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MISSIONARY FAREWELL—The Ontario and Quebec Boards have just sent out the largest number of new missionaries ever sent at one time. The party consists of Rev. J. E. Chute, B. Th., a graduate in Theology of McMaster University; Rev. E. G. Smith, M. B., a graduate in Medicine of Toronto University; Mrs. Smith, who has had a course in nursing at the John Hopkins Hospital, of Baltimore; Miss Ellen Priest, well known in St. Catharines and Toronto as an earnest and successful Christian worker; Miss Murray, an experienced teacher and also well known in Toronto as a zealous laborer for Christ; and Miss Kate-McLaurin, a graduate of Moulton College and an undergraduate of McMaster University, honored and beloved for the sake of her parents (Dr. and Mrs. Jno. McLaurin) as well as for her own rare excellencies of mind and heart. After each of the missionaries had been suitably bidden adieu in their own churches, a large and enthusiastic farewell meeting was held for them all in the Walmer Road church, on the evening of Sept. 25th. Rev. Elmore Harris, pastor of the church, presided most happily on the occasion. He expressed his own joy that so many were going forth on so noble a mission and his desire that the meeting should be, from beginning to end, an occasion of thanksgiving and joy rather than one of gloom. The character of the addresses that followed called to the platform and spoke joyful earnest words fulfilled his desire. Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, our Foreign Mission Secretary, spoke of the circumstances that had led to the sending out of so many missionaries, and gave some account of the character and qualifications of each. One by one the missionaries spoke earnest words, which made a deep impression on their sympathetic audience. Miss Hatch spoke beautifully and impressively on behalf of the missionaries in India and the native Christians, and Rev. S. S. Bates addressed the new missionaries wisely and tenderly on behalf of the Board of which he is President. The devotional exercises were participated in by Mr. H. C. Priest, brother of one of the missionaries, Dr. Hooper and Dr. Thomas. At the close of the service hundreds remained to grasp the hands of the brethren and sisters about to go forth. A large number gathered at the Union Station to bid them a final adieu. A similar meeting to that held in Toronto was held at the Olive church, Montreal, on the evening of the 27th. The missionaries sailed from Boston, in company with a large number of American missionaries, on the 30th. The prayers of our readers will accompany our dear brethren and sisters on their long voyage and in their new fields of labor.

MISS MCLAURIN, it will be remembered, goes out as the missionary of the Young People's Union of the Walmer Road Church. This is an example that other Young People's Unions and other churches might well imitate.

MISS PRIEST, as many of our readers know, is to be supported by the Woman's Missionary Society of Manitoba and the North-West.

MISS MURRAY, the most recent addition to our missionary staff, was nominated and will be supported by the Woman's Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. She is a member of the Dovercourt Road Church.

THE large reinforcement of our Telugu mission means largely increased expenditures. Increased expenditure means increased liberality on the part of our churches and of individual givers. Considering the prevailing business depression, increased giving means sacrifice on the part of many. We trust that the financial expectations of the Boards who made the appointments will be fully met.

THE cause of Foreign Missions loses one of its best friends in the recent death of Mrs. O. A. Gates, at Rangoon, Burma. She spent a number of years in the Secretaryship of the Woman's American Baptist Missionary Society and by her addresses and writings did much towards organizing and extending the work of the Society. Many of our readers will remember her visit to Canada and her address at our own annual meeting. Her address was soon afterwards published in tract form and widely distributed. She left Boston a year or more ago to make a tour of missions.

CORRECTION.—The name of Mrs. Hill, Brantford, was given as Vice-President, it should be Mrs. Yule.

SEPTEMBER LINK—We regret very much the delay in the issue of this number. It was entirely beyond our power to prevent it. Our part of the work was all done in good time, but our printer had been moving and enlarging his business, hence the delay.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies will be held in the James St. church, Hamilton, on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25th and 26th. Each circle is entitled according to the Foreign Mission Constitution to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less, for each additional twenty one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the society, that is, contributors of at least \$1.00 a year to the funds of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Delegates will be provided with badges which should be returned before leaving the meeting. Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points on purchasing a first class full rate, one way ticket. In case delegates travel over two lines it will generally be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway. These certificates must be surrendered to ticket agent at place of meeting at least ten minutes before the train is due to leave, when return tickets will be issued at one third fare. The certificates are only good for use for three days after the meetings close. The President of the ticketing committee is Mrs. John Hendry, 174 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton. The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Board will take place in the James St. church at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24th.—ELLEN DAVIES, REC. SEC'Y.