been offered towards the expenses of one young lady, this would pay her salary for the first year, but \$350 would be required to pay her passage out.

It was also stated that the single lady missionaries were in great need of a new bungalow on the Davies Memorial Compound, the one they were focupying being very old, with mud walls and a thatched roof, both inconvenient and unhealthy. A new one was estimated to cost 82,500. As there were no available funds for this purpose it was resolved to ask the women of the churches through the LINK to unite in special prayer that the regular income might increase and these special needs be provided for. Very earnest prayers were then offered by the members of the Board, and the answer speedily came. Before the LINK was printed the amount required was promised by Mrs. T. M. Harris.

Miss Buchan, Mrs. Newman and Miss Elliot were appointed to meet with the Executive Committee of the General Board. On the 27th of May a meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee was held to consider the appointment of a single lady missionary. Letters were read regarding Miss Morrow, of Grenville, Quebec; who had been corresponding with Miss Buchan with a view to work in India.

On the 13th of June a special meeting of the Board was called to meet Miss Morrow and consider her application. Miss Morrow told the story of her conversion, of her call to the work of Foreign Missions, and of the way in which she had endeavored to prepare herself for that work. A number of letters and certificates were read all of which were highly satisfactory. Miss Morrow was then unanimously appointed our new missionary to Indua as the necessary funds had all been promised.

At the November meeting a communication from Miss Durfee, of Boston, U.S., was read asking that a representative from our Society be appointed a member of the committee of the World's Missionary Conference. The Corresponding Secretary was appointed to act on the committee, also to represent the Society at the Convention in New York in April 1900. As a brief Historical aketch of each Society has been arranged for, Miss Buchan, Mrs. Newman and Miss Elliot were appointed to prepare one, and to have it published in the LINK and in pamphlet form for distribution.