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THE FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

A copy of the annual report of our Foreign Mission Board, which was submitted by its Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Manning, to the Convention at Charlotte-town on Saturday, has been laid on our table. It is the fifty-ninth report of the Board and the thirtieth since the establishment of the independent mission among the Telugus.

The report opens with devout recognition on the part of the Board of the help of the Lord in the efforts put forth to extend His Kingdom among the Telugus. The statistics of the year's work, it is true, are not altogether encouraging, but statistical tables do not tell the whole story. God has crowned the year with His goodness. The lives of all the missionaries have been spared. Those who are in India are zealously at work, and those on furlough are impatient to get back to their respective fields. Never before were the opportunities for service abroad so great. Never before were there as many tokens of encouragement to those at work.

The report notes that Revs. H. Y. Corey and R. E. Gullison with their families are home on furlough, also Miss Archibald. Mr. Corey expects to return to India this autumn, but Mr. and Mrs. Gullison and Miss Archibald will remain home at least another year or until their health is restored.

Our Board appears to be experiencing a difficulty which other missionary societies are confronted with, that namely of a lack of volunteers for missionary service. The report says that a mission family is greatly needed and two or more single ladies, but so far as appears from the report only one young lady missionary is ready to go. This is Miss Laura A. Peck of Wolfville, a young lady of fine ability who has just completed her course at Acadia and whom the Board at its last meeting appointed on recommendation of the W. B. M. Union. Rev. W. L. Archibald, who had been accepted last year as a missionary of the Board, has felt obliged, on account, as we understand, of Mrs. Archibald's health, to relinquish his purpose of going to India, and the Board has reluctantly rebuffed Mr. Archibald from his engagement. In referring to this fact, the report says of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald that they retain in the full extent the esteem and confidence of the Board.

The report alludes to the need for more missionary literature for the information of the people who are expected to support the mission. This need has been voiced by some of the Associations, and the report says: "The Board has had the subject in mind for some time past, but it has not been a problem easy of solution. The form in which it is to be presented and its quantity will need careful thinking and wise planning." The report, however, intimates that "it is the pastor's prerogative and privilege to furnish this information for his people. No one else can do it so effectively. To this end he has been called and commissioned." In this connection the formation of "Mission Study Classes" is highly recommended as tending to create and foster a taste for missionary literature. The report also alludes encouragingly to the matter of missionary conferences. Two have been held during the past year, one at Berwick, N. S., and the other at Albert, N. B. The conference at Berwick was especially successful and encouraging. A suggestion contained in last year's report is renewed, to the effect that every quarterly meeting might with great profit devote one of its meetings during the year to a study of world-wide missions in some one or more of its various departments.

Quite a number of legacies have been paid into the treasury of the Board during the past year, amounting in all to the goodly sum of \$4,546.64. This is much greater than the annual average from this source of income. Last year, for instance, the treasurer's report showed only \$190.00 received in legacies. Of the amount received during the year just closed \$3,000 was from the estate of the late Mrs. Allison Smith, of Halifax; \$1,000 from the estate of the late Shubael Dimock, of Newport; \$96.64 from the estate of the late Mrs. Susan Davidson, of Parrsboro; \$50 from the estate of the late John G. Nowland, of Havelock, Digby Co.; \$100 from the estate

of the late John Bew, of Arichat, C. B.; \$100 from the estate of the late J. S. Triton, of Lewisville, N. B.; and \$200 from the estate of the late Nathan Donahis of Blackville, Northumberland Co., N. B.

As to the Board's financial condition the report says: "The statement of the Treasurer shows that the total receipts are \$25,711.95, which is \$5,563.12 in excess of those of last year. This is very satisfactory. Of this sum \$4,923.57 were received from the Treasurers of Denominational Funds, \$3,223.40 of which was from Nova Scotia, \$1,552.51 from New Brunswick and \$147.55 from Prince Edward Island. By comparing the receipts of this year with those of last year it will be seen that the receipts from N. S. have not been as much as for the previous year by \$147.66, while there has been a gain in those from N. B. of \$360.22 and from P. E. I. a gain of \$14.08. The donations were \$1,771.04, of which \$50.00 was for Mr. Gullison's support, \$248.94 for the support of Mr. Freeman, and \$245.78 for the support of Mr. Glendinning. \$3,951.54 were received from the 20th Century Fund, of which \$3,000 has been placed on deposit to the credit of that fund. The W. B. M. U. paid into the treasury the sum of \$9,050.05, the largest amount received from that source in any single year. The receipts from legacies amounted to the large sum of \$4,546.64. From the Jacob Bradshaw Memorial Fund, 1 and 2, there were received \$571.76 and from other trust funds \$597.25. These have been our sources of income. It will be seen, however, that for the work of the year only \$22,711.95 can properly be placed to the income in current account. The very satisfactory showing of the year's work is almost entirely due to the amount received from legacies which may be a hopeful sign according to the view point.

The expenditures for the year were \$21,183.27, including the deficit of last year, which makes a difference in favor of the Board in the year's work of \$4,528.68; but from which must be taken the \$3,000 reserved on deposit for the purposes already named, leaving a net balance of cash in hand of \$1,528.68."

The Board estimates that \$23,635 will be needed for carrying on the work of the mission during the coming year.

Embodied in the report of the Secretary-Treasurer are brief reports from the missionaries on the field, showing what progress is being made in the work. The work accomplished and its present status are summarized as follows: "There are eight churches in the field, which is the same number as was reported last year. The total membership of these churches is 525. By comparison with last year's report, there is a net decrease of 12. The number received by baptism was 16; six churches report baptisms. Eleven were added by letter and experience. Two were restored. Thus making the total increase 29. On the other hand there were six deaths, 33 exclusions, and two were dropped from the membership roll of the Parla-Kimedy church. This is the first time for years that the mission reports a decrease. The missionaries have been nearly heart-broken at this result. There are nine male missionaries, six wives of missionaries and seven single ladies, including one just appointed, a total of 22. Of this number there are two families and one single lady on furlough. Of the native helpers one only is ordained, though he is not a settled pastor. There are 37 preachers and evangelists, 6 colporteurs, 19 Bible women, 33 teachers, of whom 24 are men and 9 are women. There are 3 medical assistants. The number of helpers, not including the latter, is 98. There are 7 principal stations and 19 outstations. Christians live in 30 villages, but there are 3,039 villages in the entire field. This shows that our mission work is yet in its infancy. We have not begun the cultivation of the whole field. Of the additions to the church, six of them were from the Sunday schools. There are five Boarding Schools, with 67 pupils, 51 of whom are boys and 16 girls. There are 76 Sunday schools with 47 teachers. These have had an average attendance of 1,166. There are two advanced schools included in the five Boarding Schools, one of them is for girls which is located at Bobbilly, and another for boys at Bimlipitam. The other three schools are primary. It is expected that all pupils from these latter schools who are prepared to take Lower Secondary work will be sent to one or the other of these two schools. The hospital at Chicacole is still under the direction of Miss Constance G. Dee, whose work continues to give satisfaction."

Editorial Notes.

—Too generally when a Southern mob demands as a victim a prisoner charged with some crime, the sheriff or jailer in charge of the prisoner considers discretion the better part of valor, and accordingly permits the mob to have its way. Occasionally, however, an officer is found who is brave and conscientious enough to do his duty at any risk. This was the character of Sheriff John M. Poag of Tate County, Miss. Sheriff Poag had charge of the jail at Senatobia, when a mob of masked men came to take out a prisoner charged with murder. He declared that no mob should take a prisoner from under his charge except over his dead body. Accordingly the sheriff defended the jail, until he was shot and killed. The people of Tate County purpose to show their ap-

preciation of the sheriff's brave conduct by raising a statue to his memory. "Sheriff Poag's example," says the 'Independent,' "was of priceless value, and the blood of that martyr will be the seed of justice in a land of lynch law."

—Alluding to the Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, who has become somewhat widely known through his book entitled "The Parochial School," the 'Interior' (Presbyterian) of Chicago says:—"Father Crowley still keeps joyfully pushing a semi-occasional barbed spear into the anatomy of his great and good friend, Archbishop Quigley. Anybody who likes a persistent fighter can't quite help liking this insurgent priest. His latest thrust is a bill for injunction asking the courts to forbid the archbishop and other members of the hierarchy from crowding him out of the hotel where he has been living for several years. Of course, Father Crowley is not so much concerned about the privilege of staying in that particular hotel, but he seizes on every chance of forcing the archbishop into an open battle. And the way in which the sinuous archbishop avoids the issue and carefully fails to deal with the priest by regular church discipline, is the surest proof to us that the priest tells the truth when he says that the Chicago archdiocese is rotten from the top down."

—Two Baptist Theological schools in the United States have recently taken steps in line with movements which are more and more coming to be regarded as essential to the best results in theological training. Crozer Seminary, near Philadelphia, has perfected a plan for affiliation with the University of Pennsylvania, by which a large number of courses will be thrown open to Crozer men and means provided for specializing effectively in almost any desired subject. Colgate is making a new departure in a different direction. The University has established a training school for practical work in connection with its theological department. This school is to be located in New York and will be in charge of Dr. Edward Judson. The plan is that the students shall spend each year a term in residence at the seminary and a term in the city in practical missionary, sociological and institutional work in co-operation with the Judson Memorial Church and other churches of the city. There can be no doubt that these two movements represent important demands of the time in connection with ministerial education, a more thorough training in practical matters and a more thorough training in theological subjects. The problem is to find time for both; but perhaps the problem is not insoluble if the theological seminaries are located in or near the larger cities.

—Senator David Wark of Fredericton passed peacefully away at Fredericton on Sunday morning last. His life had exceeded the century limit by one year and six months. Senator Wark was not a man of brilliant talents, but the long and valuable service which he rendered to his country well illustrates the fact that a life may be eminently useful and honorable without being brilliant. A man of remarkably vigorous mind, of great industry, of pure life, of unblemished reputation, firm principles, and good judgment, Senator Wark's life has counted for far more in support of all that is most valuable to a community and to a nation than that of many a man of much more showy qualities. To Senator Wark belonged the distinction of being the oldest legislator in the world. For nearly sixty years he had been in public life and this long period of service was marked by faithful devotion to the interests committed to his hands. His death was a fitting close to a long life. His physical powers failed, but the intellect remained clear, and consciousness continued till the last. Less than an hour before he died he said to his physician, "I have no ailment and suffer no pain. I am just waiting to be gathered in."

A wheel in England.

The report of the Baptist Congress proceedings has afforded a change, which on the best authority is held to be as good as a rest. With this as a postulate then, it may be assumed that the patient readers of the Messenger and Visitor will be able to stand another installment of these notes.

The last report brought me, I think, to Darlington. From there it is an easy wheel of about fifteen minutes to Stainton, near Barnard Castle. The latter place is the point of departure for excursions in Teesdale, one of the most beautiful valleys in England. A trip up to Middleton-in-Teesdale was especially interesting to the writer from the fact that the late Dr. Pattison of Rochester, so long the loved Professor of Homiletics in that Seminary here had his first pastorate and here found his wife. The little Baptist chapel remains almost unchanged, and a pleasant hour was spent with the present pastor, Rev. John Charter.

The neighborhood is also one of considerable historic and literary interest. Streatlow Castle is near by, so long the home of the Bowes family. A few miles in another direction is the village of Bowes, where there may still be seen the house which is said

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