

actually necessary to our existence in India." Your Board does not know what kind friend furnished the money for building the mission boat, *T. S. Shenston*, but is satisfied that it is one whose prayer is heard, and whose alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

STATISTICS.—Baptized, 238; received, 8; excluded, 29 dismissed, 2; died, 7. Present number, 725. In the case of most of those excluded, Bro. Craig states that *drunk* was the cause.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Bro. McLaurin under date of July 1st writes:—"We arrived at Cocanada on the 17th of March. The following day brethren Timpany, Craig and myself visited Samulcotta and saw the house. I must confess I was disappointed, not with the situation—that is good—neither with Samulcotta—that is all right; but with the house and the state of dilapidation in which we found it.

The tiled roof was falling in and had broken the two side walls and adjoining veranda pillars, the rafters having spread out at the bottom. The value of the materials of the old roof in making the new did not amount to Rs. 150. The broken walls had to be demolished and rebuilt, while the roof had to be entirely new and the greater part of the whole re-plastered.

Besides all the old out-houses were piles of ruins—and some at least would be required. A cook-house is a necessity and two dormitories are required for students immediately on opening the school.

The appropriation on estimate for repairing and re-modelling this house—erecting out-buildings and accommodation for 25 students, with their support for six months, was \$1,000. This estimate should have been not one cent less than \$2,000, to cover buildings and support of school till January, 1883."

Your Board regrets that there should be such a discrepancy between estimate and expenditure. This would not have arisen, had all the facts been before the Board when the item passed.

Bro. McLaurin had to borrow \$400 to finish the building. Then \$600 are required to support the school for the six months ending 1st January, 1883, making a total of \$1,000. All that can now be done is to have this passed as an item in next year's estimates.

B-fore this date the house is finished and the school opened. From it, as a *factor* in the evangelization of the Teluzu people, we expect much.

In reviewing the results of the year's labor, your Board sees much for which to thank the God of Missions and much reason for encouragement as to future efforts. Never in the history of the Mission, has the finger of God more clearly pointed out to the Society the duty of going forward. Never had our Foreign Mission so deep a hold on the Baptists of Canada as at this hour.

True, we have closed with a deficit of about \$900, but on the other hand, for the fiscal year ending October 15th, there has been received into our treasury the sum of \$10,796 75, being \$3,063 96 over last year, and \$1,817 08 over the receipts for any year during the existence of the Society. In the Foreign Department the year has been one of great success. *Two hundred and ninety-two* have been brought out of heathen darkness and baptized on profession of faith in Christ. Our missionaries feel that one great lack in the prosecution of the work, has been supplied by the opening of the Theological Seminary in Samulcotta.

Miss Frith's appointment as a Zenana worker is also a matter of encouragement, as one to take charge of this department of labour had become a necessity. And now

your Board, in resigning its trust, would commend the Mission with all its interests to the care of Him who gave the command, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and who, for the encouragement of His people, gave the cheering promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES COUTTS, *Secretary.*

Women's Baptist F. M. Society of Ontario.

The sixth annual meeting took place in the First Baptist Church, Brantford, on the 13th of October, occupied both morning and afternoon, and was in every respect a most successful gathering. A very large number of delegates from the Circles and visitors were present, and the generous hospitality of the kind sisters of Brantford must have been taxed to the utmost. The following ladies were nominated and elected as the Executive Board for the ensuing year:—*President*, Mrs. Freeland; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. J. H. Castle, Mrs. H. J. Rose; *Recording Secretary*, Miss Dexter; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. J. E. Wells; *Treasurer*, Miss Lloyd; *Members*, Mesdames Thompson and Raymond, Guelph; Carfrae, London; Porter, St. Catharines; T. S. Shenston, Brantford; J. Evans, Hamilton; W. Craig, jr., Port Hope; J. J. Baker, Fonthill; Miss Randall, Paris; Mesdames, H. H. Humphrey, T. D. Craig, S. A. Dyke, N. W. Speller, Holmes, T. Stewart, Toronto. The reports of the Board are published in full. The papers and addresses were all of a very high order of merit.

A public platform meeting in the evening under the auspices of the Brantford circles closed the proceedings of a day long to be remembered.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is our duty to lay before you an account of the business transacted by your Executive Board during the past year.

The meetings have been held regularly; the non-resident members have been informed of important business transacted.

At a special meeting held in November to consider the estimates and to make the appropriations for the year, it was decided to undertake the following—the money to be sent to India semi-annually in advance. *Cocanada*—Girls' school \$500; village teacher \$75; Bible woman \$50. *Luni* School \$100; Bible woman \$50. *Akidu*—Village school \$200; books, etc., \$25. You will observe that \$50 more was given to each school than in the previous year. There was also sent to India \$25 specially subscribed by one of the London circles to support a young man for one year in the new Theological School at Samulcotta.

At the first regular quarterly meeting in January a very important matter came before the Board. The Board, and no doubt all the members of the society, had been anxiously waiting for the time when they might undertake to send out a lady missionary especially to engage in Zenana work. The Quebec society were anxious to assist in this important undertaking, and signified their willingness to bear part of the expense should a suitable lady be found. We all felt that we *must* send a Zenana worker to India. At the January meeting the application of Miss Frith, of Montreal, was considered, and your Board, after a long and earnest discussion, unanimously