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FEATURES OF THE REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At Truro the Fifty-eighth Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Board, and the seventy-ninth Report since the establishment of the independent Mission among the Telugus was discussed. It will be printed in the Year Book—and we hope will be read by the Baptists of these provinces. It will repay careful study; it will awaken thankfulness, inspire hope if not enthusiasm, and quicken the Christian conscience. We congratulate the denomination on having such a report before it and especially on having the facts recorded therein.

We can only point out some of the more striking features of the report. The report says:

"The Providence which led our fathers to establish this work among the Telugus was most marked and no careful observer can fail to see the hand of the Lord in its development and growth since that time." The reader will cordially agree with this statement if he knows the history of the past. At the Convention at Bear River in 1875 the action of the special Convention at Amherst was before the body. A cablegram from the missionaries announced that they had begun work, and thus the enterprise was definitely arranged. Now the story reads goodness, mercy, progress.

STATIONS

"Eight centres of light and life have been established already, and it is proposed to add another, so as to increase and widen the sphere of influence."

MISSIONARIES.

Of course it is from the Missionaries that the Word of the Lord is soughed forth. To them the word of the Lord comes and out from them it goes winged with such earnestness and power as they impart to it. They are the Mission, so what happens to them is of consequence.

Miss Martha Clark returned to India in October. Rev. H. Y. Cline and Rev. R. E. Gallison, with their families, have returned on furlough. The Board is planning for twelve mission families and as many single ladies for work among the Telugus. Miss Alberta Parker was obliged on account of her health to defer her departure to India.

Miss H. Prouer's gift of property, estimated at \$10,000, a life interest, being retained by her, is gratefully acknowledged. Our readers will recall Miss D'Prager's visit to Canada in 1899 and the fine impression she made on the congregations she addressed.

A NEW TESTAMENT FOR ALL.

It is a matter of very great interest that we are able to present to you at this time the gratifying fact of the adoption by all societies working in the Telugu mission field of a union version of the New Testament Scriptures. This shows the advance which has been made in the development of a truly fraternal spirit, because it recognizes that a real union can only be effected where the convictions of each are respected by all.

There were many propositions made to which it was impossible for Baptists to agree and be true to their convictions. The version to be used will contain in the body of the text a word corresponding with our word for baptism, the transliteration of the original Greek term, while in the margin the equivalent of the words "or immerse" is inserted. In the use of the propositions and the order of phrases in the Great Commission, the version is faithful to the original. This basis is one upon which Christians of different names can consistently unite. The consummation thus reached has been sought for a long time. That it has become an accomplished fact is creditable alike to the head and heart of those holding divergent views as to the meaning of certain texts of Scripture. The total amount received from legacies was \$190, of which \$100 were from the estate of the late William A. Hutchinson, of Morris-town, Kings Co., N. S.; \$50 from the estate of the late Isaac Shaw, of Berwick, N. S., and \$40 from the estate of the late Mrs. (Rev.) J. T. Eaton, of Weymouth, N. S.

Mrs. Eaton, it will be remembered, was one of our first missionaries.

SUMMARY.

There are eight churches, as was reported last year. The membership is 537. The total increase was 66, of which 46 were by baptism. Two churches have passed the one hundred limit and two are well up in the nineties. Each church had additions by baptism. There are nine male missionaries, six wives of missionaries and six single ladies, a total of 21. Of the native helpers who are pastors, one only is ordained. There are 42 preachers and evangelists, 7 colporteurs, 22 Bible women, 32 teachers, 23 of whom are men and 9 are women. There are three medical assistants. The total number of helpers, not including the latter, is 103. There are seven principal stations and 20 outstations. The villages in which Christians live number 32, and there are 3,039 villages in the whole field. There certainly seems to be very much land to be possessed.

Of the additions to the churches, 17 were from the Sunday schools.

There are two Boarding Schools. One of these, for boys, is located at Bimlipitam, the other is for girls and is located at Bobbili. It is expected that all pupils of other stations who are prepared to take Lower Secondary work will be sent to these schools. Primary departments only will be maintained at those stations. At Chicacole there is a hospital for the benefit of the women and children of the mission. Miss Constance G. Dee is the lady in charge and so far her work has given much satisfaction.

NEEDS.

A chapel school house is called for at Tekkali. A bungalow for the Savara Missionary, also mission premises for the new field to be opened at Rayagadda. A mission family for this field and at least two single ladies. These are among the present needs. They can easily be multiplied.

One need at home is a deeper spiritual life, that we may see as the Christ saw and feel for a lost world as He felt for it. "Pray, brethren, pray."

FINANCES.

One of the most encouraging features of the report, as it seems to us, is the fact that the receipts amount to \$20,148.83. This is a large sum of money compared with the receipts of early years of the mission. If as has been said, "the history of a nation is in its budgets" we may infer that the inner history of the body is recorded to some extent at least in the financial returns. Perhaps a close analysis of the reports would result in some qualification of the inference we make of a good religious condition of the denomination. But probably a study of our financial history would strengthen our statement.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

There have been received from this fund the sum of \$3,244.80, of which \$1,775 was from the churches in Nova Scotia and \$1,469.81 from the churches in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The amount received was not as large as the previous year, and for good reason. Last year's receipts were practically those for two years. The raising of this fund has opened the eyes of some of our brethren as to the possibilities, latent in so many of the churches. Their ability to do more than they have been doing in the matter of giving money to carry on the Lord's work is very apparent. If nothing else has been gained than the knowledge of this fact, it is worth all the time and energy which has been given to this enterprise. There is a danger, however, lest it be taken for granted that when the pledges which were made three years ago are redeemed, their whole duty to missions has been discharged, at least for sometime to come. It is expected that the work of raising the \$50,000 for missions at home and abroad will be completed this year. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR joins the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces in Christian greetings to our Missionaries in India, thanking them for their faithful services, and joining them in the prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come."

WHAT IT COSTS TO STUDY AT ACADIA.

In previous articles we have briefly referred to the wide range of studies now provided at Acadia and the favorable conditions under which they are pursued. We hope that some of our boys and girls have been interested in what we have said of the heritage they have in the College. Some of them will ask the cost in money of the College Course. In answer we quote from the Calendar: "The following are the College charges:—Tuition per year, \$24. Incidentals fees, including Library Tax, Janitor's Services, Fuel for Class Rooms, Reading Rooms, etc., \$6; Gymnasium and Campus, \$4.50; General Chemistry \$2," making a total for the year of \$36.50. Students can board in Chipman Hall or in approved boarding houses in town. Board and rooms for about sixty students are provided in Chipman Hall, the College residence. The Hall has been renewed recently and its conveniences greatly improved

at a cost of \$7,000. It is heated throughout with hot water, and lighted throughout with electricity. All modern conveniences have been added, and the building furnishes a thoroughly attractive and comfortable home. The cost of board, heat and light varies somewhat according to the location and size of room. The average cost is \$3.17 per week. Students are required to have their washing done outside." These statements will enable our readers to calculate the expenses per year. It will be seen that the charges are very low for the privileges afforded. They are far below what is asked at many institutions. They would be much higher were it not for the endowment fund and yearly contributions to the funds of the College. Then it must be added that considerable aid is available to deserving students. As has been set forth recently in our columns the Payzant Aid Fund affords help to students for the ministry which enables them by work in the vacation to largely pay their college expenses. For other students there are also several sources of financial assistance. "The Governors hold ten scholarships, which can be assigned to needy and deserving students." The holder of one of these (full) scholarships is credited with the sum of \$24 on account of his tuition. There are also seven DeWolfe scholarships—two of the value of \$30 a year, four of \$25, and one of \$20. The nomination of these scholarships is according to the class—standing, needs and conduct of the applicants—and there is, besides, the Ralph Manning scholarship awarded subject to conditions determined by the donor, Rev. J. W. Manning, D. D. It will be seen that since the ministerial students are provided for from the Payzant Fund, and since scholarships are not open to those who do not need financial assistance, there is available a considerable sum for aiding those who are seeking an education and are dependent upon their own earnings. In a word the young men in our denomination who are smitten with the love of learning and desire a College education have inducements at Acadia of a scholastic and financial kind that may well fill them with enthusiasm in undertaking to prepare themselves for the career in life to which they are called. Our fathers toiled and prayed for these privileges for the young men of our day. May the sons be worthy of their fathers.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

The last contribution by Dr. Lorimer to the N. Y. Examiner closed as follows:

As for myself, and recalling how near I stood a few weeks ago to the end of life, my sincere ambition is, when that end shall come and I am laid away at rest, to be worthy of this epitaph: "Faithful unto Death." Greater honor this than to inscribe on the perishing stone fulsome eulogies on the dead man's eloquence or liberalism. Eloquence is only a gift, faithfulness is a virtue; liberalism is merely good-natured indifference—most common among men who find it a task to think—but faithfulness is steadfastness and loyalty.

These ringing words combine strength and pathos. There is no mistaking the tone of duty and responsibility always present in Dr. Lorimer's utterances. This tone was like that of John B. Gough, of whom it is said Dr. Lorimer used to affirm that when he wanted a "good moral shaking up" he went and heard Gough.

But they have a minor note of the pathetic also. Dr. Lorimer had been near the gates of death and writes almost as if he still felt near the "King's country." It is his last message to his country,—to his fellow Baptists: "Be faithful."

The words recall the last sermon as heard from the reverend and beloved Dr. Crawley. His text was: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2: 10. Dr. Crawley interpreted the text as meaning that one is to be faithful not only as long as life lasts, but even if faithfulness costs the life. These may be very different things. To be faithful in the common round of duties where service brings its delight may be comparatively easy. But to be faithful even if the faithfulness requires sacrifice, great sacrifice, even the sacrifice of life,—to be faithful even unto death in this sense, is extremely hard. But faithfulness included length of life and intensity of devotion.

Editorial Notes.

—The Church of England Institute having a number of portraits of Dr. Lorimer, late pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston and thinking that members of our denomination would desire to possess one, presented the same to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Those so wishing had better apply early as the number is limited.

—The Presbyterians of Halifax Presbytery have sent resolutions expressing their sympathy with their brethren of the United Free Church, Scotland, in the disabilities to which the latter body will be subjected by the recent decision of the House of Lords. Last year our convention sent words of cheer to our brethren who, in old England, are suffering the spoiling of their goods and imprisonment because of the Education act which they cannot conscientiously support. It seems as if these expressions on public questions of the old world on the part of Canadians, indicates a growing unity of the Empire. And if the power of