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"We are Laborers together with God."



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Historical Sketch of the United Baptist Women's Missionary Union.

1870—1920

FROM the earliest dawn of civilization God has ordained and provided means whereby records of world events may be preserved for the use of succeeding generations. He told ancient Israel that they were to rehearse His marvellous doings among them to their children, and to their children's children. These teachings were to hold first place in their religious and national life, and special distinction was given to their Jubilee year.

Today, as in olden time, no event in life is insignificant, when God's guiding hand can be traced, leading, it maybe, through mystery, into wonderful experiences.

It is certainly most fitting for the United Baptist women of the Maritime Provinces to recognize the leading of God in permitting us to be the Pioneers in Women's Missionary Societies in Canada, and with grateful hearts, we this year celebrate our Golden Jubilee.

It may not be amiss to note briefly a few of the leading movements within the gates of our beloved Canada, illustrating its growth during these fifty years, and our opportunities in this unique age.

In 1870 Canada was only three years old, comprising four Provinces with an area of 540,000 square miles and a population of 3,600,000. She now has nine Provinces and a large unorganized territory embracing half a continent, which stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the United States border to the Pole, an area of 3,729,665 square miles—one third of the British Empire, with a population of

about 9,000,000, and stands as the chief magnet of old world immigration.

In 1870 free public schools had been in operation but five years. Not one college in Canada was open for the B. A. course to women. Now every Institution of higher education in our land has open doors, according to them equal rights and privileges. In 1870 agricultural products were valued at \$13,000,000, in 1919, about \$1,100,000,000. Mining has grown from \$10,000,000 to \$138,000,000. Manufacturing then had hardly any showing, now the annual production is over \$1,390,000. Wood-pulp, coke, electric lighting, electrical apparatus, automobiles were unknown, now they run into the value of many millions annually. In 1870 the Atlantic Cable had been in use less than two decades, while the wireless wizard, telephone, gramophone, and air-craft were entirely unknown. Truly these fifty years have disclosed enormous potentialities in this land, which are as yet only in their initial stage.

With this incomparable heritage and these immeasurable resources, surely no people in God's universe are better equipped for a response to the challenge coming from non-Christian nations for Evangelism, Christian Education and Medical Missions. As Christian women, this is our day to show ourselves equal to the challenge. The assets of this great country are estimated by their commercial value, but regarding the inestimable assets—our **MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS**, inadequate are all terms. This we realize in some measure in reviewing the work of the "fathers" in our churches over one hundred years ago, as they with vision from God, set in motion the work that has developed to its many-sided proportions today.

The Baptist women of the Maritime Provinces have a rich heritage in their Pioneer Mothers who, with equal vision laid the foundations of our Women's Missionary operations. Inspired by the tragic and heroic life of the Judsons in Burma, they organized Female Mite Societies for raising funds in aid of Home and Foreign Missions. The initial Missionary Movement began when the oldest Baptist Association in Canada, representing the three Provinces by the sea, with their twenty-five churches and membership of 1,500, met at Chester in 1814. After the preaching of the annual sermon a contribution of £8-13s (\$34.00) was sent to the Auxiliary Bible Society at Halifax, "for the poor heathen." Two Home Missionaries were sent east of Halifax, and later to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The first Mite society was organized in Germain Street Baptist Church, St. John, in 1818. Special mention is made of these societies in church letters to the Association, which in return advised that societies be organized in all the churches. To what extent this was followed cannot be fully ascertained from the meagre reports. There were, however, several societies organized in the early "twenties," imparting a truly missionary spirit.

In 1832 the churches appointed a Foreign Mission Board, which in 1845 sent Rev. Richard E. Burpee and his wife to Burma, the first Foreign Missionaries from Canada, receiving appointment from any Board. In 1853 Rev. A. R. R. Crawley was accepted by the Convention as their missionary to Burma, but under existing conditions it was deemed better that he should go under the auspices of the American Baptist Missionary Union. The appointment of Miss Minnie B. DeWolfe to Burma in 1867, was another impetus to the growing interest, especially