

"Thou wast not called that thou should'st tread
The way of life alone,
But that the clear and shining light
Which round thy pathway shone,
Should guide some other wandering feet
To my bright Home of Rest,
And thus, in blessing those around,
Thou hadst thyself been blessed."

The vision faded from my sight,
The voice no longer spake;
A spell seemed brooding o'er my soul
Which long I feared to break.
And when at last I gazed around
In morning's glimmering light,
My spirit seemed o'erwhelmed, beneath
That vision's awful might.

I rose, and wept with chastened joy,
That yet I dwelt below;
That yet another hour was mine
My faith, my works to show
That yet some sinner I might tell
Of Jesus' dying love,
And help to point some weary soul
To that bright home above

And now while on this earth I stay
My motto thus shall be
To live no longer for myself,
But Him who died for me
And given on my inmost soul
These words of truth divine
They that turn many to the Lord,
Bright as the stars shall shine."

Selected

A RAPID REVIEW OF THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF OUR FOREIGN SOCIETY.

AN ADDRESS AT THE UNION MEETING, TORONTO,
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THE Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario was organized in 1876 as an auxiliary of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec, by our late well-beloved, devoted, and energetic missionary, Rev. A. V. Timpany.

The main object sought to be attained was the evangelization of the women and children in our Telugu field; a work which was eminently necessary for do not the mothers train the little ones, and the children soon grow into men and women but for which the General Society had no funds.

Circles were organized in as many churches as possible, and every woman asked to give, for this special woman's work for women, at least two cents a week or ten cents a month, over and above what she gave to the General Society. This was to be an *extra* offering saved from some personal indulgence or gratification and never, in any case, to be deducted from the regular offering made through the churches for Foreign Missions.

Another object of our organization was the dissemination of missionary intelligence in an inexpensive shape. People, women at any rate, want to be kept well informed as to the progress of any work in which they are interested, and to which they contribute. So, just before his return to India, Mr. Timpany issued the first number of the LINK, and left it in the hands of a few

women to carry on. At first little more than an unpretentious circulating letter, it has grown to be one of the best and cheapest missionary periodicals I know. Only twenty-five cents a year, always brimful of information it should be in every Baptist household in Canada.

For a year or two the progress of our Society was not rapid. It seemed slow, up-hill work. Misunderstanding and prejudice had to be encountered and lived down. But, convinced that we were doing right, and trusting in God to help us, we went steadily forward. The progress, though not rapid, was sure. Each year new Circles were added to the roll and more money received into the treasury.

The returns for last year show in Western, Ont., ninety-four Circles and an income of \$6,654. In Eastern Ontario and Quebec the Circles number between forty and fifty and \$1,600 was raised. The year before these Auxiliary Societies were formed, the entire receipts of the General Society were only about \$9,000. Last year they were not very far from \$28,000.

The reflex influence upon the denomination was good. More general interest was soon manifested in missions. Men began to give more freely. Children were gathered into Mission Bands and taught the meaning of the Lord's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and of the Apostle's question "How shall they preach except they be sent?" We heard of many a weak church being strengthened when women took up this definite work for their Lord and Master.

At least one Baptist church owes its existence to a Foreign Circle. In the town of Cornwall, on the St. Lawrence, where a few godly women, friends of Miss Frith, lived, there was no Baptist church. These women thought that though deprived of church privileges, they might form into a Foreign Mission Circle, and meet and pray together. They did so; meeting monthly. After a short time some of the men began to attend. Then a weekly prayer meeting was established, soon a larger room was needed, and then the question of church organization was taken up and acted on in 1882. Their first pastor, Rev. P. H. McEwen, from whom I had the facts, said "Our Mission Circle has been a great blessing to us in cultivating liberality on the part of the people, in deepening their sympathies with their perishing fellow creatures, and in developing their own powers for Christian work."

Another result was the impetus given to *Home Missions*. When the Foreign Society had been in existence about eight years, was firmly established and in good working order, the hearts of many of the sisters were stirred up to go and do likewise for Home Missions. So the Woman's Home Society was formed. How energetically and successfully that work has been carried on also, we all know.

The Foreign Society has now been sixteen years at work and much has been accomplished.

There are at present five unmarried lady missionaries on the field sent out by us, each engaged in a special work of her own. Miss Hatch, one of the professors in the Theological School at Samulcotta; Miss Baskerville, in charge of the training schools for girls in Canada, from whence come our Bible women and juvenile helpers; Miss Simpson, visiting the Zenanas of the city of Cocanada; Miss Stovel, whose time is spent touring and preaching to the village women of the Akidid field; and Miss Rogers at work with her