

showed the help the children gave; and a discussion on the debt, followed by a standing vote whereby the convention pledged themselves not only to make up the deficit but to use every means to prevent it ever occurring in the future. One of the most satisfactory features of the meeting was the time given to talk about all matters concerning the work. The Foreign Society loses three devoted officers this year. Mrs. Castle, President; Mrs. Dudson, Sec. of Bands, and Mrs. Elliott, Treasurer. Mrs. Elliott has been Treasurer over since June, 1880, and has most faithfully attended to the really arduous work. The convention rose to express its regret at her resignation and heartfelt thanks to her for all she has done.

The convention decided that hereafter the year should close with September in order to give time to send all returns in to the officers of the Societies before the books closed for the year.

Friday evening was spent at the beautiful college where an interesting programme had been prepared and refreshments were served.

"Use hospitality without grudging," is a command, and surely Woodstock obeyed it in every sense. The convention was heartily welcomed and most hospitably entertained.

Next year the convention will meet with the Brantford churches.

W. B. M. Society of Ontario.

Dear Fellow-workers, Greeting.—With regret I communicate with you by letter rather than face to face, as has been my privilege for the past years of the Society's existence. The cause which removed me from the dear land of my adoption, is the reason of my not returning at this time. But while absent I shall hold the time of meeting sacred, and with you pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, that His Spirit may guide you in all your important deliberations, and that plans may be laid for greater things than the past has ever known. The woes of the world never came so appealingly up into the ear of the Christian Church as to-day: from the helpless and erring of our cities; from gospel-neglected frontier settlers; from the aborigines, whose political treatment and religious neglect are the crime and disgrace of this northern continent; from Africa, China, India, they call, "Come over and help us," as never before. Add to this the beseeching appeal of our missionaries for fifty-two helpers to be sent to India this year, and, truly, the thought is overpowering when we look only at our own single selves, and at our one Society. But then we think of the sure purpose of God, concerning the nations, that they shall all know the Lord, and with this sublime thought note the signs of the times as seen in the present humane tendencies of Governments, in the recent discoveries by which rapid international communication is making of all peoples one vast brotherhood, in the Church which is slowly but surely becoming, what the Master intended, a great missionary society, in the large number of young men and women who are offering themselves to go work for Christ at home or in the uttermost parts of the earth; and, last but not least, considering the development of woman.

Some one says the most marvelous discovery of this marvelous age, is woman's discovery of herself. "Thou, oh God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor. The Lord giveth the word. The women that publish the tidings, are a great host." Note the fulfilment of this unerring word in your assemblage to-day, and in all Christian lands, where women are incorporated into Societies, Circles, Bands, planning for and working earnestly for this one great end. Think on these things and be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. So let us pray, you there and I here, for greater things than we have yet seen; and for the six-dear missionaries who are now on their way to join the noble band who are already in India. In thinking of our past years together, I have two regrets; one is my poor work for the Society and for the Master, and the other, that I was obliged to

leave the delightful association. We have held sweet counsel together, and always will your loving words, your ready co-operation, be held very dear to me. For the work and for the Master.

Yours most truly,

M. A. CASTLE.

Rochester, Oct. 22, 1889.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

In recording the work of another year we do so with deep humility and at the same time with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for the wonders God has wrought in India in preparing the way and opening the hearts of the people to listen to the glad tidings. But with humility and sorrow that many in our own land remain indifferent to the great command. The doors in India are opening and young women are offering to go and enter them with God's wonderful message. Our missionaries' earnest appeal for help has been circulated through the Circles. The officers of the society and the directors have been active in seeking to increase the interest in foreign missions. The work is growing every year and requiring more money. Yet there has been a falling off this year of \$891.70 in the receipts. This should be a cause for deep heart searching and sorrow, for our sisters in India are

"Dying! yes dying in thousands
A hopeless, despairing death,
Can we not hear them calling—
Flooded with fatal breath—

"Will no one come over and bring us light?
Must we perish in darkness, darker than night!"

The returns from some of the Associations are not quite complete this year. One hundred and thirty-one circles have reported, and there are over thirty-one that have not. In some cases the amounts raised are very encouraging:

TEENSWATER, in Walkerton Association, has the honor of being the *Banner Circle* in Foreign Missions. With a church containing only 12 women, the Circle has raised \$25. A little over \$2.08 a head.

FENELON FALLS	81 50
COBURN, in Peterboro' Assoc'n, follows with	1 21
IONA, in Elgin Association	" " 1 16
GREENOCK, in Walkerton	" " 1 12½
WILKESPORT, in Western	" " 1 12
LONDON, S., in Middlesex and Lambton	" " 1 11
AHLA CRAIG, " "	" " 1 03

Out of over 100 Circles only eight have given the full membership fee of \$1. These eight are mostly small churches.

In the early part of the year Miss Frith visited as many of the Circles as her health would permit, and did good work among them. Mrs. McLaurin's paper entitled "Fourteen Years on the Field," has been sent to all. Since Mrs. Castle left nothing has been done in the way of sending out leaflets.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

A complete list of the circulating library will shortly appear in the LINK. The following books have been recently added:

1. The Crisis of Missions, by Dr. Pierson.
2. Days of Blessing in Inland China, by J. Hudson Taylor.