

nection with this Society will faithfully collect and forward to the treasurer, *Miss Jessie M. Lloyd*, 222 Wellesley St. Toronto, by the first week in October, all the monies they may be able to gather. Let the Board for the next year be put in a position to become responsible for quite as much, and more, from the new "estimates" as was taken from those for this year.

Prince Edward Island.

The annual meeting of the Central Board of the W. M. A. Societies of P. E. Island, was held at Tryon, on July 6th, 1880, during the Association. The President, Mrs. E. N. Archibald occupied the chair. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, followed by the singing of the hymn "Rescue the Perishing."

Reports of the Central Board were then read. The Treasurer's report showed that less money had been received this year than last. From the reports of our various societies, we are glad to learn that some of them are in a hopeful condition, and feel deeply interested in the work carried on by our sister missionaries.

Monies received at this meeting amounting to \$1.80; from East Point \$100; \$50 constituting Mrs. J. A. Gordon and Miss Anna Scott life members. Receipts of the year \$155.

The Central Board was much pleased and cheered a short time ago by a letter from Mrs. Armstrong. We regret exceedingly to learn that her failing health compels her to leave her loved employment among the benighted Telugus. We hope to have a visit from her when she returns to her native land.

Rev. J. B. Woodland was present at this meeting and added much to the interest by his kindly remarks.

ADA J. HOOPER,
Sec. of the Central Board.

Bedeque, July 10th, 1880. P. E. I.

Nova Scotia.

HEBRON.—The W. A. Society, formed by Mrs. Armstrong before her departure for India, has held no meetings for a number of years. As nearly as we can learn they were well attended for a time; then came a falling off until it was thought best to discontinue them. We hope this was not on account of a want of interest in the cause. One of the little band of laborers who left these shores nearly seven years ago went from among this people, and it would be strange indeed if Rev. G. F. Churchill and his work should be forgotten by them. Could you enter one of our Sabbath evening missionary meetings and hear the fervent prayers that are offered for Foreign missions in general and "our missionaries" in particular, you would be assured this is not the case. The large attendance and good attention to intelligence from the different fields brought before the people by the pastor speaks more loudly than words.

Since the beginning of the year we have had the pleasure of ordering twenty copies of the LINK, and hope their monthly visits will be the means of forwarding the work.

We feel much sympathy for our sisters who have made such sacrifices to carry the light of the Gospel to those who sit in darkness, and hope their labors will be greatly blessed. As our highest happiness often arises from our having performed faithfully the work placed in our hands, so we trust they find much joy in toiling on even when the flesh grows weary and they almost faint by the way. And when the Master comes to call them will he not say "Well done"? May we who are surrounded by home comforts and loved friends each try to do our part in the great work, so that we too may hear Him say, "She hath done what she could." B. K. C.

Return of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

The following extracts from a private letter written by Mrs. Armstrong, and dated Chicacole, May 20th, reached us just too late for our last issue. It will be interesting to her many friends to know

how she came to return so suddenly and accompanied by Mr. Armstrong:

"Katie has been very ill. * * * She is better at present but the doctor says she ought to go home. This coupled with my own evident need of a change, decided us, and I began to get ready, and kept on till I got the bandies off to Bimli; then I was to follow in a palkee, Mr. A. accompanying us to Madras. But I could not quite manage it. The palkees came, but I was utterly unfit to go. Then my good man came to the conclusion that if this was the beginning of the journey, there was little hope of a satisfactory close to it, and he began to look about to see if he could not leave too. Miss Hammond came and took charge of the books, the school, etc., while I rested. In less than a fortnight we got rid of all our unnecessary belongings. I am sure the Lord was in it, for we had gathered a good many things about us in these ten years. * * * At four o'clock to-day we hope to leave for Madras, this time to keep together on our homeward way, and hope to reach Nova Scotia a little before Convention. It has all been very sudden but I do not know that it is any the worse for that. The buildings are finished—just that and no more—the last touches Miss Hammond will see done. My husband was very anxious to remain, but I think there is some good reason for our going. There is a great deal of interest here in town. I do not think it is going to lessen by our going. It may strike deeper, and not be so showy, but I do think to be thrown on themselves for a while may only make them stronger in the end. We have quite a strong church in Chicacole now. Including ourselves, twenty-four partook of communion, all resident in town, and a large proportion of men able to work for the spread of the gospel. I trust they will be faithful to the charge laid upon them. Several are anxious to be baptised who cannot get clear from their relations. They will come along in time. If the Spirit of Life is in them they must grow and the fruit will appear. * * * The birds are peeping and calling me to this last day's duties. I could not sleep and have given this time to you."

Late advices state that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had safely reached London, England, and expected to sail for Nova Scotia on the 3rd of August.

The Consecrated Hen.

A young girl had a great desire to do something for the cause of Missions. Having little she could call her own, what do you think she did? She consecrated the proceeds of a hen to the Lord, for his work. The eggs and increase (if I mistake not) amounted the first year to two dollars, the second year to three dollars. Now I am sure that if all young people were willing to make some similar sacrifice in order to give to this noble cause, the mission work would not languish as it does at the present time. I think I hear some fond mothers who are so anxious about their loved ones respond: "We need all for ourselves." Have you ever cast into the treasury of the Lord of your penury while the rich are giving of their abundance? Have you ever almost shrank from their gaze as you slipped your offering in, wishing no eye could see save One? If not, you have never realized the love, the joy of that widow who gave her whole living. The same Jesus who applauded her, still sits over the treasury and with loving eyes marks well what sacrifices we make and the object of our giving; while he is constantly imparting the blessing which "maketh rich and addeth no sorrow" to all those who give cheerfully for the advancement of His Kingdom. "The gold and the silver are mine, the cattle upon a thousand hills are mine, saith the Lord.

Calton, Ont.

E. E. MCC.

At the close of a missionary meeting connected with the W. F. M. S., a woman came forward and said: "This woman's missionary work is an inspiration to my life. From month to month, when I

send my little to the treasury, I feel that with my own hand I am helping to unlock forces which will speedily bring the kingdoms of this world to our Lord and His Christ." Another, in uniting with the society, said: "I am no longer simply a part of this village; but by this act I am made conscious of my relation to the whole world."—*Southern Missionary Herald*.

A Remarkable Story.

A remarkable story has just been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The story has been related by Sir Bartle Frere, and rests entirely upon his authority. Sir Bartle asserts that he met "with an instance, which was carefully investigated, in which all the inhabitants of a remote village in Deccan had abjured idolatry and caste, removed from their temples the idols which had been worshiped there, time out of mind, and agreed to profess a form of Christianity which they had deduced for themselves from the careful perusal of a single gospel and a few tracts." These books had been left among them, not by a missionary, but by a merchant who had never spoken of Christianity. This is certainly an extraordinary instance, but no man, who believes in the power of the Spirit of Truth, will pronounce it impossible.

Modern Missions.

The paper presented by Professor Christlieb at the Evangelical Alliance at Basle, is full of interesting statements in reference to the extent of modern missions. He gives seventy as the number of Protestant Missionary Societies—twenty-seven in Great Britain, eighteen in America, nine in Germany. The enrolled converts from heathenism amount to 1,650,000, a larger number having been brought from idolatry in 1878 than the whole number of Christian adherents on missionary fields at the beginning of the century. The ordained missionaries from Christian lands number 2,500, and the native preachers and catechists, 23,000. The income of Protestant missionary societies, \$5,762,000, of which one half comes from Great Britain. A Christian literature has been given in more than seventy barbarous languages, and 600,000 scholars are in mission schools. Truly the Kingdom of God advances.—*Christian at Work*.

Notes.

MANY of our subscribers will find, by looking at the dates on the address labels of their papers, that their subscriptions expire with this number. They will confer a favour by sending the renewals as promptly as possible.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the mission, which we re-print entire, has crowded sister Belle out of her corner this month. Several other communications are also held over.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from June 22nd to July 24th, 1880.

Paris Circle, \$24.42; Woodstock \$11; Belleville, \$2; Cheltenham, \$3; Theford, \$3; Beamsville, \$12. Total, \$55.42.

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