

In this way He has been levelling the mountains and lifting up the valleys, throwing open doubly-barred doors and removing obstructions, and all the time He has been sounding in our ears the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The year just closing has been one of exceptional activity in Foreign Missions. The feet of the delegates from the World's Missionary Conference had scarcely touched their shores, when the ground swell of consecrated feeling from that wonderful meeting was felt among the Churches. Foreign Missions, as never before, were preached about in the pulpit, spoken of on the platform, and prayed for in the Church and the home. Critics there were in plenty. Everybody felt the stir of new life and many, conscious of short-coming, resorted to the ever-ready expedient of the superficial thinker—a change. Present methods of work were fiercely assailed and stoutly defended. Many of the critics were missionaries, while many of the defenders were laymen. Many expedients were proposed. Celibacy, monasticism, mendicancy, and many other methods of getting rid of the Master's command to give. Foreign Missions have passed through a fiery trial, and some dross has doubtless been eliminated, but the God-appointed method of preaching the gospel by men and women in the ordinary relations of life has come forth as gold seven times tried.

#### HOME DEPARTMENT.

Early in the year our missionaries held a remarkable meeting in Bimlipitam. It was characterized by deep searching of heart, personal consecration to Christ, and an ardent waiting upon God for, and earnest expectation of, the gift of the power of the Holy Ghost. A deep conviction that they had been heard took possession of them, and under this inspiration they issued the appeal which many of you have read. This called for fifty-two missionaries by the Baptists of the Dominion to evangelize the 3,000,000 Telegus on our field. Your Board met and after careful and prayerful deliberation endorsed the appeal and asked the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec to respond by sending out their proportion of the men asked.

The response has not been as prompt as we could have wished, and yet it has stirred our people very deeply. Many associations heartily endorsed it. One association has assumed the support of a mission family, and some churches are considering the question of supporting missionaries. But the most gratifying interest is the unprecedented number of young men and women of all grades of society, and of varying degrees of culture, who have definitely devoted themselves to this service. Years of training will be needed by some and some will doubtless be needed at home; but the devotion and self-sacrifice intended will be a distinct gain both at home and abroad.

#### FINANCIAL.

The Board is thankful to report the contributions from the churches and Ladies' Societies during the past year to be \$20,115.64, leaving a