

Miss Priest and Miss McLeish have been hindered in touring work by heavy rains and cholera.

Miss Jones asks special prayer for two of her Biblewomen, who are causing her some anxiety.

Miss Robinson also asks an interest in our prayers for her school of boys. She closed the year with 100 on her roll, 27 having dropped out during the year.

Miss McLeod reports that the *State* has granted land for a house for the native preacher and his wife.

THE LINK reports an increase of 186 subscribers during the quarter. Most of these, however, come from the West.

The "Bureau" has had a busy month, supplying 994 books, pamphlets, leaflets, etc. There is a balance in the treasury of \$2.96.

Arising out of a request from Mrs. Pearce that the "Bureau" loan literature be sold at the Association meetings, the following motion was carried: "That Associations, on applying to the 'Bureau' for literature which they desire to sell at their Associational meetings, be required to pay for the same; and, for all that is not sold and is returned to the 'Bureau' in good condition, they be refunded the money."

The Lecture Committee reported failure thus far to secure a speaker for the Annual Lecture, but they have approached Dr. Jessie Allyn.

The Literature Committee have placed in the "Bureau" a sketch of the life of Miss Selman. One of Miss McLaurin is in the press and will be ready in a few days. The Committee hope to have one or two more ready before Convention.

A very cordial invitation has been received from the Egerton St. Baptist Church, London, to hold our next Convention there.

E. M. INRIG, Re. Sec.

THE SECRETARY'S WORD.

May 14th, 1918.

Dear LINK:—

The Young Women's Auxiliary of Stanley Ave. Church, Hamilton, have eighteen linen tea-towels ready for the Muskoka Home. How these will be appreciated by the occupants!

Some unknown friend sent me a dollar to go towards the running expenses of the Home.

We thought our plans for speakers for Foreign Missions were about completed, but find from a recent cable that our lady missionaries who were to help us may be in Iddia still.

Some members of the Board, and others, are offering to take the places in case of an emergency. For this we are deeply grateful.

Let us be much in prayer for the great success of these gatherings.

Yours sincerely,

L. LLOYD,

Secy. of Directors (Foreign).

Miss Priest reports three new village schools formed on her field. Two of them have as yet no shelters, and have to be held under the trees.