

Publications

From the beginning prominence was given to the circulation of missionary intelligence. At first letters from missionaries were copied by hand and sent out, and in the second year duplicates were reproduced by members of the Society in Toronto and a copy sent to each Auxiliary secretary, to be read at the monthly meetings. These letters were a most effective means of arousing interest. To the majority who heard them their contents were nothing less than a revelation, so little was then generally known of the condition of heathen women.

The *Monthly Letter* ed under that name was 12 cents per year, until 1899 when it was changed to *Foreign*. The subscription list for some time receiving but it was not long till the presidents, secretaries and life members began to possess it for their own members, and in 1887 reached 1,500. In July, 1899, the form was enlarged and again in 1899 it was further enlarged and improved very neat and attractive. A subscription list of 16,406 was then Home



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ter *Leaflet* first appeared in 1884. The price which was not advanced was raised to 15 cents. It was very small at first, but as the number of secretaries and life members increased, the *Letter Leaflet* free, the advantage of possession began to be felt by the circulation had in 1897, the title was changed to *Missionary Tidings*, and otherwise improved. It was still further enlarged until it now presents a fine appearance, with 16,406. The first editor was then Home

Secretary. When Mrs. Campbell became Secretary of Supplies the *Letter Leaflet* was given in charge to Mrs. G. H. Robinson, then Recording Secretary, who edited it for nine years, and was succeeded by Mrs. MacGillivray in 1898.

The Society is indebted to the missionaries for their unfailing faithfulness in writing for the *Letter Leaflet* often under difficulties and fatigues of which we can form but a dim idea. Letters from missionaries of the Eastern Division have also added a large measure of interest.

The circulation of leaflets and pamphlets bearing upon the aims and methods of the Society and others serving to quicken missionary interest has been a most important feature of the publication department. Some of these have