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MEETING IN TORONTO.—The Woman's Foreign Board have arranged for a large open meeting on the evening of Feb. 22nd, in Jarvis street Church, at which Miss Hatch will speak. Since Miss Hatch's return there has been no opportunity for our Toronto young people, and many others who have been anxious to hear her tell of the work. We are glad this opportunity is now given.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD.—We are still receiving subscriptions for this invaluable periodical at the lowest club rate, \$1.50 a year. All who have subscribed through us and who wish to continue their subscription at the same rate should renew *through us.* Any whose time has expired and who do not wish to renew should write at once to that effect to the *publishers of the Review.* We should be glad to see the circulation of the *Review* greatly increased. No periodical with which we are acquainted contains anything like so much missionary news and stimulating discussion of missionary topics.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 24th, 1894.

Dear Friends,—When I wrote you a few words on my arrival in Canada, I scarcely thought that eight months would go by before I remembered you again. But though I have not been writing you through the LINK, my private letters, papers and cards, number some 300, and the aggregate number of those whom I have addressed some 9,000.

Indeed, I have been talking so much that I am getting hoarse, and prudence cautions me, and my friends caution me and tell me to be still for a while, but it is hard to keep still when there is so much to be said, and so little time to say it in. Our Corresponding Secretary has written me that the members of the Board, who are our wise and good friends, are going to insist on my taking some time for solid rest, though I think it must hardly be as long as the time they specified. However, if I must take rest from talking in order that I may return to my work in October well recruited and ready for the many and various burdens that await me there, there is not the same necessity that I should take rest from writing. And if my friends whom I have not been able to visit, will take a letter instead, they may write to me and I may send them a letter, or extracts of former letters giving incidents of our work in India. These

extracts that I have are very precious to me, because of the dear hand that copied them, and I know that as they have been sent to the different Circles in our Association, they have been accompanied by the many prayers of the one who has now gone to her heavenly home. So, though I may not speak so much through my voice for a while, I may still speak through my pen.

In my tours I have been contrasting somewhat touring in Canada and touring in India, much to the advantage of the former. Here I have been taken right into the hearts and homes of the people and cared for as one of their own, beloved for the work's sake, and it has done my soul good to see the great degree of earnestness and quiet enthusiasm manifest, regarding this glorious work of the salvation of the lost. When I return to India, the brightness of these dear homes, and their lovely Christian influence will be a blessed memory to me, and I will be encouraged to renewed effort when all seems dark about me. I thank all the dear friends whom I have visited and in whose good homes I have been welcomed, for all that they have done for me. I still hope to visit many, though perhaps not all of those whose names are down on my list.

Leaving personal matters, I would like to ask, dear friends, how many of our Circles are coming up to the standard asked of them for this year: namely, one-sixth more than they raised last year? If you have six members in your Circle, have you induced another one to join? Or have you found a new member for every six of the old, or if you raised \$6.00 last year are you going to make it \$7.00 this year; \$7.00 for every \$6.00 raised last year? It would be interesting to hear from the different Circles as to how this extra amount is being gathered in. Not only have we a share in the support of the new missionaries that were sent out in September, but we hope to enlarge our girls' quarters in Cocanada, and have accommodations for them almost equal to those of our boarding school in Samulcotta Seminary. The members of the Board, I am sure, must feel the burden, but we hope the Circles will respond nobly as they have always done hitherto, when any special appeals have been made.

Asking your earnest prayers, I am,

Yours in Christ,

S. ISABEL HATCH.