

148 Societies; 117 in Ontario, 31 in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and last year raised \$6,336.73. They are now working in the Madras Presidency among the Telugus. In the same country, a little further south, and among the same people with ourselves. Their work is fourfold: Boarding Schools for girls, Village Schools, the support of Bible Women, and Zenana Work. Although death has entered their ranks, and during the past two years called two of their most experienced and devoted laborers to their reward, they still have four male missionaries with their wives, and two unmarried ladies.

Having glanced at the work done by our sisters on this continent, let us return to our own, which may look small in comparison, but it is OURS, and for it we shall be held accountable.

Four years ago circumstances arose that presented before our ladies the necessity of Union in our work at home. Our lady missionaries on the Foreign field were especially anxious that this should take place; so the matter was brought up for consideration, and after much discussion, the three Boards were united in 1884 into what is known as the "Women's Baptist Missionary Union." Its officers are: President, three Vice-Presidents—one from each Province—Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. Three Provincial Secretaries, whose duty it is to oversee the Home Work of their respective Provinces, and report at the annual meeting; also an Executive Board of 24 members, six retiring each year.

Each County, as far as possible, is provided with a "County Secretary," whose duty it is to visit every Church in her county, forming a W. M. A. Society, and Mission Band, supplying these with missionary intelligence for their public and private meetings, and visiting them at least once a year to stimulate and encourage. The annual meeting is held at the time and place of the Baptist Convention; at which time all the business for the year is done as far as possible.

The Foreign Missionary Board supply estimates for the coming year on the Foreign field. The Union select from these estimates such items as they deem most suitable for their work. This year the work undertaken is as follows:

Miss Gray's salary.....	\$ 500 00
Schools at Bimilipitam.....	100 00
Travelling expenses, Miss Gray.....	25 00
Miss Wright's salary.....	500 00
Two Bible Women.....	50 00
Travelling expenses, Miss Wright.....	25 00
School at Bobbili.....	30 00
Towards salaries male Missionaries.....	1,640 00
Schools at Chicacole.....	100 00
Books and Tracts.....	30 00

Total..... \$3,000 00

We have in connection with our Union 121 Societies reported; 72 in Nova Scotia, 37 in New Brunswick, and 12 in Prince Edward Island.

We are greatly indebted to the untiring efforts of our returned missionary, Mrs. Churchill, who during her stay at home visited through all our Provinces, and formed 26 Aid Societies, with 500 members, besides assisting Mr. Churchill in holding 82 public missionary meetings, and obtained 100 subscribers for the LINK. If a weary sister, exhausted from active service in a tropical climate, who returns home for rest, can accomplish this, are there not some at home who can attempt something of the same kind? For the work is not exhausted. Of the 25,000 in the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces, but 3,000 are members of the W. M. A. Societies. And how

few of these are earnest, faithful, efficient mothers in the cause of missions! How many are content to pay their dollar, and dismiss the matter from their minds for the year, feeling that their duty with regard to the perishing heathen has been discharged!

There was raised in connection with the Union last year \$3,215.19. We have made three progressive steps during the past year:

1st. We have pledged ourselves to raise \$500 more than last year.

2nd. The altering of our constitution so as to embrace Home Missions, not calculating that any shall be taken from the F. M. Treasury, but encouraging the sisters to contribute four cents a week instead of two. If this could be accomplished our receipts would be doubled, and our Boards, both Home and Foreign, greatly relieved and encouraged.

3rd.—We have a neat pamphlet of 64 pages, containing not only our yearly Reports in full, but the proceedings of our Annual Meeting, the President's address, and other papers. We would recommend this to the attention of all our sisters.

I shall only just refer to our work upon the Foreign field. We have three principal mission stations, Chicacole, Bimilipatam and Bobbili, with several out stations. Four missionaries with their wives, and two young ladies, ten native preachers, four colporteurs, eight Bible women, six schools, with Christian teachers, and millions of perishing heathen. We all may ask, "What are these among so many?" but cannot He who fed the hungry multitude with five loaves and a few small fishes, use these His chosen ones to supply the Bread of Life to these perishing ones? For He has said, "Ask of Me, and I will give the heathen to my Son for His inheritance."

This new year, then, finds with a good organization at home, faithful missionaries abroad, and all that could be desired with reference to a field for labour. What we want now, and must have, to make our efforts a success, with the blessing of God, is faithful workers at home. The demand never was so great, or the need so pressing. The success of the past should encourage. Will not the fact that there are five hundred millions of helpless, perishing, women and girls stimulate us to action? Will not our sisters undertake great things for Christ this year? It is not enough that we are interested ourselves. Suppose we attend every monthly meeting, contribute largely, and pray fervently, we are not fulfilling the Saviour's commission unless we "Go tell." These were His first words after the resurrection to Mary, and they are equally binding upon us. If we have found the blessing of service, let us try and interest some one else. I shall close with the Union's motto for this year, "Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee."

Annual Meeting in Halifax.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Societies of Halifax and Dartmouth held their annual meeting last evening in the North Baptist Church, Halifax, and we think all who were there will agree with us in saying it was the best meeting of the kind ever held here.

The pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning, presided, and after the singing of the old missionary hymn, which of itself is always enough to rouse the enthusiasm in any one—he read the 69th psalm from the revised version, in which, as your readers know, the 11th verse reads, "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of women that