

Again, Miss Gray writes: "The work in Bimili is most encouraging." (She refers to the attack made on Christianity by the Mahomedans, which Mr. Morse writes of in the *M. & P.* of Oct. 2nd.) "It is now five weeks since the meetings began, and the interest has not grown less but increased. Every evening, when the weather permits, they have a meeting at the clock tower. We have a district organ, the gift of Miss Eva D'Prager to the mission. Mrs. Morse plays on it, and it is a great help in holding the people. Not since the two Brahmin boys were baptized eight years ago has there been such a stir in the town. The Word of God is being better understood than ever before. We have been praying for a change in Bimili, but did not think it would come about in this way. The Mohammedans get very angry, and O how they blaspheme the name of Christ, that name so dear to every believer! But God will cause the wrath of man to praise Him. Some nights Mr. Morse does not come home till nine o'clock. They take a lantern, and as long as any one will hear, he and the preachers stay."

Miss Gray, we hope, will leave India on her well-earned furlough in March. She has been eleven years on the field, longer than the usual time.

In a letter of the same date, Miss Wright sends greeting from Palkonda. She says: "We feared at one time that Mr. Higgins would have to take his family home, but now the Doctor has given his consent to their remaining another year. As a missionary staff our position is this: two families disabled, two able to work, one in preparation; two lady workers able to carry on their departments, but one must leave in about six months for a needed rest, and one is studying the language. Before us we have the 1,700,000 perishing heathen and a small number of Christians to look after. My hopes have been resting and trusting on your gathering at Convention that an effort will be made to at once send a family this fall. Believe me, we are in a crisis in our mission; if help comes now, it will yet be a year and a half before it can be of much value; if delayed, how can the already overburdened ones hold out?"

Women of our Union, see to it that you bring the above facts before your church; not merely your monthly Aid Society meeting, but your church, and take no rest until help is sent to those workers.

#### ECHOES FROM W. B. M. U. CONVENTION, 1895.

This was the Jubilee of our general Convention. It was held in St. John, in August. The veterans received special honor at some of the meetings. Amusing, exciting, thrilling, and occasionally a little tedious was the information imparted in connection with their own labors in the years long gone by, as well as of their coadjutors, many of whom have fallen by the way.

Marvellous advances in the denomination have been the ample reward of our faithful, self-sacrificing pioneers.

It is, however, not of the general, but of the W. B. M. U. Convention which also met in St. John, only a day or two earlier, that we have at present to do.

As good things are to follow this paper, it was broadly hinted that our words be few. Just how to boil down the sayings and doings of two long and eventful days which were packed full of the tersest things, into, say, five or ten minutes, has proved a task too wonderful for us; so echoes from all the prepared addresses, several of which were of superior quality, must necessarily be omitted.

Even had we abundance of time, with a memory to retain all we saw and heard and a power to turn it all to eloquence, still we should fail in conveying the wonderful inspiration that such gatherings bring, and would, therefore, urge upon all who may find it possible, to attend our Convention next year in Berwick.

The dates, 1870-1895, placed conspicuously before the audience, in the midst of other tasteful adornments, in Leinster St. church, showed that our W. B. M. A. Societies had also reached a special period.

We are twenty-five years old! As a thank-offering for having reached this milestone, as well as for all the blessings of the way, Amherst Circle raised about \$100. Mrs. Randolph, of Fredericton, wished also to contribute \$50, as a thank-offering on this auspicious occasion. All our Aid Societies are asked to follow these noble examples through the year.

Reports from our three Provincial Secretaries were read. In New Brunswick there has for some reasons, among which was the illness of the Secretary, been a falling off in manifest interest and in funds. Only twenty-five Societies reported. The new Provincial Secretary, who had only been in office six weeks, appears to be a woman of much energy, tact, and perseverance, and we look for a better state of things under the regime of Mrs. Cox.

Reports from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were for the most part very cheering. In this province seventeen new Societies have been organized and seventeen life members made during the year.

Our Literature department was also discussed. It was found that very few Societies or individuals are availing themselves of the privileges of our Circulating Library. First-class books on missions, thirty-three of which have been donated during the year, may be obtained and kept two months, by sending a 6c. stamp for postage, to Miss Myra Black, Amherst. Tracts suitable for missionary meetings, as well as for private reading, may be secured for a trifle, or even for nothing, if Circles prefer it.

As to our present officers, they are with one or two exceptions the same as last year, and while they do their work so well, may they long have the honor of the burden, as well as the burden of the honor.

At our Convention one year ago, our Union pledged itself to raise \$8,500. Of this \$7,000 was for Foreign and \$1,500 for Home work.

It may not be known to all, that although we are as Societies twenty-five years old, our energies were directed altogether to India, until seven years ago. At that time Home Missions were included in our interests. Ever since, our gifts to this department have grown, until last year the proposed sum of \$1,500 was reached.

The \$7,000 for Foreign work came short by \$824. However, as there was a surplus of \$900 at the beginning of the year, our pledges were all met.

Financially, we were nearer our ideal than ever before; but as it is said that brutes and fools are the only beings that desire nothing beyond what they possess, we rejoice that our hearts still throb with unsatisfied desires.

Before we reach our goal there is still room for us to stretch every nerve, bend every obstacle, develop every faculty, train every desire, and exert every energy, all the time remembering that without divine blessing all human effort is futile.

For this year our pledges are: Foreign Missions, \$7,000 as formerly, although, no surplus being on hand, only \$6,500 was appropriated. For Home Missions we have placed the pledge at \$1,600. It was thought that the distribution of Home Mission funds last year was not