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A. V. TIMPANY.

Three months have gone by since the telegram, announcing the death of Mr. Timpany, startled and saddened us. Brief notices of his work and several letters written by him shortly before his death have appeared. I shall attempt to give an outline of his life and missionary labors in as few words as possible.

AMERICUS VESPUCCI TIMPANY was born in the township of Bayham, Elgin Co., Ontario, on the 21st of December, 1840. Although surrounded by religious influences he was not converted till he was nineteen, when the Rev. J. P. Hall was holding special services in the Malahide and Bayham church.

In 1860 he entered the College at Woodstock, where he completed the literary and theological courses. He was absent from college two years, during which he taught school at Florence for eighteen months and at his native place for one summer. He graduated from Woodstock College in the spring of 1867, and spent the summer in visiting the churches of Ontario and Quebec to stir up an interest in Foreign Mission work. Mr. Timpany had received his call to this work some years previously, and after prayerful consideration had offered himself to the Missionary Union of Boston, U.S., for service in the foreign field. He was accepted and appointed to the Telugu Mission. Through his efforts an Auxiliary Society was organized in Ontario and Quebec.



On the 15th October, 1867, Mr. Timpany was married to Miss Jane Bates, daughter of the late Rev. John Bates. A few days later designation and farewell services were held in connection with the meetings of the Convention at Ingersoll, when the power of the Holy Spirit was felt in a remarkable degree. On the 24th October, Mr. and Mrs. Timpany left Canada for India. From England they went to India on a sailing ship by the Cape of Good

Hope, and were several months on the voyage. After a short stay in Madras they proceeded to Nellore, where they arrived in May, 1868. Mr. Timpany was soon able to help Dr. Jewett in missionary work. Early in 1870 he removed with his family to Ramapatam, about forty miles north of Nellore, and occupied the place as a station of the Mission. Here he labored for six years, and had the joy of seeing the Lord's work prospering in his hands. When he began the work there were thirty or forty members in the district; when he left in March, 1876, there was a membership of six or seven hundred. The Theological Seminary at Ramapatam, was begun by him and remained under his care for a year.

Mr. Timpany returned to Canada with his family in July, 1876, and in the following October he resigned his connection with the Missionary Union and worked henceforth as a missionary of the Baptist F. M. Society of Ontario and Quebec. During the two years of his stay in Canada he visited most of our churches; aroused our sisters to take a definite part in the work by organizing Circles with Central Boards, and started the publication