

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great work of the christian church is the preaching of the gospel in all the world. As never before in modern history the servants of the Lord are girding themselves for the accomplishment of this work. Within a century, hundreds of millions have been reached with the glad tidings.

As to the mission in which Maritime Baptists are employed in Telugu land, we are glad to report that the blessing of God rests upon it. Our three missionary families, and our lady missionary, with native helpers, have all gone forth the last year bearing the precious gospel, and they have seen triumphs of redeeming grace.

As to the home work of Foreign Missions, we are pained to report that it is not being pushed with that zeal that should characterize it, and our gifts are out of all proportion to the magnitude of the work entrusted to us, and the large blessing which God is bestowing upon our meagre efforts among the Telugus.

This Association last Convention year contributed only \$280.01. This was given by 39 churches, having a membership of 2364 persons, which makes an average contribution of nearly 12 cents a member. There were 28 churches with a membership of 1412 persons in this Association, that last year gave no response in any tangible way to the demand of the Lord to preach the gospel in all the world. And yet Jesus taught his disciples to pray: "Thy kingdom come." Do they pray? And if they do will God hear while they withhold "the tithes and offerings."

1. We earnestly recommend every minister and delegate to see to it that some contribution, however small is secured from every church, and what is better, every member.

2. We urge the necessity for a portion of the collection of every Sabbath School to be given to Foreign Missions, especially for the educative effect it will have upon the young, who soon must bear the burdens now pressing upon us.

3. In view of the large lack of co-operation of our membership in the work of Foreign Missions, it becomes the duty of this body to enquire into the causes thereof and seek a remedy. A work so dear to Jesus must certainly be dear to his children. Who, or what hinders in this matter is worthy the careful thought, searching investigation, and earnest prayer of every subject of divine grace.

Received for discussion. Spoken to by Bro. M. S. Hall, Revs. H. A. Charlton, John Rowe, T. A. Blackadar, A. B. Macdonald, Alex. Estabrooks, Bro. F. E. Good, Revs. B. N. Hughes, Dr. Hopper, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report of monies received at the last Association, beg leave to say that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and have found by the vouchers that the report is perfectly correct.

Report adopted.