

NOTICE—CLAXTON MEMORIAL FUND.

Will those who intend sending subscriptions to the Claxton Memorial Fund kindly remit directly to the Treasurer of that fund, namely, Miss Cramp, 62 McTavish St., Montreal.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY.

The President of Ontario West.

As the time of the Associational meetings draws near, it is well for the Mission Circles to look back over the winter's work to see what progress has been made. The reports from India are most encouraging. Our missionaries are filled with enthusiasm about the work. They are planning, with unselfish devotion, to carry the message of the gospel to the farthest villages of our field.

It was decided at our last Convention that, in view of the higher cost of living in India, we would do our best to

increase our missionaries' salaries by one hundred dollars a year. The Maritime ladies have already done this.

We also decided at that time that no new work would be undertaken till this was done.

In looking over the Treasurer's report for the past half year, it is evident that unless we make a very decided advance, we will barely cover our estimates by the end of the year, and not be able to give our missionaries the amount that we all feel is necessary, that they may do their best work.

At the last meeting of the Board three applications for work in the foreign field had to be refused for lack of funds. Will each Circle member take these facts into prayerful consideration and let us all try to make the last half of this missionary year far surpass what we have ever done before.

FRANCES L. FIRSTBROOK.

Young People's Department.**MISSION BAND.**

1.—Spring is here! Yet we are not so far removed from Christmas as to have forgotten all the happy times that were ours. Hence we know our boys and girls will be glad to hear about some of the Christmas celebrations in India. Cocanada Girls' Boarding School held a closing entertainment. The following invitation, written in gilt, was sent out to the parents of the children who live near enough to attend, and to friends of the school, and of the teachers: "The manager, teachers, and pupils of the Canadian Baptist Mission Girls' Boarding School request the honor of your company at the closing exercises of the school on Saturday evening, December 14th, 1912, at 4 p.m. Programme:

1.—Prayer song in Telugu. 2.—Welcome song in Telugu. 3.—Welcome ad-

dress in English. 4.—A hymn in English. 5.—Flag drill. 6.—Action song. 7.—Marching. 8.—Flag drill. 9.—Kindergarten game. 10.—Recitation in English. 11.—A hymn in English. 12.—Kindergarten game. 13.—Kolatham. 14.—Faree. 15.—Farewell song, "God Save the King."

Miss Lida Pratt gives us this interesting account: "As our class rooms are too small, we held the entertainment outside, using the back verandah of the school for a platform and the school compound for the auditorium. With all our school benches, and fifty borrowed chairs, we were able to accommodate about 200, besides the children, who sat on mats on the ground. From tall bamboos in the yard, were hung strings of paper flags and curtains of colored paper. The platform was gaily decorated with leaves, pictures, banners, and flags. The