

The Last Words of Our Lord.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me... to the uttermost parts of the earth. And when he had spoken these things while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight."—ACTS. 1: 9

My Mother's God.

At a fashionable party, a young physician present spoke of one of his patients whose case he considered a very critical one. He said he was very sorry to lose him, for he was a noble young man, but very unnecessarily concerned about his soul, and the Christians increased his agitation by talking with him and praying with him.

Report of the Foreign Missionary Board.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for 1883.

CAUSE FOR THANKFULNESS.

The Board of Foreign Missions, in presenting their Annual Report for the Convention Year, 1882-83, desire first of all to record with devout gratitude, the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father in preserving the lives and health of all our missionaries, and granting to them, even in scenes of trial and difficulty, His strong support and abiding presence.

God has also been very gracious in preserving the lives of all the members of the Board, and in so ordering their affairs that no division or break has occurred by removal or otherwise.

THE HOME FIELD—NATURE OF THE WORK.

The work of the Board upon the Home Field embraces the collection and disbursement of funds, the procuring and sending forth of missionaries, the promotion of prayer for success, and the cultivation of an enlightened and fervid interest in the Foreign Mission cause.

ASSISTANCE OF THE PRESS.

Many thanks are due to the editors of the Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor for the courtesies extended by them to the Board in granting so much space in their columns for the dissemination of missionary intelligence.

NEED OF SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS.

Much good, it is believed, could be effected by the publication of missionary tracts, embodying the worthiest conceptions of the ablest men upon subjects connected with this facile princeps of religious effort.

LIVING AGENTS NEEDED.

But the silent appeals of the press, powerful as they are, require to be supplemented and sustained by the living voice, or the fullest efficiency will not be attained.

CO-OPERATION OF PASTORS ALL IMPORTANT.

The appointment and sending forth of such an agent, however, can never lift from the pastors of our churches the obligation resting upon them to prevent the missionary zeal of their people waning.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The foregoing matters have been dwelt upon more at length than usual in view of the imperative necessity for an immediate and decided improvement in the state of our finances.

bringing them home, the demand for native agencies to assist in prosecuting their undertakings, the conduct of schools from whence we hope and expect to gather the men and women to go among their own people as faithful ministers of Jesus Christ.

Terrible as it would be to contemplate the necessity from financial troubles of the cutting down or closing up of any of our home enterprises, yet in this Christian land, where the agencies for the spread of the truth as it is in Jesus, and for the education of the people in all that tends to elevate them in the scale of civilization,

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REINFORCEMENT.

In accordance with the announcement made at the last meeting of Convention, the repeated call for reinforcement which had come from our brethren on the foreign field, was answered by Brother Isaac Chipman Archibald, who, after protracted prayer with the members of the Board, placed himself in their hands as a candidate for appointment to missionary service in India.

SPECIAL EFFORT AND WORK FOR THE YOUNG.

In the course of the year something has been done to enlist the sympathies of the youth belonging to the Sabbath Schools of our churches in the great work of Foreign Missions.

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

Through the letters of our missionaries which have been published through the religious press the body has been kept more or less acquainted with the character of the work performed by our missionaries, the difficulties they experience, and the prospects they entertain of ultimate success in bringing the thousands of Telugus about them to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

STATIONS.

Our main stations continue as reported last year. The final work

of completing the necessary buildings and laying out the grounds has been accomplished, and the reports received indicate that with occasional repairs and the additions necessary to meet the needs of the work as it widens and extends, the property of the Board at Bimlipatam, Chicacole and Bobbili will not involve a large expenditure for years to come.

Referring to our latest acquisition, a missionary who visited Bobbili at the time of the Canadian Telugu Conference in January last, writes as follows:—"The situation of the Bobbili property seems especially happy—just far enough to give freedom from the noisy crowds, and the dust of the town, and yet near enough to give easy access to the people, and to make them feel that the missionary of their neighbor. The property is in a fine condition. The house, though small, is large enough for one family. It is neat, convenient and exceedingly well built. The bungalow, at the rear of the mission house proper, furnishes additional rooms for workers, services &c. It is here that Brother Archibald has taken up his abode. The grounds and the out-houses are the very picture of neatness.

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It is understood that the London Mission Society is about to abandon Chicacole as one of its stations, and it is probable that the chapel owned by that body will be for sale.

In connection with this station schools are maintained at Comanapilly, Akalatampara, and Teckally. Special work is also being done among the Savara people by Venka and his brother Ramanadasi.

MISS HAMMOND.

When Convention met last year, Miss Carrie A. Hammond, whose arduous labors at Chicacole during the year and eight months that she had been compelled, so reluctantly, to lay aside.

After a stay of a few weeks this earnest longing for the welfare of the people led her to return to Chicacole, and take up the work which she had been compelled, so reluctantly, to lay aside.

On the opening of the present year Miss Hammond removed to Bimlipatam, her first field of labor after her arrival in India. Referring to this change in a letter dated March 15th, 1883, she says:—"What seemed best has been done. Thus far we have reason to believe that we were guided aright. All the boarding girls came with me, so, in a measure, I brought my work. The care of boarding and day school devolves upon me. Besides, I do as much visiting as possible in the town.

Since her return to Bimlipatam Miss Hammond has done considerable work among the people of the Shepherd caste who live near her. On Sundays she has a sort of Sunday School among them, dividing the children up into classes for the larger boarding girls, while she sings, reads and talks to and prays with and for the women.

The head teacher is M. Anthony, a very good Christian man. The second teacher is Sytharnami, the Brahmin who was baptized by Mr. Hutchinson, but returned to his people. This man still declares himself a seeker after truth, and yet looks for strength to break the terrible bonds that keep him back from casting in his lot with the Lord's people.

There is a pressing need for another lady missionary to go to Miss Hammond's assistance, and prepare for the prosecution of the work when in the providence of God, Miss Hammond is compelled to return home. It must be remembered also that Miss Hammond's position is an exceedingly trying and lonely one, for, apart from the wives of the missionaries, whom she sees only occasionally, there is absolutely no one of her own sex and language to sympathize with her in her exacting duties, or to relieve her in any way of the burdens which are growing year by year increasingly onerous.

NATIVE HELPERS.

Our missionaries have been long convinced that the time must