

Before 12 o'clock on the 30th, our party and their belongings were safely packed away on the big C.P.R. steamer, "Empress of Asia." In our next chapter we will talk about some of our doings as we crossed the Pacific to Yokohama.

Your loving friend,
ELLEN PRIEST.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Remember the United Campaign for the LINK and Visitor! Many Circles have done well; many others have not been heard from yet. Both papers still need several thousands of new subscribers to meet the increasing cost of publication.

Associations are at hand. Last summer many of the reports were lengthy, and it was late in the year before they were all published. It seems wise to ask those writing Association reports to limit themselves to 300 words.

RECEPTION.

A delightful afternoon! This was the verdict of all who were present on Wednesday, March 29th, at a reception held by the Women's Foreign Mission Board in the Board room at 223 Church Street. It was arranged in order that many friends might meet our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Gunn, who will soon return to India, and also welcome Miss McLeish and Miss Hatch, just arrived on furlough. Miss Hatch's presence was only hoped for—not quite expected—and when she appeared in the doorway there was general jubilation.

It was a privilege to see all these missionaries, to wish Mr. and Mrs. Gunn a safe return to the work they love, and for Miss Hatch and Miss McLeish a happy resting-time and a speedy renewal of strength for service. These missionaries will not do public speaking for at least three months.

We hope to give an up-to-date directory of all our missionaries in the June number. In the meantime, those on furlough may be addressed at 223 Church St., Toronto.

CIRCLES, LISTEN!

Again we are appealing to you for financial support for the Muskoka Rest Home.

The past year has been a heavy one financially, as many of you heard at Convention.

In building the boathouse (which cost more than expected) supplying some furniture and needed repairs to make our missionaries more comfortable, we went beyond our income, hoping that the appeal at Convention might bring some returns.

Now we are looking to the summer with a deficit and necessary repairs are facing us.

For instance, Mr. Stephens told us last year that it would be necessary to paint the cottage this year in order to preserve it, as when it was built only one coat was put on.

Many thanks to the Circles who responded so heartily last year, and I trust they will not think it too much to bring this need again before their meeting and take a special collection in May or June for this work.

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