

the missionary on the other part, we hope before long to report progress from every quarter.

Two churches have been organized on this field besides the one at GUNNANAPUDY. When we get settled at Akidu we hope to organize another there, taking in the Christians of the surrounding villages. Though this report is for the past year, the statistics below are for the past six months only, as this field was not separated from the Cocanada field before January 1st, 1880:

STATISTICAL REPORT:

	No. of members 1st Jan.	Baptized since.	Died.	No. June 30th.
Ganapavaram.....	65	2	—	67
In village near Akidu	84	4	1	87
Gunnapanudy.....	155	86	2	239
Gudlavallayru.....	23	15	—	38
Totals for field..	327	107	3	431

In reviewing the work and noting its results for the year now closed, your Board would not overlook the fact that we have much reason to thank God and take courage. At home there has been a deeper interest manifested in the Mission and more money contributed for it than in any previous year, last year excepted. Including the amounts received from all sources, there has been paid into our treasury for the fiscal year closing 14th October, the sum of \$8,948.

On the Foreign Field, God has graciously spared the health and lives of those engaged in efforts to save the perishing. They have been abundant in their work of faith and labor of love. Having gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, God has often permitted them to return with joy bringing precious sheaves with them. 135 persons have been baptized on profession of their faith in Christ, and many others are coming. And thus, God's people being co-workers with himself, shall the evangelization of this sin-cursed world advance, until the stone cut out without hands, which "smote the image" become "a great mountain and fill the whole earth." Then shall be fulfilled the glorious prediction of the Eternal Father to his beloved Son when He said, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." For this let us labor; for this let us pray.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES COUTTS, Sec.

22nd Oct., 1880.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

The fourth annual meeting of this Society took place on Friday afternoon, the 22nd of October, in the Alexander St. Church, Toronto. There was a large attendance, many delegates and visitors from churches throughout the Province being present, and also several doubly welcome representatives of the Montreal Society. Great regret was felt that Mrs. Armstrong had, from continued weakness, found it impossible to attempt the long journey from Nova Scotia. She however sent a paper to be read, which was listened to with deep interest and will be published in a future number of the LINK.

After devotional exercises, during which Mrs. J. C. Yule led in prayer, and a few words of welcome from the President, the circles which were represented by delegates presented their reports. These were: Port Hope; York St., London; Dundas; Brantford; Cheltenham; Whitby, 6th concession; Woodstock; Guelph; Paris; Belleville; Georgetown; Selwyn; Sparta; Jarvis St., Alexander St., College St., Parliament St., Queen St., Toronto, and Yorkville. These reports were all very interesting. Several circles have Mission Bands connected with them, and all are doing a good work in their respective localities. The delegate from Woodstock brought a hearty invitation from the circle for the next annual meeting of the Society to be held in that town. After a solo by Mrs. S. F. McMaster, the reports of the Recording and Corresponding Secs. and of the Treasurer were presented. Their adoption was moved by Mrs. Coutts, of Georgetown, seconded by Miss Palmer, of Dundas, and carried. We have only space this month for some extracts from that of the Rec. Sec. The others we hope to present in full next month. After some preliminary remarks, the report says:—

"Our progress has been slow, but sure and steady. The meetings of the Board have been held regularly. These have always been well attended by the members resident in the city; but it is a matter of regret that so few of those living at a distance can be present. We know this is unavoidable, but they are made conversant with all important matters of business by correspondence. The first Board meeting of the year was a special one convened on the 21st of November,

to consider the estimates; or, in other words, to determine what should be our work for the year. It was decided to continue the support of the Girls' School at Cocanada—\$450; and of Amelia Keller—\$50, the same as last year. In addition to this, \$150 was to be sent for work at Tuni, \$50 for Bible woman and \$500 for a new mission boat. To this we add another \$100 sent later on to Mr. Timpany, at Cocanada, to pay for village teachers at Cocanada and at Akidu; total, \$1,300. Amount in bank \$623. This sum compares very favourably with what was raised last year, for although there were then \$230 more actually sent to India, it must be remembered that a very special effort was made to raise \$1,000 for the school-house-chapel at Cocanada. If we have attained to the same figures this year without that effort, we must regard it as a sign of progress. The new boat referred to is an absolute necessity for carrying on the work of the mission. The first one had been given by the Olivet Church S. School, Montreal, and did good service until it was unfortunately wrecked in a cyclone. After ineffectual attempts at repairing, it was found necessary to build a new one. It is intended for use on the Colair lake, the Godavery river, and the numerous canals which intersect the country. Since its completion letters have been received from our missionaries in which it is spoken of as having been a most efficient help and a great blessing to the cause.

"At the first regular Board meeting of the year held in January, a discussion took place on a subject which led to such action on the part of the Board as we think deserves special mention. This was with reference to the unsatisfactory condition of the finances of the general Society, owing in a great measure to the fact that the larger part of the money collected for Foreign Mission purposes does not come in till towards the close of the year, the funds are at times exceedingly low—even the salaries of the missionaries falling behind—this was the case at that time. It was extremely desirable to raise \$1,000 at once. We could not do this by any efforts of our own, but we could go humbly and believingly to a Throne of Grace and ask our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the silver and the gold, that He would graciously incline the hearts of His people to give of their substance, that this debt might be removed. It was suggested by our President that a circular be sent to all the circles acquainting them with the facts of the case and asking them to engage in earnest prayer on this behalf. This was accordingly done. We believe that God accepted and answered those prayers, and it is with deep gratitude to Him that we can state to-day, that on the 14th of this month the Treasurer of the General Society closed his books not only free from debt, but with a small balance on hand. As we hear the Saviour's words addressed to His disciples of old—"According to your faith, be it unto you"—should not the petition, "Lord, increase our faith," arise from each heart to-day?

"We have to record with much regret the loss during the year of the services of two valued officers of the Board, that of Mrs. Laird, its efficient and energetic Treasurer, and of Miss Morse, the Recording Sec., who through removal from the city, in the month of April, was obliged to resign the position which she had ably filled from the formation of the Society. In addition to these, two other members of the Board resigned through removals, Mrs. Porter, of Brantford, and Miss Elliot, of Toronto.

"There are at present about forty circles, nearly all of which we are happy to report as in active working order. Twelve new ones have been formed during the year at Belleville, Dundas, Woodstock, Georgetown, Sarnia, Selwyn, Lakefield, the Line Church, Sparta, Kincardine, and at Queen St. and Parliament St., Toronto. There have been also seven new life members, representing \$175 raised by this means. The names are: Mrs. Bates, Woodstock; Mrs. Mason, Carlton; Mrs. Horace Perry, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. J. D. King, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. H. J. Rose and Mrs. Evans, of Toronto.

"There are several juvenile missionary Bands which are doing a good work both in raising money and in interesting the children in missionary work. We hope in another year to report a largely increased number of these.

"The *Missionary Link* has proved itself to be an invaluable help to the cause; small, cheap and unpretending, it has found its way into many homes where it may be that more expensive papers would have been denied access. It has not only been a bond to unite all our circles, from Halifax and St. John's in the Eastern Provinces to Winnipeg in the far West, but it has awakened in many hearts a kindly interest and loving sympathy for our beloved missionaries in distant India. It has given us glimpses into their homes and into the patient, too often thankless toil of their daily lives, which we otherwise could not have obtained, enabling us thus to realize how little we at

home are doing in this branch of the Master's work in comparison to those who, at His bidding, have sacrificed all they hold dear.

"In conclusion we would say, let none of us relax our efforts—the time is just approaching for each of us when the opportunity for service will have passed away for ever. It may be that, while we toiler in the work, precious souls which we might have been instrumental in saving, are passing away unprepared to stand before their God. May He give us all grace to be more faithful."

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand in the beginning of the year of \$451.05. Collected since \$1,535.95; sent to India \$1,300; expenses etc., \$63.74; balance in hand \$623.26. Full details will be given next month. Immediately after the adoption of the reports Mrs. Laird offered a short prayer that God would graciously accept and bless this work which had been done for Him and bestow upon His handmaidens a spirit of deeper, more complete consecration to His service, strengthening them also for greater future usefulness. Mrs. J. G. Scott read Mrs. Armstrong's paper, and after a solo by Miss Dexter, Miss Muir, the Corresponding Sec. of the Montreal Society spoke of the pleasure it gave her to be present with us, dwelt on the discouragements Mr. Timpany experienced from the ladies themselves when he first attempted to form the women's societies, told how in his determined enthusiastic way he overcame all obstacles, showed how God had called us women to this work—how He had entrusted us with it—referring to 1st Thes., 2, 4,—how we should be led by the Spirit, warning us never to enter where He in His Providence had not opened up the way, and exhorting us not to weary in the work. After a verse of "the missionary hymn" Mrs. McLaurin read a most interesting sketch of a day in the mission home at Cocanada.

Mr. Coutts, Sec. of the General Board, who was the bearer of a message to the Women's Society, replied to a question asked by Mrs. Laird as to the prospect of sending out a young lady to engage in Zenana work. He said the General Board did not consider such a step advisable just at present, but as soon as the missionaries on the field, who knew the exact and most pressing wants of the Mission, asked for a young lady for this particular branch of work the Board would be willing to appoint such an one. In the meantime Mrs. McLaurin, who expects to return next year, will engage in Zenana visiting, and as she knows the language perfectly, no time will be lost in preparation. She will at once see what opening there is among the Zenanas of Cocanada.

The nominating committee reported the following ladies as the Executive Board for the next year—

President, Mrs. M. Freeland; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. H. Castle and Mrs. H. J. Rose; Recording Secretary, Miss E. Dexter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Humphrey. Members, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. J. Dryden, Brooklyn; Miss Randall, Paris; Mrs. Robert Carrae, London; Mrs. T. S. Shenston, Brantford; Mrs. Wm. Craig, Jr., Port Hope; Mrs. Laird, Mrs. S. A. Dyke, Mrs. T. D. Craig, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Botterill, Mrs. J. G. Scott, Miss Erskine Buchan, Toronto. On motion by Mrs. J. L. Campbell, of Cheltenham, seconded by Mrs. Lang, Sparta, these were unanimously elected.

A collection was taken up, and after singing the Doxology, Mr. Coutts closed the meeting with a short prayer and the Benediction.

All departed feeling that a most delightful and deeply profitable afternoon had been passed. May God grant that the influence of this meeting may be felt in all the churches throughout Ontario and Quebec.

Women's Baptist Missionary Society Convention East.

The fourth annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society, Convention East, was held on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1880, at 3 p.m., in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal. In consequence of the absence (from illness) of the Vice-President, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. O. C. Edwards was requested to occupy the chair.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Rev. John McLaurin gave a most interesting address, in which he spoke of the reasons why Christian women should be engaged in the work of Foreign Missions, and the great contrast between those present and the heathen women of Telugu-land.

As the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Porteous, was absent from the city, Miss Munroe had kindly consented to take her place, and, after the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and received, Miss Munroe read the report of the year's work of the Board, showing the addition of three new Circles