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Editorial.

THE LINK.—Now is the time to begin a vigorous canvass for subscribers. Will the Circles please see that agents are appointed, then will not all of our friends help the agents, first by handing them their own subscriptions, and then by asking some one else to take the paper? Remember our motto: *As many subscribers to the LINK as contributors to the Circle*: We hope soon to begin publishing a list of the Circles that have reached this standard. Let us see who will be the first.

MEETING OF THE W. B. H. AND F. MISSION UNION OF TORONTO.

Special attention is called to the next meeting of the W. B. H. and F. Mission Union to be held in the school-room of Walmer Road church on Thursday, October 19th.

There will be two sessions, one in the afternoon at three o'clock, tea will be served at six, and an evening session beginning at eight o'clock.

The speakers will include Miss Baskerville, Mrs. McLaurin and others, and will therefore be of unusual interest.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all the women in our Toronto Circles and churches outside the city to be present.

MABEL STARK, Sec. Union.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Board was held in the Board Room, Friday, Sept. 8th, at 2 p.m., Mrs. Booker presiding.

Fifteen members were present, including Miss Baskerville, Mrs. W. J. McKay, Mrs. Wolfhill, and the Misses Nichol and Walton, representing the out of town members. A committee was appointed to confer with one from the Home Mission Board regarding the time and place of meeting of the next Convention.

The treasurer's report showed a decrease in regular contributions as compared with the same quarter last year.

Letters were read from two ladies desirous of qualifying themselves for work in India. Extracts from very

interesting letters from the Misses Murray and Morrow were also read.

It was a great pleasure to the members of the Board to have Miss Baskerville present; a number of questions were answered and much information given which was very helpful. Photographs were shown of the new school buildings on the Davies Memorial Compound, which are finished and paid for, also the ladies' bungalow in course of erection.

Much regret was expressed at the necessity of a cut of 18½ per cent., which will seriously cripple the work in India.

A. MOYLE, Rec.-Sec.

THE DUTIES OF A MISSIONARY'S WIFE.

From Mrs. J. A. R. Walker's Address, given at Ingersoll.

The emphasis is undoubtedly on the word "missionary," for, whatever, may be our ideas of woman's work and calling; we are all agreed that the high office of wife and mother was her original calling, and the end for which her Creator intended her; and she who faithfully fulfils her mission as wife and mother, in any land, or among any people, can ask for no higher field of usefulness.

The altered conditions of life in a heathen land may bring other opportunities of usefulness. Of these we may mention a few:

The home duties of a wife in India require more foresight and general good management than the house-keeping duties of wives and mothers here. If she suddenly finds herself without butter, for instance, she can't "phone" up the grocer, or even run down town and supply her want, but she can send an order to Bombay, 600 miles away, or to some other far away city, and do without butter till it comes. As good butter is some fifty cents per lb., she has the satisfaction of practising economy in that commodity for ten days or so. But it is in regard to her servants that she is most frequently misunderstood. With all these to do her bidding, surely she is a lady of leisure. Some of these so-called servants ought not to be called such at all, for they correspond to the ordinary conveniences of every day life here. You turn the tap, or, at the worst, a well in the yard supplies you with all the water you need.