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MISSION FUNDS.—Our sisters in the Maritime Provinces have closed the year with a substantial increase in the amount of money raised, over any previous year.

THE HARVEST FIELD.—We are indebted to Miss Hatch for numbers of this missionary periodical, published monthly in Madras, by the Methodist missionaries. The last number contains a very interesting account of the Akidu Field, by Rev. John Craig.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—Rev. J. A. K. Walker and wife, and Rev. J. G. Brown, B.A. and wife, are now on their way to India, having sailed from New York about the middle of September. An interesting service was held in the Immanuel Church, Toronto, in which Mr. Brown's ordination to the work of the ministry was combined with a designation and farewell service for the entire missionary party. The sermon, which was a highly appropriate and excellent one, was delivered by Dr. Thomas, of Jarvis Street Church, and addresses of pathos and power were delivered by Rev. John McLaurin, and Rev. James Grant. All seemed to feel that we were making a noble contribution to the Mission cause in sending forth those gifted and consecrated brethren and sisters. Mr. Hatch, of Woodstock, brother of our missionary, was also among those designated for foreign work, but his departure for India will be a little later. Many of our readers are aware of the fact, that Mr. Hatch is going entirely at his own charges. Being an accomplished portrait painter, he expects by spending the hot season each year in the summer resorts of India, to earn enough to support him in the Mission field during the rest of the year. We rejoice to know that increased attention is being given to missionary effort of this kind. While the Churches should multiply their gifts for sending out those that are willing to go, but are not able to support themselves, a large number of young men and women of means should show their zeal for Missions by consecrating *themselves and their means* to the cause. Miss Rogers, whose determination to do mission work at her own expense, we mentioned in a former issue, will be leaving for India in a few weeks. Thus we have already under appointment six of the twenty Missionaries that our brethren and sisters in India have appealed for from this part of the field.

From Miss Johnstone's letter, (it will be seen that the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces are not allowing the Appeal to pass unheeded, but are sending forth Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, Miss King and Miss Fitch.

May God richly bless these brethren and sisters who are taking their lives in their hands and going forth to fulfil themselves, and to enable us in a measure to fulfil the great commission of our Lord.

Missions.

BY REV. J. CLARK.

Eternal God! before whose throne
The angels bow with sacred awe;
Thy Son hath made Thy nature known,
And magnified Thy righteous law.

These hearts of ours adore Thy grace,
These lips proclaim Thy lofty praise;
With one accord we seek Thy face,
And grateful Ebenezers raise.

The cause for which our fathers wrought
Is dear to us, and dear to Thee;
Thy glory, not their own, they sought,
And we, like them, would faithful be.

For work performed, for help bestowed,
For souls redeemed, what thanks are due!
Make every church Thine own abode,
And every member staunch and true.

To send Thy truth through all the land,
Give men and meads, O Lord! we pray;
And may we see, on every hand,
Thy kingdom grow from day to day.

Go forth with power; let young and old
Thy triumphs sing, Thy glory see;
And crown with blessings manifold,
The work Thy children-do for Thee.

The Prayer-Basis of Mission Work.

The work of missions has, as its central encouragement and inspiration, the promise of a supernatural presence and power. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age," means nothing if it does not mean that in a special sense, an exceptional manner, the omnipresent One will accompany the march of the missionary band.