

been formed in connection with the Presbyterian Church. The formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baptist Church in the United States" followed in the year 1871.

Turning to Canada, we find the "Canadian Woman's Board of Foreign Missions" organized in Montreal in 1871. In 1876 the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (western section)," having its headquarters at Toronto, was established, and simultaneously occurred the formation of a society in the eastern section, having its headquarters at Halifax.

Our Baptist sisters of the eastern section have had a "Missionary Aid Society," since the year 1871, and in 1876 the Baptist women of Ontario organized the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baptist Church in Canada (western section)." These societies are full of life, and are supporting mission work among the Telugus in India. They have been more enterprising than their sister societies in Canada, having already, edited by a woman, a valuable little paper called *The Missionary Link*.

Fourteen years ago, a "Woman's Board of Missions in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada," was formed. Auxiliaries are rapidly being established in the various towns and cities, and last year the noble sum of \$39,808,375 was contributed by this society. It has become responsible for mission work in our own North-West, and has a large staff of workers in Japan. A new field was entered last year in West China; an evangelistic and medical missionary being sent to take charge of the mission. The Christian women of older societies must bestir themselves, or these sisters of the Canadian Methodist Church will speedily overtake them, and, ere long, be the advance guard in this loving service for the women of heathen lands.

We gladly note, also, that the Christian women of the Episcopal Church are rapidly falling into the line of the foreign work. Already several societies have been formed, and the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

In view of the facts presented in this sketch, it will be seen that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is now not only a recognized but an important department of Church work.

The object of these societies is threefold, viz., to give enlargement and contentment to thousands of Christian workers at home; to contribute towards the evangelization of heathen women and children; and to send to the foreign field lady missionaries, giving them not only temporal, but moral support, by womanly sympathies and prayers.

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