

M.S. is increasing. There is no prospect of the Missionary pastors receiving their grants in full, for either the January or April quarters. Twenty-five per cent. must be taken off every grant as per resolution at the annual meeting. An effort is to be made by Mr. Hall to raise half of the amount of the debt in large subscriptions, in the hope that the churches will raise the balance. Have we not fifteen or twenty men who will come to the help of the Society in sums of \$100 or \$200 each? We have the men who *can*? Have we the men who *will*?

We have received \$1500, special legacy, from the Shurtliffe estate, but it must be invested and the interest only used for evangelistic work around the home of the testator, Ayer's Flat. The balance of the estate may not come into our hands for two years. J. Wood.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Received the following sums for the month of December, 1889:—

"A Friend," Montreal, \$150; Bequest from J. B. Shurtliffe, \$1,500; Calvary Church, Montreal, \$176; R. W. McLachlan, Montreal, for North Winnipeg, \$8; Miss M. H. Hall, Kingston, \$2; Alton and North Erin, Ont., \$16.67; Milton, N. S., Ladies' H. M. S., \$12; Liverpool N. S., Ladies' H. M. S., \$9.83; "Girls' Own Mission Band, Kingston First, for Charles Street Mission, \$50; Ayer's Flat, Que., \$22.12; Boynton, Que., \$6.92; Fitch Bay, Que., \$5.26; Anonymous, Sherbrooke, Que., \$10; Toronto, Bond Street Woman's Missionary Society, \$50; Danville, Que., S. S. Missionary Society, \$35.69; Toronto, Northern Church, \$50; St. Elmo and Maxville, \$83.95; Martintown, Ont., \$21.77; "A Friend," London, Ont., per T. Allen, \$5; Colonial Miss. Soc'y, on account, \$407.62; "Light Bearers'" Mission Band, Garafraza, Ont., \$22.73; Yarmouth, N. S., Ladies' H. M. S., \$12.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,  
Kingston, Dec. 31st, 1889. *Treasurer.*

THE INDIAN MISSION.

Contributions towards "the Cow" and "the Rent":—

Amount reported in INDEPENDENT.....	\$23 28
Wingham S. S., \$3; Toronto Ladies, \$5...	8 00
Brooklyn and Guelph, \$6; Wingham (Rent), \$2 .....	8 00
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Expenditure:—

Last quarter's Rent, \$6.25; Cow, \$30....	\$36 25
Balance to be applied to food or rent ....	3 03
	<hr/> \$39 28

[The Rev. C. E. Bolton, Warton, Ont., who sends the above, adds some paragraphs about a Missionary Teacher wanted, which we omit, under the altered circumstances resulting from the

death of Mr Bigcanoe, as given in another page of this issue.—ED.]

Woman's Board.

CANADIAN WOMAN'S BOARD IN MONTREAL.

A small number were present in the parlor of the Y. W. C. A. at the regular monthly meeting of this society on Tuesday. A letter from Miss Macallum told of the decrease of the epidemic of dangerous fever, and an increase in members in the school in Smyrna. Miss Macallum writes with pleasant anticipations of her return home next summer for rest.

Miss Radford writes from the mission school at Kobe, Japan, of the need of \$2,000 to enlarge the building by adding a room for music. There seems to be a wave of objection to the higher education of women in Japan at present, which does not apply to the study of music. The baby-organ is found in all parts of Japan, but not many to play it. When the girls graduate from the school almost all of them are Christians; on their return to their heathen homes they use their knowledge of music, which the Japanese are curious to hear, to attract people to hear the Gospel, by singing their hymns, and explaining the truth as they have the opportunity. For this reason the teachers are anxious to have greater facilities for giving instruction at the school, and ask for money for the new room.

A letter from Miss Lyman from Bombay was read, and a piece of needlework shown that had been done in one of the schools, in which the stitches were marvellously fine. An earnest appeal had been sent her to open a school in a district where there was none, which she had been obliged to refuse for lack of means. A native lady was described, where Hindu and Parsee ladies appeared in all the splendor of Oriental jewels and beautiful fabrics. One native lady was asked if she was a Christian. After a moment's hesitation she said, "At heart I am, and I know of many others who are longing for the time when they can come and be baptized."

The meeting closed with prayer and the singing of a hymn.—*Witness.*

GUELPH BRANCH.

A very good report has been received from Miss Skinner, Secretary of this Branch. We make the following extracts: "Our Branch has sustained a great loss this year in the removal from Canada of two of our best workers—Mrs. Wright, President