

Now, do not suppose from what I have written, that these Hindu men are fiends in human shape, veritable Blue Beards, whose roofs are slippery with wily gold; not at all—they are naturally as good-natured, as fond of their native country, their native village and the parental roof as we are, perhaps more so. It is sin, vice, idolatry, gross ignorance which make the difference. Their bible, their priests, their religion teach them this: *Sin* must be taken away by the blood of the Lamb. *Vice* must be replaced by the fruits of the Spirit. *Idolatry* must be superseded by the worship of God; and this gross *ignorance* must be dispelled by the light of the Glory of God shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

We hold in our hands the only remedy for all this,—the word of God. Oh, how I wish I could impress this fact upon the heart of each mother, sister, daughter, each father, brother and son in the Dominion of Canada. What fact? The fact that they owe all that makes them *happier, purer, nobler* than these Hindus, to the *Gospel*; that this same Gospel is the only means by which this people can be raised; that Jesus Christ *commands* them to send them this Gospel; and that He will certainly require it of them at the last day if they neglect His will.

Oh, it is very wicked, it is very unwise to withhold the Lord's money, to consign millions to eternal death, in order that we may pander to some whim, or gratify some silly propensity of our very curious natures.

When, Oh, when will all the whole people of God arise in the omnipotence of their *prayers*, the fulness of their *faith*, and the joyousness of their *liberality*, and make the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose?

OUR INDIAN STATIONS.

Chicacole.

Mrs. Selden, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Central Board, writes:—I have lately received a letter from Mrs. Armstrong, of Chicacole, from which I will make an extract for the benefit of the readers of the *Missionary Link*. Mrs. A. says: "Our girls' school is very interesting; there are over twenty in attendance, and they are beginning to show marked improvement on the ignorance in which we found them. The Inspector of Schools for this district, an English gentleman, visited the school a week ago and expressed himself much pleased with it, and promised to do all he could for its advancement. It is the only school for girls in the town, and as it is a new thing, many are unwilling to allow their girls to learn anything;—"It is not our custom," they say; and think the argument unanswerable. We were cheered last month by the accession of one more to our Church membership. The young man supported by the Wolfville Sunday School, who has for some time past given satisfactory proof of his sincerity, was accepted for baptism by the Church, and the ordinance was performed in this town for the first time."

Cocanada.

A kind friend furnishes the following extract from a private letter lately received from Mrs. McLaurin:—

You will have heard what a dreadful year this has been for heat. We never before experienced anything nearly so bad, the heat being extremely great and also long-continued. To very many, both Europeans and natives, it has been a fatal year. We never knew anything like it. It was quite startling, day after day, to hear of one and another that we had seen or known, falling victims to heat paralysis or heat apoplexy. During those weeks, dear —, the hope of seeing you again faded, and I do not think either of us would have been surprised if we had found ourselves passing away from this earthly home forever. But we have been spared, and for this we are grateful. Mr. McLaurin was very ill just in the worst of the heat with

fever, caused, the doctor said, by the heat. His head was worse than ever before. The doctor told me afterwards that he had been very much alarmed, but that, which he brought with him, and freely used on my husband's head and in his drink, soon somewhat subdued the fever. He told us then that it would not be safe for us to remain here through the coming cool (fever) season. We are undecided yet as to what we may do. We will just keep quiet till the Timpanys come, and will then hand things over to them; and feel free to go, or stay till March, as seems best. We would prefer staying here through the cool season—that is till Spring if Mr. McLaurin's health will permit of it. At present we are pretty well. It took me a long time to rally from the effects of the heat,—an overpowering languor seemed to chain me hand and foot, yea, and mind and spirit too, but now I am better. . . . Of our work, I will not attempt to say much. New and trying difficulties have met us this year. Most of the time our position seems to be to *bear* rather than to *do*; this is especially the case with Mr. McLaurin, who is so much laid aside with poor health, and yet sees so very much that ought to be done. My school has somewhat suffered—this has been such a sickly year; but still there are over fifty scholars. I do feel that it is even now being a blessing in this dark corner of the vineyard. Are you thinking the famine over? *Never* were prices of food as high as to-day, since we came to India; bread and all grains are twice or three times the usual price.—Lately we have had abundant rains, and now look for the good old times to return with the new year. We want for nothing necessary. The straits to which our Board is put for money are trying to our faith and patience, of course, but "The Lord will provide."

THE WORK AT HOME.

Montreal.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF WOMEN'S F. M. SOCIETY, EAST.

This meeting was held in Montreal on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 6th, at which the President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, expressed pleasure in introducing the names of five ladies to be received into our Society as Life-Members, viz: Mrs. J. H. Marsh, of Barmston, and Mesdames Davies, Barlow, Craig and Smith, of St. Catherine St. Baptist Church. This is a very encouraging feature, and will doubtless inspire our workers with greater enthusiasm through the year on which we have lately entered.

A resolution was passed to the following effect:—"That after paying the required amount to complete the Girls' School in Cocanada, this Society shall undertake to raise \$1000 towards building the Chapel, the payment of which amount may extend over two years."

Perhaps it is as well to state here, for the benefit of the Circles in the country, belonging to the Convention East, that all moneys sent to Miss Green, Treasurer of the Board, are forwarded by her to India and used exclusively for Foreign Mission Work.

M. H. PONSROUS, Rec. Sec.

Toronto.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario was held on Friday, Nov. 15th, and it will be grateful news to all interested in that good work to know that the interest and earnestness that marked the deliberations preaged a hopeful year. After the appropriations to Mrs. McLaurin's School and Amelia Keller's support for the half year, the question as to the further disposition of our funds was brought up. A letter from Mr. Coutts and letters from the Montreal Board, all bearing on the importance of the Chapel-work in Cocanada, were read; and in view of the last clause of article 1st of our Constitution, which reads—"provision of suitable means for work," and after realizing to some extent how needful this Chapel was, the Board resolved to devote the \$300 now on hand to this work; and,

without plodging themselves for any given amount, resolved by letter and through the *Baptist and Link* to lay this matter before the Circles, asking for their best endeavours to have a sum worthy of the cause, beside doing out of the best possible things for Foreign Missions. We are working in unison with the sisters at Montreal, and are lifting that much responsibility from the General Board.

We received from Mrs. Raymond, of Guelph, most cheering words. \$100 are promised from that Church, and we have reason to believe that at our next annual meeting the Chapel Fund will be among the *finished* items of work.

Will every Baptist woman respond, with prayer, and ten cents a month?

H. H. HUMPHREY, Cor. Sec.

Ottawa.

At the regular meeting of the Circle of the Ottawa Baptist Church, held September 4th, the following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved.—That as our dear sister and fellow-worker, Mrs. Caswell, has been suddenly called to her Heavenly Home, we tender our earnest and heartfelt sympathy in this great bereavement to her only and beloved child, Mrs. G. M. Haney, and we do most earnestly pray that "That peace which passeth all understanding" may rest on her like a sweet and healing balm, and that she may be able to say: "All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

In a note to the Editors the Secretary, Miss Mosher adds:—"I would like to see a copy of the *Link* in the hands of every Canadian Baptist. I think it an excellent plan, this collecting so much Missionary information in such a compact form, and trust that many will become interested in this work through its means. Our Circle seems to be increasing in interest as well as numbers."

Nova Scotia.

Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife sailed from Halifax in the *Nova Scotian* on the 13th ult., and will proceed directly to India via Suez Canal. They leave in this country his son and their infant child—making this great sacrifice so as to give themselves more freely and fully to the Lord's work in the great harvest field of Ongole.

New Brunswick.

Letters have been received from Miss Carrie A. Hammond, who is on her way to join the Missionary band at Bimlipatam.

After two weeks spent pleasantly and profitably in London, she was about to sail in the *S. S. Nepal* for Madras.

A Short Sketch of the Telugu Mission,

FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT TO THE PRESENT TIME.

Compiled for the *Missionary Link*.

On the western coast of the Bay of Bengal is the Country of the Telugus, stretching north and south about 600 or 700 miles, and extending from the coast inland a distance of 300 and 400 miles. It is a country densely peopled, numbering by the latest estimate 18,000,000. But Telugus are scattered far beyond the bounds of their own peculiar territory, dwelling in large numbers in all the towns and cities of Southern India.

The prevalent religion is Brahminism, while the system of *caste* is rigidly maintained, as every where in Hindostan. This latter opposes a formidable barrier to the progress of the Gospel, but even this obstacle is becoming gradually weakened by the advancing tide of Christian civilization.

As early as the year 1805, the London Missionary Society made a feeble effort to evangelize the Telugus but the enterprise was attended with little or no success, and was eventually relinquished.

Thirty years rolled on without further steps being taken; then in September, 1835, the Rev. Samuel Day, a native of Canada, and his wife, sailed from