

in June to Mrs. McLaurin's school are paid; \$288.76 will remain. The Board then decided to send \$225 of this to Mr. Timpany immediately, to be devoted of course to the school-house-chapel. Mrs. Laird showed to the ladies present a gold chain which had been sent by a lady, who unable to give money wished to contribute to this work. It occasioned sincere sorrow among us all to hear that Mrs. Dryden, who has often met with us, has lost her little boy. May the Lord who gives, her the wish to work for Him, also give her the comfort of His continual presence. In view of the Convention being held this year in St. Catharines, where there is no circle; Miss Randall of Paris moved, seconded by Mrs. Rose, that the annual meeting of this Society be held in Toronto. Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Dyke, moved that all the officers be a committee to make arrangements for it and report in July. Both these motions were carried.

F. LOUISE MORSE,
Recording Secretary.

Sound in Faith and Sound in Practice.

It has been upon the hearts of two of our sisters to make special personal effort to assist in raising the \$1,000 required for the chapel-school-house in Cocanada. One of these dear friends has just sent to the treasurer a handsome gold chain, suitable for ladies' wear. We feel sure there must be some one in our denomination who would esteem it a privilege to purchase this chain. Our sister not having money to send has, in a truly self-sacrificing spirit, divested herself of this ornament. It has been valued by one of the city jewellers at \$24.

The other sister alluded to has, by curtailing her wardrobe, made a personal sacrifice of three dollars, which, doubtless, will be accepted as an offering of sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord.

"And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold." Ex. 35: 22. E. L.

Port Hope.

WHAT CAN BE DONE.

Since last summer the interest in Foreign Missions has gradually increased in Port Hope; and those who take a deep interest in the work are much encouraged.

The circulation of the LINK among us is doing good, as it lets us know how our missionaries are getting on in India.

When the request came last fall for a special effort to be made to raise money for building the chapel-school-house at Cocanada, we resolved to do what we could towards it. After due consideration, we thought the best way would be to have four parlour socials, and an entertainment in the church,—a collection to be taken up at each. The amount raised was \$102.50; which was more than any of us anticipated. It was our Heavenly Father who put it in the hearts of the people to give so liberally.

I sincerely hope the money will soon all be raised for the school-house. Should not we do all we can to encourage those who have left their home and friends to toil in distant lands? Is it not a great work they are doing—leading the lost ones into the fold of Christ?

JEANNIE A. JACKSON, Sec.

Port Hope, April 21st.

Guelph.

CARD OF THANKS.

At the March meeting of our circle, I was informed by the Secretary, to my surprise, that I was constituted by them a *Life Member* of our Women's Foreign Mission Society. I desire to make honorable mention of Mrs. Raymond, as it was principally through her instrumentality that it was accomplished. To all who have been concerned in this kind act I feel grateful. It is a kindness not only to me personally, but to our beloved missionaries who sacrifice every life comfort, yea, blessings far,

far dearer to them than life, for the love they have for Jesus and the perishing heathen. It seems hard that they, after sacrificing so much, should be subjected to unnecessary toil or privation while so many of God's people at home are able, though not willing, to "give as the Lord has prospered them." It is also pleasing to the Saviour who has so honored His people as to make them co-workers with Himself in the great work of recovering this lost world.

Mrs. J. COUTTS.

Presbyterian Missions.

The third annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in this city on Tuesday the 8th of April, and was of a deeply interesting character.

The ladies of the Society met at 10.30 a.m. and again at 2.30 p.m. for the transaction of their annual business. The chair was occupied by the President Mrs. McLaren. After singing and reading the Scriptures Mrs. Dr. Burns offered the opening prayer. An eloquent address of welcome to the delegates from auxiliary societies and representatives of the Baptist F. Society, who had been kindly invited to be present, was delivered by Mrs. Harvie. The reports of the Recording, Home and Foreign Secretaries, and of the Treasurer, were most encouraging, and showed that marked progress had been made, both in the interest awakened, and in the amount of work accomplished during the past year. Ten new auxiliaries were reported, making the total number forty-two. \$3,353 had been raised, of which \$579 was contributed by the Mission Bands composed of the young people of the congregations. Four lady missionaries in India are supported by the Society:—Miss Fairweather and Miss McGregor, both from Ontario, stationed with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas at Indore; Miss Rodgers from Ottawa, and Miss Forrester from Halifax, lately married to Mr. Campbell at Mhow.

Interesting and practical papers on various subjects were read by members of the Society. Mrs. King read a paper written by Mrs. Blair, of London, on "The Zenana Missions of India." Mrs. Bellhouse, of Hamilton, read a paper on "Woman's Work." A sketch of female evangelization in India was given by Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, of this city.

Miss A. Maria Harmon, of Ottawa, read a paper on "The Ancient Religions of India, Brahmanism and Buddhism." The paper, which is lengthy, concludes as follows:—"Recent statistics prove that Buddhism is the most widely prevailing religion of the world, and numbers among its adherents the people of Ceylon, the Eastern Peninsula of India, Thibet, and Siberia; the Mongols of Central Asia, and two-thirds of the population of China, numbering in all 400,000,000—more than one-third of the human race; and that, of the 240,000,000 of people in India, 185,000,000 are nominal adherents of Brahmanism, and 3,000,000 are Buddhists. Let the knowledge that these hundreds of millions of human beings have no future prospect, except that after death they will either be reabsorbed into the spirit of Brahma, or according to the doctrine of Buddha, be reduced to nothing, move us to intense activity in the work of giving them the truth, which is able to raise them from the depression and despondency of believers in Pantheism and Nihilism to the sublime consciousness that each human soul has a Personal God, a Personal Saviour, and his own individual future existence."

At one o'clock the members, delegates, and friends of the Society, together with the members of the Toronto Presbytery, held a pleasant gathering, and partook of luncheon, which had been provided in the lower room.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the church, at which there was a very large attendance. The chair was occupied by Rev. Prof. McLaren, and with him on the platform were Rev. J. H.

Ballagh, missionary to Japan from the Dutch Reformed church of the United States, Rev. George Cochrane, missionary of the Canada Methodist Church to Japan, Rev. S. Lyle, of Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Castle, and resident Presbyterian ministers.

Rev. Mr. Lyle in a most able manner answered some of the objections to Women's Societies, and the returned missionaries gave eloquent and graphic descriptions of the work in Japan.

Converts in Burmah becoming Foreign Missionaries.

Perhaps there is no place in the world where the gospel in its true character has taken a deeper hold of the people than in the mission to the Karens in Burmah sustained by the American Baptists. Not only have the people received the gospel themselves but they have received with it so much of a missionary spirit that they are equally anxious to carry the gospel to the regions beyond, and themselves be the means of saving others. A letter from "Su-Thay," (Rev. C. H. Carpenter), in the N. Y. *Examiner* dated Nov. 8th, 1878, shows a new departure there which will doubtless be productive of large and important results in the course of a very few years in bringing other people to a knowledge of Christ.

After noticing some of the prominent features of the geography of Northern Asia and the efforts made to extend missionary labors northward from Burmah, Mr. C. says:—

"It was my privilege, day before yesterday, to assist at the ordination of an evangelist who is shortly to start with his family and one or two unordained assistants for Kakhyen country. The writer has assisted at the ordination of a score or two of Karen ministers, but he can truly say that in no instance has the service been performed with greater satisfaction to the ordaining Council than in this. *Mankh* is a rare man. After passing through the school in Bassein and the Theological Seminary in Rangoon, he showed himself to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed in a pastorate of four years. He was then called to teach the Bible in the Bassein Normal School. Besides excellent teaching, he has done a great deal of outside work which none but a man of patient persistence and ability could have done. His Christian experience is deep; his views of doctrine are of the clearest. He loves the word of God and the souls of men. He will carry with him the love and confidence and prayers of all his Bassein brethren.

This company will make eight missionaries that the Bassein Karen Home Mission Society has fitted out, forwarded and supported in the Kakhyen field for a longer or shorter time during the last two years. Three of his company have returned prematurely, but perhaps the proportion of Karen preachers who hold on and do effective work will not fall far below that of the highly educated and highly paid American missionaries.

Remember, please, that to the Karens of Bassein this is truly a *foreign* mission enterprise. No Karen went to Baman for trade or travel. To get there, they must cross their own land, British Burmah, and the entire breadth of their old enemies' land, Upper Burmah, and enter the mountains on the very confines of China, a thousand miles or so from their home and friends. I do not overestimate the value of the native brother's service when I say that nine-tenths of the work of evangelizing a heathen people can be better done by native Christians than by men from the west; still, I affirm confidently that without the foreigner's tent, nothing permanent will be effected by the native, as he and the field in which he labors are at present constituted.

"My conviction now, as it was forty years ago, is that missions, in the large and comprehensive sense of the world's evangelization, are, by appointment and decree of the glorious triune Jehovah, the chief end of the Christian Church."—*Rev. Alexander Duff, D. D.*