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### "HOW WONDERFUL."

He answered all my prayer abundantly,  
And crowned the work that to His feet I brought—  
With blessing more than I had asked or thought—  
A blessing undisguised, and fair, and free.  
I stood amazed, and whispered, "Can it be  
That He hath granted all the boon I sought?  
How wonderful that He for me hath wrought!  
How wonderful that He hath answered me!  
O faithless heart! He said that He would hear  
And answer thy poor prayer, and He hath heard  
And proved His promise:—Wherefore didst thou fear?  
Why marvel that thy Lord hath kept His word?  
More wonderful if He should fail to bless  
Expectant faith and prayer with good success!

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

THE FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY of Ontario and Quebec, enters on the present year with most hopeful prospects. Never before was the financial condition so encouraging. The receipts for last year amounted to \$9,134. Disbursements, \$9,247. Nearly, but not quite, even. The estimates for the present year, including everything—last year's deficit and the working expenses of the Society at home as well as in India—are just \$9,000. More than this sum can easily be raised and the books closed next October with every obligation fully met and money in the Bank, but it must be done by the systematic though small contributions of the many rather than by the large gifts of a few.

### Letter to the Foreign Missionaries of the Lower Provinces.

Being through the kindness of friends constituted a life-member of the W. Miss. Aid Society—as is also Mrs. T.—I trust a small space will be allowed me in our useful LINK, to communicate a few thoughts to you. Were my situation as heretofore, it would afford me sincere pleasure to serve you and the cause in which you are engaged, gratuitously as formerly, in the capacity of secretary; but the seat of the Board is now remote from me, and I am enfeebled by the advanced age of eighty-five years. I beg, however, my dear brothers and sisters, to assure you of my deep interest in your welfare and success, and that my supplications, with those of many others, frequently ascend on your behalf.

It is pleasing to learn that, after numerous trials, you have become settled, with encouraging prospects before you. May the hope now entertained be, by the Divine blessing, joyfully and abundantly realized!

It is also highly gratifying to notice the cordial union manifestly existing among the missionaries sent forth from this Dominion. It seems to me, and probably to our people here generally, desirable that this union should become organic; but our late valued brother, Dr. Fyfe, remarked at our Convention in Hillsburgh, that this entire union could not well be consummated at present, on account of the distance at which our people in the Upper and Lower Provinces are apart. He expressed a hope, however, that the Baptists in the Dominion may become more numerous, and fill up the intervening spaces, and so this full union be effected: It was not in my power to attend our recent Session of Convention in Truro; but it seems that brother McLaurin expressed a similar view on this subject.

It appears to me, however, that if it would not interfere with another course recently proposed, the two Boards might unite in employing a general Agent, who should devote his whole time and attention, laboring on an equitable scale, in the service of the respective Boards. But to effect this it would be necessary to select an energetic man, whose love for the cause would prompt him to make a sacrifice by toiling diligently for a moderate compensation. If an inefficient man be employed, of course little will be effected. And however zealous and active an Agent may be, if it be known that a large proportion of what he collects will be required to pay for his services, people will be reluctant to give. At all events effective measures must be employed to sustain you in your self-sacrificing labor of love.

May the gracious Lord dispose and enable all the Baptists in this Dominion to contribute cheerfully and liberally for the furtherance of this important cause; and render all our missionaries abundantly successful in winning the souls of poor perishing heathens to Christ.

Please write as frequently as other duties will permit, for the LINK, or other papers, many are anxious to hear from you. Mrs. Tupper joins me in kind regards to you all.

Affectionately yours in Christ,

CHARLES TUPPER.

Tremont, N.S., Sept. 19, 1879.

### The Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission.

From the *Oriental Baptist* published in Calcutta we clip the following:—

"The Lord seems to have great mercy in store for the Telugu people. The whole line of the Coromandel Coast, from Madras to Ganjam, a distance of many hundred miles is now occupied by Missionary brethren of different Societies, Baptist brethren being now interspersed nearly the whole distance. Our brethren of the maritime provinces of the Dominion (Canada) have recently caught the missionary spirit in a very warm and influential degree. Young men and women are offering themselves in numbers for the work of the Lord among the heathen, while the churches are coming forward in a most hearty and liberal manner to engage their services and send them forth.

In particular, Christian ladies are seen most conspicuous in promoting the Lord's cause; ladies are moving about the country, and forming circles after the example set them by their Christian sisters in the United States to which in a former number we have adverted. Already many circles have been organized, and deep interest is every where being created. In the choice of fields of missionary labour, at the first two spheres more particularly presented themselves to the Canadian Baptists, *i. e.*, the northern part of the Telugu country, and the Karen tribes inhabiting the mountains of Siam. About four years since two companies of brethren were sent to occupy these respective fields. No hindrances prevented settlement in the Telugu country, but the exploration of Siam, however, led to the feeling that it offered no encouragement for labour among the Karens, they being few in number and widely separated, and difficult of access, and the brethren under their own convictions and with the advice of the Committee at home, felt it their duty to relinquish Siam and to join without delay their brethren across the bay on the Coromandel Coast. This the Lord enabled them to do, and now there is a strong consolidated Mission of Canadian brethren occupying five stations, or from Cocanada to Bobbili, west of Chicacole, consisting of fifteen devoted men and women. This Mission is located in the northern part of the Madras Presidency, and its operations are carried on principally in the Godavery, Vizagapatam, and Ganjam Districts. It originated in the work of a native evangelist—the late Thomas Gabriel—who, after his ordination in Madras in 1870, returned to his field of labour at Cocanada and vicinity, and baptized a considerable number of native converts. For some time Mr. Gabriel carried on the work unassisted by any Missionary Society; but finding himself pressed by financial difficulties, he offered the Mission first to the Strict Baptist Mission in England, by whom it was declined for lack of funds, afterwards to the Baptists of Canada, who accepted the trust and sent their Missionary the Rev. J. McLaurin, of Ongole, to take charge of the Mission. He reached Cocanada on the 12th March 1874.

The Mission became more distinctively Canadian in 1875 by the co-operative union entered into between the Baptists of the western and maritime provinces of the Dominion, which resulted in sending four Mission families into the northern Telugu country. The missionaries sent by the two Societies, representing respectively the western and eastern sections of the Dominion of Canada, together constitute the Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission.

Five stations are now occupied by the Mission, *viz.* Cocanada, Tuni, Bimlipatam, Chicacole, and Bobbili."

MR. MCLAURIN explained to the Eastern Convention the process of converting a Hindu into a Christian minister, the first thing done being to teach him to wash his face, comb his hair, and keep his clothes clean, matters very much neglected by these gentlemen. The next step was to teach him to read the signs representing the vowel sounds; to teach him to read, to pray, to sing, and then send him out to preach. There was a craze for education among these people.—*Helper.*

## OUR INDIAN STATIONS.

## Cocanada.

Private letters recently received from Cocanada, state that the missionaries there were all in good health, and that it was expected that the chapel would be opened for public worship about the end of September.

A NEW STATION is about to be established at Akeed a large village some 40 miles south-east of Cocanada. Land has been secured, buildings are soon to be erected, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig hope to remove thither early next year.

## Bimlipatam.

Extract from a Letter of Miss Grace Hammond's to Mrs. Phillips.

Seven months ago to-day I arrived in India. Humanly speaking, I have two sources of enjoyment; one is getting letters from dear Canadian friends, the other is going down to the sea-beach. After sunset, I occasionally go to the sea and watch the white breakers roll in over the sand; your continual motion rests me, and I always come away refreshed.

I wish you could go to school with me some morning. Some thirty brown faced children are about the door, and as I go in they raise their right hands to their foreheads and say, "Ah ma," or Madam.

Two new girls came to school a short time since. I began asking some questions. First, "Do you know anything about God?" "Yes, he is in the temple on the hill, we have seen him a good many times." "Did you ever hear of Jesus?" "No." "Did you ever hear of the Son of God?" "Yes, he has three sons, the sun and moon," and they did not know the third.

It is very hard to get up an interest among the women; the majority of them are too ignorant to want to know anything. One evening we were talking to a few by the roadside, when a Brahmin passed along; he stopped for a moment and listened, then said, "What is the use of your talking to them? They don't know anything." His expressive look and gesture gave an emphasis which I will never forget. What he said is true of thousands of women in this place. And they never will know anything till they learn the gospel of Christ.

The first day of July we moved into our new compound.

The house is damp and the mats new, and they yield an odour productive of fever. The mat in my room is very damp, and I have a pan of coals which must be fanned every few moments, and moved from place to place. The mould is gathering, and it is that which induces fever. If we can safely get through the first six weeks here, we will have more than the usual causes for thankfulness. We are very much crowded, yet, if all goes well, will try to get through the cool season here.

It is exceedingly warm yet, and will be till September. We have no thermometer, so I can give you no account in degree; but I have seen the covers of books curl back, as perhaps you have seen them, when seated before a fire reading. They were lying on the table, and the shutters were closed. We perspire freely days and nights together; get up in the mornings feeling unrefreshed and tired. We have no communication with the English people, but live wholly by ourselves. Our nearest missionary friends are at Chicacole, forty miles away. The separation from every loved one must be experienced to be understood. Apart from my work, there is no pleasure in India. The happiness that affords, compensates for every deprivation. I am interested in, and enjoy my work. If I can only find my way to the hearts of this people, and help them to find their way to Jesus, I shall be thankful.

## Chicacole.

From Mrs. Armstrong.

DEAR SISTERS,—Some way I see very little in print about missions that missionaries do not write. Our dear LINK is coming to the rescue, and we do hear home news about mission work through it. We want to hear more. We want to hear from the W. A. Societies—from every one of them, and we are sadly disappointed when any Board fails to be represented in your columns.

I sometimes fear that you expect us to do all the work out here, and keep up the interest at home, too. But this is not a fair distribution of work. We want you to hear from us all that we can possibly get time to write. But the next time any one of you thinks "I

wish we had more of interest to tell from our mission stations," will you not remember that your sisters in India are pretty hard-worked, and they would like to hear something from you. Then sit down and do the best you can to let us know what you are doing and how your work prospers. We need encouragement too. Cut off as we are from society, our letters and papers are almost the only stimulants we receive from without.

How many of my sisters will say, "But we have nothing of interest to tell?"—Well, sisters, you must make something. Go out this afternoon and do something for foreign missions, and then—success or failure, you can tell us about it. Could you not go and visit some other Society and help them a little? Never mind if it is new work to you; we may well expect to be helped when we go out on the Master's service. We travel for any and all other purposes, might you not do a little mission travelling now and then? How many of you might attend the annual meetings of the different Women's Boards, and thus become acquainted with those who are working at the heart of these Societies? I am certain you would be well repaid for the effort. If you really wish to work, you will certainly find a way; and if there was more doing, would there not be more to tell?

So much I had written some days since, as I take up my letter again, allow me to take up another subject.

To-day as I was looking round the house for something to make a new cover for my umbrella, I began to think of its history, and then of all my "missionary millinery" so to speak. I ended with tears in my eyes, and a feeling that I would like to tell you how things had gone with me.

When on my way to India, nine years ago, I was detained a fortnight in London. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. Winsor of the Mahratta Mission, under the A. B. C. F. M. were staying at the same hotel as I, and were also waiting for their steamer to sail. In company with them I did my sight-seeing in London. Happening to mention one day that I had not provided myself with an umbrella, which I had heard was a very necessary article in India, Mr. Winsor said that it might be difficult for me to get another one, and he would select for me "the best umbrella in London." So we three gave an afternoon to it. I knew little difference in umbrellas, and would soon have been suited, had I been alone. But this gentleman searched place after place and found nothing to please him, till at last when it had grown quite dusk he found two that he thought would answer, and asked me to take my choice of them. He certainly knew well what he was doing, for that umbrella I have still, and really do not know that I shall ever need another. Strong, light, and durable, it has shielded me from sun and rain through all my wanderings. As I journeyed on ponies through the magnificent forests of Burmah, or in native boats glided up and down its many rivers, and often out to sea; or, on elephants, through the tangled bamboo jungles, and over the rugged mountains of Siam; or, in ox-bandies through the more cultivated districts of India; everywhere it has been my indispensable companion. I recall many strange sights and many imminent dangers it has seen me through. This led me to wonder what else I had that had lasted so long. We are outside the current of fashion and folly that sweeps along so many unwilling ones at home, and have little to tempt us in that direction. But in India, as a rule, clothes wear out rapidly and are reduced to fragments by the heathenish mode of washing them, that we all have to submit to. Yet I have been surprised to see how many things are left that might reasonably have worn out long ago. Missionaries have no time to live luxuriously even if they could afford it. Dear friends at home have supplied me with dresses and many other pleasant things that I never could have procured for myself. I have neither the money to buy, nor the time to make up anything but the most necessary articles. But others have been provided for me, and these gifts chiefly have made our house look homely. But the way these things have kept through our many changes from place to place, belongs to the loving care of Another. It seemed to me as I thought of it as though the Master had touched them and bidden them stay. He has touched them, but not me. He may preserve the supplies, but will not protract the journey. How blessed will be the day when we enter our promised land, and see Him "face to face."

Aug. 6th.

H. M. N. ARMSTRONG.

FALL to the work God sets thee about, and thou engagest His strength for thee; run from the work, and then thou engagest His strength against thee. How often hath the coward been killed in a ditch?—W. Gurnall.

## THE WORK AT HOME.

## Ontario and Quebec.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

This Society held its third annual meeting on Friday, the 10th of October, in the Sunday School Hall of the Jarvis-st. Church, Toronto. It was the largest, most interesting, and most enthusiastic meeting that has yet been held, and will, we doubt not, bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God by awakening a new interest in the minds of some who may have been previously indifferent to the great work in which the Society is engaged—that of sending the Gospel to our heathen sisters—and by stimulating all to fresh zeal and activity.

The morning session began at 11 o'clock. After devotional exercises, the President, Mrs. M. Freeland, read her address, reviewing with gratitude to God the work which the Society had been permitted to accomplish in the past, and looking forward with confident hope to the future. Grateful mention was made of the faithfulness of the circles in supplying the Board with money, so that every obligation had been promptly met, and of the fact that, throughout the year, both the Eastern and Western Boards have been actively co-operating in the endeavor to raise \$2,000 for the erection of the chapel-school-house in Cocanada. The total amount of money raised by the Baptist women of the Dominion, and sent to India since last October, has been \$4,065. Of this sum the Society of Western Ontario has contributed \$1,530, that of Eastern Ontario and Quebec \$815, those of the Maritime Provinces, \$1,700, and the Winnipeg circle, \$20.

A cordial welcome was given by Mrs. J. G. Scott, on behalf of the Toronto women, to the delegates from the circles of other cities and towns, to Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin, and to the members of the Presbyterian Women's F. M. Society, a number of whom were present. After a duet by Mrs. Lillie and Miss C. Lugsdin, the 96th Psalm, and part of the 10th chapter of Romans were read, followed by a short prayer by Mr. McLaurin. Reports from circles were then given by their own delegates; most of these were very encouraging, denoting increased interest and greater liberality in mission work. Mrs. Harvie, of the Presbyterian Society, followed, and in remarkably eloquent language bade us God speed in our work. "Work for the night is coming" was sung, after which Mrs. Grant, of Paris, moved the appointment of the committee to nominate the officers and members of the Central Board for the ensuing year, consisting of one lady from each circle represented at the meeting. This was seconded and carried. Miss Ida Fitch, of Simcoe, then gave a short, earnest address, and after some words of cheer and encouragement from Mr. McLaurin the meeting adjourned.

At one o'clock all repaired to the church parlor, where the ladies of the Jarvis Street circle had kindly provided an elegant and bountiful luncheon. The afternoon session was opened at 2.30 with prayer and praise, after which the annual reports were read.

Miss Morse, Recording Secretary, reported the work accomplished during the year in sustaining the girls' school and providing funds for the buildings at Cocanada, with the details of which the readers of the *Link* are already familiar. Nine ladies have become life-members of the Society, viz.: Messdames Raymond, Gill and Coutts, Guelph; Cooper, London; Castle and Denovan, Toronto; Porter and Hill, Bradford; Grant, Paris. Five new circles have been formed, one directly due to the circulation of the *Link*; and that of Winnipeg becomes an auxiliary of our Society, till Manitoba has one of its own. Several instances of self-denial in order to contribute to the building were related: one lady having given a gold chain which brought \$25 into the treasury, another who had \$10 laid aside with which to buy a brooch sent them to help the chapel, and still another went without a new spring hat giving its value, \$3.50, to the building fund. Several children's auxiliaries have been formed, and the young girls of Port Burwell contributed \$18. The Board earnestly desire to extend the work among the children.

The report of Mrs. Humphrey, Corresponding Secretary, stated that 33 circles were in existence, several of which had not reported, but from the majority the tidings were most cheering. "With God's blessing resting on their efforts the two cents a week which seemed a small thing has built a school-house-chapel, supported Amelia Keller, and sustained the girls' school. We are hoping that it will not be long before every Baptist woman in Ontario will covet a share in the work. We would like this coming year in addition to our specified work to support a Bible

woman and a village teacher, besides furnishing books, tracts, etc., for the work." A letter just received from Mr. Timpany was read, in which he says:—"I must congratulate you ladies on the success that has attended your efforts in raising funds for the chapel-school-house. It is something to look at the line of buildings the school girls and Amelia are in, and at the buildings now being completed, and to realize that the whole of it is the gift of Christian women who have not yet been organized three years. You women going to work have been the salvation of our Foreign Mission. I am not alone in thinking so. I know a blessing will be given on the work that will be carried on in that school-house-chapel, for it has been sanctified by the prayers and aims of some at home who are had in remembrance before the Throne." A letter of cordial greeting from Miss Clarke, the Corresponding Secretary of the Boston Society was also read. The report concludes with these words: "One point in an appeal of the American Society may be heeded by us. Remember that it is desired that every woman in every church shall belong to the Society as an active member." Let us, as members of churches, as members of mission circles, take this 'Remember' home with us, and see how far our prayerful influence will make this a fact the coming year. The Central Board acknowledge the power of prayer so manifest in its results this past year; they record with grateful love the co-operation of every sister whose prayers and money have blessed India; they ask for enlarged faith and deeper consecration, remembering that the 'Greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty are the Lord's.' For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is His, His is the kingdom, and He is exalted above all."

Mrs. Laird, the Treasurer, presented the following report:

*Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, in account with Emily Laird, Treasurer.*

1879.	Dr.	
To amount at credit in bank, Oct. 18, 1878.		\$580 03
Dundas		\$ 2 00
Jarvis-st., Toronto		198 39
Yorkville		70 86
Paris		88 10
Brantford		121 20
Theodford		14 00
Stratford		9 00
Alexander-st., Toronto		128 06
Port Hope		135 50
Guelph		121 00
Denfield		27 00
Timpany's Grove		29 50
Whitby		9 75
Ingersoll		22 75
Port Burwell		29 75
Salford		6 00
Strathroy		42 00
College-st., Toronto		29 10
Whitby (6th con.)		20 00
London (York-st.)		100 00
London (Adelaide-st.)		28 00
Aylmer		7 00
Boston		11 00
Interest on bank account		25 05
Westover (missionary)		5 00
Embro (M. C.)		2 50
Simcoe		5 00
Cheltenham		24 10
Beamsville		21 00
Peterboro		30 57
Uxbridge		11 00
Special contributions		50 37
		\$1424 55
		\$2004 58
1879.	Cr.	
By paid Mr. Craig		\$1530 00
" Printing, &c.		23 53
Balance in bank		451 05
		\$2004 58
Audited and found correct.		
	J. H. BURNETT.	
	H. E. BUCHAN.	

The adoption of these reports was moved by Mrs. Raymond, of Guelph, seconded by Mrs. W. H. Porter, Brantford, and carried unanimously. Both of these ladies spoke very highly of the LINK, recognising in it an important and efficient aid in carrying on the work, and strongly recommending it to all missionary workers.

After a solo by Mrs. S. F. McMaster, Mrs. McLaurin read an address, in which she reviewed her life in India as a missionary's wife; spoke of the work and the workers there, how it was done, and who did it, concluding with an earnest appeal to the Society to send as soon as practicable a young lady to engage in Zenana work in the city of Cocanada.

Music by the Misses Dexter and the choir, was followed by the report of the nominating committee, recommending as President, Mrs. M. Freeland; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames J. H. Castle and H. J. Rose; Rec.-Sec., Miss Morse; Cor.-Sec., Mrs. H. H. Humphrey; Treasurer, Mrs. R. W. Laird; members of the Board, Mesdames Raymond and Thompson, Guelph; Porter, Brantford; Dryden, Brooklin; R. Carfrae, London; W. Craig, jr., Port Hope; J. C. Yule, Ingersoll; Evans, Dyke, Lane, T. D. Craig, J. D. King, Toronto; Misses Randall, Paris; Elliot and Erskine Buchan, Toronto. This report was unanimously adopted.

Most interesting papers were read by Mrs. J. H. Castle, on "The Home Influence of Foreign Missions," and by Mrs. J. C. Yule, on "Woman in her Relations to Christianity." After a hymn was sung, Mr. McLaurin pronounced the benediction, and the meeting was brought to a close.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—CONVENTION EAST.

The third annual meeting of this Society was held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on Friday afternoon, Oct. 2nd, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Gordon in the chair. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Gordon spoke a few words of welcome to the delegates, and of regret at the absence of Mrs. Claxton, who, as President, had been associated with the Society since its formation. The report of Mrs. Porteous, Rec.-Sec., stated that the attendance at the Board meetings had been larger, and more interest had been taken in the work than during previous years. Miss Green, Treasurer, reported for the year ending Oct. 2nd, 1879:—

RECEIPTS.

In treasury last annual meeting	\$ 97 44
First Baptist Church Society, including special collection for life memberships	322 08
Perth Circle	74 20
Ottawa Circle, including life memberships	67 00
Barnston Circle and Busy Bee Society	65 50
Olivet Circle	57 30
Inverness do	34 50
Brockville do	32 00
Sawyersville do	31 55
Hull do	30 00
Dalesville do	25 00
Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Lyman Martin, Barford	2 00
Collection at annual meeting	39 00
United collection F. B. Church and St. Catherine-st. Sunday Schools	13 00
Money returned for MISS LINK	1 10
Collection at welcome meeting to Mr. McLaurin	35 00
Sales at welcome meeting and special subscriptions	50 00
Interest	3 54
	\$978 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Last payment Girls' School, Cocanada	\$265 00
Chapel School House	500 00
Rev. A. V. Timpany	50 00
Advertising and printing	9 50
For MISSIONARY LINK	7 25
Drafts and postage	3 25
Cash in Treasurer's hands	143 81
	\$978 81

Respectfully submitted,  
NANNIE E. GREEN.

Audited and found correct,

AMELIA MUIR.  
M. F. DAVIS.

From the report of Miss Muir, Cor.-Sec., a few extracts will be of interest: "Three years have now elapsed since this Society was organized by Mr. Timpany, and as we review the past it is with feelings of gratitude that we were permitted to enter on this work.

Cocanada has become a household word, the mission compound like the house of a friend, which has been often described and each particular dwelt upon. It will ever be a spot of deep interest to us, for in it, as the result of women's labors and women's prayers, are the walls of our Girls' Quarters and our School House Chapel.

"Want of interest in any work is often from lack of information about it, and now that the channel of communication has been established between the mission field and ourselves through the MISSIONARY LINK, interest in it is widening and deepening in every direction. It would be difficult to estimate the benefit the MISSIONARY LINK has been to us as a Society, not only in making known the needs and work of our missionaries, but by its reports of what our sisters in the West are doing, inciting us to greater zeal and energy.

"What have we accomplished during the three years since our organization? Estimating our work

only by the amount collected we have as a result the sum of nearly \$2,200, \$1,500 of which has been sent to build the Girls' Quarters and \$500 towards the School House Chapel. All of this has been collected in small sums and at what labor and self-denial only those acquainted with the work of the different circles can form any idea. One item taken from one of the reports read will illustrate this. 'We travelled nineteen miles one day, and only called at six houses, amount received, \$1.45. Owing to the houses being so far from the road we had to alight, to open twenty gates and two bars.' And yet these persevering sisters have sent to our Treasurer \$25!

"The reports from the circles are very encouraging and the amounts received in almost every case much larger than last year.

"The eleven circles in connection with our Society have a membership of about 320 and a life membership of 14. The amount received this year is \$881.37. Next year we must make it \$1,000.

"There is one item in the Treasurer's report of \$3.25 for postage and drafts. This is the whole amount it has cost to carry on this Society, and you will notice that the interest on the bank account is more than enough to cover that. The other item \$9.50 for printing and advertising was for a public meeting at which there was a collection taken up amounting to \$39.

"And now that we have succeeded beyond our expectations, having \$600 towards the \$1,000 promised for the chapel, and every prospect of easily raising the other \$400, shall we rest content and think we are doing all that can be expected from us? Most certainly not! We are but beginning to realize our power and ability to bear some of the responsibility towards furnishing the means to evangelize the Telugus. Not until every woman in our churches has contributed something if it is only ten cents towards the preaching of the gospel, shall we feel that our Society has accomplished the work it is able to do.

"Every year the needs of the Mission will increase, and we will require to do more towards its support."

Interesting reports were read from the circles at Ottawa, Barnston, Perth, Brockville, Hull, Inverness, Sawyersville, Dalesville, First Church and Olivet, Montreal.

Mrs. McLaurin gave a very interesting and informal account of the work in the mission stations of India.

The following officers were elected:—President; Mrs. Gordon; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Munro; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Porteous; Cor. Secretary, Miss Muir; Treasurer, Miss Green. The Executive Board—Mesdames Claxton, Kennedy, Turnbull, McLaren, Labdon, G. B. Muir, Campbell, Barlow, Smith, Bentley, Field, Rosser, Davies, and Misses Christie and Hill, all of Montreal; Mesdames Cameron, Ottawa; Montgomery, Brockville; Geo. Edwards, Thurso; Marsh, Barnston; Leckie, Perth. Auditors—Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Ayer.

Resolutions were passed expressive of regret at Mrs. Claxton's resignation; of appreciation of the LINK; and of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig, of Cocanada, in the death of their little daughter. The meeting then closed with prayer.

Nova Scotia.

The Central Board of W. M. A. Societies for Nova Scotia, held their quarterly meeting on the 9th of Oct. We are ten in number, and all were present—a rather unusual circumstance. It was agreed to grant \$1,000 to aid in building the mission premises in Bobbitt, and \$500 to help in the erection of school-rooms. There was quite a discussion about the advisability of maintaining orphanages, and the general feeling we find is against this form of mission work, as the results have not been found satisfactory, and therefore do not warrant the outlay of the necessary money. It was, however, resolved to send \$75 to Mrs. Armstrong for the three orphans she still has in her care. This small sum is sufficient to maintain them for one year.

The Secretary was requested to write to several persons in different localities on behalf of the "MISSIONARY LINK," as its circulation in Nova Scotia is not so large as we could wish. This, with some routine business, closed our proceedings.

The news received from our Societies has been as usual, of a varied character. From Y—the Secretary writes, "Since the beginning of the year we have held our monthly meetings regularly. The attendance is small, but the few interested ones are in earnest, and we hope to report increasing interest and zeal for the coming year." A brother who never fails to send something to our treasury every year, says, "I enclose you one dollar. It is part of the proceeds of the wool of the mission sheep, which I have dedicated to the Lord for that purpose. I trust that He has accepted the little offering, and that He will make it a blessing."

Mrs. D— writes, "We had a very interesting meeting last Saturday afternoon. Quite a number attended, and gave in their names for another year. Some new names were added, so that we feel we have everything to encourage us to persevere." From A— we hear good words as follows: "When we resolved to form a W. M. A. Society here, we expected difficulties, and we have found them; but the same motives that prompted a commencement, have enabled us to continue, and we are thankful to be able to help, even a little, in this glorious cause. The attendance at our monthly meetings is small, but we find them seasons of pleasure and strength. We send to the Central Board about \$15 yearly, and this summer have started a fund for a life member. We shall have a struggle to attain this object, but with our Heavenly Father's blessing, we intend to do it. We have sent on the names of six subscribers for the LINK; we value it highly, and have great hopes of its usefulness."

M. R. SELDEN,  
Sec. Cen. Board, N.S.

Halifax, Oct. 11th, 1879.

THE REPORT of the Foreign Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces, says:—While our expenditures during the year have been somewhat increased over some previous years, owing principally to the building operations at our three Mission stations, and the expense incurred in reinforcing the Mission by the addition of a new laborer, we regret to say that our receipts have been diminished to some extent. This decrease of income we have every reason to believe arises from the wide spread and universal depression in business, which has greatly affected the receipts of all religious and benevolent associations throughout the world. The total amount contributed by the churches, W. M. A. Societies, Sabbath Schools, and private individuals during the year has been \$4391.40.

We would most earnestly impress upon the attention of the churches, the fact that it will be necessary for them to exercise a generous liberality in replenishing our Treasury, if they would save the Board from financial embarrassment, the denomination from mortification, and our missionary brothers from disappointment in the execution of their plans and work.

We expect that the expenditures on the Chicacole Compound are nearly ended. It has already cost us nearly Rs. 4000.

In Bimlipatam we have expended for land and buildings up to May 31st, 1879, nearly Rs. 5300, and it will require nearly as much more to finish and complete the premises.

In Bobbili we have expended nearly Rs. 2000, and it will be true economy to expend double that sum there during the present fiscal year.

Extra expenses will be incurred by the return of Mrs. Armstrong to this country at the close of this year.

The salaries of our missionaries and their assistant preachers and teachers, must be promptly met; so that your Board fondly hope that the members of our churches will weigh well the character of the responsibilities which you impose on those whom you may select to carry forward your work in the Foreign field, and keep our Treasury amply replenished.

THE FOREIGN MISSION MEETING at St. Catharines was a great success. Full reports have been or will be given in both the *Baptist* and *Helper*, to which we must refer our readers. The thanks of the women's societies are due to the brethren who spoke so favorably of their work, and to Rev. W. H. Porter, of Brantford, for his eloquent address as their representative.

THE REPORT of the Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Women's Society, draws attention to the fact that the working expenses of the Board have been more than met by the interest on the Bank account. The Treasurer's report of the Western Society, shows a similar record. The expense item is \$23.53, Bank interest \$25. Every cent therefore of the money collected by the Circles of both Societies has been applied directly to work in India.

AT the meeting of the Eastern Convention in Montreal, a deputation, headed by Miss Muir, from the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, waited on the Convention, and, after stating what had been done by the Ladies' Missionary Circles, Miss Muir earnestly urged the Pastors to help in forming Circles where none were yet existing. This appeal met with a hearty response, and doubtless good will be the result.—*Helper*.

BELLEVILLE, ONT. The pastor of the Belleville Church informs us that a Mission Circle has just been organized by the ladies of his charge.

PARIS, ONT. The Circle has made the pastor's wife, Mrs. Grant, a life member of the W. B. F. M. Society.

### Sister Belle's Corner.

For the Little Folks who Read this Paper.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS—Our Corner has been crowded out for two months. The paper has so many good friends who write for it, that we boys and girls may be left out now and then. But we will have our talk about India as often as the editors let us.

I want to tell you of a Mission Band in the City of Quebec. Only fifteen girls are members, but last year they earned \$120, enough to keep two Bible women in India for a whole year. These women were heathen once, but they heard the missionary talk about Jesus. They believed He would forgive all their sins, because He died for them. And now they want to spend every day in telling others these glad tidings. So they take their Bibles and visit other women and children in their homes, talking about the true God and Jesus Christ His Son.

The girls in this Quebec Band cannot go over the ocean and be missionaries themselves, but the money they send helps others to do this work.

How many of you would like to have such a Band in your S. S.? Suppose you ask the Superintendent to call a meeting on a week day, to form a Band. One of the teachers could meet with you every week or month. Each boy and girl could bring one cent at each meeting. This would make them members. Then choose a name for your Band, like "Busy Bees," "Little Gleaners," "Fellow Helpers," or some such name. Have a book for the members to sign their names. Elect your President, Secretary and Treasurer, and then decide what you will do to earn money. The girls might sew at the meetings, or make fancy work. The boys could whittle brackets or pretty toys with their jack-knives. Others might read aloud or recite pieces about missionaries, or some story of India people or their customs.—Our "Corner" would often have such pieces in it. Then you might get ready for a missionary concert, and ask all your grown up friends. How many Sunday Schools will try this plan before next month?

Perhaps the little Secretaries will write me a letter about each Band. I will be very glad to tell you more about it, or to help in any way.

If you address your letters to "SISTER BELLE," LORNE PLACE, OTTAWA, they will reach me safely.

May our boys and girls have a "mind to work" in this way, and then the God of Missions will crown their labors with His blessing.

SISTER BELLE.

Ottawa, Oct. 16th, '79.

### Women have no Souls.

"Women have no souls," said a Chinese mandarin, drawing himself up with an air of great superiority; and when it was insisted that women had souls, as well as men, he laughed long and loud at the absurd idea, and added, "When I get home I will tell my wife that she has a soul. She will be astonished I think." This opinion is almost universal in China. As a woman, it is believed she can have no hope of heaven. If she is perfectly submissive to her husband and his relatives, and is the mother of sons, she may perhaps be born again in this world as a man, and then there may be a possibility of reaching Buddha's heaven, but not otherwise. This, then, is the most earnest prayer of every Chinese girl, this the great incentive of her religious life, that she may come back to this world as a man. Can we wonder at her degradation? Of course there are many minor considerations which effect her, day by day—the trials and misfortunes of life, which are attributed to the anger of the gods,—an anger that must be appeased by expensive and frequent offerings of various kinds, constant homage to be paid to ancestors, and innumerable superstitions that follow them every hour of the day.

THERE is enough in Christ Jesus for you when you have nothing in yourself.

### Cetewayo.

The case of Cetewayo is very sad.—Rev. M. W. Pinkerton, of Indundama, writes:—"His father was a friend of the Dutch and English. In his youth he knew the Missionaries, and heard their instructions. He matured under their influence, but resisted it. British officials did much to lead this prince in the right direction. To whom has he listened? his witch doctors and his young bloods. He discouraged honest traders, and patronized smugglers of powder, guns, and grog. He made counterfeiters of white-outlaws, with his eyes wide open. They plundered him, helped him to this war, and forsook him. It is his own deliberate choice, and the choice of his people; an intelligent, criminal choice. They have sealed their choice by shedding the blood of innocent men and women and children. The day of retribution has come, and it will be thorough. The captain of the Lord's host is in chief command."—*Ex.*

### WOMEN'S BAPT. FOR. MISS. SOCIETY OF THE CONVENTION, WEST, ONT.

Receipts from Sept. 23rd to Oct. 27th.

Strathroy Mission Circle, \$13; Port Hope, \$9; Alexander-st., \$21.30; Whitty, 6th con., \$10; Beamsville, \$21; College-st., \$10.85; Ingersoll, \$4.80; Uxbridge, \$6; Whitty, \$5.50; Guelph, \$10; Cheltenham, \$3.60; London, York-st., \$25; Brantford, \$10; Jarvis-st., \$24.95; Stratford, \$6.25; Theoford, \$4; Aylmer, \$15.50; Denfield, \$11; London, Adelaide-st., \$19; Port Burwell, \$4.25. Total, \$235.

### Specials.

Timpany's Grove, to educate a young man in India, per Mrs. B. McConnell, Mrs. B. Timpany, and Miss E. Coboon, \$25; Paris, to make Mrs. Grant a life member, \$25; Westover, Miss Embury, 75 cts.; Miss Robertson, 75 cts.; Miss L. B. Shaver, 50 cts., \$2.00; T. Crotty, for Mr. Timpany's bell, 25 cts.; collection at annual meeting, \$11.84; total, \$64.09. Total receipts, \$299.09.

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