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We have received an interesting communication from our old friend, Rev. A. A. Newhall, American Baptist Missionary at Hanamaconda, India, with reference to the work in this important part of the Telugu field. It will appear next month.

ARREARAGES.—We shall be obliged very soon to strike off all names whose labels are marked with an earlier date than 1889. Will not each reader examine the label and remit subscription at once, if it be marked at any time in 1888? If mistakes are thought to exist in the labels, they should be promptly reported, and we shall be glad to correct them.

SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES.—In connection with several of the great missionary societies, notably the China Inland Mission, a large proportion of those who have gone out are supporting themselves from their own means. Is not the Lord calling to the work of Foreign Missions any men and women who are able to go forth at their own expense? A few such examples would do much to arouse interest in missions. In what way could properly qualified young men or women devote themselves and their means more advantageously?

MISSIONARIES' LETTERS.—We would call special attention to the letters from our missionaries. We believe that there is nothing that does so much to keep alive interest in missions as these letters from the field. The Conference, of which Miss Hatch gives a very interesting account, must have been an occasion of the manifestation of the Spirit of God in an unusual degree. If we at home should seek the Divine blessing and the Divine guidance with equal determination and importunity, we should experience the power of the Holy Spirit in a larger measure in our own lives, and should be more ready than we are to devote our lives and our means to God for service in His cause.

OUR FINANCES.—We understand that the receipts of the General Treasurer, since October, have been unusually satisfactory. We would again press upon our Circles the importance of exerting themselves to the utmost, that there may be an increase in contributions sufficient to meet the increasing obligations of the Societies. We need scarcely remind

our Ontario and Quebec readers, that our expenses have been greatly increased by the sending out of three new Missionaries, and that the Samulootta Seminary depends largely on us for support. Let each Circle resolve to increase the contributions of last year. This is desirable, even apart from special efforts to meet the call of our Missionaries for reinforcements. Let us work while it is called To-day.

FIFTY-TWO NEW MISSIONARIES.—Doubtless some of those who read Miss Hatch's letter will exclaim, "Impossible!" when they reach the call of the missionaries for fifty-two recruits. But this call should not be treated lightly as a bit of missionary extravagance. It was made by men and women consecrated to the service of God in an eminent degree. It was made by these men and women after long-continued and fervent prayer for Divine guidance. It was made by those who felt themselves at the time to be in an unusual measure under the influence of the Holy Spirit. To send out the number of missionaries called for is not an impossibility. It would require much sacrifice on the part of believers who remain at home, as well as on the part of those who go. But if the churches should come to the conclusion that such a number must be sent, there would be men and women enough ready to go and the means would not be wanting to send them. We believe there are at least fifty-two Baptist churches in Canada that could easily sustain each a missionary in India. There are some churches in which several individuals could easily support each a missionary. There should be no question as to the means for accomplishing the desire of our brethren and sisters in India. The question that should be asked is, "Are they needed? Is it the will of the Lord that we should send them?"

Fellow-Laborers with St. Paul.

MARIANNE FARNINGHAM

"Those women which labored with me in the Gospel, and others of my fellow-laborers whose names are in the book of life."

They lived and they were useful; this we know,
 And naught beside;
 No record of their name is left to show,
 How soon they die;
 They did their work and then they passed away,
 An unknown band,
 And took their places with the greater host.
 In that blest land.