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Owing to the death of the Editor's beloved father, Rev. W. E. Norton, D.D., Superintendent of Home Missions, this issue of THE LINK is being looked after by kind friends, who sympathize with Miss Norton in her great bereavement. Dr. Norton's death comes as a shock to the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, and with a feeling of very deep regret on the part of the Baptists of all Canada. Dr. Norton's interest in missions was not by any means confined to the department of which he was the capable head. He was in full sympathy with the policy and work of our Foreign Mission Boards, and, in fact, both directly and indirectly, did much to encourage the efforts in which all our Boards are engaged. Readers of THE LINK will very sincerely sympathize with Mrs. Norton, Miss Norton and other relatives and friends in the great sorrow that has come upon them.

OUR NEW MISSIONARY.

Miss Edna Farnell, our missionary-elect to India, was born in Fergus, Ont. Her mother was Scotch, and her father a Canadian. The mother was deeply pious and devoted to her children, two boys and two girls, Edna being the eldest. Her younger brother is at present a prisoner of war in Gleison, Germany, so you may judge that the going to India at this time required some heroism.

Miss Farnell's first idea of missions came from her mother, who often spoke to her children about the Christian life, and told them stories of the children of

other lands; thus a lasting impression was made. An old friend of Mrs. Farnell's came home from the Congo on furlough when Edna was eight years old. As she listened in awed interest to the conversation of these devoted women the child declared that she too would be a missionary when she grew up. She joined the Willing Workers' Mission Band of Melville Church, Fergus, of which she was a member ten years, holding the position of secretary five years. The leader of this Band was a missionary who had returned home from China on account of ill-health. All this early missionary training took definite shape at the Y. W. C. A. Convention, Elgin House, Muskoka, in 1910. An impression was made there that never left her. At these meetings she caught a view of the world's great need, and felt the responsibility and the opportunity of the young people of the churches of Canada.

Miss Farnell was educated in the Public and High Schools of Fergus, also in the Model School of Elora, and then the Normal School of Hamilton. It was from this last school that she was sent as a delegate to the Y. W. C. A. Convention, going with Miss Marie Staples, now a missionary in Japan. Two years after graduation Miss Farnell applied to our Board to go to India, but alas! there were no funds for another missionary, so we had to refuse her call. She was led to apply again this spring, and we are all glad that we are able to send her. She sets sail early in October. We wish her a safe journey, and pray that her life in India may be a long, happy and useful one.