

year, while a few have increased their offering; however the increase is not quite equal to the loss. The saddest note heard in our reports is that of a President who in writing of one of the officers of her Band said that she had grown weary in well doing. O, that the thought of the "Reaper's joy," "if we faint not," might enter more fully into our thought.

We are very loath to withdraw the Banner from Quebec as it has been so long and nobly held by that Band, but on the other hand we are pleased to accord this honor to the Mission Band at Ahan's Mills, Ont. The amount contributed per member being \$2.23.

Respectfully submitted,

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DAY OF PRAYER.

Thursday, November 7th, the day set apart by W. H. F. M. Board of E. O. and Quebec for special prayer. Will the Circles, as far as possible take advantage of this opportunity to unite in asking God's blessing on our work in India, Bolivia, and in our own country.

H. M.

PAPER ON THE LINK.

Madame President, subscribers, and more especially non-subscribers to the "Link"—In presenting the claims of our energetic and faithful Foreign Mission paper, "The Link," I could wish that our devoted editor were not quite so modest in expressing her hopes and ambitions in connection with her work! As she herself says: "The paper has been dear to many of us who remember the time when our beloved brother Timpany started it, and if I were not the Editor I could say a good deal for 'The Link.'"

"The Link," however, speaks for itself. In actual size, from the meagre first copy of scant news to the present copy of almost twice the original size, containing the latest news from the ever increasing stations in the foreign field, with bright reports from the different Circles at home.

Also, the more vital growth, from a very limited circulation to one that to-day passes the four thousand mark. When one sees all this and realizes into how many different homes this little paper has found its way, a silent but powerful influence for foreign mission endeavor. A "first aid" to Foreign Mission work I should like to call it—how can we but admire the courage and steadfastness of her who, under God, sends out this mighty Link that unites us with the great cause in the Foreign field. Who can measure the influence of such a paper in the homes, from the time when, as little ones, we gathered around mother's knee to hear what "Sister Belle" had for us, till later, when we began to be interested in it for

its own sake, realizing that it, together with the "Mission Band," had created in us the desire, to hear more, to learn more, and to do more, for missions than ever before.

The seed has been sown now for over 25 years. Surely its harvest will be great! Already it has at least three offsprings, the Visitor, the Home Mission organ, the Maritime paper, which cut down our subscription list considerably last year, and I believe there is also a paper of a similar nature published in the Northwest. Notwithstanding these other publications the report shows that there has been an increase of 128 over the subscriptions of last year, as follows: Nov. '06 we reported 4,169 subscriptions; Sept. 15, '07 we report 4,297 subscribers, which we expect will be added to before the Western Convention in November. Our editor says that she is sure the list would be much larger if we had a good agent in all our Societies. She also says, it is always desirable to have promptness of payment as it is essential to the success of the paper and relieves the editor of some anxiety.

Now may I in closing, say a word to non-subscribers, if there be any such present, or if all the delegates are subscribers will you kindly repeat this message to your Circles. What is the purpose of a link? Is it not to connect? Are you connected? A link is of no use unless it is connected with something at either end. This particular Link, we know, by its monthly reports is connected at the other end—India. How about Canada has that a good connection at this end of the chain? If there be one member of a Circle into whose home this little paper does not enter the chain is not complete, the paper will feel the loss, but—worse still—you will suffer a greater loss! Surely we should all be interested enough in our organization to support our official paper! In writing the editor for statistics, I asked her permission to suggest including the price of "The Link," in the membership fee, as is done in clubs and other organizations. Mrs. Porter thought this would not be feasible. Since then the thought has come to me why could not each Circle subscribe for enough copies so that one would be found in every home, and the extra expense could be met by special collections or in any way best suited to that particular Circle. If we really consider it seriously, how many honestly, would feel the extra two cents a month! No, my friends, you must look for a better excuse than that! Once more I ask, are you connected? If not, hurry up and get connected. Do not wait for the agent to hunt you up—you hunt her up. Give her a glad surprise. You will only have one regret that you were not connected sooner. If you are already connected, start hunting for the missing links—there's more than one, I assure you and let this coming year be a banner one for our paper.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE McLAREN.

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