

China may be a desirable home for her children in days to come. . . . As a sign that I accept these principles of citizenship as my own, I salute the flag."

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

TREASURER'S CORNER.

During the month money has been coming in to the Treasury splendidly. A very large gift was received from Walmer Road S.S. Their Xmas offering amounted to six hundred dollars. This money they have raised for the complete support of Miss Laura Craig, in India. We appreciate fully the sacrifice of the Walmer Rd. boys and girls. We have also received recently from a number of organized classes. Dovercourt Road "Steadfast Builders" have for years been supporting two teachers at Ramachandrapuram at a cost of \$80. Walmer Road Philathea Class gave to their teacher as an Xmas present an illuminated certificate reading, "This is to certify that the Philathea Class has given to Foreign Missions \$25.00 in honor of their teacher, Mrs. Ralph Hooper." Mrs. Brechin's class, Parkdale; Port Arthur Bible Class; Brantford Park Philathea and Ingersoll "Four-Square" have all sent in money for student support during the past month.

Life Memberships have been issued to Miss Marjorie McEachren of Stayner Circle and Doris Bingham of London (Talbot St. Band).

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THE SECRETARY'S WORD.

Palm Beach, Florida, January 14, 1919.

My Dear Directors:—

Quite unexpectedly, I find myself at this place a month earlier than usual this year.

Two days after we arrived we attended a Mission Circle meeting at West Palm Beach Baptist Church. It was held in the main auditorium, and I noticed beautiful flowers had been placed on the table by some thoughtful person. The subject was "China," and, as it was given that afternoon, it was intensely interesting. Quite a number had prepared short talks on different aspects of the work being done there. One spoke on "The Door of Hope"; another on the "Work Among the Little Children of China." One of two interesting anecdotes were told, personal letters were read from one who had given her life to China's millions, and then earnest prayers for the work and workers followed. A young girl with a very sweet voice sang a solo entitled "Teach Us to Pray." The singer vanished on her bicycle before we learned her name, but we will not forget the song.

One of our Toronto ladies was present at the gathering, and she, too, was of opinion it was far better to give a paper verbally than to read it. It helped one to gain confidence. She noticed a marked improvement since she was here one year ago. Then there was hesitancy, whereas now the words came much more freely. Truly, we learn by doing.

This is a very beautiful place to spend a vacation in. The foliage is so wonderful, and the sea bathing is perfect. We hope to be back in time to arrange for the Associational needs. In the meantime, I will be glad to hear from you down here. My address for February will be Box 905, West Palm Beach.

Yours sincerely,

L. LLOYD.