

One "Jubilee woman" writes: "I have taken my golden jubilee box to Mission Band and told the children about it." Good idea!

Leamington Circle had a very successful and enjoyable "Jubilee Tea" at the home of their pastor's wife. Each lady of the church received an invitation, and a little golden envelope. There was a splendid programme and refreshments and then a golden basket was passed around, to collect the golden envelopes. The offering exceeded even their expectations, and I am sure that a greater interest in the Circle, in our Foreign Missions and in the Master's Kingdom, will result.

How are you raising your Jubilee money?

Will anyone who has old Treasurer's Reports please send them to me? The older the better. I have plenty of those of the last two years.

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THE THEOLOGICAL WORK IN INDIA

Who Will Lead Our People in India?

There is one lesson that our people are apt to neglect, but which must be firmly grasped if we are not to suffer loss and sorrow. That is, that the local church is the foundation and heart of all our effort, and by far the first and paramount of our institutions. And so, the pastor is the key-man in all our denominational and Kingdom enterprises. Our theological school exists to supply the Telugu churches with trained and consecrated leaders, and thus is not only a vital and indispensable part of our enterprise in India, but is actually a barometer of the spiritual health of the churches, and so of the work as a whole.

1.—History

I presume the Young People are acquainted with the "Enterprise," so I shall content myself with pointing out one or two obvious truths. The necessity of this task was recognized from the very first by our pioneers, who saw clearly that the way to establish the reign of Christ speedily and permanently in the country was to found and nourish Indian churches, which, under Spirit-filled leader-

ship, should grow strong and self-confident in their knowledge of their Saviour, and successfully overtake the task which they alone are able and destined to accomplish. Rev. A. V. Timpany founded the theological seminary of the American Baptist Mission, and when our own Mission was begun, the first opportunity was seized, in 1881, of bringing forward this vital subject. The next year the training of pastors was launched in Samalkot by Rev. J. McLaurin, and this grand and fruitful effort has gone on from that day till this, and its results can be read in every field of our mission.

This nursery of evangelists and prophets remained in Samalkot till 1912, when the policy of concentration in Cocanada carried it to that mission headquarters, together with other of our schools. It was linked with the High and Training schools, till in 1920 we commenced a five-year period of co-operation with the American Baptists in Ramapatnam, where Mr. Timpany had laid foundations as told above, this move being in preparation for a Union scheme at Bezwada. As circumstances at home made it impracticable for our partners to leave Ramapatnam at present, and as our Conference and Board considered the site unsuitable, we decided that the wisest course was to establish ourselves in Cocanada. Many events since then have convinced us that this was the right course, and the generosity and missionary spirit of the Toronto Sunday Schools is providing us with site and equipment.

2.—Purpose

This has been already stated: to provide the Indian churches with spiritual leaders. The need of such leadership, and of the training that provides it, has been especially apparent of late years, as India, in common with the rest of the world, has been passing through profound changes, and travelling with the signs of the passing of one age and the birth of a new one.

Our mission, too, has come to a turning point in its history, and the fruitage of the early years brings its own problems. The scope and number of our commitments have vastly increased, and so has the strength and independent spirit of the Telugu churches,