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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.—"*For an increase of prayer and interest in Mission Work among pastors and church members in the home land. For a blessing among all departments of work during the year, that many be fitted and made willing to fill vacant places in Mission Bands and elsewhere, that the Lord's work may prosper.*"

OCTOBER

Pale in her fading bowers the Summer stands,
Like a new Niobe with clasped hands,
Silent above the flowers, her children lost,
Slain by the arrows of the early frost.
The clouded Heaven above is pale and gray,
The misty Earth below is wan and drear,
The baying winds chase all the leaves away,
As cruel hounds pursue the trembling deer;
It is a solemn time, the Sunset of the Year.

—R. H. STODDARD, in *Watchman*.

CANADIAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION AGAIN.

Dear Friends:

A request has come from a correspondent in Nova Scotia, asking that I write something for the November LINK regarding the union of the Baptists of Canada in Foreign Mission work, which is so heartily looked for, by many of the workers in the two Missions in this country. Others could do this better, but I am only required to do my best.

More than thirty years ago, about the time when the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec were establishing an independent Mission in India, just north of the field of the American Baptist Missionary Union, seven Missionaries from the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces were over in Burmah, vainly looking for a place to settle on that side of the Bay of Bengal.

The late Rev. A. V. Timpany and Dr. John McLaurin had the honour of being the pioneer missionaries for the Baptists of Ontario, for which service they were well equipped by several years of labour on the field of the A.B.M.U., Mr. Timpany was about returning to Canada on furlough, but before he left India he wrote our missionaries urging them to come to this side of the bay and occupy the stretch of country which lay between the north of the territory, they proposed to preempt, and the field of the

English Baptists, whose southern station was then, as now, Berhampore in the Ganjam District.

Mr. Timpany went to Canada, Dr. McLaurin came to Cocanada, and opened up the work there, and our missionaries corresponded with their Board, in regard to this new move. Some of our people will still remember the steps by which our friends in Burmah were led, till they finally landed in Cocanada, in 1875, and in a few months moved north and took possession of our present field. Between these two fields, in this country, there is no natural dividing line, the land is one, the people are one in language, religion, and the many customs and habits, which bind Hindu society so firmly together. The missionaries on these two fields are one in nationality, one in faith and one in mission policy.

When Mr. Timpany went home he went with a great vision of the union of the Baptists of Canada, at home and on the foreign field, and this vision never left him while he walked with limited sight here below. With this in mind he visited the Maritime Provinces, talked with many, and, as a means of bringing the people closer together, tried to get the LINK edited and published among our people, but in vain. He and Mrs. Timpany returned to India in 1878, bringing me with them, and perhaps I learned more from them on that voyage, than I learned in the same length of time, in any period of my life.

We arrived in India to find, that the missionaries of the two fields were already united in an annual Conference, which was peculiarly helpful to those in our section, because of the experience which Messrs Timpany and McLaurin brought to it, from their years of work farther south.

In those early days the union of the two Missions was much talked of, and the Conference voted in favor of it, and lived in hope of the con-