

debt of about 2,000 rupees, to the Ontario Baptists. This offer was accepted.

Mr. McLaurin resigned his connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union, and in March, 1874, he entered Ocanada; and our own Mission was inaugurated. There were then about one hundred converts. At the close of 1898, there were 3,896 church members.

Organization.—To that honored servant of Jesus Christ, the loved and devoted A. V. Timpany, the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West) owes its existence.

Returning to Canada after his first sojourn in India, Mr. Timpany carried a message to the Baptist women of Ontario, a message about the needs of the hundreds of thousands of women and children on our own Mission field; of their humiliating ignorance, their religious fanaticism; and the impossibility of reaching them with the Gospel, *except through the ministry of women*; and the need of great tact and unflinching effort on their behalf. Earnestly he pleaded, asking every Baptist woman to spare the small sum of *two cents a week* (over and above what she was already giving through the General Society) for this purpose.

A meeting was called, the Rev. J. H. Castle, pastor of Jarvis Street Church, presided. A few interested brethren were present, and with Mr. Timpany's assistance, on the 24th of October, 1876, in the parlor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, The Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario was formed, its object being "the evangelization of the women and children of heathendom." The following Officers and Directresses were appointed:

President, Mrs. Wm. McMaster, Toronto.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. H. Castle, Toronto.

Mrs. C. A. Morse, Toronto.

Miss Belle Lightbody, Brantford.

Rec.-Sec., Miss Louise Morse, Toronto.

Cor.-Sec., Mrs. H. H. Humphrey, Toronto.

Treasurer, Miss Erskine Buchan, Toronto.

Board of Managers:—

Mrs. Dryden, Brooklyn.

" Wm. Craig, Jr., Port Hope.

" Thompson, Guelph.

" Chas. Raymond, Guelph.

" Jas. Cooper, London.

" P. W. Dayfoot, Hamilton.

" Freeland, Toronto.

" S. A. Dyke, Toronto.

" A. R. McMaster, Toronto.

" Evans, Sr., Toronto.

Miss Strikes, Toronto.

" Harriet Elliot, Toronto.

The work was eagerly taken up, a little opposition from a few of the brethren only serving to increase the ardour of the women, and before the first Annual Meeting the following Circles had sent in their offerings to the Treasurer of the Board:

Jarvis St., Toronto,	Paisley,	London (East End),
Yorkville, "	Paris,	London (West End),
Alexander St., "	Guelph,	Brantford, Ist.,
Perth,	Ancaster,	Thedford,
Euphemia,	St. Thomas,	Aylmer,
Igersol,	Beamsville,	Orangeville,
Timpany's Grove,	Strathroy,	Brooklin.
Port Burwell,	Embro,	

Seven other Circles had been formed, making the total number organized during the first year thirty, most of these being the outcome of Mr. Timpany's efforts.

The aim of the Society is to have a Women's Mission Circle with its officers and collectors in every church; and wherever practicable, a Mission Band for the children.

In addition to the income from Circles and Bands the revenue of the Society is largely increased by life-membership fees of twenty-five dollars each, and also by many special offerings.

In 1877 the Adelaide Street Church, London, reported having organized a Mission Band, but to the Paris Juvenile Mission Band, organized by Mrs. James Grant and others, belongs the honor of being the *first to send money into the treasury*; this was in March 1879.

In 1870 the Board had the pleasure of welcoming the Circle of the Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, as an Auxiliary. Ten years after the Society was organized, 112 Circles and 38 Mission Bands reported. As the Circles increased in number Associational Societies were formed. Brant Association led the van in June, 1882, with Miss Anna Moyle as Director; Middlesex and Lambton followed in 1884; Elgin in 1885, and in 1888 the number was complete.

Each Association elects its own Director annually whose duty it is to keep in touch with every church, Circle and Band in her Association, reporting the same to the Secretary.

Early in 1884 the Bands had become so numerous and the children so zealous in their work that the Board found it expedient to appoint a Secretary of Bands, Mrs. E. W. Dadson; whose duties consisted in correspondence with the Bands, assigning to them students to support, receiving their reports, etc.

Not long after the Society was organized, the need was felt of definite information about the work on our own field. An arrangement was made to have a column once a month in the *Canadian Baptist*, but this did not answer the purpose, and Mr. Timpany after much effort, at last persuaded three Toronto ladies—Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. H. J. Rose, and Miss Buchan—to undertake the publishing of a little paper. Mr. Timpany issued an advance sheet in July. One thousand subscribers were assured, and since September 1878 THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK has been carrying its messages from India into the homes of thousands of our people.

In May, 1885, the chief editor of the LINK found it necessary to remove to Manitoba. The whole management of the paper was then placed in the hands of the Ontario Board and a new editor, Mrs. A. H. Newman, appointed. The circulation is now 4,800. The paper is not only entirely self supporting but has frequently paid a dividend to all the Canadian Societies in proportion to the number of subscribers in each province. In 1882, in order that all might have the benefit of the many valuable manuscript papers in the possession of the Board, an *Exchange Drawer* was opened. Later on, books on Missionary and other subjects interesting to Circles, became the property of the Society, and a *Circulating Library*, under the care of Mrs. Wm. Craig, Jr., Port Hope, was started. Finally these two were united in the *Bureau of Literature*. The many orders for books, leaflets, and manuscripts constantly received are a proof of a growing interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. Mrs. C. W. King, 318 Earl St., Kingston, has this in charge.