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EXPENDITURE.		
Sent to India :-		
For Mr. Timpany's salary	\$400 00	
" Miss Frith's salary	250 00	
" Mr. Craig's school	200 00	
" Mr. McLaurin, from Coatooke	5 00	
" Memorial to the Queen	10 00	
" Drafts and collecting charges	2 53	
" Tracts and postage	11 77	
" Expenses for Annual Meeting	3 00	
Cash in hand	\$ 882 30	430 73
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Respectfully submitted		
	M. A. SMITH, <i>Treas.</i>	
Examined and found correct		
	GEO. FELKER, <i>Auditor</i>	

Women's Baptist F. M. Soc'y of Ontario.

THE SEVENTH Annual Meeting was held on Friday, the 12th of October, in the Sunday School Hall of the Jarvis St. Church, Toronto. The attendance was large, and the reports interesting, the addresses pointed and good, and better than all, an earnest devotional feeling pervaded the assembly. The editor of the *Baptist*, who was present, has given a very full report of the proceedings in his issue of the 18th Oct., to which we refer our readers. During the morning session the following ladies were appointed as a committee to nominate the Central Board for the ensuing year: Mrs. John Harris, Brantford; Mrs. Grant, Paris; Mrs. Raymond, Guelph; Miss Rowles, Sarnia; Mrs. Rose, sr., Mrs. Davies, and Mrs. Watson, Toronto, with the Recording Secretary, Miss Dexter.

The report of this committee was received and adopted in the afternoon, when the following ladies were unanimously elected as the Board for 1883-4: *President*, Mrs. Freeland; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. J. H. Castle, Toronto; Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. H. J. Rose; *Recording Secretary*, Miss Dexter; *Treasurer*, Mrs. W. H. Elliott; *Members*, Mesdames Raymond, Guelph; Currae, London; Porter, St. Catharines; Hill, Brantford; J. Evans, Hamilton; Wm. Craig, jr., Port Hope; J. C. Yule, Ingersoll; Dryden, Brooklyn; J. J. Baker, —; Miss Randall, Paris; Mesdames H. H. Humphrey, Evans, Dyke, Speller, Holmes, T. Stewart, Newman and E. Dadson, Toronto.

The reports of the Board, which we publish in full, were exceedingly encouraging and were unanimously adopted. No arrangement was made as to the place of meeting next year.

Through the kindness of the Faculty of McMaster Hall their beautiful building was thrown open in the evening, and a most enjoyable social gathering took place within its walls, thus affording the visiting ladies from the churches of Ontario an opportunity of understanding and fully appreciating this magnificent gift of the Hon. Wm. McMaster to the Baptists of Canada.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REC. SEC. OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The items of business which have interested the Central Board during the past year are of such a nature that they can be reported in a few words.

The meetings, as in previous years, have been held quarterly; sometimes it has been necessary to call special meetings. We must again express the regret that we are not oftener favoured with the presence of members from a distance.

At a special meeting, called at the close of the annual meeting, Oct. 13th, 1882, the estimates for the year were considered, and the following appropriations made, the money to be sent to India, as usual, semi-annually in advance: To *Cocanada*, Girls' school \$400, village schools \$250; zenana work, \$100; Bible woman, \$50; books and tracts, \$25. *Tuni*—School, \$100; Bible woman, \$30. *Akidu*—Village schools, \$300; books, etc., \$70. The sum of \$500 was donated to the Samulcotta Theological Seminary.

At the regular meeting in January, a detailed account of our missionary, Miss Frith's, expenses to India was received, showing that \$140 were left of the money appropriated for that purpose. It was decided that our share of the amount be expended on Miss Frith's instruction in the Telugu language.

A special meeting was called on the 14th of Feb'y, consequent upon the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wells, who was obliged to sever her connection with the Board on account of removing to the North West. The Board prevailed on Mrs. H. J. Rose to accept the duties, which are growing arduous, and will become more so as our Society increases.

At the April meeting a letter was read from the Rev. John Craig, asking that \$60 be appropriated for the support of married students whom he was sending to Samulcotta. The amount was voted for that purpose. It was also decided that \$200 be sent for the support of students of the same Seminary, and that \$130 be appropriated for preachers at Tuni.

At the July meeting, a matter of great importance, which had occupied the thoughts of the members for some weeks was brought formally before the Board, viz., the memorial to be sent to Queen Victoria praying for the abolition of child-marriage in India. Letters were received asking the Board to bring the matter before all the circles, asking them to unite in sending such a petition. The following resolution was received from the Brant Association of Circles:

"Whereas it is beyond dispute among all civilized peoples that the practice of child marriage has led to social and domestic evils of the most serious nature, and whereas we believe the custom to be contrary both to the laws of nature and the laws of God. *Resolved*, that we ask the central Board of the Women's Foreign Mission to take such steps as shall be deemed necessary to present a suitable memorial to the Queen praying for its final abolition."

It was unanimously resolved to present the following petition to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, after submitting it to all the circles and obtaining their approval; the document to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Society as our representatives

[The full text of the memorial appeared in our September issue. ED. LINK.]

It may be some time before we see the entire abolition of the abuses referred to, but we hope the day is not far distant.

During the year, nine circles and seven bands have been formed; this is encouraging; it is an improvement on what was accomplished last year.

Seven life members have been added to the Society.