

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

Canadiana.org has attempted to obtain the best copy available for scanning. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of scanning are checked below.

Canadiana.org a numérisé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de numérisation sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Coloured covers /
Couverture de couleur
- Covers damaged /
Couverture endommagée
- Covers restored and/or laminated /
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée
- Cover title missing /
Le titre de couverture manque
- Coloured maps /
Cartes géographiques en couleur
- Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black) /
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)
- Coloured plates and/or illustrations /
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur
- Bound with other material /
Relié avec d'autres documents
- Only edition available /
Seule édition disponible
- Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion
along interior margin / La reliure serrée peut
causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la
marge intérieure.
- Additional comments /
Commentaires supplémentaires:

Continuous pagination.

- Coloured pages / Pages de couleur
- Pages damaged / Pages endommagées
- Pages restored and/or laminated /
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
- Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
- Pages detached / Pages détachées
- Showthrough / Transparence
- Quality of print varies /
Qualité inégale de l'impression
- Includes supplementary materials /
Comprend du matériel supplémentaire
- Blank leaves added during restorations may
appear within the text. Whenever possible, these
have been omitted from scanning / Il se peut que
certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une
restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais,
lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas
été numérisées.

THE Canadian Missionary Link.

CANADA.

In the Interests of the Baptist Foreign Mission Societies of Canada.

INDIA.

VOL. VI., No. 3.] "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."—Is. lxi. 1.] NOV., 1883.

Giving and Living.

Forever the sun is pouring its gold

On a hundred worlds that beg and borrow;

His warmth he squanders on summits cold;

His wealth on the homes of want and sorrow—

To withhold his largess of precious light

Is to bury himself in eternal night.

To give

Is to live.

The flower shines not for itself at all;

Its joy is the joy it freely diffuses;

Of beauty and balm it is prodigal,

And it lives in the light it freely loses;

No choice for the rose but glory or doom.

To exhale or smother, to wither or bloom.

To deny

Is to die.

The seas lend silvery rays to the land,

The land its sapphire streams to the ocean;

The heart sends blood to the brain of command.

The brain to the heart its lightning motion;

And over and over we yield our breath.

Till the mirror is dry and images death.

To live

Is to give.

He is dead whose hand is not open wide

To help the need of a human brother;

He doubles the length of his lifelong ride

Who gives his fortunate place to another;

And a thousand million lives are his

Who carries the world in his sympathies.

To deny

Is to die.

Boston Transcript

THE LINK.—The managers of the LINK have again experienced the pleasure of dividing \$100, the profits of the fifth volume, among the various women's societies, in proportion to the number of subscribers from each, as follows: Ontario, \$51.96; Eastern Ontario and Quebec, \$15.45; Nova Scotia, \$20.86; New Brunswick, \$7.82; Manitoba, \$3.91.

THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Several changes have taken place in the officers of the Board. C. Raymond, Esq., of Guelph, is now *President*; T. S. Shenston, Esq., of Brantford, *Treasurer*; and Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, of Hamilton, *Secretary*. We have not yet seen the report, but understand that the accounts for the year closed with a deficiency of about \$3,600.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.—OUR WORK FOR 1884.—A well-attended meeting of the Central Board was held after the public meeting on the afternoon of the 12th

of October, the special business being to make the appropriations for 1884. A copy of the "estimates" had been furnished by the Secretary of the General Society. No new work is contemplated at present. It was unanimously agreed to continue the support of all the schools, Bible women, etc., which have become the peculiar charge of the Women's Society. These with one half of Miss Frith's salary will require the sum of \$1,700. \$850 was set aside for the first half-year's remittance in advance for these objects. Then the question of what to do with the surplus of over \$700—the *Master's* money—was earnestly and carefully discussed; and inasmuch as direct work for women is being accomplished by the Samulcotta Seminary, where the wives of the students are under the personal care and training of Mrs. McLaurin, it was unanimously resolved to aid that school by donating \$700 towards its support during 1884. This money will be sent immediately.

NAMES OF LIFE MEMBERS, 1882-83, ONTARIO SOC'Y.
Mrs. H. A. McConnell, Whitevale; Mrs. John Arnold, Paris; Mrs. T. S. Johnson, Sarnia; Mrs. G. L. Wittet, Mrs. Horace Foster, Boston; Mrs. Ebbels, Parliament St., Mrs. Thorold, Jarvis St., Toronto.

Letter from Miss Frith.

(Read at the Toronto Meeting.)

MY DEAR SISTERS, It is good to feel that the distance between us is not so great but that we can have some fellowship with each other as the children of God and fellow-workers together with Him in the blessed work of rescuing the heathen from idolatry, and giving them the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus.

It would be a privilege to meet with you in person, and take each one of you by the hand; but as that cannot be, I will be with you in spirit and will pray God to give you His presence and blessing. Let us thank Him for entrusting so much to our societies as He has during the year, and ask Him to give us still much more wisdom to spend it in such a way as shall bring the most honor and glory to His name.

Next year a new missionary and his wife ought to be sent, and if they are not the work will have to suffer here. Can we not make this a subject of prayer and ask God to give us the means to help the General Board, if they should see fit to appoint one?

In the next room are three hundred little mission boxes ready, or nearly ready, to be sent for distribution amongst the Sunday schools in Ontario and Quebec. Each Sunday school is to have one box. Mr. Craig, the donor, has had them made by some carpenters in Co-canada, so when they arrive and the children are dropping in their cents, it will be nice to remember they were made by heathen hands, and it will be nice also to remember that in each Telugu Christian house in Co-

Canada is one of these same kind of boxes. The Telugu Christians are learning to give and many of them give well. The missionaries have not neglected to train them in this Christian grace.

I wish we could give you a peep into missionary life as we see and feel it here. I never did imagine it to be just as I see it now in reality. The work is most encouraging and exceedingly interesting; that is the general opinion of all our missionaries at present.

Miss Folsom, a young lady I knew in Ottawa, who came to India two years ago, to labor in connection with Dr. Cullis' Faith work of Boston, has come to teach our Eurasian school. We feel that in her we will have a noble helper in our English work. I have asked her to write a letter for the LINK, and think she will do so after a while.

I will add a few sentences about the prospect of our Zenana work and my class. I have not begun to do any regular work in the way of visiting yet, and do not expect to for several months, as we think it would be unwise until I get the language pretty well. Many are wishing me to begin, and have been ever since I landed in India. Some of those who seem so very anxious are the wealthy merchants, who want their daughters to be taught music and fancy work. They will be both surprised and disappointed when they find that I know very little of either. I told one of these native gentlemen that I never intended to spend my time teaching anybody fancy work, if I found plenty, as I fully expected I would, who were ready and willing to learn about Jesus. There is no use in encouraging them to expect that my time is to be spent in that way, while so many are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life! If I had the language now, there would be more work for me to do than time or strength would permit. There is, too, plenty of work for single ladies in India. Yes, among the Telugus; so no one need be at all discouraged by the letter which appeared in the columns of the *Baptist* a few weeks ago, to which Mr. Bates so ably replied.

My class is the most interesting I ever taught, and gives me no end of anxiety and pleasure. Since my letters appeared in the LINK, it has passed through a severe experience, and was pretty well tested; still it lived, because it was in the hands of One who was able to make it stand. Many of you read Mr. Timpany's letters in the *Baptist*, in which he spoke of having baptized a young man of the Brahmin caste, which enraged the people so much. He was not a member of the class, but belonged to one of the most respectable families in Cocanada, so of course his baptism, to them, was a very serious thing and a great disgrace. If there were time I would like to give you an account of that memorable Sunday, but as there is not, it will be sufficient to say that for several Sundays there were only three or four present in the class. My courage did not fail, for I believed it was of the Lord, and it would revive again after the talk and excitement were over. It did revive and is now growing in interest and numbers. One of those, who came regularly while most of his companions were held back through fear on their own part or the part of their parents and relatives, I believe, is earnestly seeking the true way of salvation. Three others are reading their Bibles every morning in a private way. They said their relatives did know that they came to the class. They asked to be allowed to come on Sunday afternoons, that they might learn more. It is not likely that any of them let their people know when they come. Oh, I feel anxious to have them become Christians, and

have strength and will enough to confess it. They would be so useful for the Lord's work. Is it too much to expect? No; is not the power of the Lord sufficient for those things? Many of them are intelligent and ask many interesting and thoughtful questions.

Last Sunday, Munshie thought to confer a great honor on the class by bringing a Bachelor of Arts, but I thought when I looked at him that he would be apt to make some trouble before we got to the end of the lesson, and I was not far astray in my guessing, for at once he began disputing almost everything I said, in a polite way, and tried to draw me into argument. I told him that I only taught about one Redeemer and one gospel, and the class was no place for discussions. It would waste our time and do no good. I do not expect to see him again, unless he changes his mind.

I invited a Brahmin teacher, who professed to feel very warmly towards the Christian religion, to come. He politely said that he would be most happy to come and would be the most prominent man. I looked for him several Sundays, but he did not make himself prominent by his presence.

Now my letter is altogether too long, and I have not told you all I would like to.

May the blessing of the Master of assemblies be with you in all your deliberations, directing and controlling all to the honor of His name. Yours in Christian love.

M. J. FRITH.

Cocanada, Aug. 4.

Letter from Mr. Timpany.

(Read at the Toronto meeting.)

When your letter came with a request for a letter for your annual meeting, I was sick with fever. I am still very weak, but must write this mail or it may be too late for your purpose.

To begin with, we will speak of our Girls' Boarding School. There are 30 girls in this school, then there are a number of women and girls who attend the school as day scholars; altogether there are from 40 to 45 women and girls in the station school. The most of these are members of the church. The girls have been well behaved. They like the school, and are not easily persuaded by their relatives to give it up. They had vacation in June. Nine of the girls stayed with us. I had these one hour a day with me, learning Christian doctrine. The girls who went to their villages every one returned. I have fenced in a yard in front of their houses with a bamboo fence: they will try to grow some flowers and vegetables. They tried to do so last year, but the cattle ate up everything before the girls got any return for their care or labor. Some time hereafter, when you can give \$100 for it, I will build a wall around the yard so that it will be permanent. The girls keep their place nice and clean. I wish to say something about the way they get money for the church collections. I give them rice in the husk; they get at the rate of one heaped quart of this grain per girl. This, when pounded in the mortar and cleaned with care, gives a half quart of grain fit for the pot. The bran is separated from the chaff; this bran they sell to Mrs. Timpany for our cows. As soon as their cooking is done they put out the fire; the coals which they get in this way they sell. Then they take a little grain every day out of their dole—I think they tithe their grain. They said they had no money, and no way to get any, only in the care they took as indicated above. In this way they get about 2 as. a month per girl. You see it will amount to a good deal for all the girls in a

year. This is not all the benefit by any means; when they marry and go to the villages, they can be an example to the Christians. Sometimes Mrs. Timpany has some sewing which they can do; for this they get paid at current rates: I expect some two or three of the girls will be married before long. When I am in the station I go every morning about six o'clock and give them out their provisions for the day and inspect the rooms and yard. They are expected to have the place swept and be themselves neat when I go. Girls at home would think this early rising. The first thing heard in this compound at break of day is the morning hymn sung by the girls; one of them prays, and then they go to their toilet and work.

I have two other schools in Cocanada; one of them is in the new village which the municipality moved from a dirty small site to a nicely laid out, village site. There are nearly 500² houses in it. Here we have an entire square, with a good tiled house. At present we have no teacher; are waiting to get one for it. There is no other school in the place, and there are troops of children, a great many of whom could be induced to attend a school if we have a kind, earnest teacher. The third school is in Jugganaikapoor. It has a home in our English meeting place. There are about 40 pupils, of whom some 10 are girls. The largest girl, about twelve years old, loves the Saviour, I trust. Her parents have not been baptized, but the mother I think is a Christian, brought to the Saviour by the daughter. The teacher of this school is well educated, and was a caste man before he became a Christian. He is a good Christian, and doing a lot of good outside of his school. One of his boys has gone recently to the seminary at Samulcotta. There are a number of village schools which have in them altogether about 100 scholars; nearly half of these are girls. These little village schools may not seem to be much, but the boys and girls who study in them will nearly all, sooner or later, become Christians, and be the backbone of our village Christian communities.

The Bible women, Rungamma and Ellen, have worked on as usual. Rungamma works in Jugganaikapoor. A great many women have heard the gospel from her. The Gabriel family are well known in Cocanada and she can go into a great many houses. Of late there has been some trouble owing to the baptism of some of the caste people here; the people are afraid that their relatives will become Christians if taught about Christ. This opposition will not last. I may say that the girl Lukshmi has found a number of her relatives here; they were here all the time. They are a nice lot of people. One young woman, Lukshmi's first cousin, would like very much to be baptized. She went to school with Lukshmi when they were little girls. The whole family, a large one, has long ago given up idolatry. They have a well-thumbed copy of the Telugu Testament. One of the men told me recently that he was ready to be baptized, but that he could not come out alone. They were delighted to find Lukshmi, and glad that she had been saved and become a Christian.

Ellen, supported by First Brantford Church Circle, is now living in the new village mentioned above. She is a good, sensible woman, and gets along well with the people, who soon get to like her. The work of these Bible women may not seem so much now, but I am sure it is telling in many ways and the fruit will more and more appear as time goes on. Only the other day Ellen brought a caste man and his wife who were inquirers. The woman said she was ready to become a Christian

and let caste go; she said there was no truth or rest for the soul in Hinduism.

There will be plenty of houses to which Miss Frith can go as soon as she has the language. Hinduism is very much shaken and is breaking up; caste does not seem to have the power it had a few years ago. Every caste man and woman who come to us are an example to the rest and make it easier for others. When the Christian community has attained strength it will be glorious to see the numbers of people who will come. I hope I may live to see it. We have a living Christ in this work and nothing can stand before the Truth.

A. W. TIMPANY.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Convention East.

THE SEVENTH Annual Meeting was held in the Baptist Church, Ottawa, on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4th, 1883. Representatives from the Circles of Ottawa, Hull, Osgood, Clarence, Roxboro', Dominionville, South Gower, Cornwall, Perth, First Baptist and Olivet Montreal Churches, were present. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Miss Muir, of Montreal, took the chair. An address of welcome from the Ottawa Circle was read by Mrs. McDiarmid, and reports were read by the Corresponding Secretary from a number of Circles not represented at the meeting. After reading the secretary and treasurer's reports the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Claxton, *President*; Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Ayer, *Vice-Presidents*; Mrs. Bentley, *Recording Secretary*; Miss Muir, *Corresponding Secretary*; Mrs. F. B. Smith, *Treasurer*. *Executive Board*: Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. L. H. Packard, Mrs. R. Turnbull, Mrs. W. Porteous, Miss Green, Mrs. T. O. Phillips, Mrs. Tester, Mrs. G. B. Muir, Mrs. T. B. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Muir, Mrs. Utting, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mrs. Whitham, Mrs. McDiarmid, Ottawa; Mrs. George Edwards, Thurso; Mrs. Parker, Coaticooke; Mrs. Alexander, Brockville. Appropriations for the ensuing year were voted to Rev. Mr. Timpany \$500; Miss Frith \$250; Girls' School at Akidu \$175.

A representative from the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society addressed the meeting, expressing their deep sympathy with us in our work.

In consequence of the large balance of \$430.73 in the hands of the Treasurer, it was on motion decided to send \$100 towards the Rev. Mr. Timpany's salary for the present year. Miss Muir closed the meeting with a very earnest and enthusiastic address. Tea was provided in the lecture room, and in the evening a public platform meeting closed the very interesting services of the annual meeting.

S. BENTLEY, Rec. Sec.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONVENTION EAST.

We would lay before you the record of the work of our Society during another year. While it has not been a year of any remarkable results, yet there has been a steady growth, and we are thankful to be able to report an increase of membership, number of Circles, and money contributed to our treasury.

The quarterly meetings have been held regularly, the average attendance being ten. Four new Circles have been organized during the year, viz: Tayside, Dominion-

ville, Morrisburg, South Gower and Kemptville, making twenty-six Circles in all. We are glad to record the interest that has been manifested by many of our Circles, by the frequent correspondence on our loved work which has been read at our meetings, and the earnest desire manifested by our Circles, that a deeper interest might be created in our mission work. Three life members have been elected during the year, making in all thirty-eight life members. At the last board meeting it was decided to send a memorial to Her Majesty the Queen of England and Empress of India, praying her to forbid child-marriages in India, and thus remove one of the greatest obstacles to the prosecution of the work of our missionaries amongst the women of the Telugus. Our beloved sister, Miss Frith, who went to labor as a Zenana worker in September last, we are happy to say is progressing remarkably well. Several communications from her have been received, proving her fitness for the work. She hopes soon to be able personally to speak to women in their native tongue. The appropriations made at the last annual meeting have been promptly met, viz: \$200 to the Girls' School at Akidu, \$250 to Miss Frith, and \$300 to the Rev. Mr. Timpany's salary. We desire to record our grateful thanks to our aged sister Mrs. McPhail for her generous contribution of \$150 to the funds of our Society, thus enabling the Board to make a further grant of \$100 towards the Rev. Mr. Timpany's salary, leaving a balance on hand of \$430 73. It is a source of much thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, that we have been enabled, during the past to raise \$461 more than the preceding year, the total amount cash collected being \$1019. This result shows the great advantage of the system of collection of small amounts systematically by our various circles throughout our several churches. This is not all that can be done. May we not try next year if we cannot double our membership, and thus encourage our Missionaries as well as the General Board.

Such is a brief statement of what we have been permitted to do during the past year. We are grateful to all our Circles for their hearty co-operation, and hope that the new Board may receive the same generous support. Above all let us pray that our Heavenly Father will grant to all our Missionaries during the coming year enlarged success in winning souls to Christ, and bestow on them every needful blessing. Respectfully submitted,

S. BENTLEY, Secy.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In reviewing the work of the past year we have gratefully to record that some progress has been made. Most of the Circles have contributed more than the preceding year, although special efforts were then made for Miss Frith's expenses, and the receipts are \$50 in excess of any previous year. Four new Circles have been organized making our present number 26. We still look longingly towards some of the churches in the Convention, where circles might be sustained and the mission cause strengthened, if the sisters in the churches would but respond to the call to join us in this work. The amount which we have been enabled to send to India may seem insignificant in comparison with what larger societies are doing; but in proportion to the size and wealth of the churches on the field, it must, I think, be considered large.

We are glad to welcome the South Gower, Kemptville, Dominionville and Morrisburg circles, and hope that those may be greatly blessed who have thus undertaken to work among the women of their churches, to help increase the interest in the Telugu mission.

The deplorable condition of the widows in India and the great evils arising from the custom of child-marriage in that country, has been prominently brought before our notice, and in common with other Women's Societies we have prepared a memorial to Her Majesty the Queen, on the subject. We all hope and pray that the English government, which has conferred so many benefits on India, may see fit to interfere in this matter and save our India fellow subjects from what is often an intolerable burden.

The news from the Foreign Field is most encouraging. During the past year Miss Frith has made good progress in learning the language, and before the close of another year will probably have entered upon her Zenana work. Through the instrumentality of her Brahmin teacher, Miss Frith has been enabled to gather a class of high-cast young men on Sunday mornings, for the study of the scriptures in English; this we hope will result in much good. The letter from Mr. Craig which I will read, will give the best idea of the work in the Girls' school in Akidu.

There has been a much larger amount of correspondence between the society and the circles, than formerly, and we have been much encouraged by news of the stronghold which the mission is taking upon some of our churches. The year has truly been one of encouragement and there is a fair prospect of extending our influence during the coming year. Let us all be faithful to the trust committed to us and remember that if the kingdoms of this world are ever to become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ it must be by His church sending to them the Gospel of His Grace. AMELIA MUIR.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST F. M. SOC'Y - CONVENTION EAST.

Treasurer's Report for year ending October 4th, 1883.

INCOME.

Balance from October 12th, 1882	\$ 2 28
Interest	16 66
Collection at Annual Meeting	240 06
Montreal, Olivet Circle	63 56
First Baptist Sab. School, Mission and Circle	220 00
Ottawa Circle, including \$150 from Mrs. McPhail	55 50
Osgoode	45 35
Thurso	37 00
Abbott's Corners	37 00
Dalesville Circle, \$32; S. School, for Miss Frith, \$5	37 00
Coaticook (including \$15. special, for Rev. J. McLaughlin)	42 50
Cornwall	25 00
Perth	25 00
Sawyer'sville	22 00
Magog	21 00
Clarence	17 00
Inverness	17 00
Barnston	16 00
South Gower	14 00
St. Andrews	13 00
Beebe Plain	13 00
Dominionville	13 00
Kemptville	12 00
Ormond	12 00
Morrisburg	11 00
Roxboro'	10 00
Cumberland	7 00
Brockville—Mrs. Wallace, \$4; Mrs. Kearney, \$4	5 00
West Winchester (Mr. John Chambers, for Miss Frith)	5 00

Newboro	1 00	
		1018 91
		\$1313 02
EXPENDITURE.		
Sent to India :-		
For Mr. Timpany's salary	\$400 00	
" Miss Frith's salary	250 00	
" Mr. Craig's school	200 00	
" Mr. McLaurin, from Coatooke	5 00	
" Memorial to the Queen	10 00	
" Drafts and collecting charges	2 53	
" Tracts and postage	11 77	
" Expenses for Annual Meeting	3 00	
Cash in hand		\$ 882 30
		430 73
		\$1313 03
Respectfully submitted		
	M. A. SMITH, <i>Treas.</i>	
Examined and found correct		
	GEO. FELKER, <i>Auditor</i>	

Women's Baptist F. M. Soc'y of Ontario.

THE SEVENTH Annual Meeting was held on Friday, the 12th of October, in the Sunday School Hall of the Jarvis St. Church, Toronto. The attendance was large, and the reports interesting, the addresses pointed and good, and better than all, an earnest devotional feeling pervaded the assembly. The editor of the *Baptist*, who was present, has given a very full report of the proceedings in his issue of the 18th Oct., to which we refer our readers. During the morning session the following ladies were appointed as a committee to nominate the Central Board for the ensuing year: Mrs. John Harris, Brantford; Mrs. Grant, Paris; Mrs. Raymond, Guelph; Miss Rowles, Sarnia; Mrs. Rose, sr., Mrs. Davies, and Mrs. Watson, Toronto, with the Recording Secretary, Miss Dexter.

The report of this committee was received and adopted in the afternoon, when the following ladies were unanimously elected as the Board for 1883-4: *President*, Mrs. Freeland; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. J. H. Castle, Toronto; Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. H. J. Rose; *Recording Secretary*, Miss Dexter; *Treasurer*, Mrs. W. H. Elliott; *Members*, Mesdames Raymond, Guelph; Currae, London; Porter, St. Catharines; Hill, Brantford; J. Evans, Hamilton; Wm. Craig, jr., Port Hope; J. C. Yule, Ingersoll; Dryden, Brooklyn; J. J. Baker, —; Miss Randall, Paris; Mesdames H. H. Humphrey, Evans, Dyke, Speller, Holmes, T. Stewart, Newman and E. Dadson, Toronto.

The reports of the Board, which we publish in full, were exceedingly encouraging and were unanimously adopted. No arrangement was made as to the place of meeting next year.

Through the kindness of the Faculty of McMaster Hall their beautiful building was thrown open in the evening, and a most enjoyable social gathering took place within its walls, thus affording the visiting ladies from the churches of Ontario an opportunity of understanding and fully appreciating this magnificent gift of the Hon. Wm. McMaster to the Baptists of Canada.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REC. SEC. OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The items of business which have interested the Central Board during the past year are of such a nature that they can be reported in a few words.

The meetings, as in previous years, have been held quarterly; sometimes it has been necessary to call special meetings. We must again express the regret that we are not oftener favoured with the presence of members from a distance.

At a special meeting, called at the close of the annual meeting, Oct. 13th, 1882, the estimates for the year were considered, and the following appropriations made, the money to be sent to India, as usual, semi-annually in advance: To *Cocanada*, Girls' school \$400, village schools \$250; zenana work, \$100; Bible woman, \$50; books and tracts, \$25. *Tuni*—School, \$100; Bible woman, \$30. *Akidu*—Village schools, \$300; books, etc., \$70. The sum of \$500 was donated to the Samulcotta Theological Seminary.

At the regular meeting in January, a detailed account of our missionary, Miss Frith's, expenses to India was received, showing that \$140 were left of the money appropriated for that purpose. It was decided that our share of the amount be expended on Miss Frith's instruction in the Telugu language.

A special meeting was called on the 14th of Feb'y, consequent upon the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wells, who was obliged to sever her connection with the Board on account of removing to the North West. The Board prevailed on Mrs. H. J. Rose to accept the duties, which are growing arduous, and will become more so as our Society increases.

At the April meeting a letter was read from the Rev. John Craig, asking that \$60 be appropriated for the support of married students whom he was sending to Samulcotta. The amount was voted for that purpose. It was also decided that \$200 be sent for the support of students of the same Seminary, and that \$130 be appropriated for preachers at Tuni.

At the July meeting, a matter of great importance, which had occupied the thoughts of the members for some weeks was brought formally before the Board, viz., the memorial to be sent to Queen Victoria praying for the abolition of child-marriage in India. Letters were received asking the Board to bring the matter before all the circles, asking them to unite in sending such a petition. The following resolution was received from the Brant Association of Circles.

"Whereas it is beyond dispute among all civilized peoples that the practice of child marriage has led to social and domestic evils of the most serious nature, and whereas we believe the custom to be contrary both to the laws of nature and the laws of God. *Resolved*, that we ask the central Board of the Women's Foreign Mission to take such steps as shall be deemed necessary to present a suitable memorial to the Queen praying for its final abolition."

It was unanimously resolved to present the following petition to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, after submitting it to all the circles and obtaining their approval; the document to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Society as our representatives.

[The full text of the memorial appeared in our September issue. ED. LINK.]

It may be some time before we see the entire abolition of the abuses referred to, but we hope the day is not far distant.

During the year, nine circles and seven bands have been formed; this is encouraging; it is an improvement on what was accomplished last year.

Seven life members have been added to the Society.

Most interesting letters have been received from India, telling of the success which has attended the preaching of the Word by our missionaries.

The Board have been enabled, through the kindness of the Rev. John Craig, whose gift the books were, to send to each circle a copy of Miss Havergal's work, "Kept for the Master's use." We hope much good will result from reading it, and that all may be more fully consecrated to the service of Christ.

We cannot close our report without expressing our thanks to the ladies who conduct our paper, "THE MISSIONARY LINK." By their exertions it has closed another year successfully; the proceeds, \$100, have been divided among the societies in proportion to the number of subscribers.

The Board feel grateful for the very hearty support accorded them by the members of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DEXTER, *Rec. Sec.*

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN AID
WITH JESSIE L. FELLOU, TREAS.

Annual Report from Oct. 5th, 1882, to Oct. 5th, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

JAVIS ST., Toronto, M. B.	\$170 06
Dundas	20 00
Alexander St., Toronto, " \$92 75, M. B. \$20 25	113 00
Yorkville	63 40
Aylmer	20 00
Cheltenham	32 10
Peterboro	62 00
Queen St., Toronto, "	10 00
Boston	50 00
Paris	\$91 05, M. B. \$46 32
Brantford	\$102 00, M. B. \$75 00
Thesford	8 50
Stratford	27 00
Port Hope	32 00
Guelph	37 00
Denfield	40 00
Timpa's Cove	19 00
Ingersoll	19 00
Strathroy	58 00
College St., Toronto, "	25 00
Whitby, Gt. Con.	12 00
London, Gallop St.	\$180 15, M. B. \$7 85
London, Adelaide St.	\$73 50, M. B. \$4 50
Woodstock	\$73 00, M. B. \$13 00
Parliament St., Toronto, "	34 55
Belleville	17 93
Kincardine	13 00
Georgetown	9 00
Sarnia	\$94 50, M. B. \$8 00
Selwyn	41 00
Goble's Corner	53 24
Smith Township	27 00
Rondeau	4 00
Uxbridge	14 80
Drambo	2 50
Lakfield	17 00
Wyoming	28 00
Whitevale	46 35
Brantford, East Ward,	\$16 00, M. B. \$2 00
Conrtight and Moore	18 00
Beverly St., Toronto, "	66 65
Hamilton	\$132 13, M. B. \$2 05
St. George	134 18
St. Catharines	125 02
St. Thomas	60 00
Aidsa Craig	36 20
Delhi	33 40

Markham, 2nd.	"	26 00
Westover	"	2 00
Brant Association Society,	"	16 00
First Lobo	"	9 50
Wingham	"	25 50
Special contributions	"	150 85
Share of profits MISSIONARY LINK.	"	51 96
Bank interest	"	26 28
Balance carried forward from Oct., 1882.	"	1417 58

Total from Mission Circles	\$2417 43
" " Bands	184 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to India per Treasurer of Foreign Missionary Society:	
Cocanada Girls' School	\$400 00
" Other Schools	250 00
" Bible woman	50 00
" Books, tracts, &c.	25 00
Tuni—Bible work	30 00
" School work	100 00
Akadu—Village Schools	300 00
" Books, tracts, &c.	70 00
Zenana work, Cocanada	100 00
Samulcotta Seminary	500 00
Miss Frith, two quarters' salary	250 00
Additional—Samulcotta Seminary	260 00
" Native preachers at Tunni	130 00
For Chicacole boys at Samulcotta Seminary	5 00
Collection on cheque—Expense acct.	25
Expenses at home	56 66
Balance in bank	1570 66
Total sent to India	\$2470 00

Examined and found correct.

H. E. BUCHAN, J.
E. W. DADSON, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, 10th Oct., 1883.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

In reviewing what has been accomplished during the year just closed, it is gratifying to be able to state that the record is in many respects an encouraging and hopeful one. The interest in the work is becoming more general, new auxiliaries are being formed, the sympathies and aid of the children are being enlisted to a much larger extent than heretofore—more money is being raised, and as a consequence more efficient help is given to the cause in which we are all so deeply interested, while an ever-increasing number are awakening to a sense of the responsibility laid upon them, to send forth the light and the truth of the gospel with which they have been entrusted to some among the many dark places of the earth.

Associations.—Our Society has as yet done very little in the direction of utilizing and concentrating its strength by the adoption of the plan which has produced such good results where it has been tried by our American sisters. We refer to union of the Circles of the churches in any Association, and the appointment of a special Secretary, to aid in forming new Circles, and to promote the interest in Foreign Missions by every means in their power.

The Circles of the Brant Association of churches united in this way little more than a year ago, and they still remain the pioneers in the movement. This Associa-

tional Society held its annual meeting in St. George and reported a year of successful work. Six Circles had raised \$393 63 and five Bands \$199. One Circle and two Bands had been formed during the year; since then, one other Circle, that of Onondaga, has been organized through this instrumentality. We think that much might be accomplished if more of these Associational Societies were formed.

Publications.—The MISSIONARY LINK is still published monthly. We know that it is gladly welcomed into many homes both here and in distant India. Its columns always contain a record of the progress of the work both at home and abroad, the latest intelligence from our missionaries, as well as much that is of general interest.

It would be difficult indeed to estimate the good that has been accomplished and the impetus that has been given to the work by this instrumentality. When we say that the hearty thanks of the Society are due to the editors, whose self-denying and disinterested labors have been continued through a period of five years, we feel that this is but a feeble expression of the debt of gratitude we owe. Some months ago a number of copies of an excellent little paper by Thomas Evans, of Manglye, on the lamentable condition of widows in India, was printed and sent to all the Circles. Through the kindness of our Presbyterian friends, we also obtained copies of an admirable paper on Zenana teaching, written by Mrs. Keer (wife of Major General Keer, of this city, and formerly a resident of India. These have not yet been distributed to the Circles.

Circles and Bands.—During the year ten new Circles and six Mission Bands have been formed, making a total of 56 Circles and 19 Bands. We have among us some earnest, enthusiastic workers; one young lady deserves honorable mention, for although actively engaged in business daily, she has been able by direct personal effort to organize Mission Circles in three different places. We refer to those of Sarnia Township, Forest and Parkhill, organized through Miss Rowles, of Sarnia.

Short reports have been received by your Secretary from two Circles in the North West, those of Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie. These have been auxiliaries of our Society, but we are happy to say that, quite recently, a Society and Central Board similar to our own have been formed there, so that from this time we may look for active aggressive work in that direction. We will now give a short report from each of the Circles from whom you have not already heard. [We refer our readers to the Treasurer's report for the list of Circles and amounts raised.—Ed.]

As we look forward to the year which is just opening for us, let us each take up our work again with brave and thankful hearts, with renewed courage, and may we not also add, with renewed zeal and consecration. God has graciously enabled us from a small beginning to accomplish a good deal already, but much steady, uphill, persevering work lies before us, if we would occupy all the ground that remains. Is it not true that the women in many of our churches are still uninterested? Are there not yet many places where Mission Circles might be formed, if even a few responded to the call that is sounding in their ears to-day. "Go work in *this* part of my vineyard," "Take up *this* cross" if it be indeed a cross) "and follow Me."

Let our watchwords be DILIGENCE and PERSEVERANCE, coupled with PRAYER, and we may rest assured

that our own personal experience, as the servants of Christ, will be richer and fuller than it has been in the past, and that we shall receive the approval and blessing of our Master, who has said that not even a cup of cold water given for His sake shall lose its reward.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

As there is in reality no foreign Secretary in connection with our Woman's Society, our little monthly paper, the LINK, in a large measure supplying the place of such an officer, the task which devolves on me this afternoon will be only to read extracts from letters of our missionaries, and to give you a brief summary of the work we have undertaken to do in the foreign fields in connection with the General Society, of which we are an auxiliary.

The north eastern part of the country of the Telugus, in the Madras Presidency, is the place where our missionaries are at work. The population of the whole is estimated at from 16,000,000 to 18,000,000. They are said to be an intelligent and progressive people. One of our missionaries says that there is no people superior to them in India or the East.

Coranada, which is our oldest and most important station, is the principal seaport between Calcutta and Madras. The Rev. Mr. Timpany and Mrs. Timpany have been laboring here since their return to India in 1878. Mr. T. writes of it that it is a wicked place and growing fast into a great city. Here also Miss Frith is stationed. In the autumn of last year she was sent out to engage in Zenana work, her support being jointly assumed by the Women's Societies of Ontario and Quebec. Although still occupied in the study of the language, she has found many opportunities of usefulness. In Coranada we support also three schools, and two Bible women, supplying all the books and tracts that are needed.

Samulotta Seminary. In the town of Samulotta situated only about seven miles from Coranada there was established a little more than a year ago, a training school for native teachers and preachers, with their wives. It is under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Mc Laurin and Mrs. McLaurin. There are at present over fifty students. This is a work that perhaps, more than any other, will tell upon the future progress of the whole mission.

Tum is a comparatively new station and is under the direction of Mr and Mrs Currie. Much preparatory work has been accomplished, and recent letters speak very encouragingly of the progress that is now being made. We have sent there funds for the support of native preachers, for a school, and for a Bible woman. Mrs. Currie writes of the latter, that her work is being greatly blessed.

Akidu is under the control of the Rev. John Craig, who has been laboring there for some years. What is known as the Akidu field, embraces a larger district than any of the others; it is divided into two parts. There have been erected here, within the last three years, a good mission house, a chapel, and very recently a dormitory for the Christian girls, called the Memorial House, in loving memory of the late Mrs. Craig. Schools have been established in 14 villages, and as one of these schools supplies three villages, it may be said that 16 villages are under Christian teaching. We contribute the money required for these village schools, supplying them also with books and tracts.

One request comes to us constantly and with striking unanimity from all our workers across the sea: it is "Pray for us." "Will you please ask the blessed Mas-

ter, the Lord of the harvest," writes one, "to give the teachers and taught much of the Holy Spirit—much wisdom in giving and receiving truth; to give us all good health of body and soul, that we may do good work for Him, work that will tell on the future of this land." Another, "Ask the people at home to pray more earnestly for the work and workers on this field, that what has been done may be but the beginning of a great work." And still another, "If there is one message above another that I desire God to impress upon your hearts, it is this: 'Pray for us.' Shall we not give heed to this appeal?"

And then from Mr. Timpany come the triumphant notes of victory. As the warrior (though still engaged in deadly conflict, but with confidence in his leader and his cause) feels sure that victory is his,—so he writes: "To me the work seems glorious, not only in what is done but in what we know is coming. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands is filling the whole earth. It is filling India, and the Telugu country will not be passed over. Never at any time of my life, was life dearer to me for my work's sake than now, for the harvest time is come. Satan and all wicked angels and men cannot keep back the car of Salvation." And to us, he says, "'Hold the ropes!' we are getting hold of the jewels in the mine."

"Hold the ropes!" Yes, that is why we are here today; that is the reason our Society has an existence at all. Let us see to it, then, that as long as perishing souls are crying to us for bread, and as long as life is spared and health and strength are given, that we relax not our efforts.

C. E. ROSE, *Cor. Sec.*

MRS. ROSE'S report on *Mission Bands* is crowded out this month.

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS, Since our last little talk on paper I have attended both the Eastern and Western Missionary meetings. Many dear friends, old and new, have shaken hands with "Sister Belle" and prayed that God would bless her in her work. Yes, boys and girls, they meant that they hoped our "Corner," month by month, would lead some of you to pity the poor heathen more, and to shew your pity by giving all that you can, in every way, that God's Word may be sent to the nations that know it not.

I never write one line for you to read without praying that the dear Lord will help me choose the best words. Life is so short, and there is a whole world to be brought to know and love our Jesus.

At our meeting in Ottawa, a dear lady belonging to another part of Christ's Church, stood up and told us what the Presbyterian ladies were doing for foreign missions—for Christ. Then she told us a praise meeting for thanksgiving offerings to this cause was to be held in Ottawa the next Tuesday afternoon, and invited all who could to be there to enjoy it with her; but, dear boys and girls, before the praise-meeting came that lady was at home with Jesus, in the land where they never cease praising Him who hath loved us and given Himself for us. We do not know how soon God's messenger may come for us. Oh, let us work hard while we can, that many more precious souls may be brought to Jesus this year.

Our paper is very full this month, but perhaps there will be room for these few words from

SISTER BELLE.

480 Lewis Street, Ottawa.

Nova Scotia.

DEAR LINK, Perhaps you would like to hear again from the Star of Hope Mission Band. We have just now forwarded the amount of \$38 to further the education of Nenisenihulee, the boy whom we have undertaken to educate. Part of this money was raised by a tea-sociable given by the Band. During the two years that the Band have been engaged in the work, we have raised, besides expenses, \$150. We are deeply interested in the work, and so far our efforts have been blessed. We are thankful that we can in our small way, aid in the great work of converting the heathen; and we earnestly desire that the one for whom we are especially labouring may become a noble worker among his own people.

UNIE R. SANFORD,

Ser'y of Star of Hope Mission Band of Weston.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from Sept. 27th to October 27th, 1883.

Uxbridge, \$8.00; Boston, \$50.00 (to make Mrs. G. L. Wittet and Mrs. Horace Foster life members); Paris Circle, \$24.38—Band, \$3.62; Hamilton Circle, \$35.95—Band, \$2.05; Smith Circle, \$15.00; Jarvis Street (Toronto) Circle, \$30.60—quilt, \$30.35 (made by Mrs. Thorold, a lady nearly 80 years of age; \$25.00 of this amount is to make her a life member); Beverly Street (Toronto), \$20.75; Port Hope, \$12.00; Parliament St. (Toronto) Circle, \$6.50—Fannie Ebbels' mis. box, 55¢ quilt, \$11.50 (this with the amount from quilt sent before concludes the sum to make Mrs. Ebbels a life member); London, Adelaide St. Circle, \$34.00 Sewing Circle, \$39.50—Band, \$4.50; Brantford, East Ward, Circle, \$4.00—Band, \$2.00; Wyoming, \$12.00; Goble's Corners, \$12.25; Alexander St. (Toronto) Circle, \$30.82—Band, \$7.14; Yorkville Circle, \$21.10; Brantford, First Church, Circle, \$52.00—Band, \$75.00 (to make three life members, names unknown); Woodstock Circle, \$6.00—Band, \$2.00; Sarna Circle, \$22.00—Band, \$8.00—quilt, \$6.50; Orangeville, \$5.00; Courtright, \$3.75; St. Catharines, \$7.00; Queen St. (Toronto), \$9.10; Guelph Circle, \$18.50—quilt, \$12.00; Beausville, \$14.40; Strathroy, \$3.00; 2nd Markham, \$3.00; Ailsa Craig, \$6.00; Aylmer, \$6.50; Westover Circle, \$3.60—Band, \$1.40; profits of MISSIONARY LINK, \$51.96; M. Durham (mis. box), \$1.00; col. at Annual Meeting, \$34.40. Total, \$770.67

MRS. W. H. ELLIOTT, *Treas.*

267 Sherburne St., Toronto.

W. B. F. M. Society—Convention East.

Receipts from Sept. 6th to October 19th, '83.

Dalesville, \$32; West Winchester (J. A. Chambers), \$5; Cornwall, \$9; Magog, \$21; Thurso, \$15.35; Inverness, \$17; Newboro', \$1; Montreal (First Baptist Circle), \$34.50; Montreal (First Baptist Sab. School), \$10.46; Sawyerville, \$12; Kemptville, \$12; Beebe Plain, \$13; South Gower, \$14; Morrisburg, \$11; Abbott's Corners, \$11; Montreal (Olivet), \$22.36; Barnston, \$16; Coaticooke, \$20; Coaticooke (special from Mr. McLaurin), \$15; Dominionville, \$13; Roxboro', \$4; Collection at Annual Meeting, Ottawa, \$44; Share of Profits of *Missionary Link*, \$15.45. Total, \$368.12.

M. A. SMITH, *Treas.*

The Canadian Missionary Link.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY AT TORONTO.
Subscription 25c. per annum, strictly in advance.

Communications to be sent to Mrs. M. Freeland, Box 8, Yorkville, Ont. Orders and remittances to be sent to Miss J. Buchan, Box 3, Yorkville, Ont. Subscribers will find the dates when their subscriptions expire on the printed address labels of their papers.

Dudley & Burns, Printers, 11 Colborne St., Toronto.