

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

That God would graciously incline the hearts of His servants in Canada to give their money freely and systematically, so that the Executive Board of the General Society may be enabled, without borrowing, to supply the workers in India with all that is requisite.

TO THE CIRCLES OF THE EASTERN SOCIETY.

Through the pages of the LINK I desire to say a few words to the Circles upon the new responsibility which we have most gladly and thankfully undertaken:—

You have noticed that Miss Frith has been appointed to go to India next autumn; but some of you may not know how anxiously for years many of us have wished to send out a Zenana worker. At last in His own good time God has answered our prayers, and opened up the way for us to send a lady missionary. Many have felt the claim which the Telugu ladies in their Zenanas had upon us, but there were other more pressing demands on the mission funds, and it did not seem wise to incur this extra expense. However, now, with increased interest among the women of our churches, and a reasonable prospect that there would be a hearty response from all, our two societies have decided to undertake the additional expense of Miss Frith's support, thankful to God that she is willing to go and do work so much needed.

This, of course, calls for extra effort on the part of all the Circles at once, for passage money and outfit must be provided. To see that this is properly and generously done, is, my dear sisters, our privilege and duty. Let us look at Miss Frith as our representative going to do work too heavy, too self-denying for us, while we "tarrriers at home," have only to see to furnishing the sustentation stores, and we will see how light and easy is our part of the work in comparison. She gives up home and friends, and enters upon a new and untried life for love of Christ, from a desire to give herself to Him, and carry the news of His wonderful salvation to those who are at present shut in from hearing about Him; and we who ought to have the same love, who ought to have the same spirit of devotion, what are we going to do for these heathen women who appeal so strongly to our sympathy and aid? Something I hope that will cost us something. Little at the most we are likely to do, but I hope that the amounts we shall receive from the different Circles, will represent some self-denial.

We lead such selfish lives, it is so easy now to be a Christian, that I am always glad when there is an opportunity to give up something out of loyalty and love to Christ. We then know a little of the sweetness that must have filled the hearts of the early Christians, and must have been a compensation to missionaries for the loss of

much else. We women have so little money to give away that we have usually to exercise self-denial in our dress. It seems such a little thing, but there is a wonderful amount of pleasure in it, and there is no doubt that even this feeble effort to be unselfish pleases our gracious Lord. Just think: a little less spent for a summer hat; a less expensive dress than we could afford to have; and how soon with so many to help, the amount will be raised. It is quite surprising how carefully we keep to our subscription of one dollar a year. In this instance let us see how much besides we can give, for what is the most we can do to giving ourselves to the work?

I hope the workers in the different Circles will think at once of what can be done to interest others, and collect something in addition to their usual amounts, for there will be some in every church who will be willing to contribute to a lady missionary as that appeals especially to women. But it is to those of us who are already doing and giving that I expect Miss Frith's decision to go to India will be a blessing, as giving us an opportunity of meeting that question of our Lord, "I gave my life for thee, what hast thou given for me?" If, in return we can lay anything at His feet we will receive the blessing promised to those who "draw out their soul to the hungry."

I cannot write to all the Circles connected with the Eastern Society, but must ask you to take this friendly word from me instead. Surely we shall not be behind in this good work.

AMELIA MUIR.

Montreal, April 22nd.

AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Central Board of the Ontario Women's Society, held on the 14th of April, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. H. Humphrey presented a number of very encouraging reports from the circles. The Treasurer's report was also very satisfactory, the amount in her hands being \$1,023.52. She has received, since the January Board meeting, \$497.48, and paid out \$29.75. Two committees were appointed; one to make arrangements as to time, place and programme for the annual meeting; and one to confer with the Montreal Board as to Miss Frith's preparations, etc. The Treasurer was authorized to remit on the 1st of June the second half-year's appropriation for the schools and Bible women supported by the Society, and \$125 was voted towards Miss Frith's outfit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

A Foreign Mission Meeting in connection with the Mission Circles of Brant Association will be held in the First Baptist Church, Brantford, Friday afternoon, June 2nd, at half-past two. Mrs. Tuttle is expected to preside. A suitable programme is being prepared, and something of interest is expected from Mr. Timpany. In the evening a Missionary platform meeting will be held in the East Ward Baptist Church, at which a collection will be taken. Members of other Circles will receive a very hearty welcome. Further notice will appear in the *Baptist*. ANNA MOYLE, Sec.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY \$2,200 IN DEBT.

At the last monthly meeting of the Executive held on the 11th April, we found the above to be the financial statement of the Treasurer.

Dear Brethren, this ought not to be. Reports from our missionaries are most encouraging. They expect many to come to the Saviour before the end of the year.