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THE SELF DENIAL MOVEMENT of the London Missionary Society has been a great success. Up to the end of the year it brought in about \$48,000. In other ways, too, the movement is said to have been beneficial.

THE HELPING HAND, the organ of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies of the Northern States, comes to us greatly improved. The form is changed from the inconvenient large sheet to a magazine.

REV. JOHN McLAURIN, D. D. The friends of foreign missions and of Mr. McLaurin, are pleased to know that the first honorary degree conferred by McMaster University has fallen upon this noble missionary. In every way he is most worthy of the distinction, and in honoring him the University has honored itself.

REV. JOHN CRAIG, of Akilui, is expected to arrive at Vancouver about June 7th. He will be heartily welcomed after his long period of unceasing and highly successful toil among the Tlalgus. Few missionaries of any Society have been more abundant in labors and few have been privileged to reap more abundantly. He comes at present only for a short visit, and, we believe, at his own expense.

MISSION FUNDS. The last report of the General Treasurer (Ontario and Quebec), shows that the bank account is very heavily overdrawn and that the receipts are lamentably behind those of last year. This, in view of the fact that our obligations are considerably larger than they were last year, may well be an occasion for alarm. But we believe our people have only to realize fully the need of increased effort, to insure the putting forth of such effort. It will be necessary for churches and Circles alike to exert themselves to the very utmost in order to prevent a heavy deficit this year. Those who are giving liberally must give more liberally; those who are doing little or nothing must be awakened to a sense of their obligations and induced to do their share in the great foreign missionary work.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS. Our receipts for the past few months on account of subscriptions have been highly gratifying, showing an increasing interest in missions and a growing appreciation of our efforts to supply the best missionary literature in increased quantity. If the receipts for the rest of the financial year continue to show the same rate of increase, we shall be able to dis-

tribute a considerably larger sum among the Societies this year than last. Will not all who are in arrears remit promptly, and will not those who do not intend to pay for their paper drop us a card asking to have their names removed from the list? Those who are in arrears and wish to have their names removed, should every case pay up the full amount due to date. It would seem that on a paper like the LINK, devoted entirely to missionary work and whose subscribers are supposed to be nearly all earnest Christian workers, there would be scarcely any loss on account of subscriptions. We are persuaded that the large annual loss that actually occurs is due chiefly to negligence. The amount of the subscription is so small that it is easily overlooked. Will not every subscriber who is not sure that she has paid within a year, examine the label of her paper and act accordingly?

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION. The Baptist young people of Ontario and Quebec held a most successful and most enthusiastic meeting in the Bloor St. Church, Toronto, the first week in May. The gathering, comprised, we should think, the cream of the Baptist young people of the two provinces. In a few years the young men and women who took part in this meeting will, no doubt, be the leaders in the various departments of our denominational work. One could not look upon this vast aggregation of consecrated young life without being impressed with the great possibilities of Christian service represented therein. The spirit of the meeting was all that could be desired. The young people are evidently determined to do their full share in all departments of Christian activity. A complete organization was effected and in a short time unions will, no doubt, be organized and in full working order in nearly all our churches. Foreign missions will, we are sure, profit largely from the well directed activity of the young people. We trust that churches and Circles will give the young people all needful encouragement and instruction.

The young people and their friends are deeply indebted to Rev. D. D. McLaurin, of New York, who has taken a deep interest in the Young People's Baptist Union from the beginning, and who gave two addresses of great power and helpfulness. Mr. McLaurin is a native of Ontario, and was perhaps all the more warmly received on this account. He is a man of whom the Baptists of Canada may well be proud.