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MISS BARKERVILLE desires to thank the Circle at Acton for the gift of a quilt.

A CABLE from India announces the arrival of our three lady missionaries. In Bloor St. Church, Sunday morning, this was announced, when the congregation arose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

ONTARIO MISSIONARIES.—We publish elsewhere an inspiring account, taken from one of the Toronto dailies, of the great awakening of missionary interest in Ontario, that has resulted in the sending out of nearly fifty missionaries during the year. It should be explained that while these missionaries all had farewell meetings given them in Toronto, they were not all residents of this city. In our last issue we stated that one of those who went from Hamilton with Rev. J. Hudson Taylor was a Baptist. The same is true of two young ladies who went from the same city. The Baptists of Ontario have, therefore, at least three missionaries in China. Would that we were in a position to provide for their support.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.—We shall not have space to give any extended account of our own of what all agree was one of the best annual meetings we have had. The number of delegates was large, but none too large. The papers and discussions were full of interest. There was a general feeling that considerably more time might have been profitably spent in free discussions, the asking and answering of questions, etc. The addresses at the evening platform meeting by Rev. F. T. Tapscott and Mr. T. Dixon Craig, M.P.P., were much enjoyed, as was also the sermon preached by Professor McGregor on Friday morning. The hospitality of the Toronto Baptists was hearty and abundant. We believe that all the delegates left the meeting with an earnest desire to press on to still greater things than we have seen in the past. Our women are just beginning to realize the power that there is in united and persistent effort.

THE GENERAL TREASURY OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—We rejoice to know that while the Women's treasury has made no advance, the contributions to the treasury of the General Society have increased about \$4,000 during the year, and have reached the magnificent sum of \$19,281. This increase has been due, in part, to the increased interest in the

work that has resulted from the sending out of promising young missionaries, and in part from the very efficient services of the late Secretary, Rev. James Grant. We trust that Mr. McLaurin, the new Secretary, will have in an equal, or even greater measure, the hearty co-operation of all friends of missions, and that his wide experience as a missionary and circles. If there are differences of opinion as to the personnel of the secretariat, let these be allowed to sink out of sight in the united effort to make as large an advance this year as, with God's help, we were able to make last.

THE HINDU SALVATIONISTS.—We think it right that our readers should know what is to be said against the missionary methods advocated by Major Muna Bhai, as well as in favor of them. Rev. John McLaurin, our honored missionary, and our friend Mrs. McGregor, have furnished us with their views on the subject and we commend their articles to all who are interested in the matter. The following paragraph from an article in the *Andover Review* by Rev. F. A. Lawrence, of Bombay, is also worthy of attention.

... A class of roving preachers, freed from the restraints of a settled home, living on the people among whom they itinerate, passing from place to place, as led by the Spirit, would seem to be an institution most akin to the spirit and circumstances as well as history of the Indian people. I believe there is a large field for the employment of such men, yet it is hard to define that field. This practice is almost too well adapted to Indian habits of indolence and shiftlessness. . . . The Salvationists are attempting to do this work as foreigners; an attempt doomed, I believe, with perhaps some great exceptions, to failure. It is physically impossible for most foreigners, if not for all, to compete with the native in ascetic living. What the foreigner regards as a condition of extreme hardship and self-sacrifice, will to the native seem one of luxury.

OUR TREASURER'S REPORT.—It was with great pleasure that we noted the handsome increase in the contributions of our sisters in the Maritime Provinces during the past year. We regret exceedingly to have to report that there has been no increase at all in the contributions of the Ontario Circles. On the other hand, there has been a slight falling off. If we had not sent out three new missionaries during the year the failure of the Circles to increase their contributions would cause us little anxiety. As it is, we must make a considerable advance during the year in order to meet the obligations we have