

Report (Abbrivated) of the Foreign Mission Board.

To the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces...

DALE BARNES.—A grave responsibility rests upon the Board that has this work in hand.

With some sense of this responsibility your Board entered upon the duties of the year. And now at its close we desire to express our gratitude to the gracious Heavenly Father for all the way that he has led us.

A dialogue on the Telugu Mission was prepared and sent to all the superintendents and many Sunday School workers in the three provinces, for use on foreign Mission day, the last Sunday in March.

At the date of our last report of the suit in equity brought by the administrator of the estate of the late Jacob Bradshaw against your Board, an appearance to the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of the plaintiff from the judgment of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, pending.

As before reported, the proceedings have been attended with heavy costs to your Board; but notwithstanding your Board still holds to the decision that owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, they can make no compromise, but will allow the question involved to be settled by the courts.

SAILING OF MISSIONARIES IN OCTOBER LAST. Rev. H. Y. Cory and wife with Miss Clark sailed from Boston, Mass., for India.

During the year special attention has been given by the Board to two questions which have been very perplexing, viz.: the re-adjustment of missionaries' salaries, outfits and furlough allowances, and the return of Bro. Sanford to India.

RE-ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES, ETC. The Board has had this matter under consideration for some time, but it was beset with difficulties. However, one of the difficulties was removed when it was learned that the brethren in Ontario and Quebec were considering the same question.

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The furlough allowance is for one year if through is prolonged special arrangements must be made therefor.

Then changes are to come into force for missionaries in the field on the first of July, 1896.

It is earnestly hoped that this re-adjustment of the salary question will do away with the adverse and unjust criticism to which our missionaries have been subjected.

ON FURLOUGH. Your Board has been greatly exercised over the return of Rev. R. Sanford to India.

Last year the hope was expressed that his health might be sufficiently restored to permit him to do so.

But while it is true that the health of our brother is greatly improved, and no doubt will be able in the home land, surrounded by the comforts of home, to do valuable work for the Master, yet we are unwilling as a Board to assume the responsibility of sending him to the trying climate of India.

His wife does not propose to accompany him on account of her own poor health. This decision has been reached after careful deliberation, with the best interests of the mission in view, and with a due regard to our obligations to Bro. Sanford himself, who was one of our faithful pioneers.

In connection with this case, the Secretary explained that since the report was printed a change had taken place in the minds of some of the Board in reference to Mr. Sanford's return.

DEPARTED STAFF. It is with deep regret that your Board has to report that Rev. M. B. Shaw, after spending five years in its service, has withdrawn from our mission work in India on account of the illness of his wife.

He left India in January and reached California in March. Bro. Shaw is now engaged in pastoral work in that State. The Board cherished the hope that our brother would have been associated with them, for many years; but in this we have been disappointed.

Our brother's relations to this Board have been most cordial, and his reports have indicated zeal and energy in the prosecution of his work.

Bro. Shaw writes: "Only our Heavenly Father knows the struggle and pain and disappointment and heartache I have gone through in the last seven months. Through his mercy my loved ones are still with me and I trust him for the future."

While we regret the loss of a mission family, which we can ill afford, our prayer is, that health may be restored to the sick one, and that Bro. Shaw may have many years to spend in the Master's service wherever God in His providence may direct his steps.

The marriage of Miss Kate McNeil to the Rev. C. K. Marsh of the American Baptist Union in October last, has deprived us of the services of a lady who gave promise of being an efficient worker.

Our sister is said to have become quite a proficient in the Telugu language, and to be deprived of her services just when she was in a position to do her best work as a loss which we greatly regret.

Our loss, no doubt, will be a gain to Mr. Marsh and the American Baptist Mission Union, and so we should not complain. "The field is the world," and if we can help others still in any way, we shall be doing only what is our duty to do.

SICKNESS OF MISSIONARIES. The wives of two of our most devoted missionaries have been seriously ill. First, Mrs. Higgins has been completely prostrated, so that for a time her life was despaired of.

In the good providence of God sufficient strength was given to get to the hills. Both Mrs. H. and her husband were determined to use every means in their power to prolong their stay in India rather than their return home.

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of the most important departments of his work. Miss Gray expects to return to her native land next year to enjoy a well earned furlough.

In addition to the case of his own field, the missionary of this station has, by the request of Bro. Cory and vote of the Conference, the management of the Vianagram field. This he shares with Bro. Churchill, as has already been intimated.

There were no baptisms since last report. The membership June 1st was 25. The members are: one male and one female.

The station occupied by Rev. Geo. Churchill and wife. The usual amount of hard work has been done on this field with accompanying trying experiences, and "some gleams of light through the dense darkness that still enshrouds the field."

The work of the missionary has been somewhat hampered by the lack of workers. Death has removed one of the native preachers from earthly service, and there is no one to take his place.

127 days have been spent in touring. One tour which lasted more than a month, was deeply interesting, and some very hopeful cases were met.

The effort made by the friends of some who desire to join the Christians, to prevent them from doing so is most persistent and artful.

Of the work in Bobbili, we are told that the staff of workers is very weak, and where to get work is a problem which the missionary has not been able to solve.

Mrs. Churchill, with her Bible woman, is doing valuable work among the women in town, and has a good hearing. The girl's school is in a fairly prosperous condition, and the attendance at the Sunday School is good.

There are many of the little Hindoo girls who kneel and pray in the school prayer-meetings on Friday afternoons. Upon the whole, there are signs of the coming dawn at this station to cheer the hearts of our faithful missionaries who have been "tolling on" these many years.

As to helpers, there is but one native preacher, one school teacher, and four lay preachers and assistants. The total of the Sunday offerings were Rs. 80, and Rs. 30, were given by the Christians and others.

Three were baptized during the year, and the present membership is 26. Chicaloe and Palconda.—The resident missionaries in charge of these fields are Rev. J. C. Archibald and wife, Miss H. H. Wright is the lady missionary.

The work of the year has been done from eight centres: Chicaloe, Tekkali, Jahnu, Narsanappat, Calingampat and others. The pastor of the Chicaloe Church is B. Subrahmi, who, it will be remembered, was brought up and educated by Mrs. Archibald at her own expense.

He is now perhaps the most effective native preacher and helper in the Mission. This church is self-sustaining. Chicaloe has three outstations and Palconda one, though the latter has been given up until there shall be a resident missionary.

Some touring has been done than in any previous year. In the matter of giving Mr. A. says, "The donations of the resident members, apart from the missionaries, amounted to about Rs. 224, which is more than Rs. 7 for each of the 32 congregations."

There are 24 children in the boarding department, 12 boys and 12 girls. Three of the girls and five of the boys are from the Kimedy field.

Some of these children really seem to be converted, but it is thought best not to be in a hurry to receive them into the church. Mr. Archibald has charge of the school work, and has the children divided into four classes for Bible study, two of which she teaches as a rule daily.

There are five Sunday schools with an average attendance of 45. The Tekkali part of the Chicaloe field affords the most hopeful prospect of early ingathering. The facilities for working the whole field are greater than ever before.

There are 91 miles of railway which has thirteen stations. Miss Wright who is associated with Mr. and Mrs. Archibald is indefatigable in the prosecution of her work. The burdens laid upon this sister for some time past have been heavier than usual, on account of the absence from the field of the missionary in charge and the illness of his wife, some of us have very little idea of what all this means.

Three have been baptized during the year, and the present membership is 54. There are six native preachers, two of whom are ordained and four unordained. Parla-Kimedy.—Rev. W. V. Higgins and wife are in charge here, and Miss Martha Clark is the lady missionary who is associated with them.

There are two churches on this field, one at Kimedy, and the other at Akulampara. The latter raised Rs. 120 for the Lord's work, besides supporting their own school. Since the beginning of the year it has assumed the entire support of the pastor, and consists in preaching in the town and surrounding villages, conducting prayer-meetings and Sunday schools and Bible classes with the Helpers, and as often as possible, holding religious services in English, and according to native calls. This, Bro. M. thinks, is one

from this field caring for a sick wife, the helpers have shown a commendable desire to urge forward the work. They have been out touring among the villages most of the time and have spent on an average 114 days, visiting 173 villages, this indicates that they have not been idle.

With reference to the helpers the missionary has this to say: "The preachers have all given me much pleasure during the year. I can feel that they are growing."

Miss Clark, the lady missionary at this station, arrived at her destination last December, and was warmly welcomed to her future home by Mr. and Mrs. Higgins. Since then she has been applying herself with diligence to learning the language and rendering such help as she was able to do under the circumstances. We expect this sister to be one of our most efficient workers.

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Visianagram.—Last year Rev. M. B. Shaw and wife were the resident missionaries in charge of this station, and Miss Wright the lady missionary. But for reasons already given these missionaries are no longer on our Mission staff.

Rev. H. Y. Cory and wife are residing here for the present year and are devoting themselves to the acquisition of the language. When prepared to take charge of a station, they will either remain where they are or be appointed to some other field.

FINANCES. These are in a fairly good condition, though the receipts do not equal the expenditures, and are not likely to do so under present methods. The total receipts for the year were \$10,088.28, and the total expenditures, including the deficit of the past year of \$1,938.70, were \$11,027.51.

This leaves a deficit of \$2,939.23. But we need about \$2,600 in addition to make our quarterly remittance to the Maritime Provinces. The balance of the Carey Centennial Fund, amounting to \$2,075.08, has to be provided for in some way, because this sum was included in the receipts when collected and carried to current account.

It will be seen from the Treasurer's accounts that the contributions from the churches of N. B. and P. E. I. show a slight increase over those of last year, while those from the churches of N.S. are more than \$600 less than last year.

The amount sent to the Treasurer direct has been larger than for some time past. Of the \$274.12 received from the Bradshaw Trust, Nos. 1 and 2, for Home Mission work in New Brunswick, the Board are advised that they are, under the terms of the trust, obliged to pay one-third of the interest accrued therefrom, viz.: \$326.25 to the Baptist Home Mission Board in existence at the date of the gift, and as the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces was not the only Baptist Home Mission Board in existence in the Maritime Provinces, and still exists, we have authorized our Secy.-Treas. to pay the amount as above to the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

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sengers of the churches, brothers and sisters, your Board entreats you to do something more worthy of the name we bear than as yet we have done. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." And our Lord bids us go forth with sickle in hand to gather the ripening grain into His garner.

"FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONTRAHEMUS." Respectfully submitted, J. W. MANNING, Secy.-Treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Received from Donations, Funds—New Brunswick and P. E. I. 1895-96 \$2,000.00

Women's Baptist Mission Union \$225.00

Refunds—Palconda—Materials Sold \$20.00

Expenditure—Missionaries' Salaries \$725.00

Home Allowance, Rev. R. \$1,250.00

Travelling Expenses—Rev. H. Y. Cory and wife and Miss Clark to India and P. E. I. \$1,000.00

Printing, Cuts, etc. \$40.00

Travelling Expenses—Home Mission Work \$30.00

Miscellaneous—P. E. I. Parker bequest \$10.00

Interest—On Loans \$100.00

Bradshaw Trust—Cash advanced for Rs. \$100.00

Trust No. 1—N. B. Con. for Home Missions \$218.94

Trust No. 2—Home Mission Board \$218.94

Trust No. 3—Home Mission Board \$218.94

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enough to hear from our numerous delegates and Mission Bands. The time was occupied by representatives from the different churches, and the reports of the past year were given. We were greatly favored in having with us Mrs. Dr. Lyall, Mrs. Currie, one of our first group of missionaries, and Mrs. George. These addresses were all richly enjoyed. The tea social was a most pleasant part of the exercises. A grand opportunity was afforded for renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones. The table in the centre of the vestry was beautifully decorated and laden with delicacies which were freely dispensed to over four hundred friends. The babel of voices and the smiling faces was the best tribute that could be given to the enjoyment of the occasion. We regret that the message from Mrs. Armstrong did not arrive in time for our meeting. It will be given in our column as soon as it comes. We gladly give you the words of greeting from Mrs. M. W. Williams, the first President of the W. B. M. U.

While we, on this anniversary day, glance backward, our hearts must rise in gratitude to God for what He has done through this organization, in us and for us and by us. We thank Him for successes that have winged our way, and for experiences that have taught us the greater blessedness of trust; for a past that has given us our present, and for a present that flings into the future so much of hope and promise. Indeed we scarcely need the telescope of faith, for the coming glory already appears. "Go and preach," reverberates through Christendom as never before. Veterans, after a life time of privation and peril, with more than youthful ardor press to the front again, while our young hosts press close behind them. Of the one hundred who occupied the platform at Clifton Springs the other day, thirty are about to re-embark, three of them women whose united terms of missionary service already exceed one hundred years. The Christ idea "For others sake" is so influencing not only church life but business and social life that the world's money is beginning to be applied to the world's need, and even monopolies are granting what combinations have failed to wrest from them. We frequently hear young Christians congratulated that they are young people in a young people's age. Are we not to be congratulated that we are missionary women in a missionary age as well as in a woman's age? With every door open and every facility at command, shall not the W. B. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces make this first year of a new era memorable as a year of advance? There is a picture that only rises frequently to our mind. It is the Billimant scene of '89. We seem to see a group of not dark-browed Telegus, but of fair faced strangers from a far off western land. Many of the faces are familiar, for have not we taken counsel with them, and walked to the house of God in their company? And all of them are dear, for they bear our message, and we have borne them on our hearts ever since they left our shores. They have met for mutual strength and encouragement, but their hearts are burdened with the hopelessness of their task, and as they look abroad upon the whitened fields and no reapers, they prestrate themselves before the Lord of the Harvest, crying—"What shall we do?" Hour after hour they plead, until night closes in upon them. The next day they resume the united plea, and the answer came—and what was it? Were their eyes opened, as were Elijah's, to see themselves surrounded with invisible ministrants, or did a vision of a nation born in a day gladden their waiting eyes? No. The answer that came was a message to us, and that appeal rang through the churches, and some of us felt it to be as certain from God as if it had been written upon the sky. It is such to rejoice over that text of the twenty two have already been sent forth. Shall not our advanced movement be the other twenty? What will be the result? Not the thousand that a hundred might perhaps have given; not the hundreds that the thousands might have given; but the one cent per day that every one could have given. Amid all that suggests the most noble of all our missionary literature, two ideas stand pre eminent, viz.: the duty of each generation to give the gospel to its generation, and the complementary duty of systematic and proportionate giving. These bridge the chasm between delinquency, deficits and defeat, and the crown of victory which our Lord will never wear till His church wins it for Him. Besides our prime object, our Constitution pledges us to the diffusion of Missionary Formation. Does not the "Conquest Meeting" programme, suggested by the Baptist Union afford an opportunity for a great advance toward this? Here is a great movement, denominational and international, with plans practical and feasible, and material abundant and available, but needing some agency in each local church that lives only for missions, to make it the living power it might be, that it must be or be worse than a failure. Is not the Aid Society just this agency? The young people's societies have their evangelistic and social and C. C. work; the church as a whole has so many of them are burdens) but we exist for just this. The way will appear to the Society that sets about it. The essentials are enthusiasm and determination. The same work that makes a meeting for the sake of a meeting, will surely make a meeting with an object. Identity of the Aid Societies with the Union in plan and pursuit, would reach upon both so as to make both doubly efficient and secure the effectual working in due measure of every part. May we not confidently hope that the future of our Union will realize these and all other worthy ideals."

W. B. M. U. PRAYER TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER. That a great blessing may follow the Convention meeting. For all the officers of the W. B. M. U. and members of our Missionary Societies that they may be recruited to the work of the Lord.

Rehearsal from our Anniversary Meetings. The meetings this year were of more than ordinary interest. The vestry of Leinster St. church was very prettily decorated. The attention given was all that could be desired. The sisters spoke promptly and intelligently on the questions that they were presented and this has been pronounced the best business meeting ever held in connection with the Union. A number of our delegates being detained in Digby prevented us carrying out our programme just as we expected, but the time was fully occupied. We wish to acknowledge with thanks the kindness of Miss Sarah Blackley who, at her own expense, had programmes printed and freely distributed in all the seats. The addresses and papers given on Friday afternoon were highly appreciated judging from the attendance and interest manifested by the crowded audience. Saturday morning session was not half long

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