

and *Whereas*, it is the aim of the W. M. A. Societies to assist by all possible means in giving the Gospel to the heathen :

Therefore Resolved, That we request the Foreign Missionary Board to appropriate from the balance of funds now to our credit in their hands such an amount as will meet the outfit and passage of Brother and Sister Hutchinson to India.

Moved by Mrs. Alfred Chipman, *seconded* by Mrs. Manning, That the financial year of each of our Societies and Central Boards be arranged to coincide with that of the Foreign Missionary Board—namely, to close with the Convention year, and that from this time each W. M. A. Society send to its respective Board its annual report in July.

The meeting, which was throughout of an interesting character, and more largely attended than usual, was closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. George.

M. R. SELDEN, *Secretary*.

AT THE RECENT CONVENTION at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, the discussion on the unfortunate differences between Rev. W. F. Armstrong and the Foreign Mission Board occupied a great portion of the time until twelve o'clock on Monday night, when a resolution, approving of the action of the Board, was adopted. A second resolution was also adopted expressive of desire that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong might return to the work in connection with the Board and go again to Chicacole and labor in our mission there.

One of the pleasant incidents of the Convention was the calling of Rev. J. R. Hutchinson, missionary elect, to the platform and the presentation of the cordial sympathies and prayers of the denomination to him through the venerable Dr. Bill. The old man eloquent, in stirring words, bade the young brother preach the Gospel fully, faithfully, fervently. May the mantle of a Judson or a Boardman rest upon him, and he feel that underneath him, in all circumstances, are the everlasting Arms.

A FAREWELL MEETING in connection with the departure of Rev. J. R. Hutchinson and wife, newly appointed missionaries to Chicacole, India, was held in the Germain Street Church, St. John, Tuesday evening, the 20th of September.

THE *Visitor* says :—"We are given to understand that it is the intention of Rev. W. P. Everett to remove from St. John in a week or two for a residence in the United States. This will involve the necessity of an immediate appointment of a new Secretary and Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. We trust the Board will be directed to the choice of an efficient successor for this work."

Fruit for India.

DEAR LINK,—This month you came to our homes with a good and timely letter from Miss Muir. As she expressed a wish that some one would furnish some particulars about the fruit to be sent to India, I thought it would be in place for me to send to your readers a little of our experience at Timpany's Grove. For several years past a box of fruit has been sent to Mr. Timpany from the "Old Homestead." I may say it has been mostly dried fruit, as it can be packed more closely; yet preserved fruit can be sent very nicely and add much to the variety; also dried corn, maple sugar, or anything

that we relish, be assured, will be acceptable to our missionaries. While preparing fruit for the "Box" to-day, little Ernest asked, "What are those white bags for?" I said, "They are going to India." He said, in a gentle voice, "I would like to send something." His offering goes, with others, to complete the box. It is the first. May it not be the last of missionary work for him. We can imagine the joy that would beam from every heart on the reception of such a box in that far off land. It is not like the holy joy over sinners that repent or turn from their idols, but a spontaneous out-gushing of the heart, in knowing that their loved ones at home have not forgotten them. Who will be the first to respond to this friendly call? I think the expense of the box, which must be of tin and soldered over and encased in a wooden box with iron bands, is \$2.50 to Montreal, that is as far as it is paid for here.

E. E. MCCONNELL.

Calton, Ont., September.

Missionary Address.

BY MRS. H. M. N. ARMSTRONG, READ AT YARMOUTH, N.S., AUGUST 23 1881.

DEAR SISTERS,—I have met with many of you publicly, with the most of you in the vicinity of your own homes. I have thought of you, written to you, prayed for you, while you have been giving and praying and sometimes writing to me. Now for the first time I meet you assembled together in this capacity. Remember that whatever changes time may bring, this woman's work at home has woven itself into my life that I can never break quite away from you if I would. How can I ever cease to be one of you? Our Society at Canso, you may remember, was the first one organized, and that Society paid \$50 to, make me a life member there, before any other Societies were formed. Afterwards I was made a life member in Halifax, then again in St. John. So you have bought and paid for me three times over. But the best part of it is that we are bound together heart to heart as well as hand to hand. Life members indeed, many of us, to live and die in the work the Master gave us conjointly to do.

Let us review briefly what has been accomplished since our organization. I believe I was your first missionary abroad, then you undertook the support of Miss DeWolf—now Mrs. Eaton. Then you sent out Miss Eaton and Miss Armstrong, and when these had found shelter under the shadow of the General Society, you sent Miss Hammond to represent you there. Not content with this, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Churchill, and I, though not nominally your missionaries, have been furnished by you with the funds necessary to carry on your mission work. Thus you have had a large representation abroad, and through your instrumentality the gospel has reached the Karens, Burmese, Siamese, and lastly the Telugus. To day, from among each of these races, you probably have representatives who have passed beyond the shadow, into the full sunlight of the Master's presence.

Woman's work in India must always have two departments; one looking towards the woman, and one toward the children. Surely they are wise who plan for future generations, and carefully train and nurture the children, whatever their parentage, that they may start upon their life history conversant with the truest knowledge, the sum of all human wisdom. At home we have decided the question that among us the children, *all* children, should be trained away from vice and degradation. Just how necessary this is for heathen children is questionable