

age. Slowly, but surely the work is spreading. What glorious times they are having now in Cocanada! You see there are sowing, and there are reaping days.

A Want.

THE MISSIONARIES in the various stations are beginning to feel the need of an advanced training school for native helpers; Mr. J. Craig says:—

"Among the questions which came before us at the Conference, perhaps none was more important than that concerning the training of native helpers. The resolution we passed was to this effect: we believe the Telugus must hear the gospel chiefly through their fellow-countrymen, and that after conversion they need pastors raised up from among themselves. We believe also that the training of native helpers by the various missionaries does not meet the needs of our fields, and therefore we recommend that some brother be appointed to the special work of training native helpers, as soon as practicable. I suppose it is generally known that the method in vogue at present is that each man trains his own native helpers. Bro. Timpany had quite a class for a while studying his book on theology. Bro. Armstrong has had one young man preparing for Christian work and I believe he expects to have another soon. After a time I am likely to have a number of young men at Akidu, unless some better plan is devised. Now I need hardly say that, as a rule, the missionaries themselves can devote very little time to the training of those who hope to be Christian workers.

It would pay much better to relieve the missionaries at the several stations from this extra work, which can never be thoroughly done by them, and entrust one brother with the care and training of all the men and women whom the Lord may call to be preachers and teachers in the various fields of our mission. No one at home can fully appreciate the benefit which native students receive from daily contact with one of our own brethren, unless indeed it be Mr. McLaurin, who has seen something of the training given at Ramapatam. If we want men of consecration, we must appoint some man of consecration to mould them. If we want to infuse the spirit of the Gospel into our native helpers, we must place them under the instruction of a man who has grown up in a Christian land, and been trained in a Christian way from his youth.

Some may ask, Where are the pupils for such a school to come from? Well, we have nearly 500 Christians, I mean church-members, in our mission now. We are looking for large additions during this year, and where are we to get pastors to care for the flocks? Under the present system of training we can never get such workers as we want, and the longer we go on in this way the more will the need be felt. We have enough men and women to-day who would enter such a school if it could be commenced.

Our policy in this mission is to organize a church in every village or group of villages where there is any considerable number of Christians. On December 21st a church was organized at Goonanapody with 61 members, and during this year we hope to organize two or three more such churches on the Akidu field."

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

THE CENTRAL BOARD of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society for Ontario, held the second quarterly meeting for this year, on Friday afternoon, April 18th, in the parlor of the Jarvis Street Church, Toronto.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer then followed. The latter was a most encouraging one, showing that the last six months have been the most prosperous financially, that the Society has yet had, \$642 being at the disposal of the Board. After reserving the next half-yearly payment of \$350 for the school work, etc., due on the first of June, it was voted to send \$250 immediately to Cocanada, for the new mission boat, which, with what has been already sent, will almost complete the indebtedness for that object.

Two new life members were reported, Mrs. J. D. King, of Yorkville, made one by the Yorkville Circle; and Mrs. Horace Perry, of Rochester, N. Y. A new Circle was reported at Sarnia.

It was with extreme regret that the Board was obliged to accept the resignation of two of its officers, that of Mrs. Laird, its efficient and energetic Treasurer; and of Miss Morse, who has so ably fulfilled the duties of Recording Secretary, since the formation of the Society. The resignation of the former was caused by her receiving an appointment, which would

prevent her continuing in office, and that of the latter by removal from the city.

An informal discussion took place about Association Secretaries—that is, whether it would be well for the Board to appoint a Secretary for each Association of churches, whose duty it would be to correspond with and visit those churches, form Circles, revive the interest where it is languishing, and by every means in her power to promote the cause of foreign missions. No action was taken, as the scheme was considered premature. An excellent suggestion was made, that each member of the Board should consider it incumbent on her to accomplish as much of this work as possible, and especially when visiting from place to place during the summer months.

Miss Jessie Lloyd, daughter of our late beloved and honored brother Rev. Hoyes Lloyd, was unanimously appointed to the vacant Treasurership. Her post-office address is No. 222 Wellesley Street, Toronto. The office of Recording Secretary remains unfilled.

IN A LETTER to the *Christian Helper*, Mr. Craig suggests the expediency of the Sunday Schools of Ontario and Quebec organizing as an auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Society, and assuming some special department of work.

PARLIAMENT STREET, TORONTO.—We have only been organized about four months, and have thirty-five or forty members. Our monthly meetings are very well attended. We spend the first half-hour in devotional exercise, then attend to business, after which we have readings from the LINK, or some one gives us information about missionary life and work in India. At our next monthly meeting, two questions are to be answered, viz.: "What authority have we in Scripture for mission work?" and "How was the Gospel propagated in the days of the Apostles, and with what success?" both of which, we think, are eminently missionary subjects. We have a missionary map, which we intend to have mounted and hung in our room. It was published in 1874, by Thos. S. Shenson, Esq., Brantford, Ont. At our last meeting one of our elder sisters prayed most earnestly, "that God would increase our members and means, and that He would bless the missionaries, and make up unto them all and more than all, for the loss sustained in leaving home and friends, and all the comforts of social life; and that He would abundantly bless the work in which they are engaged, to His glory." Another prayed "that we might be more alive to our own privileges than we had been in the past, and be more ready to help others." You will see by these prayers, what the spirit of our meeting was. The LINK is doing much to disseminate missionary intelligence. May all who love the Lord Jesus, and remember what he has done for them, be up and doing all they can, "that the knowledge of the Lord may cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea."

AMELIA EBELS, *Vice-President.*

Toronto, 7th April, 1880.

ORMOND, Ont.—Miss Muir, Corresponding Secretary of the eastern Society, sends the following extracts from a letter lately received by her:

"We met December 2nd, 1879, and organized a W. B. F. M. Circle, in Ormond. Officers elected President, Mrs. McNeill; Vice-President, Miss Dewar; Secretary, Miss Millie Wyatt; Treasurer, Mrs. McLaren. Solicitors were also appointed. Our number was small, only eight persons being present at the first meeting. Scattered as we are in a country place like this, we feared little could be done by women, but determined to make an effort. Before announcing our first meeting, I went over the greater part of our field myself to find out, if possible, the minds of our sisters regarding this important branch of Christian work, and canvass for the LINK, of which there was not a single copy taken here. We have now twenty subscribers who not only take the LINK, but read it with interest. We have now over thirty members, and have just remitted to the Treasurer, Miss Green, \$20, the first fruits of our labor. We feel much encouraged, although each day appointed for our meetings has been cold and stormy. It seemed sometimes as if the fates were against us. The interest in Foreign Missions is greatly increased here, owing to the perusal of the MISSIONARY LINK and the formation of our Circle.

We had a public meeting on the evening of the 24th ult. Doubtless you will remember the blustering snow storm, which made some people remark, "Let the ladies appoint a missionary meeting, and we are sure to have a storm." Well, we had a good programme, but only a ten cent fee. We realized \$12.50. Considering the state of the roads and the cold weather, we counted our meeting a success. We think of holding another, perhaps through the summer.—AMANDA MCNEILL.

Nova Scotia.

FAINT YET PURSUING.

The interest in missionary work has not seriously abated among our friends at BRIDGETOWN, Nova Scotia. A Women's Aid Society is in active operation, and a growing desire is felt among the members of the church for enlarged effort in the spread of evangelical truth. The Gideon and his little band of soldiers, we seem at times to be "faint yet pursuing," in our endeavors to promote a missionary spirit and missionary benevolence among the people. Our sincere sympathies cluster around the toiling band of workers who are daily seeking to gather in the poor, benighted Telugus, and to make them savingly acquainted with the words of Jesus. They are still as dear to our hearts as when we pressed their hands, and bade them an affectionate farewell on the eve of their departure to their far-off field of labor. Our constant prayer is that God may richly bless and prosper them in their arduous labors.—LOTTIE.

Bridgetown, N.S., April 18, '80.

FROM THE LIVERPOOL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For some years we have had a Missionary Society, and have tried to keep up our meetings regularly each month, where "the few" have met to plead with their Heavenly Father, in behalf of Foreign Missions and mission workers.

The changes of Time have seemed to thin our numbers, taking some to labor in other fields, while others have finished their labors here, and are "resting in the sunshine of their Redeemer's presence." But the few who have been permitted to remain, always go away from the gatherings feeling that their Saviour's promise to the "two or three," has not been withheld.

Some of the sisters take the LINK, from which a portion is read at our meetings. We feel that it is indeed a Link in the chain which binds our hearts more closely to those who have gone to fulfil the "Great Commission." The more we know of this part of the work for the Master, the deeper our interest becomes.

We were much pleased and cheered a short time ago by a letter from Mrs. Armstrong, and hope ever long, through the protecting care of our all-wise Father, to see her in our midst. Our prayers and sympathies will ever be for and with those who have gone

"To the heathen
The story of our King to bear."

What Young People can do.

In the *Missionary Herald* for January, we see a very pleasing statement of what has been done for the cause of missions by the young people connected with the Congregational churches in the United States. Let all the children read it. Surely they will be encouraged to give their pennies, when they see how fast they grow to dollars.

The first appeal which the American Board made to the children was in 1856, when a vessel was needed to carry missionaries and supplies to the islands of Micronesia. They were asked for \$12,000 to build the "Morning Star." They gave so gladly that they did not know when to stop; and, when all the offerings were counted up, they amounted to over \$28,000. By-and-by they were asked to help support schools in heathen lands, and to this mission-school enterprise they gave in 1858 more than \$9,000, and in 1863 more than \$19,000.

Within twenty-two years, they have given to the American Board \$257,753.88,—over a quarter of a million of dollars contributed in little sums by these young people for carrying the gospel to the heathen.

Truly a noble record, and most promising for the future.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY, in connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union, has again met all its obligations, and closes the year with a balance on the right side. *The Helping Hand* for May says:—

The receipts for the year closing March 31, 1880, were \$46,175.32, an increase of \$3,705.55 over the preceding year; the expenditures were \$45,006.22,—leaving in the treasury a balance of \$1,172.10, of which \$90 is designated to the Children's Home, and \$2 to the work in Africa. The Lord hath helped us. To him be all the praise!