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"The Gentiles shall com. to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."—Is. lx. 3.

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IN THE DEATH OF R. A. FYFE, D.D., which sad event took place at Woodstock on the 4th inst., the Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec has lost its revered and beloved President. Dr. Fyfe had been in poor health for some years; but his indomitable energy and steady perseverance remained undiminished. Ever wise in counsel, ready in action, who is there to fill his place? "Truly a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel!"

WITH THIS ISSUE the regular monthly publication of the "LINK" begins. As more than the asked for 1000 subscribers have been obtained, the managers of this little sheet have no longer any doubt that it is wanted. They desire to express their sincere thanks to the newspapers of the Dominion which have given the LINK such kindly words of welcome; and also to the very many friends who have written words of cheer and encouragement.

This work has been undertaken in the "MASTER'S" name and for His sake, and all the profits will be given to the Foreign Mission cause.

### FOR THE LINK.

It has turned out as I expected when the tentative copy of the little paper was sent out. We could fill the present issue of the paper with the "kind words" that have come from all parts of the Dominion of Canada. Thanks, friends, for your good words. Some have opposed. But this kind of thing is to be expected. All do not see alike among Baptists. Good old Dr. Ryland would have had Carey keep quiet if he had only had his way. He lived to change his views. I suppose some will live to change their views about the "LINK." Perhaps its promoters, perhaps its opposers. One thing I know, nothing of a denominational character has ever been started among us that has met a more wide-spread, hearty approval. It is also one of the first things after our union in foreign mission work in India that aims at bringing all the Baptists of the Dominion into closer union. There is a fitness in things sometimes, and I think it can be seen in this case by those who will. I hope it may be a real commencement of a spiritual confederation of the Baptists East and West. I

thank God he has permitted me to have a hand in this. To me the only question that need be asked is, Will the paper promote the interests of Foreign Missions? I unhesitatingly answer, Yes! For instance, it is needed very much for the "Women's Aid Societies" all over Canada.

One will say—"What about Home Missions, Ministerial Education, &c.?" I answer let the promoters use and start for use just as many means as they find the people want and are willing to avail themselves of. A grand, intense, wide spread, thorough Foreign Mission interest can harm nothing at home or abroad but Satan's kingdom. If the "LINK" in some humble way is calculated to do this, let us have it.

Come all who love the Saviour. Come Baptists of Canada, men and women, Pentecost is coming again in those eastern lands. Arise and shine for the glory of the Lord is come upon the heathen world. Shine through your prayers—shine through your sons and daughters who have gone from you to old India. Shine through your gifts. Bring your gold and your silver unto the work of the King. Say unto them that are of a fearful heart be strong, fear not. Oh Christian men of Canada as you stand reverently, and joyously, with your heads towards heaven, and your faces beam with the communicated manhood of Christ Jesus, have a sympathy with Jesus in His sufferings, and compassionate your fellow subjects, and brothers in India whose faces are in the dust, and whose feet take hold of the ways of death. And what can I say to the Christian women of my native land that would stir them to more earnestness for their heathen Hindu sisters, "unwelcomed at their birth, enslaved as wives, accused as widows, and unlamented when they die." Cannot you spend a short time *once a month* in your "Circle" meeting to talk about and plan to pray together to your Master for them. Will you refuse to have a "Circle" because of want of time or want of interest? It cannot be. Will you let your society that you have, die because the love and interest of some waxes cold? It cannot be when millions of Telugu women await the coming of your messengers, and drown in the dark river of their heathen degradation while you wait.

A. V. TIMPANY.

### OUR PAPER.

The question has been asked, why we have chosen the name "LINK" for our little paper,—whether we mean by it a band of union, or a lamp or torch: The latter meaning had certainly not occurred to us, but even in this sense we trust it may

not be inappropriate, as we hope to be the means of shedding some rays of light on the cause we have espoused. But we understand the word rather in its primary sense, of "something which connects" recognizing as we do, the necessity that exists for some tie to unite our different missionary societies in mutual sympathy and loving interest. For instance, the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, are associated with us in endeavoring to evangelize the Telugus; but what have we known hitherto of their missionaries, and their respective fields of labor, of their trials and disappointments, or it may be their glorious successes—literally nothing—it is not too much to say, that to many of us here in Ontario, their very names are unfamiliar. This is equally true of them as regards us. We have been kept informed from time to time through the columns of the *Baptist* of what the Woman's Society for the Province of Quebec is endeavouring to accomplish, but of our sister Societies in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, we have never heard at all. The three last named societies have been in existence much longer than ours in Ontario and Quebec; some of them having been organized even before the formation of the Woman's Baptist F. M. Society of the United States in 1870. Is it not possible then that we may hear something from their larger experience, or that by comparing their modes of working with ours, we may be mutually helpful to each other.

We hope also to be some assistance to the Circles in small country places. Complaints frequently arise that little or no interest is shown in the monthly meetings, that there seems no one to take the lead, consequently the attendance falls off, and in some places the Circles have almost died out; we don't expect to work wonders in such cases, but if we succeed every month, as we hope to do, in offering to our friends a pretty fair share of interesting information, the tendency must be to create a deeper interest and enthusiasm in the work.

### \$7,450 WANTED BY OCTOBER 10th, FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. J. Coultts, Home Secretary for Ontario and Quebec, gives in the *Baptist* of the 29th ult., the following statement of the financial condition of the Foreign Missionary Society:

Estimate for present year less Bro. McLaurin's expense for passage Home.....	\$8,400
Due Bank for last year.....	2,000
	\$10,400
Receipts till 29th July for present year, only.....	2,950
Amount yet required.....	\$7,450