

are the dead who die in the Lord." Death has been busy among us, Mrs. Craig, Curnamma Mark's wife, Miss Warring and now Josiah.

"Not lost, but gone before." No more. Your brother.

A. V. TIMPANY.

Cocanada, Sept. 5th, 1881.

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC. FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Church militant, the great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is still the marching orders of the Captain of our salvation. In the prosecution of its work, our Foreign Mission Society fully recognizes this fact. It aims at nothing less than the "preaching of Christ and him crucified" to every creature under the sun.

The close of another fiscal year brings with it the duty of the Executive Officers to give an account of how they have discharged the important work committed to their trust.

In complying with this obligation, we shall report first regarding the

Home Department of our Labour.

At the beginning of the year your Executive recognizing the benefit which would arise to the Society by having a number of subscribers, on whose annual donations it could depend, apart from church contributions, sent out about three hundred circulars to persons of means, requesting them to state the amount they would respectively contribute. From answers received, it was learned that very few were prepared to bind themselves by promises as requested.

An agent was then employed for five months, at a salary of \$250, to visit outlying districts, to impart much needed information regarding the Society, and to collect funds for its treasury.

While the results financially, have not been so large as we could wish, yet, on the whole, our agent received a hearty welcome, and the information given, created an increased interest in many of our country churches regarding the preaching of the Gospel in heathen lands. Arrangements were also made by which a large number of the Associations and many of the churches were visited by either the Rev. John McLaurin or the secretary of the Society, when the claims of the mission were presented, and subscriptions to its funds solicited. By these agencies the larger part of the field has been fully canvassed during the past six months.

Your Board also desire to put on record their appreciation of the work done by the Women's Auxiliary Societies. From the treasurers of these societies, the General Society has received into its treasury the handsome sum of \$1,400.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.—As anticipated in last year's report, the question of establishing a Theological School in India in connection with our mission, for the training of a native ministry, has been under consideration, and steps have been taken to make such a school a fact. Brother Timpany, under date of July 26th, wrote to inform us that the Rajah of Samulcoita had given, as a gift, premises suitable for such a purpose, so long as they "would be used for mission and educational purposes." This gift saves to the Society at least three thousand dollars. Brother Timpany, asked, if agreeable to us, that

we should endorse his action in securing the place above named, and as soon as convenient to inform him as to what we expected him to do.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Executive held in September, this whole subject was very carefully considered, and the following series of Resolutions unanimously carried:

1st. That we recommend to the Board to approve of the steps taken by Brother Timpany in securing premises at Samulcoita for our Theological Seminary, and to thank him for his action.

2nd. That we recommend the appointment of Rev. John McLaurin to take charge of the Theological Seminary.

3rd. That we recommend the appointment of Rev. A. V. Timpany as our missionary on the Cocanada field.

These recommendations have been considered by your Board, and the appointments made as above indicated. Thus God has graciously opened the way for beginning the important work of training a native ministry as soon as Bro. McLaurin returns to the Foreign Field. The earnest prayer of your Board is that God may make this "school of the prophets" a great and lasting blessing to the teeming millions of India.

MRS. CRAIG'S DEATH.—For the first time in the history of our mission, death has visited our ranks, and one of our missionaries has been called home. In humble submission we bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, believing that *He doeth all things well*—"that He is too wise to err and too good to be unkind." Our beloved sister Craig, wife of our dear brother Rev. John Craig, B. A., died at Akidu on Saturday, 2nd April, 1881, leaving her husband and a little daughter six weeks old to mourn her loss.

Resolutions of Condolence.—At the monthly meeting of the Executive held in May, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously carried: "That, whereas it has pleased God to remove by death, our beloved sister Craig, wife of our esteemed missionary, Rev. John Craig, B. A., of Akidu, therefore, resolved, that we hereby put on record our high esteem of her devotion to the cause of Foreign Missions, to which cause she cheerfully sacrificed the comforts of her native land, the blessings of a Christian country, the pleasant society of friends and relations, and finally her own life—and further, that we deeply sympathize with our beloved brother in this the time of his deep grief and sad bereavement, and pray that the "Mighty God of Jacob" may give comfort and consolation in this the hour of trouble and sorrow."

Foreign Department.

In this department each of the missionaries reports for the year ending 30th of June, 1881. Since his return to India the

COCANADA STATION has been temporarily under the charge of our beloved brother, Rev. A. V. Timpany. Regarding the year's work he says: "It is with thankfulness that I look back over the past year and see the recorded tokens of our Heavenly Father's goodness. The lives of all the mission workers in this station, and of the boys and girls in our schools, have been granted unto us. We lament not the death of one. We have been called upon to sorrow in the deep bereavement of fellow missionaries."

"English Baptist Church."—On the 20th day of October, 1880, an "English Baptist Church" was organized in the rapidly growing town of Cocanada. The members seem to work earnestly for the cause of Christ. On