

as Treasurer, was not only to receive money but to spread abroad missionary information and the glad tidings of salvation to a lost world.

We pray that her faithfulness to our foreign mission work may redound to God's glory and her soul's good.

Let me introduce to you our new Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Packard, whom you will receive as a sister in the Lord. Let me assure you that Mrs. Packard will fill the place made vacant by Mrs. Smith, admirably and I ask for her a place in your hearts. Also, send her all the money you can gather this silver year so that she may not be discouraged for the lack of funds with which to pay our appropriations. Let me urge you to make a great effort to this end that we may glorify our Master and give fresh inspiration to our devoted missionaries in India who are toiling on and gathering in souls from among those who sit in darkness and under the shadow of death. Those who attended the Perth Convention will remember that the Post Office crusade was adopted and the Board appointed Mrs. Cole superintendent of this fresh departure of work. This has been endorsed by many of our missionaries and any information regarding it will be gladly given by Mrs. Cole.

So may we be partakers in the enlightenment of India's sons and daughters. May we each and all take up the work which comes to our hands to do and so work "until He comes."

When I was in Victoria, B.C., last summer, I was privileged to meet with the Circle of Immanuel Church, and found there fellow-workers and sisters in earnest for the spread of the Gospel in that province and in our Baptist missions.

Our Telugu Mission has also its share of interest as their money is sent for Miss McLeod or Mr. Davis' support. I was fortunate in listening to the reports from the Convention at New Westminster and was there enlightened regarding women's work in B. C. There is much to be done in this vast Dominion. Let the Baptist women arise and shine, giving forth light to the world until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours in service,

JANE CLAXTON,

*Pres. W. B. F. M. S. of E. O. and Que.*

## RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.\*

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Looking back sometimes results only in disaster; for the old Book tells us that Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. And the man who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is declared to be not fit for the kingdom of God. But as in most of our actions, so here also the motive beautifies or disfigures the deed.

We have met together at the beginning of a new century to look back over the way we have come and to look forward also, so far as that is possible for those whose horizon is so near. But we do not look back with the motive that brought destruction on Lot's wife, nor with the motive that would prevent the ploughman from making a straight furrow. Rather do we wish to be imitators of those prophets and sweet singers of Israel, who recounted again and again the mighty acts of the Lord, how he rescued his people from the bondage of Egypt and led them through the wilderness, and fed them with manna for forty years, and gave them water out of the rock, and subdued nations and kings before them, and caused them to possess the land that he had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These stories were repeated that the glorious acts of Jehovah might be made known, and that men might praise His name. So would we review the past to show forth the faithfulness of our God.

Looking back may be helpful too in this way. We are like men climbing a mountain whose summit pierces the clouds. Looking forward we are apparently as far from the top as ever. Looking backward we perceive that we have left the plains far behind. The work yet to be done in the regeneration of the Telugu people may loom up before us as an appalling task; but the work already accomplished is found to be of considerable magnitude, when we take time to look back over it. Isaiah saw as a prophet a glorious time when all nations would flow unto the mountain of the Lord's house, the law going forth out of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. We long for the complete fulfilment of such prophecies. But consider how large a fulfilment has taken place, when viewed from Isaiah's standpoint. Then even Judah and Jerusalem were false to Isaiah's God. Then one little nation called God's people, and that nation utterly corrupt and destruction threatening it in consequence. Now many great nations confess that their greatness is due to the law that went forth out of Zion and to the word of the Lord that proceeded from Jerusalem.

MISSIONARIES.

Fifteen years ago the jubilee of the American Telugu Baptist Mission was celebrated; and the

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