

## Our Foreign Missions.

An infant daughter was added to the Goforth family in the Honan Mission, August 14, and an infant daughter that had been lent to the McClure family, and had gladdened their home for seven months, was taken away August 5. How closely linked are joy and sorrow! Our very joys but furnish cause for sorrow. But who would be without the sweet memory of the joys when the sorrow comes.

" 'Tis better to have loved and lost,  
Than never to have loved at all."

The following young women have gone out this autumn as our representatives to the different Foreign Mission Fields of our Church.

Miss A. J. Archibald, of Springside Congregation, Stewiacke, N.S., to San Fernando, Trinidad.

Miss Pyke, of Zion Ch. Brantford, to Honan.

Miss Robb, of Bloor St. Ch., Toronto, to Honan.

Miss Weir, of St. Andrew's Ch., E. Oxford, Ont., to India.

Miss Leyden, of St. John's Ch., Almonte, to India.

Miss Thompson, of St. Andrew's Ch., Scarboro, to India.

Miss Sinclair, returns to India after her furlough; and Miss Lick, goes out to India to marry Dr. Thompson.

Besides these our Church has given quite a number of most devoted workers to other Missions.

### W. F. M. S. East.

The following figures sum up, so far as figures can do so, the present standing of the W.F.M.S. in the Maritime Provinces, and its work for the year just closed:—

Presbyterials.. . . .	8
Auxiliaries.. . . .	179
Auxiliaries added during year.. . .	7
Members.. . . .	5,000
Members added during year.. . . .	461
Scattered helpers.. . . .	409
Mission Bands.. . . .	79
Mission Band members.. . . .	1,903
Copies of "Message" taken.. . . .	1,955
Boxes sent to Foreign fields.. . . .	55
Value of these boxes.. . . .	\$845.22
Raised by Mission Bands.. . . .	1,777.58
Increase on last year by Miss. Bds.. .	511.58
Total raised during year.. . . .	7,872.17
Total paid over to F.M. Fund.. . .	7,521.50
Paid more than last year.. . . .	207.47

There is in addition that which cannot be put in figures, the training in character, in missionary interest, of the young people in their Mission Bands and the women in their societies; a training that must tell largely for good among the young who are now at work; and, through the mothers, among those who are yet too young to work.

If it be "more blessed to give than to receive," He who sees the heart alone knows the measures of good that has come to these workers and givers.

## GOOD CHEER FROM TRINIDAD.

LETTER FROM REV. K. J. GRANT.

San Fernando, Sept. 14, 1896.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Yesterday (Sabbath) was a day of special interest in our church here. At an early hour 35 people arrived from Mayo, a place distant 12 miles. Of these 14 came for baptism, and four couples to be married.

Mayo lies hard on Bonneaventure, one of our stations, but belongs to Princetown district. A few years ago two families went from us, and these have formed a nucleus around which the candidates referred to gathered, and it was mutually agreed, for this and other reasons, that baptism should be administered here but registration at Princetown.

Eight of those who received baptism were men and women of mature years, thoughtful, serious, humble. The sight to me was deeply affecting. May their hoary locks be a crown of glory as they walk in the way of righteousness.

As yet they have no church or school-house, but they meet in the cocoa-curing house of one who went from us, and whose son keeps a Sunday-school there which is attended by children of both Indian and Creole parents.

To-day we had another marriage and three were baptized.

The husband, who reads Hindi freely, was the first to be convinced, and when he made known his intention to be baptized, his wife, who was also under instruction, made his home very uncomfortable for him. Not being disposed to quarrel he quietly slipped away, and when it got abroad that he had probably gone to Demarara she realized the mistake she had made, and anxiously sought after him. We seconded her efforts, and she in turn showed sincere gratitude for the aid given her.

After ten days absence he was escorted home, to find that his wife was more attached to him than he had supposed, and to find too that she was disposed meekly to give heed to the Gospel message. As weeks passed their home brightened, God's method of saving the sinner became more transparent; all homage to Hindudeotas—was withheld, and we have the conviction that now both have intelligently accepted Christ as their Saviour.

A few minutes ago I was interrupted by a visit from a man and his wife who seek baptism.

The work advances steadily, and with its expansion our burdens increase. Were it not for our native helpers, many of whom are good, judicious, zealous, trustworthy men we would surely fail.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser at Princetown have been tried with fever but are now better.