

May the Lord bless our County Secretaries and give them a double portion of His spirit.

Thirty-two life members this year, adding \$800 to our funds. It was encouraging to know that a much larger amount had been given to Home Missions this year than previously. We laid special stress upon this part of our work last year and the result is quite satisfactory. It was decided to enlarge our appropriations for Home Missions \$400. One hundred more for Indian work in the North West and \$300 for our own Home Mission work this year. This will require united, persistent effort, each one doing her part every month. The Foreign Mission appropriation was raised \$300, making \$7,300. It was also agreed that we ask God for a male missionary for India this autumn and we would provide his passage and salary. The prayer was answered before one week. The missionary called of God offered himself. Now let us do our part in providing the money to send him. The appeal in last "Tidings" conceived and sent forth in earnest, believing prayer, must bring forth grand results. Oh, that the burden of these perishing souls in India may be laid upon our hearts as never before and a revival of missionary zeal and enthusiasm will follow. God will be honored and our hearts rejoiced by hearing of multitudes coming to Christ in India.

MISSION BANDS.

Special attention was called to this

part of our work for the coming year. Mission Band work is the most important and most neglected department of our work.

My sisters, is there a Mission Band in your church where the children are being instructed and interested in Mission work? If not, why? Surely you acknowledge its importance and the vital relation it holds to all our other work. If the children are neglected where are our missionaries and mission workers to come from? Will you not at once lend your influence, time and persistent effort to organize a Mission Band or in some other way introduce mission work among the children?

Next year at our Convention we purpose having a Mission Band meeting, at which delegates from our Bands will report, a model lesson be given, also useful hints and suggestions to Mission Band leaders. Let us every week of this year be preparing material for this meeting, that such a feast may be spread as to rejoice the hearts of all, and prove that real progress has been made in this department. Pray about this, my sisters, and do not let it pass with a few *serious thoughts*. We are making the mistake of our lives if we neglect this most important work. The Mission Band Banner was taken this year by the North River M. B., P. E. I. Miss Lenora Barton was appointed superintendent for Mission Bands in N. B.; Miss Johnstone has N. S.; Miss Davies, P. E. I.

LITERATURE.

Our Bureau of Literature is now un-