

Mrs. D— writes, "We had a very interesting meeting last Saturday afternoon. Quite a number attended, and gave in their names for another year. Some new names were added, so that we feel we have everything to encourage us to persevere." From A— we hear good words as follows: "When we resolved to form a W. M. A. Society here, we expected difficulties, and we have found them; but the same motives that prompted a commencement, have enabled us to continue, and we are thankful to be able to help, even a little, in this glorious cause. The attendance at our monthly meetings is small, but we find them seasons of pleasure and strength. We send to the Central Board about \$15 yearly, and this summer have started a fund for a life member. We shall have a struggle to attain this object, but with our Heavenly Father's blessing, we intend to do it. We have sent on the names of six subscribers for the LINK; we value it highly, and have great hopes of its usefulness."

M. R. SELDEN,
Sec. Cen. Board, N.S.

Halifax, Oct. 11th, 1879.

THE REPORT of the Foreign Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces, says:—While our expenditures during the year have been somewhat increased over some previous years, owing principally to the building operations at our three Mission stations, and the expense incurred in reinforcing the Mission by the addition of a new laborer, we regret to say that our receipts have been diminished to some extent. This decrease of income we have every reason to believe arises from the wide spread and universal depression in business, which has greatly affected the receipts of all religious and benevolent associations throughout the world. The total amount contributed by the churches, W. M. A. Societies, Sabbath Schools, and private individuals during the year has been \$4391.40.

We would most earnestly impress upon the attention of the churches, the fact that it will be necessary for them to exercise a generous liberality in replenishing our Treasury, if they would save the Board from financial embarrassment, the denomination from mortification, and our missionary brothers from disappointment in the execution of their plans and work.

We expect that the expenditures on the Chicacole Compound are nearly ended. It has already cost us nearly Rs. 4000.

In Bimlinitam we have expended for land and buildings up to May 31st, 1879, nearly Rs. 5300, and it will require nearly as much more to finish and complete the premises.

In Bobbili we have expended nearly Rs. 2000, and it will be true economy to expend double that sum there during the present fiscal year.

Extra expenses will be incurred by the return of Mrs. Armstrong to this country at the close of this year.

The salaries of our missionaries and their assistant preachers and teachers, must be promptly met; so that your Board fondly hope that the members of our churches will weigh well the character of the responsibilities which you impose on those whom you may select to carry forward your work in the Foreign field, and keep our Treasury amply replenished.

THE FOREIGN MISSION MEETING at St. Catharines was a great success. Full reports have been or will be given in both the *Baptist* and *Helper*, to which we must refer our readers. The thanks of the women's societies are due to the brethren who spoke so favorably of their work, and to Rev. W. H. Porter, of Brantford, for his eloquent address as their representative.

THE REPORT of the Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Women's Society, draws attention to the fact that the working expenses of the Board have been more than met by the interest on the Bank account. The Treasurer's report of the Western Society, shows a similar record. The expense item is \$23.53, Bank interest \$25. Every cent therefore of the money collected by the Circles of both Societies has been applied directly to work in India.

AT the meeting of the Eastern Convention in Montreal, a deputation, headed by Miss Muir, from the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, waited on the Convention, and, after stating what had been done by the Ladies' Missionary Circles, Miss Muir earnestly urged the Pastors to help in forming Circles where none were yet existing. This appeal met with a hearty response, and doubtless good will be the result.—*Helper*.

BELLEVILLE, ONT. The pastor of the Belleville Church informs us that a Mission Circle has just been organized by the ladies of his charge.

PARIS, ONT. The Circle has made the pastor's wife, Mrs. Grant, a life member of the W. B. F. M. Society.

Sister Belle's Corner.

For the Little Folks who Read this Paper.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS—Our Corner has been crowded out for two months. The paper has so many good friends who write for it, that we boys and girls may be left out now and then. But we will have our talk about India as often as the editors let us.

I want to tell you of a Mission Band in the City of Quebec. Only fifteen girls are members, but last year they earned \$120, enough to keep two Bible women in India for a whole year. These women were heathen once, but they heard the missionary talk about Jesus. They believed He would forgive all their sins, because He died for them. And now they want to spend every day in telling others these glad tidings. So they take their Bibles and visit other women and children in their homes, talking about the true God and Jesus Christ His Son.

The girls in this Quebec Band cannot go over the ocean and be missionaries themselves, but the money they send helps others to do this work.

How many of you would like to have such a Band in your S. S.? Suppose you ask the Superintendent to call a meeting on a week day, to form a Band. One of the teachers could meet with you every week or month. Each boy and girl could bring one cent at each meeting. This would make them members. Then choose a name for your Band, like "Busy Bees," "Little Gleaners," "Fellow Helpers," or some such name. Have a book for the members to sign their names. Elect your President, Secretary and Treasurer, and then decide what you will do to earn money. The girls might sew at the meetings, or make fancy work. The boys could whittle brackets or pretty toys with their jack-knives. Others might read aloud or recite pieces about missionaries, or some story of India people or their customs.—Our "Corner" would often have such pieces in it. Then you might get ready for a missionary concert, and ask all your grown up friends. How many Sunday Schools will try this plan before next month?

Perhaps the little Secretaries will write me a letter about each Band. I will be very glad to tell you more about it, or to help in any way.

If you address your letters to "SISTER BELLE," LORNE PLACE, OTTAWA, they will reach me safely.

May our boys and girls have a "mind to work" in this way, and then the God of Missions will crown their labors with His blessing.

SISTER BELLE.

Ottawa, Oct. 16th, '79.

Women have no Souls.

"Women have no souls," said a Chinese mandarin, drawing himself up with an air of great superiority; and when it was insisted that women had souls, as well as men, he laughed long and loud at the absurd idea, and added, "When I get home I will tell my wife that she has a soul. She will be astonished I think." This opinion is almost universal in China. As a woman, it is believed she can have no hope of heaven. If she is perfectly submissive to her husband and his relatives, and is the mother of sons, she may perhaps be born again in this world as a man, and then there may be a possibility of reaching Buddha's heaven, but not otherwise. This, then, is the most earnest prayer of every Chinese girl, this the great incentive of her religious life, that she may come back to this world as a man. Can we wonder at her degradation? Of course there are many minor considerations which effect her, day by day—the trials and misfortunes of life, which are attributed to the anger of the gods,—an anger that must be appeased by expensive and frequent offerings of various kinds, constant homage to be paid to ancestors, and innumerable superstitions that follow them every hour of the day.

THERE is enough in Christ Jesus for you when you have nothing in yourself.

Cetewayo.

The case of Cetewayo is very sad.—Rev. M. W. Pinkerton, of Indundama, writes:—"His father was a friend of the Dutch and English. In his youth he knew the Missionaries, and heard their instructions. He matured under their influence, but resisted it. British officials did much to lead this prince in the right direction. To whom has he listened? his witch doctors and his young bloods. He discouraged honest traders, and patronized smugglers of powder, guns, and grog. He made counterfeiters of white-outlaws, with his eyes wide open. They plundered him, helped him to this war, and forsook him. It is his own deliberate choice, and the choice of his people; an intelligent, criminal choice. They have sealed their choice by shedding the blood of innocent men and women and children. The day of retribution has come, and it will be thorough. The captain of the Lord's host is in chief command."—*Ex.*

WOMEN'S BAPT. FOR. MISS. SOCIETY OF THE CONVENTION, WEST, ONT.

Receipts from Sept. 23rd to Oct. 27th.

Strathroy Mission Circle, \$13; Port Hope, \$9; Alexander-st., \$21.30; Whitty, 6th con., \$10; Beamsville, \$21; College-st., \$10.85; Ingersoll, \$4.80; Uxbridge, \$6; Whitty, \$5.50; Guelph, \$10; Cheltenham, \$3.60; London, York-st., \$25; Brantford, \$10; Jarvis-st., \$24.95; Stratford, \$6.25; Theoford, \$4; Aylmer, \$15.50; Denfield, \$11; London, Adelaide-st., \$19; Port Burwell, \$4.25. Total, \$235.

Specials.

Timpany's Grove, to educate a young man in India, per Mrs. B. McConnell, Mrs. B. Timpany, and Miss E. Coboon, \$25; Paris, to make Mrs. Grant a life member, \$25; Westover, Miss Embury, 75 cts.; Miss Robertson, 75 cts.; Miss L. B. Shaver, 50 cts., \$2.00; T. Crotty, for Mr. Timpany's bell, 25 cts.; collection at annual meeting, \$11.84; total, \$64.09. Total receipts, \$299.09.

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