

Applications were received from two young ladies for service in India. Owing to the state of the funds it was impossible to make an appointment. It was decided that an effort should be made to have the Circles increase their offerings to \$6,700 that the work may be sustained.

A resolution of sympathy with the General Board was passed.

The appointment of a successor to Mrs. C. W. King, to take charge of The Bureau of Missionary Information, was left with the Executive Committee.

A special meeting of members of the Board residing in the city, was held Thursday, November 29th, at 3 p m., Mrs. Freeland presiding. Fourteen members were present.

Mrs. W. H. Porter and Mrs. Pearce, with the officers, were appointed delegates to the Interdenominational Conference of Foreign Mission Boards, to be held in Toronto in February, 1902.

The Treasurer read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Thompson, formerly of Guelph. Before removing to the States Mrs. Thompson was for years a valued member of the Board, her name being the first one on the Treasurer's books when the Society was organized in 1876.

The following appropriations for 1901-2 were made. To be supplied from regular income :

Bible-women (on fields where we have no single lady).....	\$ 58 00
Village Schools, grant.....	330 00
Samulootta Seminary grant.....	360 00
Miss Morrow and work.....	650 00
Miss Simpson and our share of zenana work.....	798 00
Cocanada School.....	700 00
Miss Baskerville.....	500 00
Miss MacLeod and work.....	600 00
Miss Hatch and work (salary for part of year only).....	360 00
Work at Tuni.....	140 00
Miss Selman and Munshi, paid on account.....	550 00
Miss Hatch's return, \$325, less \$70.....	255 00
Furlough allowances—	
Miss Priest for one year (Nov., 1900, to Oct., 1901).....	300 00
Miss Folsom.....	300 00
Miss Hatch for five and a half months.....	137 00
Expenses of the Society at home.....	125 00
<b>Total regular.....</b>	<b>\$6,163 50</b>
Special appropriations—	
"Medical Lady" Fund for Dr. Gertrude Hulet and Munshi \$550 less \$8.13 balance of refund re purchase of instruments.....	\$541 87
Special Estimate:	
Passages to India for Misses Priest and Folsom.....	700 00
<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,405 37</b>

A. MOYLE,  
Rec. Sec.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF "THE LINK"

Read at the Silver Anniversary of the W. F. M. S., 1901

When the late Brother Timpany and his young wife were leaving their native land for the second time, in 1878, they were called on to part with the newly-formed Women's Missionary Society. This led not only to grief at parting, but to somewhat serious difficulties. To the one who, in God's hands, had led them to band themselves together into Circles, the women naturally looked for guidance. The work was so new to them and they were sure of having many things to consult with him about. How to surmount this was a natural question. Why not have a paper devoted exclusively to this special work? Letters and news from the foreign field would become general to the young Circles and there would be more mutual interest and loving sympathy. Such a paper would prove invaluable to those on both sides of the globe.

"Who will undertake the editorial oversight?" was the next question. This was hard to solve for a long time and our dear brother was almost in despair. However, he at last obtained the consent of Mrs. Freeland and Mrs. Rose, to take charge as editors while Miss Jane Buchan attended to the finances. The plan of the paper was this: They sent out sample copies and solicited subscribers. If the subscription list reached 1,000 the paper would be permanently started. Otherwise they would consider that the denomination as a whole did not desire it and would let the matter drop. The price was then as now, 25 cents a year payable in advance. Willing workers undertook the sale of these first copies and the managers of the little paper were no longer in doubt that it was wanted. Kind words came in from all parts of the Dominion of Canada, Baptists east and west regarded it with hearty approval, the little name LINK seemed wisely chosen. It was truly a bond of union, not only between India and Canada, but also between the sister Societies of Ontario and Quebec and those of the Maritime Provinces who were associated with us in endeavoring to evangelize the Telugus. Many beautiful articles are to be found in these first copies of the LINK and might do some of us, who were not privileged to see them, lasting good. To read the burning words of Timpany to the Christian women of his native land trying to stir them to more earnestness for their heathen Hindu sisters. Listen! "Cannot you spend a short time once a month in your Circle meeting to talk about, and plan and pray together to your Master, for those who are unwelcomed at birth, enslaved as wives, accursed as widows, unlamented at death—your sisters."

In May, 1885, the chief editor of the LINK found it necessary to remove to Manitoba. The whole management of the paper was then placed in the hands