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## A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

**I**T has turned out as I expected when the tentative copy of the little paper was sent out. We could fill the present issue of the paper with the "kind words" that have come from all parts of the Dominion of Canada. Thanks, friends, for your good words. Some have opposed. But this kind of thing is to be expected. All do not see alike among Baptists. Good old Dr. Ryland would have had Carey keep quiet if he had only had his way. He lived to change his views. I suppose some will live to change their views about the LINK. Perhaps its promoters, perhaps its opposers. One thing I know, nothing of a denominational character has ever been started among us that has met a more wide-spread, hearty approval. It is also one of the first things after our union in foreign mission work in India that aims at bringing all the Baptists of the Dominion into closer union. There is a fitness in things sometimes, and I think it can be seen in this case by those who will. I hope it may be a real commencement of a spiritual confederation of the Baptists East and West. I thank God he has permitted me to have a hand in this. To me the only question than need be asked is, Will the paper promote the interests of Foreign Missions? I unhesitatingly answer, Yes! For instance, it is needed very much for the "Women's Aid Societies" all over Canada.

One will say—"What about Home missions, Ministerial Education, etc.?" I answer let the promoters use and start for us just as many

means as they find the people want and are willing to avail themselves of. A grand, intense, wide-spread, thorough Foreign Mission interest can harm nothing at home or abroad but Satan's kingdom. If the LINK in some humble way is calculated to do this, *let us have it.*

Come all who love the Saviour. Come Baptists of Canada, men and women, Pentecost is coming again in those eastern lands. Arise and shine for the glory of the Lord is come upon the heathen world. Shine through your prayers—shine through the sons and daughters who have gone from you to old India. Shine through your gifts. Bring your gold and your silver unto the work of the King. Say unto them that are of a fearful heart be strong, fear not. Oh-Christian men of Canada, as you stand reverently, and joyously, with your heads towards heaven, and your faces beam with the communicated manhood of Christ Jesus, have a sympathy with Jesus in His sufferings, and compassionate your fellow subjects, and brothers in India whose faces are in the dust, and whose feet take hold of the ways of death. And what can I say to the Christian women of my native land that would stir them to more earnestness for their heathen Hindu sisters, "unwelcomed at their birth, enslaved as wives, accursed as widows, and unlamented when they die." Cannot you spend a short time *once a month* in your "Circle" meeting to talk about and plan to pray together to your Master for them. Will you refuse to have a "Circle" because of want of time or want of interest? It cannot be. Will you let your society that you have, die because the love and interest of some waxes cold? It cannot be when millions of Telugu women await the coming of your messengers, and drown in the dark river of their heathen degradation while you wait.

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