

and Miss Green, with the Rev. J. L. Campbell and the late Dr. Fyfe, with reference to certain alterations in the constitution of this society. Miss Muir stated that after carefully considering the present Constitution, the following alterations were suggested by the committee.

First.—That the name of the society be "Women's Baptist Missionary Society," within the limits of the Convention East.

Second.—That this addition be made to Article 1, "provided always that the object has been approved of by the general Board."

Third.—That Article 2 and 3 be omitted, and the following one substituted: "This society shall select, under the approval of the general Board, from the estimates of the missionaries for each year, such objects as the society may deem itself able to support."

Fourth.—That in Article 5, after the words Executive Board, the clause be inserted "consisting of not less than 13 or more than 21."

Fifth.—That Article 6 be altered to read thus: This society shall meet annually in Montreal, (unless otherwise directed by the Board), the time of meeting to be designated by the Board—to hear the annual reports, &c.

Sixth.—That in Article 8, after the words "This Board shall meet quarterly," this clause be inserted "and oftener if need be, at the call of the President."

Seventh.—That in Article 10, after the words "pay out all funds," this clause be inserted, "by order of the Board, and report the same to the Treasurer of the general Board."

Eighth.—That Article 11 be omitted.

Ninth.—That in Article 12 the word "binding" shall be substituted for "legal."

That in the Constitution for Circles in Convention East "be inserted.

In Article 5, the word "Circle" be substituted for "Society," the word "General" be omitted, and clause after "Society" be omitted.

These amendments were severally adopted.

The President invited the Rev. A. V. Timpany to address the meeting, which he did, especially urging the claims of *The Missionary Link*.

The meeting was then closed with singing and prayer.

In the evening of the same day there was a Public Missionary Meeting in St. Catherine St. Church, which was well attended. A. A. Ayer, Esq., occupied the chair. The Rev. T. Lafleur opened the meeting with reading the scriptures and prayer, and then addresses were given by the Rev. J. L. Campbell, Rev. A. H. Munro, Rev. J. Gordon, and the Rev. A. V. Timpany. Mr. and Mrs. Timpany and Miss Amelia Keller, (a native Telugu) favoured the meeting by singing in Telugu.

A collection was taken up which amounted to \$39.

MRS. W. S. PORTEOUS,
Rec. Secretary.

HALIFAX, N.S.

During the past month we have heard from the wives of our Missionaries in India. They had all been suffering in various ways from the excessive heat, but at the time of writing they hoped the worst was over. Mrs. Sanford, of Bimlipatam, says: "The last English mail brought us eleven hundred rupees from the W. M. A. Societies, for the purpose of building a school house for my girls. I am very thankful indeed for this, for, though the school is not large, we have really felt the want of a suitable place for their use. We are still using a room in our house for the school, and have a small native house near, for them to eat and sleep in. We humbly trust they are day by day advancing in useful knowledge, and so do not feel discouraged in caring for their wants. One of the orphans has asked for baptism, but as she is young, and has so much to learn, it seems best for her to wait awhile."

Mrs. Armstrong, who resides at Chicacole, writes: "You will be glad to hear that Mr. Armstrong

baptized two people last Sabbath, in the village where there was such a tumult last year; one of them was the man who made the boldest stand there, but was prevented from coming to us by the violence of his heathen friends. They have found it is no use to oppose him, and he was baptized quietly in his own village after all. The other was the son of one of our christians."

I have nothing in the Home Department of work of any interest to give this month. It is expected that before the October *Missionary Link* is received, our own missionary, Miss Hammond, may have returned home in India. Great interest is felt by the members of our societies for her safe voyage and well-being in a land of heathen and strangers, and doubtless many prayers will continually be offered up on her behalf.

M. R. SELDEN,
Sec'y, Cen. Board, N.S.

From the *Christian Messenger*.

TO THE W. M. A. SOCIETIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

MY DEAR SISTERS.—We are always glad to hear of your prosperity in all things and that you are giving of your money in some degree as God prospers you. But the success of our missions is in the prayers of its friends. In our endeavors to secure funds we are apt to forget this. Our monthly meetings should be "a Concert of prayer for the heathen." And each sister should be prepared to add her quota to render the meeting a success. If we truly love Jesus as our Saviour, we shall seek daily and hourly communion with Him; and thus we shall imbibe His spirit, who for our sakes became poor. Feeling safe and complete in Him, we shall long to tell others the story, and shall be continually devising ways and means to carry out our Saviour's last command, rejoicing in the fulfilment of His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." You have doubtless seen a notice of our paper, *The Missionary Link*. We hope, very soon, to send copies to each society. Let us make it our aim to place one in every Baptist family on the Island. We may aid in the good work at home, and thus indirectly abroad, by introducing our Religious Periodicals. Every Baptist family in our Provinces should have either the *Christian Messenger* or *Visitor*. If our eyes are open and our heart's energies enlisted in the cause of Christ, we shall see and find work all about us.

We do not appreciate our possibilities in this work of soul-saving. We have scarcely begun to do what we should, did we truly believe that souls perish whilst we loiter amid the enjoyment of refined Christian homes. Pray that God may, awaken us now to feel as we never before felt, the shortness of time, the worth of the soul and our individual responsibility; and that even before our Convention meets, some sisters among us may offer themselves for Foreign service. Pray for your Central Board.

In behalf of which, I am, yours in the service of Christ,

ALICE S. CHIPMAN.

[Although addressed especially to the women of P. E. Island, Mrs. Chipman's letter contains thoughts which may well be pondered by all.—Ed's.]

THIS is no time for Christians to be idle. The Lord is calling us all to activity in the many additional means which are in operation for the spread of the gospel. The call is loud and distinct, and it comes from Him "whose voice once shook the earth." Let us see that we obey it; for if we refuse Him that speaketh, how shall we stand before Him at His appearing and His kingdom? "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." "Wherefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—*Christian Helper*.

THE WONDERFUL WORK AT ONGOLE.

Some extracts from Mr. Clough's letter in the *Missionary Magazine* for October.

ONGOLE, Aug. 5th, 1878.

I wrote you last under date of July 7. I then stated that the Lord was doing wonderful things for the Telooogs, and that I and my native assistants had baptized 5,429 converts since June 16th. About the time I wrote to you I asked Brother Williams, who was spending his vacation at Ootacamund, to come down and help me. He hastened away from the mountain retreat, and July 12th reached Ongole. . . . While I went north along the Hyderabad road into the Kristna district to superintend the examination of candidates for baptism, and the administration of the ordinance, Brother Williams went west to the western part of the Nellore district, near the Ghauts, to give local aid to my native preachers belonging in that locality. Thus we were enabled to do double work, and satisfactory to all. I cannot write in detail, God was with us, and glorified himself. A multitude were baptized—3,262 in all. These make with those already reported, 8,691 baptized from June 16 to July 31 inclusive. *To God be all the praise now and through all eternity!*

Our old Normal School resuscitated, is now full of men of all ages up to 40 years or more, who are learning to read, that they may go to their villages, and teach their neighbours and children to read "God's letters to men." I need to meet the demand made upon me—*two hundred teachers to-day*. . . . The Baptists of America must come to our aid with men and money. For great as the work already done is, the end is not yet. Unless I err greatly, if my life and health and my native preachers are spared, before Jan. 1st, 1879, 5,000 more will be baptized by us, and then, God willing, the work will go on and on, until the little flame kindled here becomes a mighty fire, sweeping every thing before it.

MR. WILLIAMS ALSO WRITES:

RAMPATAM, JULY 30th.

In answer to the earnest pleadings of Brother Clough for help, I went to Ongole a few days before the seminary opened. . . . Brother Clough and his helpers were literally crowded upon by the people who were pressing into the kingdom of God. I saw what few missionaries have seen.

More than a thousand people from one of the Ongole Pallams came into the compound, and gave up their idols. They showed how they worshipped them in former times with music and dancing around the idols; and then said that henceforth they would worship the living God, who had helped them in time of trouble. They declared that they believed in Christ, the only Saviour of the world. Brother Clough accepted their idols as trophies of the cross, and with earnest words exhorted them to continue steadfast in the faith. Our hearts were made to rejoice when we thought of that day when every idol shall fall, and the kingdom of the world shall be given to Christ.

Sunday was a glorious day. The morning was fine; and the large meeting-house was filled, every foot of space, while a large number stood outside at the doors and windows. Besides these, many heard the word in other parts of Ongole at the same time from Rungiah, Ezra, and others. I had the privilege of preaching to the great congregation. They heard the word with great interest. In the afternoon we saw about three hundred buried with Christ in baptism.

You will remember that I wrote in my last letter of the signs of the times. Great as this ingathering is, it is not beyond my anticipations. When we think how many earnest men are at work on the field, who go day-after day telling the simple story of the cross, and pleading with their fellow-men to turn unto God, and remember what God has promised, who could look for less?

["Ezra," spoken of by Mr. Williams is the father of our dear young friend Amelia Keller, and was supported for many years by the Bond Street S. n-day School, Toronto.—Ed's.]