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MRS. FREELAND AND HER WORK.

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On the 24th of next October it will be forty years since Mr. Timpany, home from India for his first furlough, led the Baptist women of Ontario in organizing the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario. The memorable meeting at which this was done was held in the parlor of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church. The women who met there were already consecrated Christians, anxious to know and do their Lord's will, and at the touch of Mr. Timpany's apostolic spirit a fire of missionary zeal was kindled in their souls that has burned brightly ever since.

From the first, Mrs. Freeland was one of the leading spirits in the new endeavor. She was a member of the first Board of Managers, and in September, 1878, she and Mrs. H. J. Rose became the joint editors of "The Canadian Missionary Link," started at the suggestion of Mr. Timpany as a necessary medium of communication between the missionaries on the field and the Circles at home. The joint editorship continued until 1879. In the "Link" for June, 1879, Mrs. Freeland's name appears as sole editor. She rendered this service until 1885, when her removal to Manitoba made it necessary to appoint a new editor.

At the second annual meeting of the Society, held in October, 1878, just after Mrs. Freeland had assumed editorial responsibilities, she was elected president, succeeding Mrs. William McMaster, who had held that office for two years. For seven years she ably led the Society in a constantly enlarging work.

The total receipts in the first year of her presidency were \$1546.03; in the last year they reached the sum of \$5,171.41. What Mrs. Freeland was to the Society in those early days may be learned from the first annual address given by her successor, Mrs. Castle, at the Convention of 1885. Mrs. Castle said: "This is our ninth annual gathering, and you who have attended the former ones will miss the familiar face of our president, Mrs. Freeland, but I



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more. When, one day last spring, I received a note from her, saying, 'I must go to the West with my son to take care of his motherless child, and you must take my place on the Board,' I felt as if an avalanche had fallen upon me. I had always considered the position of vice-president as a very pleasing sinecure, but this was indeed a new feature. How could I, so ignorant of the details of