

is no doubt that all these will more than repay any expenditure of time, money and effort that need to be made. Our denomination is increasing in numbers year by year, and our Conventions ought to increase in attendance proportionately.

Several missionaries are planning to return to India this fall. Dr. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Miss Pratt and Miss Folsom all hope to go. It is a cause of great rejoicing that Miss Folsom's health has been so completely restored and the Women's Board is exceedingly anxious that money may be sent in for her passage. These returning missionaries expect to be accompanied by two new ones, Rev. H. D. Smith and Rev. E. J. Chave, both recent graduates of McMaster.

A great advance has been made in the possibilities of study of the great Home Mission problems confronting us in the publication of the new study book, "A History of Baptists in Canada." The different sections of Canada are dealt with by leaders of each—Maritime Provinces, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre; Grande Ligne, by Rev. E. Bosworth; Ontario and Quebec, by Rev. W. E. Norton, D.D.; Western Canada, by Rev. D. B. Harkness, and the whole is edited by Rev. E. R. Fitch. The book was written primarily for the Young People's Work, but is equally suitable and helpful for Mission Circle study, and will no doubt be largely used this coming winter to give a better understanding of the great past, the urgent conditions and pressing needs of our own great country.

The Summer Conferences on Missions and Methods are over once more. The Y.W.C.A. Conference, held at the Elgin House, Lake Joseph, while not devoted exclusively to the study of Missions, includes much of that side of Christian activity. McMaster was represented by a large delegation of the women students and a number of Baptists from other institutions were also present. Dr. J. L. Gilmour and Dr. E. G. Smith represented our denomination among the speakers and teachers.

At Whitby the Y.P.M.M. Conference was again successful. About thirty Baptists were present, a fair proportion of the total number enrolled. Dr.

J. G. Brown, Rev. H. C. Priest, Rev. C. J. Cameron, Dr. W. E. Norton, Dr. E. G. Smith, Rev. A. A. Scott, Miss Janet F. Robinson were our representatives.

At Woodstock the Baptists were greatly in the majority, and at Knowlton, Que., were also well represented.

THE MISSIONARY'S HOLIDAYS.

Extracts from private letter.

"We are here in Kodai for the hot season.

"The weather is beautiful, something like early fall at home. To-night we are here in the dining-room with a fire in the grate.

"It was a moonlight night when we started coming up the hill. We left Cocanada one night, reached Madras the next morning, stayed over night, and left the next afternoon, travelled until the next morning, when we reached Kodai Road. We stayed in the travellers' bungalow until five, then started in the transits, which are big bullock carts, and got into the chairs, and reached here the next morning. The trip up the hill was beautiful. Large trees cast shadows across the road, and away in the distance one could hear the sound of running water; no other noise broke the stillness except the pat, pat of the bearers' feet. The first part of the road was quite level, but became steeper and steeper as we came nearer.

There are a great many missionaries here. The union church is filled each Sunday. Just now the convention is going on. The subject is self-denial.

I wish I could show you those people. There kneeling in front of me there was a girl who, if she had stayed at home, would have had a good medical practice. A little to one side was a woman, no longer young, who has given up a comfortable home and friends. There were men there who would have had good positions,—mothers whose children are at home and still they prayed for the spirit of self-denial.

Christ was surely in the midst of them. I am using the third person for some way I felt apart looking on, and imagining the thoughts of some of those hearts.

I wish you could have heard them sing "Jesus Thou joy of loving hearts,"