

DIFFICULTIES (*Continued*).

55. To get the members interested.
56. The weakness of the Society.
57. Want of heart-felt interest.
58. Have not been organized long enough to give a definite answer. The busy time of harvest is in the way at present.
61. Lack of interest.
63. Indifference to the claims of the missionary enterprise.
64. Want of practical consecration and clear views of the obligation to do personal work for Christ.
65. Lethargy and lack of money in the young people's pockets. The old folk control the purses.
66. Lack of system in general life.
67. Selfishness.
70. To get them to procure and read up the subject in books suitable.
71. Appreciation of the world's need and personal responsibility.
72. Want of system and supervision.

SUGGESTIONS (*Continued*).

56. That we aim primarily at the development of real spiritual life as a basis. If our movement plays merely on the emotions of men it will be ephemeral. We must especially emphasize "Pray" and "Study."
58. Have not given subject special consideration in connection with Forward Movement. Our monthly meeting and programme is our best help. We take the CAMPAIGNER and *Outlook*, and are constantly using the literature of the Woman's Missionary Society and other helps.
63. Revival along the line of Mal. iii. 8-10.
64. As I have only moved to this Circuit recently, am not yet sufficiently acquainted with the situation to offer suggestions. You are working on the right lines. I hope and pray for your success among our young people.
65. None.
66. Make machinery as simple as possible. Urge pastors to try and develop method in everything.
67. The adoption of the Campaigner's pledge.
70. More direct effort towards deeper spirituality in our members, and then effort to instruct them in the lines indicated. But Societies are so numerous. Almost every evening in the week is taken up with some special line.
71. Secure sympathy and co-operation of pastor. Press the quarterly missionary services. Get every League interested by giving support to in some particular field.
72. A system of monthly payments direct to Mission Rooms, with blank forms sent from thence, like lodge secretaries' returns.

The numbers which are omitted have reported "No League."

Diamonds in Your Own Back Yard.

THE story has often been told of the man who found a little child playing with a precious stone. He immediately asked for the child's father and purchased the stone which the father said was better sold as it had been thrown around for years merely as a plaything. Great was the father's surprise when he learned that he had parted for a trifle with a jewel worth a fortune, and that for years he had been in danger of losing and wasting what would have made him wealthy if he had only known. The value of the annual reports of our Missionary Societies, we fear, is not fully appreciated. We do not refer to the value of looking to see if your name and the amount you gave is correctly announced to the public, but to the valuable information given as to the progress and need of our different missions. It is a great privilege to read the concise reports of our faithful representatives who labor hard and long for the perishing. See the precious words of appreciation on the part of those who received timely help from the Supply Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society:

"Many of our missionaries come to the 'Red Sea' financially, and are unable to clothe themselves and family suitably or comfortably. When such cases are known to us we gladly send them supplies, which are received with humble thanks, as from the Lord.

"Our hearts are pained when we hear of the hardships which some of the missionaries in the cold North-West have to endure. There are young men of splendid ability who only receive about \$240.00 per annum from all sources—to pay for their board, books, clothing, house-keep, etc. These heroic young men thoroughly appreciate the Christian thoughtfulness of kind friends in the east, who supplement their small stipends by their gifts at Christmas time. Many of them journey to their appoint-

ments with all the clothing on them that they possess, and even then it is difficult for them to keep from freezing. And not alone do the single men suffer for want of sufficient clothing, but many of the married men are in the same poor circumstances.

"Take a look with me into the home of one of our missionaries who has a salary of about \$400.00 per annum, and seven children to provide for. One day there came to them from Ontario a large box, which was eagerly opened. The generosity of their unknown friends quite overcame them, and without waiting to complete the joyful task of emptying the box, the family sang the verse, 'Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,' and then recited with full hearts the twenty-third Psalm. Afterwards they knelt in the presence of the Lord and His people's bounty, to praise Him and to ask forgiveness for their faithless fears.

"Not only to our missionaries and missions amongst white people have our goods been sent, but let us hear what some of the Indians say: 'Good, kind, Christ ladies, they love us poor Indians. Yes, we see God loves us now. We are better than ever before; God is near us and knows just what we wanted. We don't know what to say, but our hearts are happy. The kind ladies say, "Poor Indians, cold and ragged," send some quilts, good, good things. God bless them every day. Long ago come to church and sing, "No warm clothes, no nice wigwam." Now white sisters come close with prayer, put arms around us with these nice clothes. Weeping, they say, "Blessed Jesus, closer and closer." We never see those good brothers and sisters till round the throne of our Father we shake hands and fall at His feet together.'

"Such are some of the sayings of these Indian women, who, by our gifts, are being made more ready to listen to our blessed Gospel, and by which the prejudice against the