

in work, the annual expense of each student may safely be placed at \$40. This amount too, will be sufficient to pay the salary after they leave school and commence regular work on the field under the supervision of the missionary. For the first year or so of this work the salary would be about Rs. 6 per month; after which there would be a rise to, say, Rs. 8. This would necessitate a corresponding increase in the number of dollars—say from \$40 to \$50—contributed by the W. M. A. S. or S. S. at home.

But, you may ask, what work have you for these young men? Are you not getting too many on your hands? Let me ask a question or two in return—do you get too many young men “on your hands” at home by giving them an education? Are they not better preachers, better teachers, better business men, stronger “pillars in the church,” or, at the very least, handy to have about to take a class in the Sunday School? Well, we live in the same world as you do, only in a part of it where the necessity of such men as these is vastly greater. We want all these young men, there are places for them now. Christian teachers are needed in our schools, and schools multiply. We want Christian Colporteurs, especially are trained men needed to preach the gospel—and more of them are needed than this mission is blessed with at present. These preachers and colporteurs and teachers can be scattered over the district—“planted out” in the larger and more central towns—as to reduce the difficulties of our work to the *minimum*, and while bringing every part of the field into contact with the gospel, prevent the neglect of any part of it. We have now (on this field) *four men* for 1000 square miles of country, 1000 villages, and, probably, over half a million of souls. No, we will not have too many on our hands just yet. And when our Christians come, as they are bound to do, these men will gradually be thrown upon them for support. For Venkia there is a special work among his own people of which I shall write more shortly.

You may ask, “What qualifications have these boys got for this work?” Those now in the school rank in the first class. The boys at the station are reading in the 2nd or 3rd books—which is pretty good. They can write and cipher. They can read the Bible. But they have given evidences of a higher qualification than any of these—of a *change of heart*. They have “the three R’s,” and a fourth better than all.

What are all the Sunday-schools in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island doing? Many Superintendents of Sabbath-schools will read this. Just take the paper along next Sabbath morning and read it to the school, and let them decide what to do.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The first annual meeting of the *Brant Association Society*, in connection with the Woman's Foreign Mission Work, will be held in St. George, Ont., on Friday, June the 8th.

The afternoon session will be in the Methodist church, and commence at 3 o'clock.

A public meeting will be held in the evening, in the Baptist church.

ANNA MOYLE, *Assoc'n Sec.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY TREASURER OF THE EASTERN SOCIETY.

I am requested to acknowledge through the columns of the *LINK*, the receipt of \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars) from the treasurer of the Ottawa Circle, for the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

The donor of this very generous gift is Mrs. McPhail, widow of a former pastor of the Ottawa Baptist Church, and is the proceeds of the sale of a piece of land.

M. A. SMITH, *Treas.*

2 Thistle Terrace, Montreal.

In reference to the above noble gift, Rev. A. P. McDiarmid writes as follows in the *Baptist*:—

“Magnificently large gifts sometimes mean but small personal sacrifice. Smaller ones unnoticed though they are—are frequently the fruit of real self-denial. Mrs. D. McPhail, widow of the Rev. D. McPhail, of precious memory, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it down at the missionaries' feet. This is the reverse of the law that governs the conduct of many professed Christians, for they having money, buy land, and *therefore* cannot give to the cause of Christ. Mrs. McPhail had a small property in the township of South Gower, which was intended, when obtained some years ago, to be for a home later in life. Not being required for this purpose, she has sold it, and although not above the need of the proceeds for her own personal wants, she has given the entire amount ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150) into the treasury of the Women's Foreign Mission Circle. This is the most generous gift that has come within my knowledge for a long time. I hope those who have abundance will be stimulated by this noble example, to pour into our sadly depleted mission treasury contributions corresponding with their means. May God bless both the gift and the giver.”

ANOTHER GENEROUS DEED.

An appeal was made a few weeks ago, through the *Baptist*, by Messrs. Timpany, Currie and Craig, for a fresh supply of Telugu Scriptures, such as they could conscientiously distribute. Three brethren have subscribed \$400 for that purpose, and a draft for the amount is already on its way to India.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

So very encouraging and satisfactory was the Treasurer's report at the April meeting that the Executive Board were enabled, after making provision for their next half yearly remittances for the School and Bible work, and Miss Frith's salary, to vote \$390 as a donation to the General Society, to be applied as follows:—\$260 for the support of students at Samulcotta, and \$130 for native preachers at Tunji. It was also decided to spend some money during the summer in increasing the stock of leaflets, etc., required by the Corresponding Secretary for distribution.

The work is the Lord's, and He is making it to prosper.

T. DIXON CRAIG, ESQ., who is removing from Toronto, has resigned his position as treasurer of the General Society, and Rev. E. W. Dadson, editor of the *Baptist*, has been appointed in his place.

DOMINIONVILLE, ONT.—Mrs. D. D. McArthur writes to Miss Muir, Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Society “I am pleased to state that we have