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Subject for Prayer.

That fervent zeal, mingled with wisdom and discretion, may be granted unto the Executive Boards of the three Foreign Mission Societies of Ontario and Quebec, during the coming year of work.

Thanksgiving for prayer answered, in that the General Society closed its financial year free from debt.

THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL Foreign Missionary Society at Montreal was, we learn, a most excellent one throughout. Mr. McLaurin gave a magnificent address. The statement of the treasurer, T. D. Craig, Esq., showed that for the year ending on the 15th of October, there had been received \$7718.88, and expended \$7618.80, leaving a balance on the right side of \$100.

THE WOODSTOCK MEETING.—The attendance was much larger than at any previous meeting, and an earnest, hearty, enthusiastic spirit marked the different sessions. The reports were exceedingly gratifying, denoting growth and increased interest; and a marked advance in many respects over those of the year before; that of the treasurer showed a large balance in the bank, owing to larger receipts, and the fact that \$500 have been held in reserve to pay Mrs. McLaurin's passage back to India.

The presence of Mrs. Armstrong, and the knowledge that Mrs. McLaurin would soon be leaving, added much to the interest of the meeting.

The ladies of the Woodstock Circle, deserve the hearty thanks of the Society, for the exceedingly kind, and cordial manner in which they welcomed every visitor; for the tasteful and elegant luncheon provided at the church, and for their generous hospitality extended to all individually, at their homes.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS.—The managers of the LINK have recently experienced the pleasure of dividing \$100 among the Women's Societies of Canada in proportion to the number of subscribers from each, as follows: To Ontario, \$53.40; Montreal or Eastern Society, \$11.50; Nova Scotia, \$24.75; New Brunswick, \$6.35; Prince Edward Island, \$1.10; and Manitoba, \$2.90.

Death of Rev. Josiah Burder.

Sad tidings have reached us from Cocanada. Josiah, the faithful, active, and devoted native preacher of the Gospel, has passed away. The following touching letter conveyed the sorrowful information:

MY DEAR BROTHER MCLAURIN:—Yesterday was our First Monthly Meeting. A good many were in from the field. It was a full day for me with Telugu and English work. Josiah broke bread for the Telugu church at 4.30 p.m. We had a good time. A marriage was to come off to-day at 11 a.m. Josiah was to officiate. Till 10.30 he was with me and the preachers, and some of the heads of villages. I went to breakfast; Josiah came to me and asked about the marriage. I told him to go on and I would come over. I did so. He had a fine selection of Scripture portions which he read. After singing a hymn, he made some remarks, and then prayed. He then placed the parties and commenced to marry them. I noticed that he was mixing things considerably. He closed however, and prayed again. After it he seemed to have lost himself. I tried to have him write up the entry in the marriage book, but seeing he could not do it, I did some and got Murrumunda Peter to write the rest. When all was ready for Josiah's signature, I asked him to sign. He said: "Are we not to talk more about the Scriptures? Are we not to pray more?" I said, "All is over, we only want you to sign here." I put the pen in his hand. He said, "I am to write Jesus?" I said, "No, you are to write Josiah." He wrote, and wrote in English, but it was more like Jesus than Josiah. I said "Write Burder;" he wrote as he had written at first, I put the pen through his hand and wrote "Burder." I then came home and he started and walked home. On the way Samuel asked him. "Sir, why did you talk so to-day at the marriage?" He replied, "I am going on a journey." He went home and lay down upon the bed. I thought it was only a sharp attack of bile, and went over and gave him some pills. At four o'clock I was called by some of them, saying Josiah was in convulsions. I ran over and saw him, and then knew what was the matter—apoplexy. I sent at once for the dresser, Dr. Paul, and myself attended to reducing the convulsions. Why should I write more? At ten o'clock p.m. Josiah died, or rather left for home. You should see his face—so restless—so glad, I should say; I can hardly believe he is dead. You wrote to me once, years ago, "My heart is sore to-day"—Gabriel was dead. I can say as you did. It is now between one and two o'clock in the morning. I cannot sleep. Josiah has gone without a pain; really it is more like a translation than anything else. Last evening he preached on death. This morning in the chapel, he spoke of the glories of heaven and the redeemed. Now, so soon, he has proved it all. My helper, faithful and true, has gone to his reward. "Blessed

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

the 19th of March, 1881, they purchased a meeting-house at the cost of about \$1,100, in which regular services are now conducted. It is to be hoped that this church will prove a great blessing to the English-speaking people in this important town, which now contains a population of over twenty-eight thousand souls.

Your Missionary states that, "the *Station Work* has been the care of the English church and the Telugu mission work, which latter has been much the same as last year, only more of it."

"The Sabbath School has been held at eight o'clock a.m., followed by preaching, to which a large congregation gathers. A service is held in the morning, when many strangers attend. They frequently remain after service to engage in religious conversation."

"The women's prayer meeting, conducted by Mrs. Timpany, on Monday afternoon, and the Friday evening prayer-meeting, have been kept up with growing interest and benefit."

"A Sabbath School and prayer-meeting have been maintained a good part of the year across the river, where there are now a day school and a number of church members."

Bazaar Preaching.—Brother Timpany himself has not been able to do much bazaar preaching on account of other duties, but Josiah, the native helper, whose whole time is employed in preaching, has done very efficient work in this department of labour. Our brother remarks that, "any Hindu who has once had a grapple with him is willing to give him a wide berth thereafter."

Singing the Gospel.—"For four months before the schools closed for the summer vacation, Josiah took every evening, a party of the school girls with him to sing, and as occasion offered, to speak with the women." The plan worked exceedingly well. All through Cocanada, and in more than a score of near-lying hamlets crowds of both sexes heard the Gospel sung and spoken, in most cases to their evident satisfaction and delight." The result has been so gratifying that this method of work will be continued.

Helper's Institute.—"During the month of May, the helpers, their wives and a few others from the field, gathered at the station for Bible instruction. The stables were turned into dwellings, and the chapel veranda made into sleeping-rooms. Though the weather was very hot, all enjoyed the month's work, and went to their homes and villages to be better Christians, and to do better work for Jesus than before."

Schools.—These have been well attended both at the station and in the villages. They are meant for the grown up people and church members as well as for children. Christian hymns are taught in them, and the members of the church meet for prayer and to sing these hymns almost every evening after the work of the day is over.

Preachers.—"Two regularly recognized preachers have been at work during the whole year, with good results. A third is much needed for the northern part of the field. The only hindrance for supplying this region is the want of a suitable man." Alas! "The fields are white to the harvest, but the labourers are few."

Touring.—Regarding this department of the work, your missionary says:—"I have been able to make a number of short tours on this field and have found good results from each trip. The building of the new house at Akidu, Peter's ordination and Mrs. Craig's death, have made it necessary for me to go to Akidu no less than four times during the last six months. It is a pleasure in one way now to go to a village to preach, because the people, as a rule, are ready to listen to the truth."

Colportage.—Two colporteurs have worked over the field during the year. They have visited most of the villages once and some of them twice, in regular order. The sales have been very much in excess of last year. The reasons for this are that the men have worked more systematically, have had a larger supply of tracts and Scripture portions and the people are more friendly."

Statistics.

Baptized.....	42
Dismissed.....	6
Excluded.....	1
Died.....	2
Present number.....	111

TUNI STATION.—This field is under the care of our esteemed and devoted brother, Rev. G. F. Currie, B.A. Regarding the prospect on the field, he says:—"Tokens for good have been given in many cases where we least expected them. It has been our privilege to gather the first fruits of the rich and increasing harvest, which we hope to be permitted to reap in this region." "We have now more encouragement as to the future than we have had at any previous time."

Work at the Station.—Two preaching services have been conducted each Sabbath in the mission house. A prayer meeting has been sustained on Wednesday evenings and a woman's devotional meeting has been conducted by Mrs. Currie. Sabbath schools and Bible classes have also been in operation. One conducted by Mrs. Currie has for its object the preparing of Christian women for Bible-work in and beyond Tuni.

Much preaching has been done in the town of Tuni itself. We hope the good seed of the Kingdom thus sown will soon spring up and bear much fruit. In the villages around, preaching the gospel has been carried on as opportunity offered, and some of the people thus hearing the word, have expressed a deep interest in the truths of Christianity.

Day School.—During the year a day-school has been continued, with gratifying results. At first, through caste prejudices, it was hard to get pupils from the town to attend, but for the latter half of the year the attendance has been quite encouraging. The name of the head teacher is M. Charles. He is a very earnest Christian, a man of good education and in every way qualified for the work. The chief object of the school is the education of Christians. "The school is opened daily with reading and explanation of the Scriptures and prayer, and all the work is done in the vernacular."

Building. A few months of the hot season were occupied with building operations. A house for native assistants, with accommodation for two families and a stable have been erected, besides some improvements in the mission house.

Your missionary states that it was all much needed and will be worth more to the mission than it has cost.

Touring. In all fifty-eight days have been spent in touring. Bro. Currie believes this to be the most important branch in missionary service. He says:—"Much encouragement has attended these efforts. While in some instances it must be admitted we have met with bitter and most determined opposition, we have, on the other hand, had many cheering indications of the readiness of the people to hear and believe the truth, and we feel assured that it is only a question of time when many living in these places will accept the Saviour and unite with His people. Some have already been received and others are asking for baptism."

Native Assistants.—Your missionary states that "some necessary changes have taken place in the staff of native

assistants." He says:—"The one native preacher working under our direction a year ago is now no longer with us. Certain painful facts regarding his conduct, about the time of our removal to this station, having come to light, it was thought best to dismiss him." Two other assistants also left. A short time ago two new men, Abel and Francis, were engaged as preachers, but time will be required to form a safe judgment as to their qualifications for the work. M. Charles, the teacher, before named, is a very able and instructive speaker and renders valuable assistance to your missionary in the work generally.

Mrs. Currie's long-cherished desire to employ a *Bible woman* has at length been gratified. The name of the woman employed is Hannamah. She was converted in Rangoon some eight years ago, but her native village is about twenty-four miles north of Tuni. She seems pious and intelligent, and much good is expected to result from her efforts. "The wives of Charles and Abel also give some assistance in this branch of the work."

Statistics.

Number of members reported last year.....	7
Baptized during the year.....	5
Excluded.....	1
Present membership.....	11

AKIDU STATION.—Our esteemed young brother, Rev. John Craig, B.A., continues to prosecute the work on this field with much success. He says:—"Progress, both in the material and spiritual departments of the work has brought joy to the labourer's heart, but on the other hand sore affliction has caused deep sorrow. A year ago I sent a report for the Akidu field, but during the past year we have had the pleasure of opening *A New Station* by making Akidu our regular place of abode. After a pleasant and profitable farewell meeting with the English Baptist Church, and friends in Cocanada, he says:—"We left on the 2nd of November, and entered our new home four days later. Sorry as we were to leave our fellow-workers and other friends in Cocanada, yet we felt a satisfaction in taking possession of a home of our own, and in being among the people for whom we desired to labour."

Building.—The building of the mission-house occupied much of your missionary's time for some months previous to sending his report. He expected it would be finished in September. Referring to the sore trial through which God had called him to pass, our brother says: "I was compelled to be absent from Akidu during six weeks in February and March. My return with Mrs. Craig at the end of March, proved more unfortunate than my absence. Humanly speaking, we may say that had it not been for the pressure of this building work, my wife and I would have remained in Cocanada for a few weeks longer, and after events might have been very different from what they were. But 'It is not in man that walketh, to direct his steps.' In all things I desired God's guidance and I believe he led me."

Touring.—The greater part of the months of November and December, were spent in touring with most gratifying results. On a Sabbath afternoon, in one of the villages, twenty were baptized, and then about two hundred church members sat down to the Lord's Supper. This is only one of the many interesting events which took place during the progress of the tours made. Domestic affliction resulting in Mrs. Craig's death, with the oversight of building the mission-house, preventing any touring being done since the New Year.

Preachers and Colporteurs.—The same preachers reported last year continue to labour with success.

An event of much interest and joy was the ordination of Peter as pastor of the Gunanapudy church. Since then several have been baptized by our brother, and the church enjoys the stated administration of the ordinances of God's house.

The Colporteur, who also preaches, has done a good work. During the last six months 101 portions of Scripture and 129 tracts have been sold.

Village Schools. Regarding these, Brother Craig says:—"Apart from my usual report in regard to village schools I have one or two interesting facts to relate, showing that some progress has been made during the past year. A year ago there were only five schools in regular working order; since then schools have been opened in two new villages and one old one; so that now there are eight *village schools* for the Gunanapudy district. There have been no schools near Akidu most of the year, but in June our staff of teachers was reinforced by the coming of three young women and two young men from the Cocanada school. The coming of these five teachers is likely to prove a blessing to this region."

Present State of the Field.—On the whole your Missionary thinks there has been a great improvement in the spiritual state of the Christians. Before he went to live among them they were as sheep having no shepherd, but now they have the missionary to guide and direct them. Eighty-one have been added by baptism during the year, so that now there are over five hundred members on the field.

Statistics.

Baptized on the field.....	81
Restored and received by letter.....	25
Excluded.....	19
Died.....	2
Total present members.....	516

In reviewing the year's work, your Board has to state that the difficulty of raising the necessary funds to meet the increasing demands of the mission has caused no small amount of anxiety to your Executive officers. We do not entertain the idea, that this state of things has arisen because interest in the work has diminished, but from the fact that many important denominational claims, requiring aid, have been pressed upon the attention of the people. Thus the receipts are less than they otherwise would have been. Still the amount received by your Treasurer for the fiscal year ending October 15th, is \$7,687 63, being \$1,266 88 less than the receipts for last year.

All things considered, we are led to believe that our Foreign Mission has a deeper hold on the hearts of the Baptists of Canada to-day, than it ever had before.

Your Board cannot close this report without calling attention to the fact that all our Foreign Mission fields are comparatively new; that they are as yet only in a formative state. This causes much of the time of the missionaries to be occupied in building and organizing. The direct results, spiritually, are therefore, not now what we may expect them to be in a few years hence. Yet have we not much reason to thank God and take courage when we consider what has been accomplished during the year now under review? *One hundred and twenty-eight souls* brought out of heathen darkness, and baptized on a profession of their faith in Christ!!! Our brethren, with their native helpers, have gone forth scattering the good seed of the Kingdom, and God has permitted them to see it take root, spring up, and in many cases bear much fruit. On the whole field the prospect brightens. The outlook was never before so hopeful. Last year

Brother Timpany in his report referred to the fact that the great want of India was "an earnest, devoted, divinely-called native ministry," and urged the necessity of a school for the training of such. To-day we have the satisfaction of reporting *premises secured*, and all necessary arrangements made for the prosecution of this work as soon as Brother McLaurin returns to India. What possibilities are before us! Under God's blessing, what magnitude this work may assume during the next fifty years! Oh! for more faith in the promises of God, and more entire consecration to His service.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES COUTTS, *Secretary.*

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Woodstock, October 27th; a large attendance of delegates and visiting ladies present.

FORENOON SESSION.—Meeting organized at 11 a.m.; President, Mrs. Freeland, Toronto, in the chair. Mrs. J. C. Yule was requested to take the minutes. The exercises were opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer, followed by an address of welcome by Mrs. Ashley, of Woodstock, the President's address, and a solo by Miss Hatch, Woodstock.

A nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. Arnold, Paris; Mrs. McLaurin, Woodstock; Miss McDiarmid, London; and Misses Buchan, Latch, and Dexter, Toronto, was appointed.

Reports, written or verbal, from Circles that had not previously reported to the Corresponding Secretary, were then given; and followed by three excellent and suggestive papers by the following ladies:—Miss Rowles, Sarnia, on the "Organization of Mission Circles"; Mrs. Rose, Toronto, on "How to make the Circle meetings interesting and profitable"; and Mrs. Dadson, Paris, on "The best methods of conducting Mission Bands".

Mrs. Humphrey, Toronto, then read a farewell address, accompanied by the presentation of a beautiful album quilt—gift of the ladies of the For. Miss. Circle of College St. Church, Toronto—to Mrs. McLaurin, who offered a brief and appropriate reply. A motion to send greeting to the Women's For. Miss. Soc. of the Eastern Convention, then in session at Montreal, was carried unanimously. A motion requesting Mrs. Freeland to publish her opening address, was also adopted. After singing a hymn, the meeting adjourned for dinner, kindly furnished by the ladies of Woodstock, in the basement of the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 p.m.—Opened with singing and prayer, followed by the reading of reports:—1st, of the recording secretary, Miss E. Dexter, Toronto; 2nd, of the treasurer, Miss J. Lloyd, Toronto; and 3rd, of Mrs. Humphrey, Toronto, Corresponding Secretary. An interesting feature connected with the reading of Mrs. H.'s report, was the calling forward of a representative of the Juvenile Mission Band, of the First Baptist Church, Brantford, who read a very pleasing report, which clearly shows what great things may in time be expected from these organizations.

At a later stage in Mrs. H.'s report, she called forward another young lady, who read several interesting letters from our foreign missionaries now on the field.

The nominating committee made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Officers of the Board:—Mrs. Freeland, *Pres.*; Mrs. Castle, *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. Rose, 2nd *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. Humphrey, *Cor. Sec.*; Miss E. Dexter, *Recording Sec.*; Miss Lloyd, *Treas.*

Board:—Mesdames Evans, Lane, T. D. Craig, Dyke, Laird, Wells, and Miss E. Buchan, Toronto; Mrs. W. Craig, Port Hope; Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. Dryden, Brooklin; Miss. Kandall, Paris; Mrs. R. Carfrae, London; Mrs. Ashley, Woodstock; Mrs. Yule, Ingersoll; Mrs. Shenston, Brantford; Mrs. Porter, St. Catharines; Mrs. John Evans, Hamilton.

Miss Dexter favored the meeting with a solo, and Miss Ida Fitch with a paper, entitled, "Why we Work."

An address by Mrs. Armstrong was listened to with deep interest; after which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of Woodstock church and congregation, for the hospitality they had extended to the delegates and visitors, and for the excellent entertainment so generously provided during the day. Mrs. Ashley was requested to allow her address of welcome to be published in the *Canadian Baptist*. The thanks of the meeting were also tendered to Mrs. Freeland, for the manner in which she had presided over, and conducted the meeting, and also for her management of the LINK. Exercises closed with singing. Meeting adjourned.

A telegram of Christian greeting from the Montreal ladies was received just after the meeting closed, and read at the public evening meeting.

P. S. V. YULE.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

(Published by request.)

DEAR FRIENDS—SISTERS IN CHRIST JESUS,—You all, I am sure, join with me in heartfelt thanks for the cordial welcome we have just received from the President of the Woodstock Circle, to this classic town.

It is indeed a blessed privilege to meet as a society at the close of another year of work for Jesus. While we review with thankfulness the way in which the Lord has led us, and relate what we have accomplished for Him, at the same time we must acknowledge with deep humiliation that we have been unprofitable servants. How much more might we not have had to show, had each one of us but done *all she could*. God has been long-suffering and gracious unto us, and has owned and blessed the little we have done. May our zeal and devotion be quickened by this day's conference, and may the Holy Spirit work in us unto more entire consecration to the service of God, and stronger faith in His promises and ever-present power to help. In ourselves *utter weakness*, in His strength we can "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

The very great privilege and pleasure is afforded us of meeting to-day for the first time, with one whose name has become a household word to many of us, one whom we already know and love for her work's sake—Mrs. H. M. N. Armstrong, the foundress of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Maritime Provinces, one whom the Lord has honoured and owned in her late field of labour, Chicacole, India. In the name of all the Baptist women of Ontario, who work for missions, I thank her for this visit, and bid her welcome—thrice welcome.

To our own dearly beloved Mrs. McLaurin, we must say, Farewell. May the *Master*, whose call she obeys, bless and prosper her in the far off land to which with her husband she expects so soon to return.

How has it fared, since last we met, with our fellow-workers beyond the continents and the oceans?

Our ever kind and loving Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has permitted the Angel of Death to enter the new Mission Home at Akidu, and to remove, "with a stroke," from our young brother Craig, "the desire of his eyes." But sustaining grace has graciously been bestowed, and like Ezekiel of old, the sorrowing husband has been enabled, with fresh consecration of life and purpose, to arise and "do as the Lord had commanded him."

At Tuni, Mr. and Mrs. Currie are beginning to reap the fruit of their labours—souls are being brought to Jesus, and, as you will learn from the Corresponding Secretary's report, Mrs. Currie has made a most encouraging beginning in Bible Women's work.

A sore bereavement has befallen the Cocanada field. Josiah Burder, the trusted and the true, the devoted, earnest, native preacher of the Word has been taken to his rest. Suddenly the call came. While performing a marriage ceremony his faculties became clouded, his trembling fingers forgot how to trace his own name, "Josiah Burder," but wrote instead, twice over, "Jesus, Jesus." The name he loved so well. The name above every name. A few short hours more and Josiah was with his *Master*—Jesus.

We fear that our energetic, self-sacrificing brother and sister Timpany are again suffering from the baneful climate combined with overwork, but God is blessing the work, especially the Girls' School. Of this Mr. Timpany writes: "I do not think since the school started that there has been a girl who has passed fifteen years of age without coming to Christ." Is not that encouragement for us, my sisters? Who can estimate the influence for good these Christian Telugu girls may wield?

During the year just closed, your Central, or Executive Board, have earnestly striven to discharge with faithfulness, the important duties laid upon them. They again thank the Circles for their confidence and support, manifested by an increase in the amount of money committed for its disposal, to their judgment.

The reports of the year's work, to be presented this afternoon, will show exactly what has been done; and the present condition of the Society. With the exception of the boy's school at Cocanada, all the money the missionaries have asked for schools, Bible women, and books in the three fields has been furnished by us. To Cocanada we have sent \$650; to Tuni, \$100; and to Akidu, \$150; altogether \$900. This seems a small sum compared with what we expended in 1879 and 1880; but is owing to the fact that the \$500 voted for Mrs. McLaurin's return journey has not yet been required and is still in our treasurer's hands. Had that amount been paid, we would have expended \$1400, an increase of \$100 over last year.

It has been our practice, and God helping us we hope it ever will be, to send our money to India, half yearly in *advance*, so that the missionaries have it on hand as they require it; and your Board are very grateful, under God, to you dear sisters of the various circles, for your prompt and regular remittances, thus enabling them to meet their obligations without any difficulty.

Bear with me if I here utter one word of caution; you know we are an auxiliary of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec. We organized to help that Society, by undertaking a special branch of work, for which it was unable to provide. It is a noble Society, doing a grand work. Now, let us be very careful never, on any account, to take for our women's work any money which otherwise would go directly into the

general treasury.—Let our ten-cents-a-month-over-be-an *extra* offering, saved from some personal indulgence or gratification. How easy it is to do this we do not realize until we try.

One of the chief objects of our organization is the dissemination of missionary intelligence. Many of us are engaged in Sunday Schools, and we have there a splendid opportunity for interesting the young people of our churches, and persuading them to give regularly and systematically for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands. Let but Mr. McLaurin's scheme be faithfully and efficiently carried out, and not \$1,000, but \$2,000 a year could easily be gathered from the Sunday Schools alone.

I want to say a word or two now about the MISSIONARY LINK, our little means of intercommunication between the Women's Societies of the different provinces of our Dominion. Perhaps you are not all aware that though conducted strictly in the interest of *all*, it is quite independent of the funds of *any* of our societies.

When, soon after the formation of the Ontario Society, Mr. Timpany came to a meeting of the Central Board, and strongly urged the publication of such a little missionary sheet, the members of the Board, while agreeing that it would be a great advantage to have something of the kind, did not think it would be right to risk money sent to them by the circles, in an undertaking which might prove a financial failure. So the matter was indefinitely deferred. But the spirit of our brother blazed within him; he was convinced that the women's work could not be efficiently carried on without such a means of disseminating information; and all who know Mr. Timpany, know that he is not easily turned aside from any purpose upon which his heart is set. He felt that he could not go back to his work in India without making another attempt. So one day he came to some of us in Toronto, with a proposal to issue a tentative number at his own expense, if only we would try to carry it on whenever 1,000 subscribers had been secured. This promise was at length tremblingly and reluctantly given. We would undertake it as a private enterprise; do the best we could; if it turned out a failure we alone would be the losers—if it were successful enough to yield anything beyond the bare expenses of publication, then—so long as it remained in our hands—this surplus should all be given to foreign missions.

By the good hand of our God upon us, and under Him to our kind helpers in every circle, and in many churches, where as yet no circles exist, the LINK has *not been a financial failure*. God has blessed it. At the close of the first volume, \$60 as you may remember were divided. At the termination of the second, the necessity for improvement in the appearance and size of the paper became so manifest that it was deemed wise to reserve our funds to meet the increased expense. At the beginning of this fourth volume there was found to be a sufficient amount in the bank not only to carry it on to the close, but \$100 over, which we have just had the great pleasure of dividing among the Women's Societies in proportion to the number of subscribers from each; to Ontario, \$53 40; Montreal, or Eastern Society, \$11 50; Nova Scotia, \$24 75; New Brunswick, \$6 35; Prince Edward Island, \$1 10; and Manitoba, \$2 90.

It is a cause for devout thanksgiving that God has answered prayer, in that the General Society again closes the year *free from debt*. In July, Mr. Timpany wrote: "Our prayer daily is, that our Society may come out free from debt this year." Thus from India and from Canada, prayers for this same special object have mingled at the Throne of Grace.

"The Lord hath been mindful of us, He hath heard the voice of our supplication." "Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live."

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

It is our duty to give you in a few words an account of the business transacted by your Executive Board during the year just closed.

The usual meetings have been held, and on the whole have been well attended. The ladies not living in Toronto could not always make it convenient to be present, which is to be regretted, but in all important matters they have been communicated with, and their opinion asked, concerning the action of the Board.

At a special meeting held on the 26th of November, to discuss our work for the year, it was decided to appropriate the funds to the following objects:—To *Cocanada*, Girls' School, \$450; salary of Amelia Kellar, \$50; Village Schools, \$50; Bible Woman, \$50; Books, \$50; *Tuni*, Village Schools, \$50; *Akidu*, Village Schools, \$50. These appropriations are much the same as last year. It was further decided to pay Mrs. McLaurin's travelling expenses back to India, about \$500. The Board has since sent \$50 to support a new Bible Woman, Hannamah, at *Tuni*.

At the January meeting suggestions were made concerning the circulation of missionary literature. A great deal of information is contained in some of the publications; our knowledge of foreign missionary work is very limited, and if some instructive books or leaflets were distributed regularly throughout our circles and mission bands, we are assured that next year when we attend the annual meeting it will be with increased knowledge of the vastness and importance of the work. Our admirable monthly paper, the *MISSIONARY LINK*, has done much to increase our knowledge of, and interest in, the work. The ladies who conduct this paper in such an efficient manner, deserve the hearty thanks of the Society. At the suggestion of the Board, some of the profits accruing from the publication of the *LINK* have been expended in the enlargement and improvement of the paper; the remainder has recently been distributed proportionately among the different societies.

Eight new Circles have been reported, and one Mission Band, making forty-five Circles and four Mission Bands throughout Ontario. We regret that the additions to our Society are not more numerous, and wish we could report more Mission Bands organized. Every Circle should have connected with it some means by which to interest the children; they are the men and women of the future, and the better educated they are in Missionary work and in the spirit of giving to the cause, the more efficient will our Society be when they are enrolled among its members. We earnestly hope the secretary next year will be able to report a Mission Band in every church, having a healthy, working Mission Circle.

Seven ladies have been constituted life members of the Society, namely: Mrs. ASHLEY, of Woodstock; Mrs. TUTTLE, of Brantford; Mrs. GRANT, of London; Mrs. B. J. TIMPANY, Calton; Mesdames DYKE, and SMITH, and Miss LLOYD, of Toronto.

Letters from Circles read at some of our meetings have been very welcome, and in most cases inspiring. We have been much cheered and encouraged by letters from

India. The success attending the preaching of the Word by our self-denying missionaries, ought to strengthen our faith in God. Truly "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," and hath the hearts of all men in His keeping.

At one of our meetings the question arose as to the advisability of sending out a lady missionary. It was decided that the way was not yet open. The Board of the General Society were of the same opinion, but we trust the time is not far distant when our Society may undertake to send a lady to engage especially in *Zenana* work among the high-caste women of *Cocanada*.

We were all saddened when in the early part of the year the news reached us that the wife of one of our missionaries had been called to her eternal home. Mrs. John Craig, a lady very much beloved by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, died on the 2nd of April. Truly the Lord's ways are not our ways; to us it seemed the field could ill afford to lose one who was well qualified for her work, but our Heavenly Father makes no mistakes. He is "too wise to err, too good to be unkind." We bow in submission to His will, and say, "Even so Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight."

In reviewing the year just closed, are we conscious that we have done our duty in this work to which we have put our hands? The sacrifice of leaving home and loved ones is not demanded of all, but it is required of us that we use all the talents God has given us—do our work and keep nothing back. Is it not our experience as that of all other Christian workers, that with the growth of our work for Christ our desire to work has also grown? Our God has been very good to us in making us the instruments in this portion of His field for collecting the money necessary to support some of His laborers in the foreign field, and has thus in His good providence selected us to be the means of saving numbers of our heathen sisters. Still the work we have done in this direction is but a tithe of what we might do, and a very small portion indeed of what we wish to do. As we advance in this work for Christ the satisfaction felt is an incitement to do more, and to become entirely devoted to His cause.

To His people God has committed the evangelization of the world, and when with our missionary organizations we encircle the globe, the river of the Water of Life will flow around it and cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

"Soon may the last glad song arise,
Through all the myriads of the skies,
That song of triumph which records
That all the earth is now the Lord's."

Respectfully submitted,

E. DEXTER, *Rec. Sec'y.*

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO, IN ACCOUNT WITH JESSIE M. LLOYD, TREASURER.

From October 20th, 1880, to October 15th, 1881.

	Dr.	
Balance from last year		\$ 625 20
Alexander Street		106 03
" " Mission Band		18 10
Yorkville		73 40
Aylmer		21 25
Choltenham		87 00
Peterboro		64 80
Winnipeg		12 00
Queen Street 1st Baptist Church		10 00
Ralford		5 00
Dundas		10 00
Paris		52 00
" " Mission Band		11 54
Oranford		167 00

Thedford	.....	\$11 00
Stratford	.....	0 00
Port Hope	.....	37 00
Guelph	.....	82 00
Denfield	.....	30 27
Timpany's Grove	.....	13 50
Ingersoll	.....	15 35
Port Burwell	.....	0 00
Strathroy	.....	20 00
College Street	.....	01 50
Whitby, 6th Concession	.....	15 00
London (York Street)	.....	72 10
" (Adelaide Street)	.....	85 00
Beamsville	.....	10 00
Woodstock	.....	55 00
" "Willing Workers"	.....	12 00
Parliament Street	.....	20 52
Bellefille	.....	15 25
Kincardine	.....	8 25
Georgetown	.....	23 25
Sarnia	.....	32 40
Selwyn	.....	20 00
Orangeville	.....	3 00
Stinson	.....	5 80
Sparks	.....	34 00
Jarvis Street	.....	154 40
Goble's Corners	.....	30 00
Smith Township	.....	21 00
Rondeau	.....	92 50
Uxbridge	.....	5 40
Drumbo	.....	4 25
Lakefield	.....	11 55
Wyoming	.....	10 40
Whitevale	.....	4 00
Petrolia	.....	2 75
Legacy by the late Miss Robertson, of Thorold	.....	20 00
For Mr. Timpany's church bell	.....	3 15
Special contributions	.....	75 74
Interest	.....	8 00
Miss Buchan, profits of "Missionary Link," share for Ont	63 40
Manitoba	2 00
Cash balance from last year	3 45
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Sent to India, per T. D. Craig, Esq		
Girls' School at Cocanada	\$ 450 00	
School at Tuni	50 00	
Village Schools	50 00	
Akidu	150 00	
Bible woman at Samulocotta	50 00	
Mrs. Currie's Bible woman	50 00	
Amelia	50 00	
Books, tracts, etc	50 00	
Total	900 00	
Printing	3 75	
"Links" for distribution	2 50	
Postage and Stationery	17 41	

Cash in Bank	023 00
.. on hand	20 06

Examined and found correct,		
Toronto, 24th Oct., 1881.	H. E. HUGHAN, } AUDITORS	
	T. DIXON CRAIG, }	
Received since 15th inst.	8 75 01	
Amount in Bank and on hand	1324 70	
Total balance	\$1400 31	

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In presenting this fifth annual report of our Society, a question of great practical import must come to each of us.—Are we keeping pace with the calls and claims that come to us from the Telugu field? and in view of what has been done at home by at least two of our sisters, Miss Rowles and Miss Fitch, the Board would urge upon every woman now engaged and interested in the work, active personal effort in their own churches and wherever their influence may extend.

Letters received from the Circles during the year are in the main cheering and hopeful. Some write of dis-

couragements, others ask for hints as to management of Circles; it is gratifying to us all to have listened to the papers this morning on these subjects.

We have also heard verbally from some of the Circles, but it has been deemed best that I present to you our list as recorded in the books, with brief extracts from written reports. (Our limited space compels us to omit these very interesting extracts and give only a list of the Circles reporting.—Ed. LINK).

Aylmer, Alexander-st. Toronto, Alexander-st. Mission Band, Belleville, Beamsville, Brantford—1st Church, and Gleaners' Circle, Brantford—East Ward, Blenheim, Court-right, Cheltenham, Caltou, College-st. Toronto, Dundas, Denfield, Drumbo and Wolverton, Guelph, Georgetown, Goble's Corners, Ingersoll, Jarvis-st. Toronto, Kincardine, London—York-st., London—Adelaide-st., Lakefield, Line Baptist Church, Peterboro', Petrolia, Paris, Parliament-st., Toronto, Port Hope, Port Rowan, Queen-st. Toronto, Rondeau, Strathroy, Sarnia, Selwyn, Sparta, St. Catharines, Thedford, Uxbridge, Whitby—6th Con., Whitby—Town, Wyoming, Woodstock, Whitevale, Yorkville.

A full and interesting report was also presented from the Circle in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The report proceeds:—Letters from our missionaries, published in the LINK during the year, have been full of interest; the boat trip, revealing as it did the striking contrast between the heathen girls and those brought under Christian influence, must have been an incentive to enlarge our efforts. Mrs. Currie's grateful acknowledgment of our appropriation for her school; Mr. Craig's letters, shewing his zeal, which has not at all lessened in the darkness that fell upon his heart and home; we shall wish to respond to his appeal for Akidu. You will now listen to the last letters from the field. (Reserved for next month's LINK.—Ed.).

Our official report ends here; but in justice to the cause we represent—in view of the claims of the Telugu women upon us as Baptist women of Ontario—you will allow me to ask, What Christ's love is to us? Can we measure it? Is it not, my beloved sisters, the response to the cry of every heart now present for love and sympathy? We have had calamity, we have had temptation, we have known the power of sin, plans and purposes have failed, and human love and strength have not met our needs. Have we not each proved that the love of Jesus passeth knowledge? Let us to-day, at this annual meeting, make this a *personal* matter.

Looking to-day into those *dark* places, where there are women who have needs as great and greater than ours, a call comes to us, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Hindu sages, centuries ago, had a pure, beautiful system of belief; but it had no foundation, and the heathen sought in woods and in mines material for gods; and idolatry, with all its hideous and debasing associations, ensued. The knowledge of this evil has come to Christian men and women, and some few have gone forth to shew and teach what pure and undefiled religion is; and beneath the shadow of these heathen shrines, with no word of their own sacrifices, they ask for help to lift these degraded ones, for whom Christ died, to a plane with ourselves.

Remember we are not here to-day to take a *general* survey of the *nations* that sit in darkness; we are not listening to letters and requests from hundreds of missionaries in every quarter of the Globe; but a band of men and women whom we have talked with, and in whom we have every confidence, ask our prayers and our dollars for a corner of Telugu-land in India. Mr. Timpany, Mrs.

Timpany, Mrs. Currie and Mr. Craig want schools, books, Bible women, native teachers for Cocanada, Tuni and Akidu, names that must grow more and more familiar to us.

What is our answer to-day to the direct claims? Having ourselves known Christ, shall we not joyfully impart of this fullness; and may we not hope that this auspicious commencement of a new year of work, will result in rich harvests; and when years and work end, may we with all tribes and nations, unite in ascribing "Unto Him that hath loved us glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HUMPHREY, Cor. Sec.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Convention East.

The fifth annual meeting of this Society was held in the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on Thursday, October 27th. Representatives from the following Circles were present:—Ottawa, Cornwall, Barnston, Coaticooke, Abbott's Corner, Olivet, and First Church, Montreal.

After devotional exercises it was proposed that a telegram should be sent to the Western Society, then meeting at Woodstock, expressing greeting and good wishes, which motion was unanimously carried.

The President, Mrs. Ayer, then read a short address of welcome, after which Mrs. Bentley read the Recording Secretary's report, in which reference was made to the loss felt by the Board at the removal by death of our late Recording Secretary, Mrs. Porteous, and the resignation of our Treasurer, Miss Green, who has so faithfully served the Society since its organization. The Treasurer's report, which was read by Mrs. Smith, was most encouraging, showing a total of receipts for the year of \$825 30, an excess of \$221 16 over last year. After a solo by Miss Shannon, the delegates present read the reports from their Circles, all of which was very interesting. A report from the Olivet Mission Band was read by Miss Lee; and a paper from Miss McArthur, of Cornwall, was listened to with deep interest. The reports from the Circles who were unable to send delegates, were then read by the Corresponding Secretary; with one or two exceptions, all of them were full of encouragement, breathing a spirit of deep interest and love in the work. The Corresponding Secretary's report was read, and after a solo by Mrs. Whitham the following resolution was adopted:—*Resolved*, that the Society this year assume the responsibility of \$500 of Mr. Timpany's salary, and \$200 which is to be devoted to Zenana work in Cocanada.

Miss Muir then addressed the meeting, referring to the deep regret felt by all, that neither Mrs. McLaurin nor Mrs. Armstrong had been able to be present. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Mrs. Ayer, *President*; Mrs. D. McLaurin, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Bentley, *Recording Secretary*; Mrs. Frank Smith, *Treasurer*; Miss Muir, *Corresponding Secretary*. *Executive Board*, Mrs. Claxton, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. C. B. Muir, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. W. N. Clarke, Mrs. T. O. Phillips, Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mrs. Alloway, Mrs. Putney, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Whitham, Miss Leming, Miss Frith, Miss Terhune, Mrs. Cameron, Ottawa; Mrs. G. Edwards, Thurso; Mrs. Alexander, Brockville; Miss McArthur, Cornwall.

We were pleased to have present during the meeting, Mr. Shenston and Rev. Mr. Couits, both of whom have been so long known for their deep interest in Foreign

Mission work. After the election of officers both of these gentlemen addressed the meeting, and were listened to with much interest. The meeting then closed with the doxology.

It was an exceedingly interesting and enthusiastic gathering, there was so much reason for thankfulness in the growth of the Society, and the deepening interest in the churches; and we have every reason to believe that with God's blessing, the result will be seen in the increased devotion of those who were present.

A telegram from the ladies' meeting at Woodstock, was received, but delivered after the meeting had broken up.

Treasurer's Report of the W. B. F. M. Society Convention, East, for the year ending Oct. 27, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward from 1880.....	\$ 08 54
Collection at annual meeting.....	4 15
Interest.....	8 70
First Church Circle and Sunday School, Montreal.....	212 05
Olivet Circle and Cheerful Workers.....	100 00
Ottawa.....	65 00
Thurso.....	51 50
Perth.....	32 00
Ormond.....	81 00
Osgoode.....	27 00
Cornwall.....	25 00
Dalnessille.....	25 00
Barnston.....	25 00
Grove Hill Sawyerville.....	23 50
Abbott's Corner.....	22 00
Coaticooke.....	20 56
Magog.....	20 00
Brockville.....	18 50
Inverness.....	18 50
St. Andrew's.....	14 00
Char-lee.....	12 00
Haldimand.....	8 00
Kemptville.....	6 25
Proportion of profits of "Missionary Link".....	11 50
	\$923 84

PAID OUT.

T. D. Craig.....	\$500 00
Postage.....	6 13
Balance on hand.....	417 71
	\$923 84

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is always a great satisfaction in reviewing a year's work, to know that progress has been made, and that the object for which the Society was organized is taking a stronger hold upon the Church. As we glance over the reports sent from the different Circles, we can truthfully and thankfully say this of our Society. The object for which we work, and which we need to keep constantly before our minds, and cling firmly to—that of seeking to interest the women in every Baptist Church within the Convention in our Foreign Mission Field, and, if possible, organize a Mission Circle—is being slowly attained. Last year we had 14 circles in our Society, and now we number 20, besides having received a contribution from one other church where no other circle had been reported, so that in 21 churches at least the women have been awakened to their individual responsibility, and desire to definitely share in contributing to the Telugu Mission.

This has been accomplished, not by the Montreal Board alone, for they have done very little, but by the energetic workers in the several Circles, who have gone about their immediate neighbourhood, letting their own zeal inspire others, and encouraging faint-hearted ones to assume the responsibility of a Circle. So a few more centres of interest and influence has been formed. We want many more such workers, for out of the 61 churches included in the Convention East, we have so far reached

only 21. Surely a cause which has so great and lofty a purpose, the rescuing of a people from the slavery of heathenism, and bringing near to them the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, will not long want strong and enthusiastic supporters in every church.

The Board meetings of the Society have been held regularly, and well attended. We have received eleven life members, and the following are the names of the new Circles added this year:—Coaticoke, Cornwall, Osgoode, Magog, St. Andrew's and Papineauville. We have also received a contribution from Kempville. Our receipts are \$825 30, an excess of \$221 16 over last year. The only responsibility we assumed was \$500 of Mr. Timpany's salary. This has been paid, and with the balance carried over from last year we have cash on hand, \$417 71. We hope to assume in addition to the \$500 the sum of \$200, which is to be devoted to Zenana work in Cocanada.

Besides the help which our Society has been able to give to the funds of the Telugu Mission, our Circles have been the means of developing the latent powers and abilities of a large number of ladies in our churches. The responsibility of having to sustain the monthly meeting, has called forth a number of carefully prepared papers, and in several cases addresses have been made and successful open meetings conducted by ladies who a few years ago would have been horrified at the suggestion of such a thing. The result of this training will not be confined to Foreign Mission work, it must soon be felt in many of the departments of church work. Let a Christian be thoroughly aroused to the importance of one field of labour and other claims which were before unheeded are freely acknowledged. You may have noticed the remark in one of the reports read, "that some who were most bitter and firm against our beginning a Circle, are now joining it, having to acknowledge that home work never progressed better than during the few months we have been interested in foreign work." This is what we believe must be the result, and is it any wonder that we are determined to reach, if possible, every one of those sixty-one churches, when a two-fold object is to be attained. If this is to be done we must have the hearty co-operation of all, by every one who is at present working, seeking to extend their influence, and the many who are now idle, joining with us hand and heart.

AMELIA MUIR.

The Necessity for training new Converts.

BY BISHOP SARGENT, OF TINNEVELLY.

I am more and more persuaded that if our success is to be worth anything at all, we must lay ourselves out fairly in the endeavour to make our converts intelligent Christians. Before we can fill their minds with what is good, we have to empty them of much that is evil. I know that the very process of filling, is in itself to some extent a process of emptying; but where superstition has so long swayed the mind, it is no easy matter to eradicate all such influences. Hence it is, that while we do all we can for the adult and the aged, our great hope lies with the young, among our converts; and I hold a very decided opinion, therefore, that in this matter a most solemn obligation lies on our Missionary Societies, of taking upon themselves, at least for a time, the education of the young among our new converts, and not leaving them to shift for themselves as they best can. Still, I also feel equally strong on the other side, that from the very first, our new converts must be trained to learn the duty and blessedness of giving, and with the example before them

of converts of long-standing, who are more or less with the same position with themselves, I trust this lesson will come easier to hand than it otherwise would. This matter is associated with another, *vis*: the encouraging among them of every Christian effort, as having its value in proportion to its being done, first of all from love to God, and secondly done by them as members of a Christian body, under native teachers and not always as under the direction of a European missionary.

The Hindu has naturally a very religious turn of mind. Every incident in daily life is associated with the kindness or displeasure of the God they worship. Hence when such become Christians, it is needful to supply them as far as we can with religious thought and habit, or they can never make the progress we desire of them. I think it therefore very important that means be adopted everywhere, for such new converts having daily Christian instruction—daily reading of God's Word and prayer, beside the Sunday attendance at Divine Service. To depend on the Sunday teaching alone for men and women who cannot read, will, I fear, end in disappointment. With us in Tinnevely, it is an ascertained fact, that our most regular attendants at the Sunday service, are those who attend the daily instruction and prayers. In this department something may be done by voluntary helpers, but if these are not to be had, we must at first, at least for a time, have paid agents.—*From a paper read at the Bangalore Conference.*

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from September 27th to October 29th, 1881.

Ingersoll, \$8.50; Whitford, \$4; Belleville, \$5.00; Smith Township, \$9; Theford, \$5; J. Hill Street, Toronto, \$25.00; Yorkville, \$13.41; Sparta, \$25; Woodstock, \$15; do., "Willing workers," \$2; Bondage, \$5.50; Cheltenham, \$3; Uxbridge, \$5.40; College Street, Toronto, Mission QUIT, to make Mrs. Smith a life member, \$20.50; Kincardine, \$3.25; Aylmer, \$7.50; Queen Street, Toronto, \$10; Paris, \$30; do., Mission Band, \$2.27; Brantford Ist Baptist Church, \$107; Petrolia, \$2.75; Peterboro, \$17; London, York Street, \$42.00, part of this amount to make Mrs. Grant a life member; London, Adelaide Street, \$25; Tunney's Grove, \$9; Alexander Street, Toronto, \$19.50; Whitby, 6th Concession, \$9; Port Hope, \$20; Denbigh, \$11; Stratford, \$9; Parliament Street, \$6.06; Winnipeg, \$12; Orangeville, \$1; Quelph, \$22; Brantford East Ward Baptist Church, \$7.50; Barrie, \$28.91; Courtright, \$4; Simcoe, \$7.20. Total from Circles, \$477.08.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Miss Ada Sumner, Hamilton, \$1; Unknown, to make Miss Lloyd a life member, \$25; Profits of "Missionary Link," share for Ontario, \$58.40; do. Manitoba, \$2.00; Lizzie May Shaver, \$1; Young Ladies' Bible Class, Florence, Ont., \$3. Total \$89.80. Total receipts for October, \$566.88.

JESSIE M. LLOYD, Treasurer, 222 Wellesley-st.

CANADIAN MISSIONARIES:

MARITIME PROVINCES:

Rev. Rufus Sanford and wife, A. M., Bimplipitam.
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