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"The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising"—Is. lx. 3.

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With deep regret, we learn that Rev. John and Mrs. Craig, of Cocanada have been called to endure a sore bereavement in the death on Sunday the 13th of July, of their little daughter Ida, who had just completed her first year. May God, the Holy Spirit, comfort them.

"Go Work To-day."

A ploughshare waits
For labourers to begin.

Why tarry ye, ye ransom'd ones?
Why haste ye not the prize to win?

From every distant land,
The cry is plainly heard:
"Why come ye not, your help to give?
Why tarry ye your loins to gird?"

From Afric's sunny clime,
From the coral strand of Ind,
From regions in the far "North-west,"
From every zone where man hath sinn'd,

The mournful voice breaks forth:
"Come, teach us, or we die,
To us the gladsome tidings bring
By which ye were to Christ 'made nigh.'"

And ye who cannot go
The message to proclaim;
Think not no task is left for you,
But work and pray in Christ's blest name.

'Tis yours the hands to raise
That hang so feebly down;
'Tis yours to claim the promises,
The work of every hand to crown.

And ye, whom God hath blest
With rich and bounteous store,
'Tis yours to give, that more may go
To enter the open'd door.

Give not with grudging heart,
Nor give with sparing hand,
On him that gives the Lord will pour
The boundless riches of his hand.

Then work, and pray, and give,
That all on earth may know
The sovereign love that brought Him down
To die for fallen man below.

R. JNO. IRISH.

From Bangalore.

The LINK is a delight to us in India, and is liked by all who see it. It is pleasing to know that it is being more and more appreciated at home—no one would kill little Benjamin, but rather give him a five fold mess, so may be the love shown to it. The brethren of the Maritime Provinces and their fields are becoming a reality to the brethren in Western

Canada; and we of the West, and our fields, are becoming better known down by the sea. The hearts of all are made larger, and the range of vision is being made wider, and larger blessings will be bestowed.

I started to write about the position given to women's work in Missions in the great South India Conference recently held in Bangalore. Their work was spoken of in the most unqualified terms of approbation, and there were none to say "nay." Already work for the women of India is recognized as one of the great potent forces in the cause of India's evangelization and Christianization. And yet this work is only in its infancy. What will it be in its consecrated maturity, but life from the dead to India's daughters? Only yesterday I saw the notice of the baptism of the first Parsee women that has been baptised in India. Now, one has come, is this not a pledge that the gospel is able to bring more, bring all? Is it any wonder that Dr. Thomas, of Serampore, went crazy with joy when Krishna Paul, the first Hindu convert in Bengal, was going to be baptized? Why, he saw in it the pledge of all India for Christ. And to one who loves Christ is not the joy unutterable? Among the influences after the preaching of the gospel I place our girls' school as one of our most important instruments for the Christianizing and development of the people in all that we deem best and purest among ourselves. Said a little Caste girl of one of the Christian schools when asked at a heathen festival why she did not adore the idol while all about her did so, "I worship Jesus," and there before them all she bore witness for Christ, and rebuked their wickedness in idolatry. A few days after, she sickened and died, but who will doubt that she is safe with the Good Shepherd?

A. V. TIMPANY.

June 24th, 1879.

An Appeal to the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec.

FOR THE LINK.

BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—From the official position I occupy in connection with the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec, it is only reasonable to expect that I should occasionally raise my voice and use my pen in behalf of its claims.

In the cause of Foreign Missions, the late Andrew Fuller used the pulpit, the press, and the platform with a perseverance and power scarcely ever equalled. To this he added a personal canvass, but notwithstanding all, his success was so limited that it almost broke his heart, and on one occasion he sought out a secluded spot in which to weep alone at his ill success! Many a collector since then would feel it almost a luxury to "go and do likewise." I know I should for one. If giants thus fail what can a dwarf expect to accomplish? Instead, however, of weeping for the past and thus discouraging others, I shall make an attempt, though a feeble one it may be, to influence them for good in the future. There are other things to look at besides weeping Andrew Fullers. Take a retrospective view of our Foreign enterprise since the time our pioneer missionaries Carey and Judson first made the rocks and valleys which never heard "The sound of the church-going bell" echo with the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, and you cannot but wonder at the magnitude and grandeur of the results achieved. While we contrast India of 1800 with India of 1879, a pardonable pride will bubble up within us that our denomination, our church and members of our families in some measure have aided in achieving results so glorious. The means used by our forefathers to bring about these admired results—prayer, money, and self-denial—are as essential now as then, and are as accessible to us at the same cost as they were to them, and they must be used by us as they were by them, if we wish to do the same good and leave our children an example such as they have left

us. They broke up the fallow ground and we are only required to till it. To accomplish this bequeathed task will require something more than expressions of admiration at the deeds of the dead, or good suggestions and fair promises from the living: (1.) We must have an organization. This we have got. (2.) We must have good pious men and women, who are willing to leave friends and home comforts 8000 miles behind them, and preach the gospel amidst the dirt, dangers, discouragements and disadvantages of unhealthy idolatrous India. In this most important of all important things we have been most fortunate. In brethren Timpany, McLaurin, Currie and Craig, and their wives (as far as they are known) the entire denomination, without perhaps a single exception, have the greatest possible confidence. (3.) We want Mission premises, etc., in the Telugu land. These we have got to some considerable extent. But all these combined, be they ever so perfect, without money will avail nothing, but be as a steam engine without fire. Money we must have, and it must come out of the pockets of the Ontario and Quebec Baptists. We want this money now, yes NOW—before that silk dress, or that new coat, or that melodeon, or that piano, or that carriage, or that new carpet is purchased, and before that new house, or barn, or "addition" is built; and before that mortgage is paid off; and before all your daughters are married and "set up"; and before all your sons are "settled" in life. We want it NOW. If you wait till you accomplish all your heart could wish for, our Mission would be ruined, and you would have become so worldly and penurious, that we could not expect anything from you but the "cold shoulder." Those who do not give to the cause of Christ before they are 50 or 55 very seldom indeed give anything afterwards. Perhaps it is your intention to "do something" for the Telugus after you have "done something" for all of your grand-children. Remember that during the period between your marriage and your 13 year old grand-child, no less than 18,000,000 of Telugus will have died, whom you will one day have to meet face to face!

"The heathen perish day by day,
Thousands on thousands pass away!
O Christian, to their succour fly,
Tell them of Jesus ere they die."

Here are seventeen simple questions—four asked by the Lord himself, and thirteen by me. Please answer them all as-in the sight of Him to whom all things are known.

- 1.—How shall they (the Telugus) call on Him in whom they have not believed?
- 2.—How shall they (the Telugus) believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
- 3.—How shall they (the Telugus) hear without a preacher? And
- 4.—How shall they (Brethren Timpany, McLaurin, Currie, Craig, and their wives) preach except they be sent (by the Ontario and Quebec Baptists)?
- 5.—Are you willing that these millions should never "call on Him," and therefore perish?
- 6.—Are you willing to go yourself as a "preacher" and teach these millions on whom "to call"?
- 7.—Are you willing that one of your sons should be "sent" 8000 miles away for that purpose?
- 8.—Are you willing that one of your daughters should be the wife of one who is "sent" 8000 miles as a "preacher"?
- 9.—Do you know of any "preacher" who is able and willing to go such an errand at his own expense?
- 10.—Would you like all those sent to be Pedobaptists?
- 11.—Would you like our missionaries who are in India to be supported by Pedobaptists?
- 12.—Would you like to have our present missionaries supported entirely by the Hon. Wm. McMaster and wife, or the Jarvis-street Church, Toronto?
- 13.—Would you like to see Bro. Wm. Craig give an