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**THE CONVENTION AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—The report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by Rev. John McLaurin. The past year has been a year of marked prosperity in the home and in the foreign departments of the work. The Treasurer's report showed that the funds raised during the past year have considerably exceeded the receipts of any previous year, reaching (with the balance from the preceding year) the handsome sum of over \$27,000; of this amount Sunday schools contributed \$2013; young people, \$171; individuals, \$2063; Ladies' Societies of Ontario and Quebec and Manitoba, nearly \$9700; Associations, \$1428. There is a balance on hand of about \$400, which is about \$1200 less than the balance of last year. The amount actually raised during the year would, therefore, be about \$26,600.

The sad feature of the meeting was the resignation of Rev. John McLaurin to accept an appointment under the American Baptist Missionary Union as superintendent of extensive missionary operations in India, with headquarters at Bangalore. Had it not been that the hand of God was so manifestly in the transfer of Mr. McLaurin's services to the Missionary Union, the Convention would have refused, by an almost unanimous vote, to allow him to withdraw from the secretaryship which he has, for three years, filled with great ability and success. As it was no one dared raise an objection to his going where Divine Providence seemed to direct him. Mr. McLaurin is one of the ablest of living missionaries, and his name will always be held in honor and reverence among Canadian Baptists. He goes forth to his new work accompanied by the good wishes and the prayers of a people to whom he has endeared himself as few men have ever succeeded in doing. We are sorry to lose him, but our loss is the gain of the Missionary Union and of the heathen of India.

Rev. D. G. Macdonald, of Stratford, was appointed Secretary in Mr. McLaurin's place. He will retain his pastorate, devoting only a small part of his time to foreign mission work. He deserves and will have the fullest sympathy and heartiest co-operation of the denomination in his efforts to maintain and increase the interest of the churches in missions.

The loss of Mr. McLaurin's valuable services should stimulate all who have the cause of missions at heart to increased exertions during the coming year. The estimates for the year are placed at \$30,000. This amount can be raised and must be raised. Will every reader of the LINK do his or her part towards the accomplishment of this end?

*The Missionary Review of the World* for November contains an unusually large and varied Department of Missionary Literature, comprising over a dozen articles by well-known writers on topics of current interest, among which, worthy of special mention, are: "Our Debt, Our Duty and Our Destiny," by Dr. A. T. Pierson; "The Relation of Money to the Spread of Christ's Kingdom," by Rev. W. D. Section; "The Luagaguas of Nyasa land (British Central Africa) in Relation to the Spread of Christ's Kingdom," by W. A. Emslie; "Foreign Missions from the Standpoint of Art," by Dr. William Brenton Green; "The Carey Epoch of Missions," by Rev. D. L. Leonard; "The Malaccasian Mission," by Dr. Robert Steel; "Congregationalists and Missions," by Dr. Edward Storrow; "Cuba as a Mission Field," by W. J. Moman; "The Protestant Movement in Mexico," by Eleanor P. Allen. The interest aroused by the recent outrages upon Missionaries in China renders peculiarly timely Dr. J. T. Gracey's exposition, in the International Department (edited by him), of the Causes of the Disturbances in China," and of the Chinese Government's Relations to Christian Workers." The Monthly Concert of Missions, conducted this month by Dr. Gracey, reviews the work in South America and Central America.

The Editor-in-chief, Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, sailed for England October 16th, to fill the pulpit of Mr. Spurgeon until the latter's recovery. Dr. Pierson will still have charge of *The Review*, and direct its management from London.

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**ANNUAL REPORTS.**—We are sending with this issue a 12 page supplement containing the reports of the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario.