

Now shall this money be raised, or must the year again close with the disgrace of a heavy debt upon the Society. There is no doubt it can be raised if the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec only choose to exercise a little self-denial, but it will require that.

The majority of the subscribers to the LINK are women, can not they help? Let them not rest satisfied with their penny a week contributions for "Woman's work in India," but let each sister who reads this startling statement put forth every effort in her power to arouse an interest in the matter. She can cry unto God to open the hearts and the purses of His people. She can urge her pastor and brethren to arrange at once for a thorough canvas of every individual in the church and congregation, so that each one may be asked to contribute according to his or her means, and she can be one of the collectors. If his plan be not approved, she can devise some other means for getting the money. "Where there is a will, there is a way."

"Oh! the 'shame of this deficit.' Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, God grant us grace to wipe it out, and to do it at once.

INDIA.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MRS. ARMSTRONG TO DR. CRAMP.

Chicacole, May 3rd, 1878.

"You will be glad to learn that the property of which we wrote in Chicacole has been bought, and all the necessary papers satisfactorily executed. We feel most thankful to the Divine hand which has assisted us in this matter, and have not the least doubt that through all the trials of the past few years the Lord has been leading us in a way well-known to Him as fit for us and for the cause with which we are identified. Our mission in Kimed, though transcendent, is not without its fruit, and it was a necessary entrance to Chicacole, much better than an immediate one which might have been misunderstood.

Our Sunday services are very well attended. I counted forty-four persons present last Sabbath morning, the greater number of whom, though heathens, remained for Sabbath school and Bible class afterwards. In the evening fourteen heathen men dropped in, one after another, and remained listening respectfully, only one leaving before the close. Our day schools are well attended and the girls school particularly interesting. None have as yet taken offence at the Gospel.

You will be pleased to hear that the money sent for famine relief is feeding many poor and suffering people here. Every town in India has its beggars at the best of times. The old and infirm, blind and lepers, who cannot work and who have none to support them. We had been accustomed to giving these something every week, and there were not so many as to make it burdensome. You may judge of the increase in the poverty stricken when last week we had our 330 to feed,—all wretched, half-starved, and evidently deserving of charity. If it were not for the money you sent we could do but very little for them, as it is they hear weekly the message of the Gospel accompanied by practical proof of the sympathy that Christ and His people have for them."

COCANADA.

Mr. McLaurin, of Cocanada says in a letter received a short time ago by the Yorkville Sunday School:

"Your treasurer, Mr. L. Buchan, sent me \$75 a few weeks ago. It is half of the money voted by you for a dormitory in our compound in Cocanada. This dormitory which you are building, will I believe be preaching, or helping to make known Jesus long after you are in heaven, for I hope you will all go to heaven.

I have just read a letter from Bro. Sanford of Bimlipatam. He says, that Lazarus Edwin, his native preacher went home to glory last Sunday morning. He was bitten while asleep on the hand by some venomous creature, and was dead in five hours. He said he saw the animal or reptile, and it is supposed to have been a tarantula, a species of venomous spider. India is full of sin and sorrow—full of vile and corruption—full of venomous reptiles and ferocious beasts—full of wicked and vicious men. Every shrub has a thorn—every insect a sting—every serpent a fang—every bird a claw, and every beast has a tusk. "Cursed is the ground for thy sake." God's curse hangs heavy on this land. Poor Lazarus! Nay, rich Lazarus! He is now with his namesake in Abraham's bosom. Before he died he said, "Jesus calls me, I am going to Jesus. This is the end no doubt." Another Telugu safe in glory. We are very sorry that there are so few to preach the gospel to these people. But the work is the Lord's. He loves it a great deal better than we do, and is more deeply interested in the spread of His own kingdom than we can be. Still it was Jesus who said, and says still, "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, etc., etc."

Oh, we need preachers and teachers so much. People at home talk about the scarcity of Baptist ministers, and complain that the labourers are so few. But let me tell you one or two facts about the Telugus on our field. There are a million more Telugus on the "Canadian Baptist Mission" field than there are of Canadians from the Pacific coast of British Columbia to the iron-bound bays of Nova Scotia, while we have no more missionaries here than there are Baptist ministers in Toronto.

Oh my dear young friends, I hope you appreciate your precious blood-bought privilege. So many of those poor heathen have never heard the

'Old, old story,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.'

They have never heard even His name—do not know how to pronounce it, much less trust in it for salvation. Do not relax your efforts, thousands will die in their sins before we can send the gospel to them, no matter how much we do—no matter how zealous we be. If so, alas how many more must be lost if we be indifferent and careless. Do you think Jesus can be pleased with His people if after He has shed His blood to save the world, and has told them to tell this to all the world, they should neglect to do this. Oh how angry He must be, how grieved, if they are so fond of their money that they cannot send the glad news of salvation, to those who are dying for the want of it. If He gave His blood,—His life—cannot we give a little money?"

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Aid Society was held at Fredericton on the 21st of August. With peculiar pleasure we give a portion of Mrs. March's report, taken from the columns of the *Christian Visitor*:

"The reports were interesting, and showed that \$1,723.86 had been raised during the year; 29 new societies had been organized; that we had a missionary, Miss Carrie A. Hammond, who was how ready, and on the eve of going to Bimlipatam where she is to be engaged as bible reader and teacher. She was present, and being called upon went to the platform and addressed us in her usually impressive manner, urging upon us the necessity of remembering her always in prayer.

An appeal was then read from Mrs. H. M. N. Armstrong, of Chicacole, for funds for the support of six orphans, whose parents had died during the famine, and who were found begging for anything they could get to eat, and sleeping wherever night overtook them. After a full and deeply interesting discussion, decided to grant \$120, being the sum needed for their support for this year.

Letters were read from Mrs. Selden and Mrs. Sandford, of Bimlipatam, India, who requested that we would grant some of our funds for the purpose of aiding in building the mission house there. Information was then given that \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) had just been granted for that purpose, which action was highly approved by the meeting. The following resolution was then moved by Mrs. Chipman:—

Resolved, that we heartily welcome the MISSIONARY LINK as our paper, and that we will endeavour to enrich its pages, and enlarge its circulation.

Was seconded and passed unanimously. Mrs. Dr. Johnston, of Providence, Rhode Island, was providentially present, and being called on to address us, gave a very interesting account of the death of her brother, Rev. Mr. Lyon, who died at Bhamo, India, having been on the field only one month. How mysterious are the ways of the Lord. She also gave a brief account of the work and progress of their circles."

HOME WORK.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

As Secretary of the Central Board of W. M. A. Societies in this Province, I send you now a few items of intelligence about our movements. We have seventy-two societies in Nova Scotia, but only forty-three of these reported themselves last year so it is to be feared that twenty-nine are extinct, or not in full working order. For some few years, we have had no missionary in the foreign field, under our special care, and for this reason our money has been largely devoted to building purposes, and helping to support schools. Last October we voted \$100.00 each to Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Sanford for this purpose, and this year we have donated \$500.00 to Mrs. Sanford for building school premises. We are pleased to be able to state that now we are to have the pleasure of maintaining a young lady from New Brunswick who will go out this fall. Miss Hammond lately made a visit to Halifax, visiting our Societies, and creating a great interest both for herself and her work. She will labour with Mrs. Sanford in the schools under her care. Since she left us, Mrs. Armstrong has written to us, asking for an assistant for Chicacole, where she resides. I cannot do better than let her speak for herself, she says: "As soon as you can find the right person, we are ready for her here. I shall be very thankful if some one is ready to be accepted and sent by next meeting