

EASTERN SOCIETY NOTES.

In January the members of the Board and other women of the Montreal Circles joined in the interdenominational prayer meeting in connection with the Forward Movement. A large gathering assembled in the Emmanuel Congregational Church and it was an inspiring sight to see so many of our sisters gathered together and to realize that we are all one in the great purpose to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Yet though there were so many, the burden of the women who even in this great day of opportunity still remain cold or indifferent lies heavily on the hearts of the officers of our Board and on the leaders of our Circles.

In February the monthly prayer meeting of our Board was held under the direction of Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, who gave a helpful, inspirational address. Earnest, intercessory prayers were offered.

In March the first quarterly meeting of the Board was held. Mrs. Orchard, first vice-president, took the chair in the absence of our president, who was delayed by weather conditions on her way home from the South. We are now rejoicing to have her in our midst again in renewed health and strength.

The Treasurer's report showed a total amount subscribed for three months of \$1,492.88. She stated that it was too early to judge of the success of the Pledge Cards issued in January for the Forward Movement, but we feel confident that our women will respond nobly.

Nine names were presented for Life Membership, and the following were duly elected: Mrs. Anne Munro, Renfrew; Mrs. C. Stoddard, Smith's Falls; Miss M. G. Porteous, Westmount; Miss H. J. Porteous, Westmount; Mrs. Norman McLaurin, Vankleek Hill; Mr. K. M. McDonald, Ottawa, 4th Avenue; Mr. C. G. Fraser, McPhail Memorial; Mr. M. A. Morgan, Highland Park; Miss Jessie McNaughton, Osgoode.

In December the Board had decided to join the Federation of Foreign Mission Boards. The fee of \$5 for registration was paid out of a sum of \$43.47, the proceeds of a birthday party held at the home of Mrs. Wood.

A letter of invitation was read from the Quebec Circle, inviting our Convention to meet there in October next. It was decided that we gratefully accept this invitation.

A vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mrs. Dyke was filled by the election of Mrs. Martin.

An interesting letter was read from our missionary, Miss Murray, in which she speaks of her great joy at having, through the goodness of God, been permitted to again take up her loved work in India. The following extracts will interest our readers:

"I reached Yellamanchili on Dec. 23rd, and found my coming most timely, as I arrived just in time to relieve Miss McLeish, whose departure for home with Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith has been arranged for Feb. 1st.

"At the Conference in January it was arranged that Mr. Timpany of Samalkot be asked to take charge of the work at Tuni, Samalkot and Marsapatnam until October, when Mr. Gunn will have charge of Tuni and Marsapatnam.

"Miss Myers, a Maritime lady, is to live with us here, and to care for Miss Mason's work in Narsapatnam from here. This is the very best provision that can be made. Dr. Smith will care for the general work of the Yellamanchili field until Mr. Gunn's arrival.

"I am glad to find that there has been real progress during my absence. The Lord has been with Miss McLeish and has sustained her during the months of famine and pestilence. She has shown remarkable wisdom and tact in dealing with difficult cases, and has won the respect not only of the Christians but of the Hindoo officials.

"Work has been opened up in several new centres; village schools have been started and souls saved. The situation calls more loudly than ever for a wise, strong, spirit-filled man, and this is my request that you will ask special prayer that if it is the will of God He will send a missionary to Yellamanchili, which has been without a resident missionary for six years. I arrived in time to attend the baptism of a woman over whom and whose family we have long yearned.