

tions of sympathy were passed, with Mrs. Grant, of Winnipeg, and also with Rev. F. M. Young, and the Aid Society at Bridgetown.

A large number of delegates spoke of the work done during the year. Questions were asked and answered, and all felt stimulated and helped.

The singing of "God be with you till we meet again" closed the most successful series of meetings, as well as the most successful year of work the Union has ever enjoyed.

Earnest prayer was made for a new family to go to India this Autumn. In faith the Union prayed, and pledged the passage money and first year's salary. It was a solemn hour.

The Lord has already answered prayer. In addition, Rev. Walter Higgins has decided to return this year.

*Dear Sisters of the W. B. M. U. missionaries and home workers—*It is not usual for the Editor of THE LINK to communicate with you through this department, but a few words in connection with the annual report may be timely. It is said that since the inauguration of *The Tidings* and *The Column* it is difficult to get interesting matter for THE LINK. Need this be so? Could not the missionaries write enough letters for the three? And is it not a good thing for the work, to use a means of communication that reaches so many of your women as THE LINK does?

It is true there is not as much matter bearing directly upon your work as if you had the whole paper, but do you get no good, no inspiration, nor suggestions from reading of the work of our other societies? We do from yours, and are frequently assured by some of you that you do from us. In order to help us during this year to make the department more interesting, will not the missionaries write us oftener? If you feel at any time that your letter may not reach Miss Johnstons in time, send directly to us and it shall go in the W. B. M. U. We frequently get very bright and interesting extracts from private letters of our Ontario missionaries, which friends send us for publication. Why not do the same with yours?

We have had only a few complaints of irregularity in the receipt of the paper. It may be that some do not get it regularly, and yet do not inform us directly. If this is the case we cannot remedy the difficulty. We have, after years of experience in the work, what we think the best mailing system available to us. THE LINK is mailed by one of the largest and most reliable firms in Toronto. We have the most improved method for keeping our lists, and if our subscribers will see that the addresses are sent us correctly, and inform us whenever any mistakes occur (see standing notice at end of last page), we do not see why any should fail to get the paper regularly.

Very sincerely,

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TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

We, the undersigned members of the Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission Staff, having had the privilege of laboring personally among the Telugus of this idolatrous land, and having seen with our own eyes something of the length and breadth of the region for whose evangelization

we are responsible, and something of the unspeakable darkness and death of the nearly two millions of the children of men who at present have no other means of learning of the Saviour except through the efforts of our little band. We—all with one accord feel pressed in spirit to make an appeal in the name of the Lord to the churches of the living God in the Maritime Provinces, that they would join with us in earnest and persevering prayer to the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

We have noted with thankfulness the generous sympathy called forth by the terrible famine which now prevails in so many parts of India. We have the privilege of distributing the tangible fruits of your sympathy to the needy, and we thank our God that you have enabled us to proffer to these hungry ones the proof of your love.

This famine if for the bread that perisheth, a more widespread and awful famine for the bread of life prevails, and the vast majority of the population are mere gaunt skeletons perishing for lack of knowledge. The sight of a group of famine victims is a faint picture of the miserable and perilous spiritual condition of these people. They are in the grip of an eternal death whose breath chills even the cheek of the Christian who walks among them, and their dying souls haunt his heart immeasurably more than their dying bodies.

Every day in our own mission field about one hundred and fifty funeral dirges are heard, whilst one hundred and fifty processions pass to the burning ground, each bearing the mortal remains of one whose soul has gone out into everlasting darkness. Daily one hundred and fifty souls go down to the bottomless pit because they do not know the way of life and have no means of receiving that knowledge except through the efforts of the little handful of laborers (six families and three single ladies) who represent the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces.

In order that the mind may conceive how utterly inadequate is our present force to meet the need, let us draw a few comparisons. Suppose Halifax or St. John to have a population of 50,000, if there were but one denomination working in each city, and only one man in that denomination to preach the Gospel there, we would think the religious interests of that city very sorely neglected indeed. If then these cities were four times as large as they are, each having a population of 200,000, with only one ordained minister of the gospel in each, the proportion would be the same as it now is on the Bimlipatam field under the care of Bro. Morse, or the Bobbili field in the charge of Bro. Churchill. The Bobbili Missionary has already spent a second term of ten and a half years in India and probably will be obliged to lay down the work for a season inside another year. If five and a half cities like St. John or Halifax were placed side by side, or eighteen the size of Charlottetown, or twenty-eight as large as Fredericton or Yarmouth with but one ordained preacher to break unto its people the bread of life, the supply would be the same as that we now find on the Vizianagram field under the care of Bro. Sanford. Again if St. John or Halifax had each six times its present population, or Charlottetown twenty times; or if Fredericton or Yarmouth were thirty times as large as it now is with only one pastor in each, the proportion would be the same as it is now on the Parikimedi field under the care of Bro. Corey. Lastly if our two largest cities