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BRO. LORIMER and party sailed from London 12th inst., on steamer *Lindula*. All well.

A CORRECTION.—The increase in the Elgin Association was \$200, instead of \$2, as reported.

A FRIEND of Missions writes Miss Elliott: "I have been reading of the free distribution of infidel tracts among the Hindoos. Is there any free Gospel tract society in India? If not, could not one be started by the members of the Mission Circles?" We answer, that there are Gospel tract societies in India in connection with some of the missionary societies, and although we have not such a society in connection with our own Telugu Mission, the free distribution of Gospel tracts forms a conspicuous feature of the work.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

THE W. B. F. M. S. OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—The annual meeting of this Society will be held this year on Thursday, October 8th, in Brookville, Ont. There will be a morning, afternoon and evening session. It is desired that a full representation from all the Circles should attend, and for the comfort of the delegates, and that the entertainment committee may not be unduly hurried at the last, the Circles are requested to appoint their delegates early in September, and send their names immediately to the secretary of committee, Mrs. Burgess, Fairknowe, Brockville.

NANNIE E. GREEN, Cor. Sec.

THE annual meeting for the Woman's Missionary Societies of Ontario, will be held in the Talbot St. Baptist Church, London, on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 28th and 29th, beginning at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday will be Home Mission Day. The associational reports will be given this year as usual upon the first day. Thursday is Foreign Mission Day. An interesting programme has been prepared, the particulars of which will be published in the *Baptist* later. There will be public meetings both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Delegates will send their names to Miss Groves, 348 Dufferin Ave., London, to get ballots. Certificates for reduced fare can be obtained from ticket agents at starting points. Circles should bear in mind in appointing delegates that only those who contribute at least a dollar a year are entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

ELLEN DAVIES, Rec. Secretary.

MR. AND MRS. GOOCH.—Just as we were going to press last month, occurred the ordination and the designation to the foreign field, of Mr. F. W. Gooch. The gentleman in the printing office, who has charge of the mechanical making up of the *LINK*, was present at the services, and was unwilling that notice of the matter should be postponed for a month. Finding a blank space at the end of a column he inserted a notice on his own responsibility. Unfortunately he made a mistake as to the heathen country to which our brother was designated, substituting Burmah for India. Mr. Gooch is son of an honored English Baptist minister. Some years ago he came to Canada and not long afterwards was converted, and united with the Bloor St. Baptist church. Almost immediately he began to work for the salvation of souls in connection with the Y. M. C. A. For some years he labored successfully as Secretary of the Quebec City Y. M. C. A. His attention was directed, about a year ago, to the great need of the foreign field, and he has been waiting for Divine Providence to open the way for his entrance upon the work. He is being sent out, not under the F. M. Board, but by a number of individuals, the Harris family, of Brantford and Toronto, and Mr. T. S. Shenston, of Brantford, being, we believe, the principal contributors for his support. The ordination, designation, and farewell services took place at the Walmer Road church, Toronto. The baptism and reception into church fellowship of Mrs. Gooch, who was brought up a Presbyterian, took place on the same occasion. Mr. Gooch made a favorable impression on the Council as regards Christian character, evangelical zeal and familiarity with the Scriptures. It is hoped that arrangements will be made in the near future whereby Mr. Gooch will be brought into mutually helpful relations with the Board, and with the missionaries already on the field. The example of the brethren who have undertaken the support of Brother and Sister Gooch, should be widely followed, so far, at least, as generosity in contributing to foreign mission work is concerned. There are many churches that might support each a missionary. There are individuals who could easily contribute each a missionary's salary. The Board would no doubt rejoice to co-operate with churches or individuals desiring to support missionaries in this way.

DEATH OF MRS. D. H. DRAKE.—One of the saddest items of news that we have for a long time been called upon to chronicle, is the death of Mrs. Drake, who, about four years ago, as Miss Isabella Alexander, went to India, as missionary of the Ontario and Quebec Board. Soon after her arrival in India, she was united in marriage with Rev. D. H. Drake, a