

## THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK.

July 16th, near Samulocotta, India, on the Canadian Baptist Mission Boat "T. S. Shonston," the wife of John Craig, of a son.

**SAMULCOTTA GRADUATE.**—We have great pleasure in presenting to our readers this month a picture of the first graduating class of the Samulocotta Seminary. Who can estimate the power for good that those four men, carefully trained and consecrated to Christ's service, represent? We hope to hear of these men from time to time as leaders in Christian work, and we trust that year by year gradually increasing classes will go forth into the great harvest field. We are doing no more important work in India than that of training native preachers and teachers. Through these chiefly must India be evangelized.

**WOMEN'S MEETING AT ST. JOHN.**—We congratulate our sisters of the Maritime Provinces on the successful year's work of which Miss Johnson has furnished us with an excellent report. They have raised more than they undertook to raise, as women generally do, and have undertaken to do greater things next year. The Home Mission Society now appeals to them for help, and we are glad that they feel inclined to share this burden also with the brethren. We believe that they can and will furnish valuable assistance to the Home Mission cause without interfering in the slightest with what they are doing for India; nay, if our experience in Ontario is worth anything the work for Foreign Missions will be greatly stimulated by taking up Home Mission work.

**DEATH OF REV. G. F. CURRIE.**—The hearts of the friends of missions in Canada have been again saddened by the death of Rev. G. F. Currie, of Tuni, India, which occurred about the last of July. We hope, next month, to be able to publish a sketch of his life, and particulars about his last illness and death. His bereaved family deserve and will have the hearty sympathy of our readers. May some one of equal devotion be speedily raised up to take the place of him who has fallen heroically at his post!

**DEATH OF REV. WM. GEORGE.**—Still another devoted Missionary has been called to his reward. A few days after the death of Mr. Currie, occurred that of Rev. Wm. George of Zeegong, Burmah. Like Mr. Currie, he belonged to the Maritime Provinces; but he has been laboring in connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union. Our readers know something of his work through the letters of Mrs. George to the LINK. May God bless the bereaved!

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSIONARIES.**—We have received from Mr. Poole, photographer, of St. Catharines, an excellent cabinet photograph of the late Rev. G. F. Currie, of India. He is prepared to supply copies of this as well as photographs of our other missionaries, at 25 cents each. Mission Circles may secure these photographs in quantities for sale at reduced rates. Write to Mr. Poole.

**A REQUEST.**—Rev. J. R. Stillwell, one of our missionaries, is anxious to secure a complete set of the back numbers of the LINK. If any of our readers can furnish him with a full set, or any considerable part of a set, we shall be glad to hear from them. Please write to us before sending, as several might send the same numbers.

**POSTAGE STAMPS.**—We are at present receiving more postage stamps in payment of subscriptions to the LINK than we can readily dispose of.

We trust that, in view of this fact, our friends will send stamps only when they cannot conveniently remit in any other way. One cent stamps can be used to better advantage than three cent stamps or those of larger denominations. We do not wish to be understood, however, as refusing to receive stamps. We greatly prefer even stamps to long delay in remitting.

**REVISING OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST.**—We propose soon to send to some member of each Circle in which there are subscribers in arrears, printed copies of the list for the post office of the Circle. We request that those receiving these lists will look over them carefully, and ascertain whether those in arrears wish to continue, and if they do not, will check them off and return the lists to us. We trust that those to whom the lists are sent will use every effort to secure the renewal of as many as possible of those in arrears.

**HEADING OF THE LINK.**—A few months ago our printer took it into his head to change the type of the heading of the LINK, and in setting it up again in the new type, inadvertently substituted *Ontario* for *Canada* in the second line. This unfortunate change we failed to notice until it was pointed out by a sister in St. John. Our readers may rest assured that we have no intention of narrowing our constituency; but that, on the other hand, we wish the paper to represent, to the fullest possible extent, the foreign missionary work of the Baptists of the Dominion. We regret that the missionaries of the Maritime Board do not more frequently favor us with letters. We should also be glad to publish more home news from the Maritime Provinces.

**MISSION FUNDS.**—We are informed that the funds of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec are coming in very slowly, and that there is at present a large deficiency. Extraordinary efforts will be necessary during the next six weeks to prevent serious embarrassment. The receipts of the Women's Societies are, we judge, in advance of last year, and some relief may be expected from this source; but, making due allowance for this, a heavy deficit seems to stare the General Board in the face. We fear that the treasury of the General Board is suffering from lack of sufficient agency. The district secretaries are doing what they can, doubtless, but they are busy pastors, and cannot by any means, cover the ground. When a missionary is at home, his presence among the churches is a stimulus to liberality to a far greater extent than is commonly supposed. Missionary vacations, even from a financial point of view, are by no means to be looked upon as unmitigated evils.