

that important station (Balasore), with regard to Missionary labour, the overwork and failing health and saddened heart of our widowed Sister Smith, the anxiety with regard to the future of the Mission, and to the "cruel vote" of the Board at home not to send a re-inforcement with Dr. Bacheler, then "standing unrepealed," the picture is dark indeed, and carries a chill to every sensitive heart; but, on the other hand, when a survey is taken of the whole field, so promising and inviting, the success which has crowned the labour of the year, the accessions to the Churches, the new ground taken up, the number of new schools opened, and the increasing anxiety on the part of the heathen to obtain christian knowledge; and when reference is made to strong faith in God, and confidence in brothers and sisters at home, whose hearts are touched with the love of Christ, and to the promising future, the picture brightens, and throws its cheering influences into our very being.

We learn that "eighty-five persons have been baptized during the year, and previous to the fellowship of the Mission Churches." It is said that "in no previous year in the history of the Mission have so many been added by baptism."

For a long time, and especially since Bro. Smith's death, letters have been coming from the Missionaries, pleading, begging, and praying for help—for reinforcements—for men and women to assist in giving the gospel to the miserable and perishing of India. They have referred again and again to their fellow "soldier's grave" at Balasore, to the 770,000 of that district without a Missionary, to the wasting strength of the widowed sister, to the increasing work at all of the stations, to the vacant fields all around them, to the cry of the Santals for schools, teachers, missionaries, and the gospel, and to the fact that Bro. J. L. Phillips is well adapted to the Santal Mission work, and has been praying for years to be relieved of his duties at Midnapore, that he might go among them, and they have plead with the Foreign Mission Board to look at these things and send help. The Board looked at them, and then at their funds, and considering how slowly the funds were coming in, decided that they could send no more Missionaries at the present. Their decision was not changed (to the knowledge of the Missionaries) when their Report went to press. But they were still praying for help, and there were those at home praying for a way to open, that help might be afforded them. By-and-by a host of women, "whose hearts God had touched," "came to the rescue." They organized a Society, created a Board to co-operate with the "Foreign Mission Board" in raising funds. Thus were the Board encouraged to vote that a reinforcement be sent to India. Soon the good news was hurried over the waters, and through the jungles, to the well-nigh fainting Mission band.

A few words of a letter from Bro. J. L. Phillips, will show how it was received. He says, "As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." The home mail came in an hour ago. Thank God for bringing us cheering news this tired Saturday night! I have been feeling ill all day, but now, thank God, that heavy, dead weight has gone from the heart. To feel that the Board really mean to send us help, that the brethren have faith enough in God to vote for six new Missionaries for India; why it not only takes out the dull ache, that has been killing us more than work, but infuses a precious gladness into all our labours for these benighted souls."

With regard to our own department of this glorious Mission work, we cannot report as favourably as we would wish, though we are glad to be able to report some progress. There is not that interest taken by our people generally which is necessary in order to render the work of our Society pleasant, and the result in a good degree gratifying; yet we are thankful to believe that the interest is increasing. Our funds come in more easily and plentifully, and the future promises still better things.

Since our last annual meeting we have forwarded about \$265 to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, toward the support of our Missionary, and have now on hand about \$80. But then, it must be remembered, that this will only a little more than meet the demands of the current year, and that we are in arrears to a considerable amount for other years.

Our Missionary is still at work, with her usual zeal and courage. In a letter dated March 6th, she gives some interesting incidents of Mission work in some of the Santal villages, in company with her brother and family and some of