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It is highly desirable that the Circles should complete their collections and forward them to the treasurers, in time to have them included in the year's reports. We do not know just when the books will be closed; but the sooner the contributions are in the treasurers' hands, the better.

It is the earnest desire of the Entertainment Committee in Toronto, that the Home and Foreign Mission Circles should appoint their delegates at the earliest possible date, and should send in at once the names of the delegates to Mrs. Elmore Harris, 98 Bloor St. West, who has charge of the billeting. It is the wish of all concerned that the meeting should be the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the Society. Railway certificates may also be obtained from Mrs. Harris. Indicate the precise number wanted, and whether the delegates are to pass over one railway or more in reaching Toronto.

MR. LAFLAMME.—In Mr. Laflamme's case, we have an example which we hope to see followed by many in the near future. When he offered himself to the Board, he proposed to go to India to labor as an Evangelist, and to ask for only what was needful for his support. The Board preferred to fix his salary, we believe, and the amount he was to receive was placed at \$800 a year. We understand that he has recently written to the Board, urging the appointment at once of another young man to be his companion in evangelistic work, and proposing, in case such an appointment is made, to reduce his own salary to \$400 a year. This earnest appeal should not go unheeded.

OUR sisters in the Maritime Provinces have had a most successful year's work, and we congratulate them with all our heart. It is a great pleasure to us to know that Miss Johnstone has been re-appointed by the Union to edit all matters pertaining to the Aid Societies of the Union. All communications from the Maritime Provinces, intended for publication in the LINK, should be addressed to her. We are sure that Miss Johnstone's communications are highly appreciated wherever the LINK is read. The address of Mrs. Williams, President of the Union, has the right ring and is truly eloquent. We could wish for articles from her pen oftener than once a year.

MISSIONARY METHODS.—Toronto Christians have had ample opportunity within the last two weeks to become acquainted with missionary methods other than our own. In our last issue we mentioned the visit of Mr. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, to Toronto. Mr. Tay-

lor, after an absence of some weeks in visiting other points in Canada and the United States, returned to Toronto, where farewell meetings of great enthusiasm and power were held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall and in Knox Presbyterian church. Of those whom Mr. Taylor succeeded in interesting in Chinese mission work, thirteen got out at once in company with Mr. Taylor. Of these, one, Mr. Racey, is a member of the James Street Baptist church, Hamilton. It is well known that the missionaries who go out under the auspices of the society that Mr. Taylor represents, have no stated salaries, but draw from the funds of the society only what they require for their expenses, while many of them support themselves from their private means. Their method of work in China is, we believe, to adopt the Chinese dress and to strive to reach the hearts of the people by entering into the closest association with them. They claim that this method is far more effective than the methods in vogue in most other societies.

Meanwhile the Salvation Army, which has been laboring for some five years in India, sends us some specimens of the work that has been accomplished through its agency. We had the pleasure of seeing and hearing Major Musa Bhai, a high caste Tamil, who gave up a position as Government surveyor to enter upon the work of a soldier in the Salvation Army; and a high caste zenana woman, who sacrificed much in casting in her lot with the Army. Both displayed a high degree of intelligence and zeal. Major Musa Bhai gave one of the most interesting and stirring mission talks we have ever heard. We are doubtful whether it is practicable for Canadians to live in India on \$25 a year, to walk bare-foot over the country, begging from door to door, and lodging in mud huts. But that there are plenty of people of the Salvation Army persuasion who are willing to try it, is evidenced by the fact that twenty Canadians go out at once to live or to die in proclaiming the Gospel in India; and that there are those who believe their method of work to be practicable, is proved by the readiness with which contributions flow in for their travelling expenses and support. We were present at a not very large meeting, where six contributions of \$100 each, to pay the travelling expenses of as many missionaries, and twenty contributions of \$25 each, for the annual support of the entire number, were made. It is expected that fifty more will go out from Canada next year. These Indian converts maintain that the only hope for the conversion of the Hindus lies along the line of their work,