

for what He has permitted us to do; grateful that He has used us in His service, but conscious that what we have done is nothing to what we might have done if all the women in our churches were alive to the honor of telling to others "what a glad Saviour we have found."

The returns from the Associations show twenty-five new Circles formed, or old ones re-organized during the year. Brant, one; East Ontario, three; Elgin, two; Grand River, five; Niagara, two; Toronto, three; Walkerton, two; Middlesex and Lambton, and Owen Sound, do not report any. A Circle has also been formed in Port Arthur, so making in all twenty-six. There are now over 150 Foreign Mission Circles in Ontario.

It is a matter of regret that about five Circles have died out during the year, and one is reported as "taking a rest"; a sad state of affairs while the work is opening up in India as never before, and the constant cry comes to us for more workers, as those on the field cannot overtake the needs. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty."

Of the Manitoba Circles, Winnipeg only reports. On account of the heavy burden of debt resting upon them, they have not been able to do as much for missions as they otherwise would. Notwithstanding this, and the amount of home work they have to do, their contribution to foreign work amounts to \$50.

The Associational Directors have done faithful work during the year; some of them amidst great discouragements. The success of the Society largely depends upon them and the collectors.

There have been some changes in the Associations. Mrs. Friend, who worked so energetically in the Middlesex and Lambton Association, has left the country; her place is filled for the present by Miss Porter, of London. Miss Fanny M. Stovel, of Mt. Forest, is acting in place of Mrs. Reid, for the Walkerton Association, and Miss Mary G. Buchan in place of Miss Alexander, for Toronto Association.

On March 8th a letter was received from Miss Hatch, containing the following. Moved by Mr. Stillwell, seconded by Mrs. McLaurin (Mr. McLaurin being in the chair), that the Secretary write to each of the Boards, requesting them that a young lady, one who has received a medical training if possible, be sent out to undertake zenana work.

In the April LINK, Mrs. Castle requested that every Mission Circle would, at their April meeting, with other petitions, pray earnestly.

1st. That the woman, whom the Lord would have go to India this summer, may be impressed to send her name to the Board, if she has not already done so.

2nd. That the Board may be guided to choose the one whom the Lord has chosen.

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in Heaven."

Before the Board met in April, four offered themselves for the work; but no one of these seemed to meet all the requirements. After weeks of anxious waiting, in June, Miss Alexander, of Toronto, who had long and prayerfully considered the matter, offered herself to the Board. Her qualifications for the work were so well known that she was joyfully accepted by both Boards. She sailed from Boston on the 8th October, in company with 16 American missionaries. She has left father, family ties, and her beloved church work, to devote her life to the yet more pressing work in the zenanas of India. We ask for her your prayers that she may be rewarded one hundred fold.

Miss Alexander goes out as the missionary of the Eastern and Western Societies—our sisters in Montreal pay half her expenses. The great need in India to-day is medical missionaries. Since Miss Alexander's appointment, a number of young ladies have volunteered to go. Some of these would gladly take a medical course, and are well qualified to do so, if the way were clear to them.

OUR WORK IN INDIA.

Long before last year closed, word had come to us that Miss Frith was very ill. Spring came, still she was no better. These were to her "dark days when her hopes and plans were laid in the dust." So certain it seemed that she could never recover in the trying climate of India, that her friends there urged her return home, and on the evening of April 9th, after five years faithful service, she left Cocanada, in company with Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin, and arrived in Quebec on the 5th of June. The voyage home did much to restore her. The desire of her heart is to return to her loved work as soon as the Lord gives her the needful strength.

Miss Hatch arrived in Cocanada about Christmas time, and at once set to in earnest to learn the language, in which she has made good progress. She has been appointed in Miss Frith's place, in charge of the zenana work, and reports

MISSION REPORT.

COCANADA, July 2nd, 1887.

To the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of Ontario:

DEAR SISTERS,—Though you have not yet appointed me to the charge of the zenana work here, it has been given me for the present, and I shall give you a short report. Miss Frith will doubtless give a more detailed report on her arrival, as she still receives reports from the workers here. At present there are three Eurasian ladies and two natives engaged in the work; these have gone out nearly every day during the past half year, except during the month of May, when the heat is too great. Mrs. DeBeau was away during January and Mahalutchi also did no work in January. Miss Frith had hoped that Amelia, Jonathan's wife, might be another worker, but she thinks family cares are too great for her to undertake it.

The women report plenty of houses to visit; a considerable interest taken by those whom they visit; an increased contempt of idol-worship, and a greater desire to know more about the true God.

The zenana house, which the ladies have so generously built, is very pretty, neat and comfortable. I hope there may soon be two young ladies to occupy it. As I am the only one here at present, the missionaries all thought it would be better that I should board with Mr. Craig at the mission house, and that Mr. Anvache should move into the zenana house. This they did, and I was well pleased with the arrangement, as my being able to board leaves more time at my disposal. I believe there is still a small debt on the zenana house, but Mr. Craig will report concerning that.

As for myself, I may report that I have lived in four different places since I came, and had to move as many times, and I have had five different munahis, but I am glad to say that I have now settled down to one room, and one munahi, and I hope to remain settled for the coming year at least.

I attended the Bimlipatam Conference on first coming, which took up about two weeks of my time, and then I had an attack of fever, which lasted about two weeks. With these exceptions, I have been devoting my time