

Mrs. Archibald went to India with Mr. and Mrs. Timpany forty years ago. For the first five years Mrs. McLaurin mothered her—and the five or six Maritime Provinces single lady missionaries who crossed over from Burma to settle in the Canadian Baptist Mission.

In 1875, missionaries went into the northern fields, i.e., Bimlipatam and Chicacole, etc., etc. Mrs. Archibald told of the early work of these pioneers: the disappointments they had at the language, also sickness, death, and discouragements of all sorts—mainly lack of converts. The great revival of 1876 in Serampore and Nellore, i. e., in the American Baptist field, swept northwards, producing lesser revivals in Vuyyuru and Akidu and Cocanada. But this influence did not spread very much farther north than Cocanada, and left the most northern fields barren as ever. To this day the converts in the field occupied by missionaries from the Maritime Provinces are much fewer than on those occupied by Ontario and Quebec missionaries. Another reason for this is that the London Mission had been on these northern fields for more than a hundred years. When this Mission sold out to ours there were less than 140 adherents. The reason was largely that the London Mission worked almost exclusively among the caste peoples who, when converted, do not tend to reach others. The Maritime missionaries reap the results of this and the lower and outcastes are very hard to reach now.

Mrs. Archibald gave many instances of the fidelity of caste converts. One, a rajah, was kept drugged for 12 years by his family, to keep him from the Christians. Many caste people lost all they had in becoming Christians—"despised, forsaken."

Mrs. Archibald spoke of the great strength that had come through the union of Maritime and Western (Ontario) Boards, and threw out the suggestion that greater strength might come from union between Canada and Northern U.S.A. Board, or if not complete union, at least union in theological education, enabling us to have more European teachers, and better equipment at less cost to us.

In closing, Mrs. Archibald made a powerful appeal to us, who are fed on Manna, to feed the great unfed in India: "he is fed on ashes and does not know there is a lie in his right hand"—i.e., being fed on ashes instead of manna, he is morally shrivelled.

Famine is terrible, but what is it compared to famine spiritually? Why do we give so largely to feed bodies and neglect souls? What are shrivelled bodies compared to shrivelled souls? They have been feeding on ashes!

Joy of giving manna for outweighs hardships of missionaries' life. "When I see transformed lives, I know there is nothing in the world like Foreign Missionary work."

Forty years of propaganda made the Germany of to-day. Talk Foreign Missions at home always and we will have a host of missionaries in the next generation.

Mrs. Matthews presided and Mr. Shenstone, chairman of the General Board, said a few appropriate words.

The collection was \$34.56.

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