

work, was unaccountable. But God had his own purposes for her and me and the work. Some we can see, the rest we must trust with Him.

You will find a good many changes, but I hope none of them will grieve you, or make you feel that any of your work has been undone. On the contrary, so far as I know them, I have been working in the *direct line* of your own views and plans of mission work, I cannot now mention many details. There have been some changes in the preachers and teachers, but on the whole their number is larger than when you were here, and two or three new school houses have been erected. All the village schools were continued, with only a week or so interruption at a time, *all through the famine, and eight new schools* have been started, notwithstanding the famine. My field work was not broken up, the preachers were all kept at their posts, and *suffered with and comforted* their people. The famine was a great trial to the Christians, a good test, but very few fell away. I have handled Rs. 10,000, and helped 5,000 beggars and poor, 500 farmers to seed grain, and 50 persons to dig out old wells (wells used for irrigating the land) besides giving piles of cloth. Now a word or two about spiritual matters. Since November 25th over 300 have been baptized."

I hope thousands are now coming, as it is since Mr. Newhall wrote that the great ingathering at Ongole commenced, about which Mr. Clough writes, that in *six weeks* over 8,700 had been baptized, and that he expected 5,000 more before the close of the year. Ten years ago where there were not 100 Telugu Christians, there are now almost as many communicants as there were in Ontario and Quebec in Baptist churches when I went east eleven years since. And yet there are some who do not believe in Foreign Missions.

A. V. TIMPANY.

OUR INDIAN STATIONS.

BIMLIPATAM.

Rev. R. Sanford writes July 10. The total membership connected with our Mission at Bimlipatam, at this date, is 40. They are distributed as follows: Bimlipatam, 8; Vizianagram, 28; Jeypore, 4.

We are endeavouring to do our part in raising funds for Christian work in our midst. I cannot write certainly concerning the brethren at Kotapady Jeypore District. But this is certain: They have furnished seats for their house of worship, and kept it in repair at considerable expense for them, considering their fewness and poverty.

The brethren at Vizianagram have raised among themselves and their friends during 1876, rupees 172, and in 1877, rupees 202. This money was expended for incidental expenses and various benevolent works in the town, and in assisting some members who were in need.

At Bimlipatam the money raised for religious purposes during the two years past is rupees 130. We believe in the importance of cultivating Christian benevolence in mission fields. There are some inquirers. A few cases are of deep interest. We expect the Lord will bring many into His Kingdom from these parts.

On the 1st inst. two young men of caste came from a village about 40 miles distant to place themselves under our care and protection, and to learn the principles of Christianity. They seemed quite sincere, talked freely, and so far as we were able to ascertain, were honest. They had only read the book of Genesis, which they had obtained of a Colporteur from Chicacole. They had not seen the whole Bible. After keeping them two days, and conversing with them respecting the things of the Kingdom, I gave them the New Testament and tract, "Come to Jesus," and sent them home to read; telling them to come again at the end of one month. This they promised to do.

To me it is a matter of regret that the work of building comes upon me now. It is a serious thing to have upon one's mind, and takes much time. But we are greatly in need of mission premises

suitable to our work, and must not delay their erection. While writing, I am sitting in my *bandy* under a temporary shed on our lot, and am overseeing the work of thirty-six coolies. The site for our Mission House is on a central, slightly and commanding position. Its size is at least one and a half acres. The probable cost of our premises will be at least rupees 9000.

COCANADA.

Letter from Mr. McLaurin to Mrs. Alloway.

COCANADA, Aug. 15, 1878.

Mrs. Claxton writes, wishing to know about the girls' quarters, whether they are being put up or not. I am very sorry indeed to say that they are not being put up. The case stands in this way:—I am treasurer of the mission. All moneys come into my hands and I am responsible for them. Bro. Currie expects his salary each month. Bro. Craig must be paid too. We must live also; we cannot get credit here as at home. I must pay bills for taxes, rent, &c., when they come due, or the good name of our society is gone. Our preachers, teachers and colporteurs must be paid in order that they may get food, or the *work must stop*.

No money comes on for general work. No money, or very little, for missionaries salaries—it is all *specified*. Most of it from the Women's Boards. Now the question with me is, what shall I do with this money? Shall I build the dormitories and girls' quarters, and *stop* missionaries' salaries and mission work; or shall I postpone the building and go on with the mission? I chose the *latter* alternative. Did I do right or wrong? I know the ladies in Montreal will be disappointed, and they have good reason to be. They have done nobly and have been but poorly requited for it. Some fear that they will get discouraged and give up; but I have an idea that the Montreal ladies will rise superior to even this almost reasonable feeling, and give their means, even if it is diverted, for a time, to other purposes than they intended. I am deeply grieved for them, but tried to do what I considered right in the matter. To put up these buildings I risked my health another year in India—risked it and ruined it. We have not been starving, as Mrs. Claxton supposes. The Lord would not allow that. We have had our bread given us, and our water has been sure. But it was a question of dormitories, or mission work only.

I would like to know whether this is satisfactory as far as I am concerned, else I shall be afraid to show my face in Montreal.

The girls' school is progressing about as usual. There are between 60 and 70 girls obtaining a good education, especially in the Word of God, which is able to make them wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. The need will be always the same as long as they are under the dominion of sin, especially the ripened seed of sin, which is idolatry.

[We regret being unable this month to publish the whole of Mr. McLaurin's letter to the Montreal ladies. The rest will be given again.—ED'S.]

TUNI.

The *Canadian Baptist* of the 26 Sept., publishes a long and interesting letter from Mr. Currie, in which, after giving an account of Tunj, and the surrounding country, with its inhabitants, and describing the difficulties inseparable from opening a new station, he says: "Our present dwelling-place is a small uungalow, connected with an indigo factory. The house, which we occupy rent-free, is rather inconvenient; but we are making it answer as a temporary abode, until a house for the mission can be erected. We hope to commence building soon."

In a recently published book, called "A Voyage in the *Sunbeam*," the writer, speaking of Japan, mentions that many Buddhist temples had been closed, and that speculators were buying up their fine bronze bells, and sending them to England to be coined into pennies and half-pennies.

CANADA.

ONTARIO.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the B. M. Convention, belonging to the Province of Ontario, will this year be held in Brantford, during the week beginning on the 14th Oct.

The Women's Missionary Society, within the limits of the Convention, will hold its second annual meeting in the same place, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 16th inst.

On the evening of the following day, Oct. 17th, the annual Platform Missionary Meeting will take place, when it is expected that the Women's Society will be ably represented by Rev. J. D. King, of Yorkville, Ont.

May the Spirit of the Master, in an especial manner, guide and control the councils and deliberations of this Convention, so that whatever is done may redound to the honour and glory of God.

MONTREAL.

The second annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society, (within the limits of the Convention east), was held in the parlour of St. Catherine St. Church, Montreal, on Friday, September 27th, at 3 p.m.

The President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises, after which the Recording Secretary was called upon to read minutes of last annual meeting; these were adopted, when the Recording Secretary proceeded with giving a report of work carried on by the Ladies' Executive Board during the past year, showing the number of Board meetings held, 6—4 quarterly, 2 special; number of ladies composing the Board, including officers 18; number of ladies who have attended 15; largest attendance 12; smallest attendance 6; average attendance 8½. There were also two public meetings, one a Ladies' public meeting held in St. Catherine St. Church, December 6th, 1877, and a public meeting held in First Baptist Church, March 7th, 1878.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. W. Alloway, reported work carried on with earnestness and zeal by the various circles with which she has so indefatigably corresponded, reading several letters proving that the love of work for the heathen is on the increase. This is very encouraging to those who two years ago started the work in great fear and trembling, looking to Him who alone could bless such feeble efforts; and He has blessed indeed.

Mrs. Alloway, also read a deeply interesting letter from Mr. McLaurin, which will be published in the *Baptist* and the *Missionary Link*.

Last, though not least in importance, came the report of the Treasurer, Miss Green, which read as follows: First Baptist Church, Montreal, and Young Reapers, \$128.87; Olivet Church circle \$110.21; St. Catherine St. Church circle \$98.18; Kingston \$65; Perth \$42; Dalesville \$24; Brockville \$17; Sawyerville \$15; Breadalbane \$13.30; Inverness \$6; Ottawa \$15; Miss Geldard, for heathen women \$10; Mr. Stewart, Osgood \$1; proceeds of Conversazione in Montreal \$51.90; interest 48cts. Total \$598.44.

DISBURSEMENTS.—To Rev. J. McLaurin, \$50; cash in bank \$97.44. Total \$598.44.

After giving a short address, the President called on the Nominating Committee, who nominated the following as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Campbell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. W. Alloway; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. S. Porteous; Treasurer, Miss Green; Executive Committee, Mesdames G. B. Muir, Ayer, Whitam, H. Wadsworth, Bentley, Leeming, Herring, Smith, Kennedy, McLaren, Labdon, R. Turnbull, Misses Hill, Munro, and Muir; Auditors, Mrs. Davis, Miss Muir.

These were duly elected, the Executive Board by open vote and the other officers by ballot.

After the election of officers, our re-elected President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, called upon Miss Muir to give the result of conference held by her