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### "Here am I."

"Make use of me, my God!  
Let me not be forgot;  
A broken vessel cast aside;  
One whom Thou needest not.

All things do serve Thee here,  
All creatures, great and small;  
Make use of me, of me, my God,  
The meaneast of them all."

### To Our Subscribers.

During the last two months a large number of renewal subscriptions have come in. Some of our friends, however, have forgotten to look at the date on the address labels of their papers. Will each one who reads this please do so now, and if her subscription has expired, kindly forward the twenty-five cents due, at once? We shall be very sorry to be obliged to stop any papers, but our terms are—*Cash in advance.*

### The "Disgrace of a Deficit" Removed.

At the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec, T. Dixon Craig, Treasurer of the Board, presented a very satisfactory financial report, giving the total receipts of \$8,948, as made up from the contributions from the Women's Missionary Societies, \$1,920; Benevolence Scheme, \$1,522; Trust fund of Philadelphia (per Dr. Castle), \$500; special donation for Mission at Akidu, \$500, and subscriptions from churches and individuals, \$4,506. The expenditure for the year was \$8,917, consisting of the outlay upon the work in India, \$7,850; Rev. John McLaurin's salary, \$600; sundries, \$467. There was, therefore, a balance on hand of \$31.

### Our Little Helpers.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Society of Ontario, the treasurer stated that Bessie Cox, a little lame girl of nine years had collected in Port Burwell \$1.50 for the mission.

In June was received from seven year old Lizzie May, of Westover, \$2.00. Last Christmas her grandpapa gave her a missionary box, and this was her six months' collection.

Another fifty cents came from a little girl in Wilkesport.

The "Children's Auxiliary" of Paris sent \$24.61, and the "Willing Workers" of Woodstock, \$3.50.

### A Misstatement Corrected.

A statement having been made in a U.S. paper that "the women of the Baptist Church have declined to have their free missionary efforts controlled by the men," the *Helping Hand* defines the position of the Woman's Missionary Society in connection with the Baptist Missionary Union. As our Canadian Societies are conducted on precisely similar principles to those "across the line," we thankfully transfer the article to our columns for the information of those friends who are sometimes puzzled about our relation to the General Society:

"This Society in all its branches has adhered to one plan of operation; namely, that of being strictly auxiliary to the General Missionary Society of the denomination. The woman's membership fee is asked, not from former contributions, but, as expressly stated, is to be in addition to all contributed before. Its missionaries, sought out, encouraged, helped over all hindrances to undertake the work, are never appointed by the Woman's Society: its work is to recommend these laborers to the Missionary Union, and after appointment by that body to support them in their special field, which is decided in mutual consultation. From the beginning, the most delightful harmony has existed between the Woman's Board and the Executive Committee. The society has sought but the place of helper, and the Union has most gratefully accepted the proffered aid. In many ways, both public and private, it has acknowledged its obligation for service so heartily rendered.

"If there was fear at first on the part of any that resources for the woman's work would be drawn from the treasury of the Union, experience has proved such fears to be unfounded; and the wiser ones anticipated the creation of an atmosphere in the homes which would of necessity enlarge the resources of the Union. It is now acknowledged by all conversant with the facts that our denomination has gained much in intelligent interest in the cause of missions during the last two years, and the cause of this gain is ascribed in no small degree to the Woman's Society.

"So with reference to the quotation with which we began. We say, first, that the men have not sought to control the efforts of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society; and, secondly, that they have gladly accepted the help we have offered.

"Our position with regard to each other is that of cordial co-operation. We are mutual helpers of each other's work and joy."

### Immediate Advance.

There can be no doubt of the increase of the missionary spirit in our churches. It has come in answer to prayer, as well as from the inspiration of what God is now doing in the conversion of thousands from heathenism. But this increasing interest can be of no practical value unless it leads to active work. The practical question of the hour is not so much how to increase the interest in our work as how to utilize what we already have, and that immediately. No longer should we be simply beggars at the feet of our Lord, expecting him to serve us continually with this missionary spirit;

rather let him be the recipient of rich gifts of service from us! This is no time for waiting. Luther well said: "The Word of God is like a passing shower; whenever it comes it must be received at once, or it will be gone. How often a man's 'not now' becomes a 'never.'" Let not, then, one of our sisters who has been forcibly impressed of late by the Holy Spirit that there is a work for her personally to do delay a moment. Let her organize a mission circle if none exists; or if there is one, let her seek a more active and increased membership, working at once, lest she lose the golden opportunity. Will not God hold us responsible also for the loss of spiritual power to ourselves, if we fail to improve what the Spirit teaches? God forbid that when called to our account we be left to say: "Lord, behold, here is thy pound which I have kept laid up in a napkin."  
—Ex.

### Fourteenth Annual Report of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec.

Having completed the work of man's redemption, our Divine Master when about to return to heaven, gave the great commission to his disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Such being the high behest of the Head of the Church, nothing short of the "world for Christ" will satisfy those whose minds and hearts are properly permeated with the spirit of the Great Captain of our salvation. This is the grand result which our Foreign Missionary Society, in the prosecution of its work, seeks to obtain. With the flight of another year, it becomes the duty of the Executive Officers to render an account of the important charge committed to their trust. In doing this, we shall follow the order heretofore observed and consider first the

#### HOME DEPARTMENT

of our work. On the 24th of December, a special meeting of your Executive Committee was held for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of releasing the Rev. John McLaurin from our service, during part of the time he remains in Canada. After a free and full discussion of the subject, at the earnest request of the Executive of the C. L. I., Woodstock, brother McLaurin was allowed to accept a position as Professor in the Theological Department until its removal to Toronto or his return to India, with the understanding that all the time he felt able to give to denominational work during the vacations, be at the disposal of your Board; he to receive therefor a balance salary of \$300. Contrary to the fears of some earnest brethren, the result of this arrangement has proved favourable to the interests of the Foreign Mission Society. During the time at his disposal, our brother has been both abundant and successful in his labours. In the interests of the Society, he has visited 10 Associations, delivered 35 addresses, travelled over 3,000 miles, and raised in cash and pledges the sum of \$2,000. This is a most gratifying result. But the still grander result of needed information imparted and holy inspiration given by his addresses and contact with the people, the "great day" alone will fully reveal.

Under the direction of your Executive, arrangements were also made with a number of our brethren to canvass those churches not contributing under the "Beneficent Scheme." In this way, efficient service was rendered to the Society, while the expense incurred was not large.

A liberal response was also given by many of the churches to a special appeal made last December, at which time the financial prospects of the Society seemed somewhat dark.

Your Board would also put on record their appreciation of the part taken by Dr. Castle in securing \$500 for the Akidu field, from the Livingstone Estate of which he had been appointed a trustee.

Your Board would also make honourable mention of the noble work done during the year by the Women's Auxiliary Societies. For the fiscal year now closed, we have received into the treasury of the General Society,—from the Women's Society, West, the sum of \$1,300, and from the Women's Society, East, the sum of \$620.

Their reports testify to the fact that these Societies have done their work very efficiently. There has been quite an increase to the number of Mission Circles and a more wide-spread interest created regarding the great importance of Women's Work in heathen lands. They have found the MISSIONARY LINK (a paper which deserves a place in every Baptist home), so ably conducted by Mrs. Freeland, invaluable in connection with their work.

During the year, monthly meetings have been held by the Executive Committee with good results. At these meetings, the state of the Mission in general and the financial state in particular were always carefully considered, nothing being left undone which would tend to make the home department of the work a success.

#### FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

In this department, each of the Missionaries reports for the year ending 30th June, 1880.

REV. A. V. TIMPANY in rendering his report, states that Bible Revision, the erection of the Chapel and some other buildings, the building of the new mission boat, essential to the successful prosecution of the work, together with various kinds of Mission-work at the Compound and travelling on the field, have fully occupied his time and filled his "hands, head and heart."

**DIVISION OF COCANADA FIELD.**—What has hitherto been known as the Cocanada field has, during this year, been divided; one part becoming the "Colair Mission" or Akidu field, of which our esteemed Bro. Craig has taken charge. Of it, Bro. Timpany writes: "I know of no Mission in all the Telugu country that has more encouraging prospects in some very important respects."

Your missionary states that "the Cocanada Field that yet remains to be called by that name may be said to be fifty miles long by about thirty miles broad"—that it is a country "rich and densely populated, but does not contain more than seventy-five Telugu Christians."

With his characteristic energy and love for souls, Bro. Timpany is planning to explore this vast mission field during the coming year, and as God gives the means, have the Gospel "preached systematically" to those perishing for lack of knowledge.

**REGARDING THE TOWN OF COCANADA,** he says:—"Our plans for the future are somewhat as follows: Jugganakooporam, on the south side of the river, is a mile or more from our Compound. In this place we propose to locate an English church which we expect will be soon organized. We have commenced to raise funds for securing a lot and building a house that will do for Chapel, Temperance Hall, and also provide a place for a reading room. It is also proposed to make it the centre for work in this part of the town. For our English work, we fondly hope that God will call one of the English speaking people into the ministry, and we believe that with judicious help for a time, the church would become self-sustaining. The house and lot will cost about \$1,200. Half of this sum, I think, we can raise on the ground. Half, we hope friends who read this will provide. We do not ask help of the Society for this object, but as friends help a struggling church at home to build a place for worship, so may they help our English brethren at Cocanada."

**CONVERTS ON THE FIELD.**—Last January, a Mr. Hooper, of the Telegraphic Department, wrote a letter to Bro. Timpany, stating that he had been converted under a sermon preached by Bro. Craig, some months previous, and that he now desired to be baptized. "He was followed, to the joy of all, by Mr. Gibson, a most worthy young man who had attended and helped in every way ever since Bro. McLaurin began the work." Since then ten others have been baptized and others are coming. In addition to these, fifteen have been baptized from Samulcotta, a large town some seven miles from Cocanada. Here the head man and all his family are believing, and your missionary expects soon to baptize the entire household on profession of their faith in Christ. Many more in the place profess to have forsaken their idols

and to have turned to the living God. We wonder not when our brother says of the movement, "It has been a most blessed work."

**A NATIVE MINISTRY.**—The great want of India to-day, is an earnest, devoted, divinely called Native Ministry. Of such, there are a few, but what are these among so many calling for the bread of life? Feeling the force of this, Bro. Timpany says: "I would ask the prayers of all God's people, that the Lord of the harvest would raise up labourers for his harvest in Cocanada. The harvest is ripe, but the reapers are not to be found."

In closing his report, your missionary says: "I would call special attention to one resolution passed by the 'Cocanada Conference,' at its meeting last January. It is the one referring to the necessity of a school for the training of a native ministry. Our success or failure as a mission in its largest sense, I am satisfied is bound up with this question and our solution of it. We will never do much in raising self-sustaining churches here, until we have men who, for years, have been under the care of a missionary, daily drinking in his Christian culture and becoming imbued with his spirit, to the destruction of their old manners, customs and modes of thought that in every direction antagonize with those that are Christian."

#### TUNI STATION.

At this station, our devoted brother, Rev. G. F. CURRIE, B.A., has continued to prosecute the work both earnestly and faithfully during the year; but thus far it has been a time of sowing the good seed of the kingdom rather than of reaping.

Building operations, for the present, have been completed, which adds somewhat to the comfort of your missionary and his family. The services at the Compound have been attended frequently by people from the village, who have listened to the Word of Life with growing interest. It is to be hoped that the good seed, thus sown, will yet bear an abundant harvest.

In the villages around, the Gospel has also been preached by your missionary and his native helpers, with the firm conviction that the "truth frequently preached is silently extending its influence over the minds and hearts of not a few, and that sooner or later saving grace will do its work in souls thus prepared."

**TOURING.**—Regarding this part of the work, Bro. Currie says:—"Five preaching tours have been made during the year—three in September and October, one in February and one in June. Of these, two were made in the region north of Tunni, two south and one between the Station and the coast. In nearly all the villages thus visited, we have found the people ready to give a respectful hearing to our message; and in many cases a cheering amount of interest has been manifested. We feel assured that these visits only need to be followed up at moderate intervals to result, with God's blessing, in the conversion of a goodly number in many places. This part of our work I have found more pleasant and satisfactory than any other, and am only sorry that, thus far, I have not been able to do more of it."

**SICKNESS.**—Your missionary states that during November and December the work was almost at a stand-still, owing to malarial fever. Nearly all living in the Compound were affected. Both the native preachers with their families, had to be sent away to recover strength in more healthy localities. In the month of January, however, they were able to resume work.

In addition to these difficulties, towards the close of the year, the serious misconduct of one of the native preachers made it necessary that he should be dismissed from mission service. This was a very sore trial, as he was one in whom Bro. Currie had placed confidence to no small extent. His place is for the present vacant, though a colporteur has recently been engaged, who will to some extent supply the deficiency. One person has been baptized during the year. In this connection, your Board would urge the importance of not despising the day of small things. Dr. Carey laboured seven years in India before he baptized the first convert, yet he firmly believed that India would finally be converted to God.

#### AKIDU FIELD.

This new and promising field is under the care of our energetic young brother, Rev. John Craig, B.A. Regarding this important station your missionary reports as follows:—"In presenting my second annual report, I am glad to have the privilege of telling about some active work in this great harvest field. In December Bro. Timpany, with his family, and Mrs. Craig and myself made a tour in the Colair region, and visited some of the principal villages. On this tour, we had to reorganize the mission

in that region, as Nathan Gabriel had succeeded in disorganizing it by his performances in 1878. We made out a new list of the Christians in the various villages, and reorganized the church at Gannanapudy. Accordingly, when I assumed charge of the work in the Colair region on the 1st of January, I had an almost exact list of the church members on my new field.

**OUR NEW STATION.**—When we were out in December, we visited Akidu twice to see about securing land. Our efforts at that time did not avail us much. However we succeeded in buying a small house from a Eurasian gentleman who had built it and afterwards removed from Akidu. As this house stands in the centre of an acre and a half of ground, it will do as a temporary abode for the missionary while the permanent house is being erected. We were very thankful that we had obtained this place, as it gave us a foothold in Akidu. Delays took place in securing land for a compound till Bro. Timpany and I visited the Zemindar, who owns the village, and obtained from him a gift of between four and five acres adjoining the bank of the canal. As this gift was secured only a few days before the end of June, there is no further progress to report.

**TOURING.**—When we were out in December our time was limited; hence we did not see all the villages where our Christians live. We planned to go out again in January, but Bro. Timpany got an attack of fever, so I had to go alone. However, as I had Josiah and Peter with me, I was not left entirely to my own resources. I was out about five weeks and visited eighteen villages, seeing the homes of nearly all our Christians. During this tour eighty were baptized. In March, I made a short tour, visiting only a few villages, but enjoying the privilege of baptizing twenty-seven candidates. Sixty-eight of those baptized during the two tours were from villages that had given no converts before December last. The closure of the canals for some six or seven weeks, and the danger of travelling during the very hot weather, prevent much touring being done, between the middle of March and the end of June.

**PREACHERS.**—During the past six months four preachers have been at work more or less of the time on the Akidu field. John occupies most of the field between Akidu and the Godavary river. Joseph was stationed last January at Akidu. His work is to look after the Christian villages that lie within a few miles of the new station; and also to preach as far as he is able in Akidu and other places that are still without Christians. Peter's district begins about 15 miles south-west of Akidu and contains a majority of the church members on his field. From the middle of March till the middle of June, Peter has been attending our school in Cocanada, and has made good use of the advantages afforded by it. Although he could read and write to some extent, he had never been at school before. Our fourth preacher occupies the most south-westerly part of the field where there are two of our villages which are within 15 miles of the Kistna river. This worker receives only part of his support from the Society and hence, he can spend only part of his time in the work. His name is Moses, and his trade is weaving. He has very little learning but a good deal of earnestness in telling sinners about a Saviour. In fact, none of these men are as well educated as they ought to be, and some of them do not satisfy us in other respects, but this state of things can be remedied only by the opening of a Theological School under one of the missionaries. Men and women must be moulded for the work.

**VILLAGE SCHOOLS.**—This applies also to school-teachers. We want a school in every village where there are Christians, and therefore we want school-teachers. From the beginning of February, five or six schools have been kept up. In all of these we have tried to arrange the giving of aid so that the Christians would be compelled to give something, and we hope before long to see them giving regularly, not only for the support of school-teachers but also for that of preachers.

**PRESENT STATE OF THE FIELD.**—I have already mentioned the baptisms that took place in January, February and March. These additions were almost all on the south-western part of the field. Somewhat of a blight seems to rest on the north-eastern part. However, the new station is so situated that most of the Christians in this latter region will be within easy reach of the missionary. Before long, I hope to be among these cold-hearted ones and make up to them what is lacking on the part of their preachers. Peter, whom we hope to ordain as pastor of the Gannanapudy church before long, is a pastor already in practice. Under God, he has taken good care of the sheep entrusted to him, so that we feel he is worthy of the office in spite of the deficiencies in his education. With him on the south-western part of the field and

the missionary on the other part, we hope before long to report progress from every quarter.

Two churches have been organized on this field besides the one at GUNNANAPUDY. When we get settled at Akidu we hope to organize another there, taking in the Christians of the surrounding villages. Though this report is for the past year, the statistics below are for the past six months only, as this field was not separated from the Cocanada field before January 1st, 1880:

## STATISTICAL REPORT:

	No. of members 1st Jan.	Baptized since.	Died.	No. June 30th.
Ganapavaram.....	65	2	—	67
In village near Akidu	84	4	1	87
Gunnapanudy.....	155	86	2	239
Gudlavallayru.....	23	15	—	38
Totals for field..	327	107	3	431

In reviewing the work and noting its results for the year now closed, your Board would not overlook the fact that we have much reason to thank God and take courage. At home there has been a deeper interest manifested in the Mission and more money contributed for it than in any previous year, last year excepted. Including the amounts received from all sources, there has been paid into our treasury for the fiscal year closing 14th October, the sum of \$8,948.

On the Foreign Field, God has graciously spared the health and lives of those engaged in efforts to save the perishing. They have been abundant in their work of faith and labor of love. Having gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, God has often permitted them to return with joy bringing precious sheaves with them. 135 persons have been baptized on profession of their faith in Christ, and many others are coming. And thus, God's people being co-workers with himself, shall the evangelization of this sin-cursed world advance, until the stone cut out without hands, which "smote the image" become "a great mountain and fill the whole earth." Then shall be fulfilled the glorious prediction of the Eternal Father to his beloved Son when He said, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." For this let us labor; for this let us pray.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES COUTTS, Sec.

22nd Oct., 1880.

### Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

The fourth annual meeting of this Society took place on Friday afternoon, the 22nd of October, in the Alexander St. Church, Toronto. There was a large attendance, many delegates and visitors from churches throughout the Province being present, and also several doubly welcome representatives of the Montreal Society. Great regret was felt that Mrs. Armstrong had, from continued weakness, found it impossible to attempt the long journey from Nova Scotia. She however sent a paper to be read, which was listened to with deep interest and will be published in a future number of the LINK.

After devotional exercises, during which Mrs. J. C. Yule led in prayer, and a few words of welcome from the President, the circles which were represented by delegates presented their reports. These were: Port Hope; York St., London; Dundas; Brantford; Cheltenham; Whitby, 6th concession; Woodstock; Guelph; Paris; Belleville; Georgetown; Selwyn; Sparta; Jarvis St., Alexander St., College St., Parliament St., Queen St., Toronto, and Yorkville. These reports were all very interesting. Several circles have Mission Bands connected with them, and all are doing a good work in their respective localities. The delegate from Woodstock brought a hearty invitation from the circle for the next annual meeting of the Society to be held in that town. After a solo by Mrs. S. F. McMaster, the reports of the Recording and Corresponding Secs. and of the Treasurer were presented. Their adoption was moved by Mrs. Coutts, of Georgetown, seconded by Miss Palmer, of Dundas, and carried. We have only space this month for some extracts from that of the Rec. Sec. The others we hope to present in full next month. After some preliminary remarks, the report says:—

"Our progress has been slow, but sure and steady. The meetings of the Board have been held regularly. These have always been well attended by the members resident in the city; but it is a matter of regret that so few of those living at a distance can be present. We know this is unavoidable, but they are made conversant with all important matters of business by correspondence. The first Board meeting of the year was a special one convened on the 21st of November,

to consider the estimates; or, in other words, to determine what should be our work for the year. It was decided to continue the support of the Girls' School at Cocanada—\$450; and of Amelia Keller—\$50, the same as last year. In addition to this, \$150 was to be sent for work at Tuni, \$50 for Bible woman and \$500 for a new mission boat. To this we add another \$100 sent later on to Mr. Timpany, at Cocanada, to pay for village teachers at Cocanada and at Akidu; total, \$1,300. Amount in bank \$623. This sum compares very favourably with what was raised last year, for although there were then \$230 more actually sent to India, it must be remembered that a very special effort was made to raise \$1,000 for the school-house-chapel at Cocanada. If we have attained to the same figures this year without that effort, we must regard it as a sign of progress. The new boat referred to is an absolute necessity for carrying on the work of the mission. The first one had been given by the Olivet Church S. School, Montreal, and did good service until it was unfortunately wrecked in a cyclone. After ineffectual attempts at repairing, it was found necessary to build a new one. It is intended for use on the Colair lake, the Godavery river, and the numerous canals which intersect the country. Since its completion letters have been received from our missionaries in which it is spoken of as having been a most efficient help and a great blessing to the cause.

"At the first regular Board meeting of the year held in January, a discussion took place on a subject which led to such action on the part of the Board as we think deserves special mention. This was with reference to the unsatisfactory condition of the finances of the general Society, owing in a great measure to the fact that the larger part of the money collected for Foreign Mission purposes does not come in till towards the close of the year, the funds are at times exceedingly low—even the salaries of the missionaries falling behind—this was the case at that time. It was extremely desirable to raise \$1,000 at once. We could not do this by any efforts of our own, but we could go humbly and believingly to a Throne of Grace and ask our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the silver and the gold, that He would graciously incline the hearts of His people to give of their substance, that this debt might be removed. It was suggested by our President that a circular be sent to all the circles acquainting them with the facts of the case and asking them to engage in earnest prayer on this behalf. This was accordingly done. We believe that God accepted and answered those prayers, and it is with deep gratitude to Him that we can state to-day, that on the 14th of this month the Treasurer of the General Society closed his books not only free from debt, but with a small balance on hand. As we hear the Saviour's words addressed to His disciples of old—"According to your faith, be it unto you"—should not the petition, "Lord, increase our faith," arise from each heart to-day?

"We have to record with much regret the loss during the year of the services of two valued officers of the Board, that of Mrs. Laird, its efficient and energetic Treasurer, and of Miss Morse, the Recording Sec., who through removal from the city, in the month of April, was obliged to resign the position which she had ably filled from the formation of the Society. In addition to these, two other members of the Board resigned through removals, Mrs. Porter, of Brantford, and Miss Elliot, of Toronto.

"There are at present about forty circles, nearly all of which we are happy to report as in active working order. Twelve new ones have been formed during the year at Belleville, Dundas, Woodstock, Georgetown, Sarnia, Selwyn, Lakefield, the Line Church, Sparta, Kincardine, and at Queen St. and Parliament St., Toronto. There have been also seven new life members, representing \$175 raised by this means. The names are: Mrs. Bates, Woodstock; Mrs. Mason, Carlton; Mrs. Horace Perry, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. J. D. King, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. H. J. Rose and Mrs. Evans, of Toronto.

"There are several juvenile missionary Bands which are doing a good work both in raising money and in interesting the children in missionary work. We hope in another year to report a largely increased number of these.

"The *Missionary Link* has proved itself to be an invaluable help to the cause; small, cheap and unpretending, it has found its way into many homes where it may be that more expensive papers would have been denied access. It has not only been a bond to unite all our circles, from Halifax and St. John's in the Eastern Provinces to Winnipeg in the far West, but it has awakened in many hearts a kindly interest and loving sympathy for our beloved missionaries in distant India. It has given us glimpses into their homes and into the patient, too often thankless toil of their daily lives, which we otherwise could not have obtained, enabling us thus to realize how little we at

home are doing in this branch of the Master's work in comparison to those who, at His bidding, have sacrificed all they hold dear.

"In conclusion we would say, let none of us relax our efforts—the time is just approaching for each of us when the opportunity for service will have passed away for ever. It may be that, while we toiler in the work, precious souls which we might have been instrumental in saving, are passing away unprepared to stand before their God. May He give us all grace to be more faithful."

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand in the beginning of the year of \$451.05. Collected since \$1,535.95; sent to India \$1,300; expenses etc., \$63.74; balance in hand \$623.26. Full details will be given next month. Immediately after the adoption of the reports Mrs. Laird offered a short prayer that God would graciously accept and bless this work which had been done for Him and bestow upon His handmaidens a spirit of deeper, more complete consecration to His service, strengthening them also for greater future usefulness. Mrs. J. G. Scott read Mrs. Armstrong's paper, and after a solo by Miss Dexter, Miss Muir, the Corresponding Sec. of the Montreal Society spoke of the pleasure it gave her to be present with us, dwelt on the discouragements Mr. Timpany experienced from the ladies themselves when he first attempted to form the women's societies, told how in his determined enthusiastic way he overcame all obstacles, showed how God had called us women to this work—how He had entrusted us with it—referring to 1st Thes., 2, 4,—how we should be led by the Spirit, warning us never to enter where He in His Providence had not opened up the way, and exhorting us not to weary in the work. After a verse of "the missionary hymn" Mrs. McLaurin read a most interesting sketch of a day in the mission home at Cocanada.

Mr. Coutts, Sec. of the General Board, who was the bearer of a message to the Women's Society, replied to a question asked by Mrs. Laird as to the prospect of sending out a young lady to engage in Zenana work. He said the General Board did not consider such a step advisable just at present, but as soon as the missionaries on the field, who knew the exact and most pressing wants of the Mission, asked for a young lady for this particular branch of work the Board would be willing to appoint such an one. In the meantime Mrs. McLaurin, who expects to return next year, will engage in Zenana visiting, and as she knows the language perfectly, no time will be lost in preparation. She will at once see what opening there is among the Zenanas of Cocanada.

The nominating committee reported the following ladies as the Executive Board for the next year—

President, Mrs. M. Freeland; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. H. Castle and Mrs. H. J. Rose; Recording Secretary, Miss E. Dexter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Humphrey. Members, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. J. Dryden, Brooklyn; Miss Randall, Paris; Mrs. Robert Carrae, London; Mrs. T. S. Shenston, Brantford; Mrs. Wm. Craig, Jr., Port Hope; Mrs. Laird, Mrs. S. A. Dyke, Mrs. T. D. Craig, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Botterill, Mrs. J. G. Scott, Miss Erskine Buchan, Toronto. On motion by Mrs. J. L. Campbell, of Cheltenham, seconded by Mrs. Lang, Sparta, these were unanimously elected.

A collection was taken up, and after singing the Doxology, Mr. Coutts closed the meeting with a short prayer and the Benediction.

All departed feeling that a most delightful and deeply profitable afternoon had been passed. May God grant that the influence of this meeting may be felt in all the churches throughout Ontario and Quebec.

### Women's Baptist Missionary Society Convention East.

The fourth annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society, Convention East, was held on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1880, at 3 p.m., in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal. In consequence of the absence (from illness) of the Vice-President, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. O. C. Edwards was requested to occupy the chair.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Rev. John McLaurin gave a most interesting address, in which he spoke of the reasons why Christian women should be engaged in the work of Foreign Missions, and the great contrast between those present and the heathen women of Telugu-land.

As the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Porteous, was absent from the city, Miss Munroe had kindly consented to take her place, and, after the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and received, Miss Munroe read the report of the year's work of the Board, showing the addition of three new Circles

to the Society at Clarence, Ormond, and Abbot's Corner. Four life members have also been added to the list, two from the Olivet Circle, Montreal; one from Ottawa, and one from Perth. The following report was then read by the Treasurer, Miss Green:—

*Treasurer's Report of the W. B. M. Society, E. C., for the year ending Oct. 7th, 1880.*

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Olivet.....\$106 29	School House Chapel, Cocanada.....\$50 00
First Baptist Ch. and Sunday Schol..... 93 10	Books for Akidu..... 50 00
Perth..... 62 00	" " Tuni..... 20 00
Thurso and Little Helpers..... 44 16	" " Cocanada,..... 50 00
Ottawa..... 47 39	Mrs. McLaurin, trav- elling expenses..... 25 00
Grove Hill, Savier ville..... 28 00	Postage and payment of drafts..... 4 41
Hull..... 6 00	Cash on hand..... 98 54
Clarence..... 26 00	
Abbot's Corner..... 14 50	
Dalesville..... 35 00	
Ormond..... 50 00	
Barford..... 9 00	
Inverness..... 16 15	
Kingsey Falls..... 8 00	
Barnston..... 25 00	
Coaticooke with quilt Special subscriptions (Montreal)..... 10 00	
Bro't forward from past year and inter- est..... 157 38	
\$747 95	\$747 95

Respectfully submitted.

NANNIE E. GREEN,  
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

CARRIE AYER,  
STENIE TURNBULL

The Corresponding Secretary then read her report, in which reference was made to the starting of a Children's Mission Band in Thurso; this is a branch of work which is full of encouragement, and we earnestly hope that many of the Circles will undertake it. We hear on all sides the same complaint of the difficulty of getting ladies to undertake the work of collecting. People are willing to contribute, they are sufficiently interested for that, but the labor of gathering the money together falls upon a very few. If we want eager, zealous collectors, let us enlist the children in this work. They are always so pleased to help, so anxious to be of use, that they will most gladly respond to any call we make upon them to aid us in sending money to the Telugus. Besides in the training up of the children in our churches to help in mission work, making them feel that their sympathy and co-operation is needed and wished for, lies the hope for the future of our Circles. Let them grow up as they are doing now with the thought that foreign mission work is no doubt a very good thing in which their mothers and the ladies of their acquaintance are interested, but not anything that could possibly interest them, and will we not be missing the chance of enlisting their sympathies for life in this cause? How many earnest workers may we not train among the loving impulsive little ones in our homes, if we will but take the trouble to interest them?

In looking at the financial result of the combined work of the Circles (\$604.14), it does not appear such a large amount, yet how much it represents. Gathered in small sums, what an amount of energy and labor has been expended to get it together, and how many prayers and loving thoughts accompany every dollar of it. We send it forth with gladness and thanksgiving, only wishing it were twice as much, and praying that the building it helps to pay for may be the birth-place of many souls.

May our Divine Lord there reveal Himself to many seeking souls, dispelling their darkness and "filling their hearts with joy in believing."

The Corresponding Secretary then read most interesting reports from the Circles at Perth, Ottawa, Hull, Ormond, Barnston, Inverness, Abbot's Corner, Sawerville, and Coaticooke. Mrs. George Edwards was present as a delegate from the Clarence Circle and interested all in an account of the formation of that Circle and the work of the Thurso Circle, especially referring to the Children's Mission Band. The report from the Ottawa Circle was then read by Miss Lee, after which the following officers were elected for the coming year, *President*, Mrs. Ayer; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. Munroe and Mrs. Whitham; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Bentley; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Muir; *Treasurer*, Miss Green; *Executive Board*, Mrs. Claxton, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. G. B. Muir, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pain, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. T. O. Phillips,

Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mrs. Alloway, Mrs. Porteous, Mrs. Davies, Miss Hill, Miss Leeming, Mrs. Alexander, Brockville; Mrs. Cameron, Ottawa; Mrs. G. Edmonds, Thurso; Mrs. Leckie, Perth.

A duett was then sung by Misses Allen and Munro after which the following motion was adopted. *Resolved*, that five hundred dollars of the proceeds of the coming year be appropriated to the salary of Mr. and Mrs. Timpany.

The meeting was then closed. In addition to the amount sent from Coaticooke there was a very pretty autograph quilt; this was brought to the meeting and it is hoped that the result will be that several Circles will adopt this means of increasing their funds. The absence of the Brockville Circle may be noticed in the Treasurer's report. \$7 was received from this Circle as well as \$5.25 from Kemptville; but too late to be included in the report.

A. Muir,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

REV. J. COUTTS, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, conveyed in person the following resolution to the Women's Society, at the annual meeting in Toronto:

Moved by T. Dixon Craig, Esq., seconded by Charles Raymond, Esq., and carried unanimously: "That this Board tender a hearty vote of thanks to the Women's F. M. Societies of Ontario and Quebec for the *invaluable* assistance rendered during the year, which has helped to so large an extent to enable us, as a Board, to close the fiscal year free from debt."

REV. J. L. CAMPBELL, who so ably and eloquently represented the Women's Societies at the annual Platform Meeting said:—There were two of these societies in Canada—one in the east, located at the city of Montreal, and one in the west, located in Toronto. Each lady is supposed to contribute 2c. per week, 10c. per month, or \$1.00 per year—a sum which the speaker thought all could well afford to give. The society in the east was organized on the 20th September, 1876; while that in the west was organized on the 24th October of the same year. The amount contributed by the of the east, for the last 4 years, is as follows: In 1877, \$434.37; in 1878, \$611.30; in 1879, \$881.38, in 1880, \$604.14, making a total \$2,531.18—and the west has not been behind for we notice that they have collected as follows: 1877, \$681.07; 1878, 898.38; 1879, \$1,428.55; 1880, \$1,535.95, making a total of \$4,539.95, the grand total being \$7,071.13. The money had been expended in erecting and maintaining schools in the Telugu Territory for the education of the natives. The speaker exhorted those present to aid and press forward the grand work by contributing liberally to its fund. In the two provinces we have 300 churches, of which only one-fifth have formed circles. There are 30,000 Baptists in the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, of whom probably one-half are women. If all joined these circles the societies could give \$15,000 for mission work for the present year. He strongly advocated the increased circulation of the *Missionary Link*, and suggested that it be distributed among the senior scholars of every Sunday School. In conclusion, he dwelt strongly upon the power which always characterized the church, which was earnestly engaged in the work of spreading the Gospel abroad.

### A Little Shovel and a Large Job.

A poor woman had a supply of coal left at her door by a charitable neighbour; a very little girl came out with a fire-shovel and began to take up a shovelful at a time and carry it to a spot of bin in the cellar. A friend said to the child: "Do you expect to get all that coal in with that little shovel?"

The child, without hesitation, replied: "Yes sir, if I work long enough."

That was it. A little at a time, if you keep at it, will amount to a great deal in the end. It is not so much the tools we work with as the spirit with which we use them, that gives us success.

### Morning Hymn.

For the Link.

Awake, my heavy soul awake!  
And chant thy morning lays,  
All Nature sings our Saviour now,  
O hasten to His feet and bow  
In gratitude and praise.

His never-closing eye hath watched  
Above us all the night,  
And not a dream disturbed our rest,  
But sweetly pillowed on His breast,  
We slept till morning light.

Then wake, O heavy soul awake!  
And robe thee for the day,  
The morn is shining clear and bright,  
Awake my soul! for lo! the night  
Of sleep is passed away.

—IDA.

Simcoe, Ont.

A HINDU devotee sought peace for fifty years. He was convicted of sin under the preaching of a missionary in the streets of Calcutta. He did everything he could think of to obtain peace; he became a religious mendicant, worshipped at different shrines, performed penances, finally joined the Brahma Somaj (reformed Brahminism), but yet he was uneasy. Then he sought it in the Bible, and found it. In two months he had learned the New Testament by heart, so eagerly did he study it. Then he withstood the wildest persecutions from friends and priests.

### WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOR. MISS. SOCIETY OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

*Receipts from September 25th to October 25th, 1880.*

Alexander St., \$22.30; Alexander St. (Mission Quilt), \$17; Dundas, \$10; Ingersoll, \$5.32; Whitty (6th Con.), \$7; Adelaide St., London, M. C., \$13; York St., London, M. C., \$22.55; Parliament St., Toronto, \$6.60; Stratford, \$8.00; Guelph, \$16; Aylmer, \$7.75; Peterboro', \$13; Paris, M. C., \$16; Paris, Children's Ann., \$1.50; Paris, Mission Quilt, \$27; Georgetown, \$3.25; Port Hope, \$16; Woodstock, \$16; Denfield, \$13.90; Sarnia, \$24; Brantford, \$5; Theford, \$3.50; Queen St., Toronto, \$3.15; Jarvis St., Toronto, \$1.50; Timpany's Grove, \$5; Selwyn, \$8; Orangeville, \$1; Simcoe, \$5.80; Sparta, \$9; Collection at Annual Meeting, \$10.28; Miss Carey, Florence, \$1.—Total, \$333.40.

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