

sented. It called attention to the fact that the new postal regulations had largely increased the expenses of the Convention for postage, and also suggested the possibility of securing statistical returns from the churches by methods which would be more economical of labor and postage and would secure more satisfactory results. On recommendation of the Com. on Nominations, Rev. D. Hutchinson was elected Vice-President for New Brunswick, and Rev. J. L. Miner Vice-President for P. E. Island. Dr. H. C. Creed was re-elected Secretary for a term of three years, Revs. E. T. Miller and A. J. Archibald were elected Assistant Secretaries and Mr. Grant of Zion church, Treasurer of the Convention. Revs. J. H. Saunders, A. J. Archibald and J. B. Ganong were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

In accordance with the regular order of alternation, the Foreign Mission work is the principal subject for consideration on Saturday, the Educational work will be given precedence on Monday, and on Tuesday the Home Mission work will have the right of way. The report of the Foreign Mission Board, which had been distributed in printed form at the morning session, was presented by the Secretary of the Board, Rev. Dr. Manning, and received careful consideration.

The report opens with recognition of dependence upon God for guidance and inspiration in the work of the mission, and an expression of gratitude to the heavenly Father for the manifest tokens of His presence during the year. Referring to the staff of missionaries the report states that Miss Martha Clark is the only missionary of the staff now on furlough. After seven years residence in India her health had begun to suffer, and last March she left Chicacole, arriving at her home in P. E. Island in June. The expenses connected with her coming home have been borne by Miss Clark and her friends. A speedy restoration of her strength is hoped for to enable her to return to the work which she loves.

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF

The Board has been greatly cheered during the year to learn that there were several young brethren ready to engage in mission work in India, or elsewhere, that God in His providence should direct. Three of these made application for appointment on our Mission staff, one of them has been advised by his physician to remain in this country at least for one year. One has been accepted, Bro. S. C. Freeman, a recent graduate of Acadia, and of the Newton Theological Seminary. Mr. Freeman comes to us with the best testimonials of his teachers as a consecrated and devoted follower of his Lord and Master. It is expected that he will be ordained at his home church, North Brookfield, Queens Co., in September. He will probably sail for India some time in October.

Mr. J. A. Glendonning, who is also a graduate of Acadia, and a member of the Senior class at Newton, has also been accepted as a missionary, and would be on his way to India this autumn if the funds were available, or the Board saw a reasonable prospect of obtaining them, in addition to what is required for meeting the obligations already assumed.

If a church, or several churches, or individuals should undertake for a term of years, the support of one of these brethren, it would be a great stimulus to the work and of untold benefit to those who might assume such responsibility. Here is a fine opportunity for an investment of money for the Lord's work. It is gratifying to learn that some churches are seriously considering this matter.

THE HEALTH OF MISSIONARIES

has been fairly good during the year, but some are unable to endure what they have done in the past. Miss Blackadar has been quite seriously ill but has borne her trials with heroic faith and calm confidence in her Saviour. The latest intelligence from her indicated a decided improvement in her condition which it is hoped may prove permanent.

The report notes the departure last autumn of Rev. I. C. and Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. W. V. Higgins and her young son, and Miss Flora Clark for the mission field, accompanied by Miss Lottie Sanford, daughter of Rev. R. Sanford of Vizanagram, and Mrs. Laflamme of the Ontario and Quebec mission. They reached their destination about the last of November.

WITHDRAWALS FROM THE WORK.

The report expresses deep regret on the part of the Board at withdrawal of Rev. L. D. Morse from the work of the mission. "This step was taken after due deliberation. The conviction was forced upon him that his health was in such a condition as would forbid his return to India, at least for a time. Under these circumstances, Mr. Morse stated very frankly and fully his views of the situation as he saw it, and made his resignation imperative. It was accepted, with great reluctance. Brother Morse had commended himself to every member of the Board as a most conscientious, earnest and self-sacrificing missionary. His place on our mission staff will be hard to fill. It is hoped, however, that in the not too distant future, the way may be opened for him to take up this great work again."

The report commends the observance of the last Sunday in March as Foreign Mission day as heretofore, and expresses the opinion that it will be a means of blessing to all those who participate therein and through them to others to an extent which cannot be measured. Respecting

THE 20TH CENTURY FUND

the report says: "The Board is not in possession of any facts which are not known to all. Since last year no additions have been made to the funds of the Board from this source. The Committee to whom was intrusted the supervision of the work of raising the fund will, no doubt, report what has been done during the year. It is hoped that the efforts put forth by the committee will be crowned with complete success. We want to see the whole \$50,000 raised as a special thankoffering to the God of missions. This will be no easy task, but it will be worth all it may cost and more to. We com-

mend the agent, Rev. H. F. Adams, to the practical sympathy of all our pastors and churches, as one worthy of their confidence and esteem."

DONATIONS.

No large sums have been received as were reported in 1900. The largest amount from any one person was \$800. The brother who sent this has been a most generous contributor to our mission work in other years. This example is worthy of emulation. There is a disposition on the part of a number of Christian men and women to give specifically to some department of the work. Other mission Boards have a similar experience. In connection with some of the larger organizations of the United States and in Great Britain, there are churches, or young peoples' societies, or individuals, who support a missionary themselves, either in whole or in part, or as in connection with the Missionary Union, some department of work at a given station, is assumed. Liberal benefactions to our work are always timely and very gratefully received and are promptly sent on their errand of "good will to men."

LEGACIES.

These have amounted to \$450. This is a little more than was received last year. We can constantly remember by these bequests of the deep hold which this work has taken, of the hearts of our people. This is as it should be. We know of no better way to invest money for the Lord's work than in giving the gospel to those who have it not. If we are unable, for any reason, to be our own executors, let the work be not forgotten when a final disposition of our substance is made.

Of the amount received from this source \$100 came from the estate of the late Mrs. E. N. Archibald, of Wolfville, N. S.; \$100 from the estate of the late Joseph Bradshaw, of Bedeque, P. E. I., and \$250 from the estate of the late Des. B. H. Parker, of Nictaux, N. S.

THE ESTIMATES

submitted in the report call for

On account of salaries - - - - -	\$10,200 00
" general purposes on mission-fields - - - - -	6,145 00
Travel to India, - - - - -	350 00
Outfit, - - - - -	150 00
Tents for Tekkali, - - - - -	150 00
Furlough, Miss Clark, - - - - -	300 00
Salary New Missionary, and Expenses, - - - - -	505 00
Home Expense, - - - - -	1300 00
Making a total of - - - - -	\$19,100 00
In references to - - - - -	

FINANCES

the report says: "These are not as satisfactory as we had hoped. There is no desire to ignore facts, or to minimize them. More money was spent than was received. This has been true for the last two years. We do not believe that the limit of your ability as a people to provide the means for carrying on the work has been reached. There is not the shadow of a doubt in our minds on this point. Many have done well. But we do not purpose to enlarge the work unless the funds are provided to enable us to do so, much as enlargement is needed."

"The amount received from all sources was \$18,370.99. Of this sum \$4,862.29 came from the treasurers of Denominational Funds, \$2,339.02 from churches in Nova Scotia, and \$1,923.18 from churches in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. \$2,451.85 were received as donations to the work principally from individuals and Sunday Schools, and \$133.00 for Mr. Gullison's support. There was received from legacies \$150.00, and from interest in Bradshaw Trusts \$982.19, and from other funds \$589.75, of which amount \$300.00 forms no part of the revenue of the Board. The W. B. M. Union paid the full amount promised for the year, \$7,675.00. To this must be added the sum of \$1200.00 which the Union paid into the treasury to assist in defraying the travelling expenses of the missionaries to India. These are the sources of income of the Board. Our weak spot is the contributions from the churches as such. Surely for the evangelization of two millions of heathen Telugus the offerings from our churches ought to be largely increased."

"There have been expended the sum of \$19,750.22 on general account which makes the deficit in the year's business \$1,379.31. If the deficit of past years be added our total liability will be \$627.86. This is far too large for us to carry with any degree of comfort, and there must be either retrenchment in our appropriations for the work, or an increased liberality on the part of a good many of our people. It is our opinion that the latter is the only just and right thing to do. At the present rate of expenditure a yearly addition of \$2500.00 to present receipts would relieve the tension very materially under which the Board labors."

"It may not be known to many at the present time that the financial pressure upon the Board is not of recent date. Ten years ago the indebtedness of the Board was \$6120.55. There has been a constant effort made for its reduction and not without some success; but the receipts last year fell short and the balance against the Board was much larger than for some preceding years."

"The needs of the work are so varying that it is impossible for any man or any body of men to know what they are going to be. The expenses of one year may be two or three thousand dollars more than those of another year. This feature is one often overlooked by the unthinking. But the fact which we desire to emphasize and to impress upon this Convention is this: that for the past ten years the Board has not gone behind one single dollar. Instead, there has been a gain, small, it is true, but nevertheless a gain."

"Besides, the plant which has been gathered in India has been very materially increased. So too the missionary staff has been enlarged. We have striven hard to make income equal outlay and to reduce the large balance that was against us."

"Under God we are dependent solely upon you for the help that is needed. We can appeal to no others. The Baptists of these Provinces by the sea are our constituency. Others come to us, we cannot go to them. We hope the work may grip all your hearts with hooks of steel."

The report embodied a brief review of the work of the year at the different stations connected with the mission, showing that the missionaries are very earnestly engaged in their work and with a considerable degree of success. The main facts are also presented under the following

SUMMARY.

On our mission field there are eight churches with a membership of 495. There were 77 additions by baptism and 34 by letter and experience. The total additions were 111. There are seven male missionaries six wives of missionaries and six single ladies, a total of 19. To this must be added the one now under appointment.

Of these there is at present on furlough Miss Martha Clark. There are four pastors, (native) of whom one only is ordained. There are 43 Native Preachers and Evangelists, 7 Colporteurs and 17 Bible women. There are 31 Teachers, of whom 15 are men and 16 are women, and there are 4 medical assistants.

There are 7 principal stations and 21 outstations, and there are 34 villages in which Christians live. There are on the mission field a total of 3589 villages of all kinds, which means that there is plenty of room for more workers. There are 48 Sunday Schools with 63 teachers. The average attendance is 1150.

The Board acknowledges its indebtedness to the Woman's Missionary Union for the financial help it has so generously given and their influence in inspiring interest in mission work in the Sunday Schools and churches. There is also acknowledgment of the help rendered by the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, and by pastors and others who have shown an active interest in the work.

THE NEEDS

are pressing. They do not grow any less with the passing years. Three new mission families are needed now if we would do our most effective work. A missionary for the Savaras, another for Vizanagram, a city of more than 30,000 people, and one for the northern part of our field, as yet almost untouched. This would mean the erection of two mission houses and their equipment. And this could easily be done if all our people could be led to feel about this great work as some do.

SIGNS OF PROMISE

are everywhere visible. Hopefulness is a marked characteristic of the workers on the field. They are not disheartened by the greatness and the gravity of the work. The battle is waged against great odds, but they never think of it as a losing one. We have a great leader. It is true now as ever—"If God be for us who can be against us." We are on the road to victory. Every step taken is a step forward and toward the goal when "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

The Report was taken up for reading and discussion clause by clause. The clause on Addition to the Staff called forth some discussion. The feeling was strongly expressed that it was much to be desired that two new missionaries might be sent out this year. Rev. D. E. Hatt of the First Cornwallis church offered to be one of twelve to guarantee \$100 each for the support of a missionary. Bro. A. McDonald of that church said he felt sure the church would stand by Pastor Hatt in the matter. Rev. J. H. Farnsworth would give \$50 a year for five years to add another missionary to the staff. Bro. T. S. Simms would give his personal guarantee that Germain St church would raise \$100 for that purpose without lessening its present contributions. Mrs. J. L. M. Young of Berwick would also give \$100.

At the afternoon session the reading and consideration of the Foreign Mission report was continued. The clauses on the Sailing of Missionaries, Withdrawal from the Work, Foreign Mission Day in the Churches, The Twentieth Century Fund, Donations and Legacies were read and adopted with but little remark. The clauses on Estimates and Finances were considered more at length. The opinion was expressed that greater effort should be put forth by the Board to reach the churches by personal visits of the Secretary or otherwise and to stimulate and develop popular interest in the work of the mission. On the other hand it was shown that the duties connected with the finances of the Board, the keeping of accounts, management of finances and care of invested funds, and the correspondence connected with the Secretary's office involved onerous and often difficult duties which must be entrusted to competent hands. The present Secretary-Treasurer had served the mission with great industry and faithfulness, but one man could not do everything. As to the proper course to be pursued in the matter, the members of the Board declared their desire to be instructed by the Convention and to carry out the wishes of the body. Rev. Dr. Manning said that he had not been engaged by the Board as Field Secretary, the duties in connection with the Board which he had been called to undertake were especially those of the Secretaryship—or the management of the finances. He was to receive a salary of \$1,000 which was \$200 less than he was then receiving as pastor. After this, half the work of the treasurer of Denominational Funds had been added to his duties without increase of salary. The treasurer of Denominational Funds had been paid a salary of \$300, and not too well paid for his work at that. The care of finances and keeping of accounts, and the increasing correspondence with missionaries made heavy demands on the time and strength of the Secretary-treasurer, but in addition to this work, he had, as opportunity and strength permitted, visited the churches in the interests of the work. The clauses under consideration were then adopted.

The clauses having reference to the progress of the work at the different stations of the mission field were adopted without reading. This part of report embodies much valuable information and will be found in the forthcoming Year Book. The remaining clauses were then read and adopted. In connection with the reference in the report to the Savaras, Miss Martha Clark, returned missionary, and Rev. W. F. Armstrong gave some interesting information in reference to these people, among whom the outlook for missions seems especially promising. The Secretary's report was then adopted as a whole, and the Treasurer's report was also considered and adopted.

The report of the proceedings of the Convention will be continued next week.