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### The Link.

The second volume of the CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK closes with this number. Once more, those who conduct it desire to acknowledge, with heartfelt gratitude to God, the success which has, so far, attended its publication. Their expenses have all been met, and last November sixty dollars—profits of the first volume—were divided among the various Women's Societies in proportion to the number of subscribers from each. Notwithstanding that the new method of addressing and mailing the papers will add materially to the expense, the year again closes with such a satisfactory amount of cash on hand, that the managers have no doubt, if the subscriptions are only renewed as well as they were last year, that a sufficient amount will not only soon be received to carry the paper on to the close of the third volume, but they will again have a surplus to divide.

To their friends and helpers both in India and Canada, for interesting letters and articles; to those brethren and sisters, who, because of their love for, and interest in, missionary work, have exerted themselves to obtain subscribers and collect renewals; to the provincial denominational papers for kind words; to the editor of the *Canadian Baptist* for gratuitous and long continued insertion of an advertisement; and to all those who in any way have sought to help them, the managers of the LINK desire to return their most sincere thanks. They also venture to request a continuance of this help without which the paper could not have been sustained.

That the LINK has been the means, under God, of doing good there is abundance of evidence. How much more it might accomplish if published in an attractive form, with some good illustrations and a department specially for Sunday Schools, and under more able editorial management, who can venture to say? It might be worth while for the brethren of the Foreign Mission boards of the Dominion to consider the question.

### The Outlook.

DEAR FRIENDS,—This is the 4th of June. Before this letter reaches the *Link* this year will be more than half gone. Such is time, how fast it flies! It will soon be two years since I left Canada the second time to come to India. Have now been in India the second time just one year and six months. The time has passed quickly. Some twelve years ago I went to Nellore to make my home for a time and to study the Telugu language. Then there were just two Telugu Baptist Missionaries

and about seventy church members. Dr. Jewett was in Nellore and about thirty Christians in his mission. Now there are fifteen male missionaries besides the female missionaries, and well on to twenty-thousand church members. Can any of you form an idea of what there may be in another twelve years? Missions have now been at work in India for a century. The amount of work, number of workers, apparent success, &c., for the first half century, were dishearteningly small—not so the second half century—another century, and India will, at the lowest estimate, be far more Christian than the Roman Empire was after four centuries of Christianity. But India is only one country of many where this kind of work is going on with an ever increasing interest. There are some now born who may see the beginning of the world's Sabbath. How any one acquainted with the past history of the spread of Christianity, and the work of the past fifty years and the present interesting outlook all over the earth can be discouraged is past my comprehension. As to our mission here in Cocanada. I am fully persuaded that God will give us the people just as fast as we are able to take care of them and train them in the truth as it is in Jesus. Last month I made a short trip away to the north-west of this two days' journey. After I passed Samulcotta, which is about seven miles from here where there are some Christians, all beyond is a heathen waste. My soul was pained and my heart made sad as I passed through and near to many large towns and villages, and realized that no servants of the Living God were there. The people heard the gospel message in almost every case with interest, some of them with intense interest. Idols are not believed in as formerly. All that is wanted now is the faithful preaching of the Word of God, and multitudes of the people will sooner or later believe.

Why is it that some of our ladies who are in independent circumstances do not come out on their own charges? It has got to come to this. Already some from Great Britain are doing this. As I feel now, and have always felt about this work of Missions, had I a million pounds sterling I would still be a missionary.

Last Sabbath three from the English congregation were baptized. Another is received for baptism. Last evening a gentleman recently converted asked for baptism, others are anxious.

The Telugu part of the work is full of interest. A good many in all cases are enquiring. "India asks,—Who is Christ." Will not the answer be in a multitude of cases, "The Christ, the son of God, the Saviour of the world." A month ago five were baptized. Two of them were girls from our girls' school.

We long to be able to put all our time into this blessed work of preaching. Buildings, &c., have taken much of my time. This year the preparation of a Telugu Testament in conjunction with Dr. Jewett presses heavily upon me. Soon we must start a school for training a ministry. Where and how it is to be brought about remains to be known. If any reader of this has about \$5,000 for land and buildings,—send it along. Before the money does its work I doubt not more souls will be gathered to Christ through it than there are dollars.

A. V. TIMPANY.

## REPORT OF THE CANADIAN BAPTIST TELUGU MISSION FOR THE YEAR 1879.

### Cocanada (1874.)

REV. J. MCLAURIN, MRS. MCLAURIN, REV. A. V. TIMPANY, MRS. TIMPANY. REV. J. CRAIG, B.A. MRS. CRAIG. K. PETER, N. JOHN.	} <i>In Canada.</i> JOSIAH BURDER— <i>Ordained Native Minister.</i> M. DAVID— <i>Colporteur.</i>  } <i>Preachers.</i> —Four Teachers in the station and Five Teachers in villages.
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The first of the year we took over the Mission from the Rev. J. McLaurin, who shortly after left with his family for a season of rest and change in Canada.

WORK IN THE STATION.—The English part of this work is under the care of the Rev. J. Craig, and will be reported by him.

Services on the Sabbath in Telugu and a Sabbath school have been maintained with an average attendance of from fifty to eighty persons at each. A weekly prayer-meeting on Friday evening has been kept up, and a female prayer-meeting every Monday afternoon has been conducted by Mrs. Timpany.

We found the buildings in the compound much the worse for the severe storm of a month before. These have to a large extent been repaired, and a Chapel-school-house, a block of buildings for the Girls' school, and an additional Boys' dormitory have been built. The cost of these buildings has been mostly met by funds given by the Christian women of my native land. A boat suitable to our Mission travel and work has also been built.

Our Mission schools and Telugu meetings have heretofore been held in a rented house. We are thankful to be in Mission buildings and have what before went to pay rent free to enlarge our efforts.

All this repairing and building and general care of the Mission took most of my time. My spare time was devoted to getting out a "Telugu Compendium of Theology" and in the revision work of the Telugu Scriptures.

During June and July I met with a number of Missionary brethren on this work under the auspices of the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society. It remains to be seen whether we can co-operate in getting out a Telugu New Testament. I am sorry to say that at present there is very little prospect of our being able to do so.

TRAVELLING ON THE FIELD.—I have been able to do little in this way compared to what I wished and expected to accomplish. On returning from Bangalore the beginning of August I hoped to fully go over the field. But I found the old boat utterly useless and had to spend three months in building the new one. Since then I have seen the most important parts, and expect shortly to see the remainder of the field, and in conjunction with Mr. Craig complete the organization that has been commenced.

SCHOOLS.—The Boarding School at the station for both sexes has been kept up. Out of this school are to come our teachers for our Christian villages. In a number of these villages schools have been kept by the people themselves. Schools are urgently needed in many more of these villages. This want as well as that of houses will be largely met during the coming year. Houses will be built and teachers employed, the people bearing half of the expense. The prospect in these directions is quite as hopeful as could in reason be looked for.

Having now in the station suitable buildings and competent teachers we hope by another year to send up some pupils for the "Government Teachers' Examination," and steadily increase in that direction until we have an efficient staff of teachers male and female.