

tion his large heart and wise council, and sympathy with all the interests of the denomination. The seed had been sown and a deep and abiding interest in foreign missions had sprung up over the country so that when the first man, A. V. Timpany, then a student at Woodstock, became so filled with enthusiasm on the subject that he offered himself to go to the foreign field the churches were ready.

This was just the match that was needed to set fire to the movement. Mr. and Mrs. Timpany and Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin went out under the American Baptist Society, supported by the Canadian churches.

In 1874 the McLaurins opened up the work in Cocanada, and the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Society became responsible for that work.

Mr. Timpany, who remained for a time in the Southern Mission, came home on furlough in 1876. The secretary's report for 1877 says "His arrival marked a new period of awakening interest." He enlisted the women of the churches, he organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario and Quebec. It was due to his inspiration and encouragement that "The Link" was started.

At the next Convention John Craig was set apart to the work, Mr. Timpany giving him the welcome. The Curries had, in the meantime, gone out so that with the return of the Timpanys, we had four men and their wives on the field.

From this time the work grew rapidly, the missionaries found their hands more than full. Miss Frith, our first single lady missionary, was sent out to open up Zenanna work. This was in 1882.

Mrs. Craig was the first of our missionaries to die. In March, 1881, Mr. Craig, with his wife and little babe moved to Akidu. In a few days Mrs. Craig became very ill and died.

In 1884 it became necessary for Mr. Craig and the Curries to go home on furlough. The Timpanys and McLaurins with Miss Frith were left to shoulder the whole burden. Poor Mr. McLaurin's health gave way to such an extent that he had to take a sea voyage. While he was away in Burma the blow fell in Cocanada. The devoted, energetic Timpany was cut off in one short day, at the zenith of his

power. This news came as a stunning blow. I had just been appointed as editor and manager of The Link, Mrs. Freeland and Miss Buchan having been called to the bedside of Mr. Freeland's son in the North-west.

My first issue of The Link was a memorial number for Mr. Timpany. John Craig, whom I had known in Rochester, N.Y., when he was a student, came to my aid and gave me very efficient help in getting out this number. I remember well how the whole situation, the condition out there, Timpany fallen on the field, when so much needed, Currie going back when not nearly rested, appealed so strongly to my husband and me that we felt a strong inclination to offer ourselves to go. But we had three small children, and he had so recently undertaken the important work at McMaster. The appeals sent out through The Link and Baptist brought a quick response from J. R. Stillwell. He and his bride were guests in my home when they came to Toronto for their farewell meeting.

Mr. Craig returned at this time taking with him his second wife, who has done a great work for the women and children out there.

In 1887 the McLaurins had to return home and Miss Frith, who had made a fine beginning in the Zenanna work, also had to return her health having given way. Miss Hatch had already arrived in Cocanada before Miss Frith left. I well remember the appointment of Miss Hatch. We of the Board realized what a treasure we were getting. She was a woman with great ability and fine training, having for several years been a teacher in Woodstock College. Her work in India has been most remarkable, and of long duration. Her success in organizing and developing the Leper work is well known outside of our denomination and society.

Our work gradually grew and developed so that we were able and did send out three lady missionaries. Miss Baskerville, Miss Simpson and Miss Stovil, who have been most successful and able to work for a long period. There are three other missionaries still on the field in whom I take a personal interest, having known them, and in a way helped them to decide for our mission and to shape their courses of preparation for the work. They