

women raise, a sure income of \$11,000 or \$12,000 a year. A young lady can be sent to do Zenana work. Let every effort therefore be made to attain this end. Let each sister not only do all she can herself, but endeavour to arouse to a sense of their duty and responsibility those churches and individuals who are doing nothing. To touch the heart and make people willing to give is God's province; we cannot do this, but we can remind them of the Foreign Mission work and its requirements, and prevent its being forgotten in the midst of so many other and pressing claims. Ed LINK.]

THE Baptist says: We are pleased to learn that Dr. Castle has been instrumental in having \$500 donated to the Akidu branch of our Foreign Missions. The money was left for religious purposes by a friend in Philadelphia, Drs. Wheaton Smith, Boardman and Castle, being the Trustees of the fund.

OTTAWA.—This energetic Circle has again sent \$25 to the Montreal Board, and Mrs. A. A. Cameron has thereby been made a life member of the Society.

CLARENCE, ONT.—The Eastern Society has been strengthened by the formation of a Circle at Clarence.

DENFIELD ONT.—The President of the Circle writes: Perhaps you would like to hear a little concerning our Circle. We have been organized about a year and a half. Our membership has been about thirty, and the attendance has always been remarkably good. I do not think I have ever seen less than twelve present and frequently over twenty. We have always found the meetings both interesting and profitable and have been amply refreshed for any little sacrifice or self-denial we may have made for the sake of the hearthen by the increased interest and sympathy which the knowledge of their sad condition has excited in our hearts; and the desire to do all we can to dispel their darkness. Our plan has always been to appoint two or three members to entertain the next meeting, either by sacred music or readings on Missionary subjects, so we are never at a loss for something to fill up the time after our devotional and business exercises. A week or so ago our Circle gave a social which I think all enjoyed; we had music, one or two readings and a paper by the Pastor on Christianity in the eighth century. Our fee was very small, only 12½ cents, but I think the Secretary has over \$10, which will soon be forwarded to the Central Board.

YORKVILLE, ONT.—One of the younger members of the Circle is busily engaged superintending the filling up of a missionary quilt. \$25 have already been handed over to the treasurer with which at the last meeting it was resolved to constitute the president, Mrs. J. D. King, a life member of the W. B. F. M. Society, and to designate the money to the Mission Boat Fund.

SARNIA, ONT.—The ladies of the Sarnia Baptist Church met this evening for the purpose of organizing a Foreign Mission Circle. We were successful, having secured fourteen members; more are expected to join. The officers elected were:—President, Miss Rowles; Vice-President, Mrs. T. S. Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Barber; Treasurer, Miss Susan Miller; with three solicitors. JENNIE BARBER, Secretary.
March 10th, 1880.

New Brunswick.

Mrs. WM. ALLWOOD, the Treasurer of the Central Board, makes an urgent appeal, through the *Christian Visitor*, to the non-contributing W. M. A. Societies of New Brunswick. She states that the receipts of the Central Board in 1879 fell behind those of 1878 to the extent of \$200; seventeen societies having failed to contribute at all. These are urged to promptly make up, during this present year, the deficiency.

Nova Scotia.

KINGSTON STATION, N. S.—Rev. Dr. Tupper writes: I am very glad to see the resolution passed by the Central Board of Nova Scotia, "subject to the concurrence of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Boards, that the expenses of Mrs. Armstrong's journey home be taken from the funds at their disposal." In this, doubtless, all concerned will heartily concur.

PORTAPIQUE MOUNTAIN, N. S.—The few brethren on Portapique Mountain have a missionary society. Any person paying monthly to any of the objects of missions, becomes a member. We meet the first Thursday in the month, pay our dues, and have a

missionary prayer and exhortation meeting. We have found the LINK of great value to us. I hope that God will bless this effort to enlighten the people in regard to the great missionary work.

THOS. D. DAVIDSON.

WINDSOR, N. S.

DEAR LINK,—Our beloved missionary, Mrs. H. M. N. Armstrong, having sometime since, in a letter addressed to a former president of the W. M. A. Society of this place, expressed a desire to learn through your columns, what success had followed its formation by her nine years ago, I beg, through that medium, to say that our Society still has an existence, and although its growth and usefulness have not been all that we could desire, yet a good measure of success has attended it. We have now a membership of forty-three, and our yearly receipts compare favorably with those of any of our sister societies in the Province; our annual public meetings have been well attended, and by addresses, readings, music, and other exercises, been seasons of pleasure and profit. Our monthly meetings have always been kept up, and although the attendance is not as large, nor the interest as general as we might wish, yet we endeavor to make them beneficial as a means of increasing our interest in the cause of Missions. Your highly valued little paper forms a welcome addition to our sources of missionary intelligence, and by readings from it and other papers, or the *Missionary Magazine*, we are becoming better informed with regard to the work, its toils and sacrifices, its encouragements and discouragements, and our sympathies are drawn out and we are led to pray more earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send forth more laborers into the fields now white to the harvest, and that those already in the field may be abundantly sustained by the prayers and contributions of Christians at home.

That the hearts of our missionaries may be made to rejoice as they shall see the work of the Lord prospering in their hands, and that they may realize the fulfilment of the promises to those who have left all for his sake; and that your paper may be very successful as a means of increasing the interest of our people with regard to Missions, is the prayer of yours in the work and fellowship of the Gospel, and on behalf of the Society, MRS. D. GREENOUGH,
March 1, 1880. President.

GREAT VILLAGE, N. S.

DEAR LINK. Your monthly visits are a source of much pleasure to us. Through your columns we become acquainted with many of our sister workers in the upper Provinces; an acquaintance we would otherwise have no means of forming. And then, too, how we prize the letters from our dear missionaries! How we sympathize with them in their trials, and how we rejoice to hear of the good seed sown by them springing up and bearing fruit! But it seems we, on this side of the globe, are not the only ones who eagerly scan your pages. Those toiling in India, realizing so fully the vastness of the work, long for us to be fully alive to our part of the responsibility, and naturally look to you, dear LINK, for information as to what is being done at home; so it seems but fair, that while they in the midst of such arduous work, take time to write so much to instruct and edify us, that we should let them know something of the working of our societies. We should tell them now and then, that both they and their work are dear to us, and are remembered by us at the Throne of Grace; that though we are not "down in the mine," we are "holding the ropes."

Great Village Society is one of the small ones, and we should not have thought ourselves important enough to claim your notice, had not a note from dear Mrs. Armstrong determined us; that our silence should no longer cause pain to those whose hearts are so full already. Our Society was formed in 1874, and numbered sixteen at the close of the year. And that has been about the number ever since. Each year we have hoped the next would show an increase; but it seems all we can do to make good the vacancies caused by removals and death. Here let us with gratitude record that but one loved sister has been taken by death. One in her youth and vigor was called to the mansions above. During these six years, we have sent to the Central Board in Halifax, \$96. And when we tell you that our little church has felt the pressure of the "hard times" most severely, we think you will see that our work has not been without encouragement. Our members are scattered and our meetings small; but for all that they are quite regularly sustained, and are seasons of enjoyment and profit. We wish we were able to say that all have adopted the system of "laying by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered." Surely

if this command were obeyed by all those who have given themselves to the Saviour, there would be no lack in the carrying out of our benevolent schemes—no lack in our mission treasury—no more heart-rendering accounts of nations in darkness, calling for the light and no means of sending it to them. May we all feel more our responsibilities and rejoice in our privileges.
S. FREEMAN, Secretary.

Letters to Mrs. Armstrong, Chicago.

MIDDLETON, N. S. February 1880.

DEAR SISTER ARMSTRONG.—It was a source of much pleasure to listen to your kind letter read at our annual meeting in January. We were deeply interested in the account of your work, while your words addressed to us as a Society touched a chord of sympathy that seemed to draw us more closely to you. We look back some nine years when you met with us at Pine Grove to organize our Society and remember your strong faith and devotion to the cause for which you have sacrificed so much. Since then several of our members have died, some removed, while others have come in to fill their places. The past is not very cheering but we are not without some encouragement. Our monthly meetings are sustained, although the attendance is small.

The Link comes to us with fresh interest each month, particularly because direct from our own Missionaries. We look for your home coming with many pleasant anticipations, and trust that the rest you have so faithfully earned may be the means of perfect restoration to health and strength. On behalf of the Society,
JESSIE WOODBURY.

HANTSPOUR, N. S., March 12th 1880.

MY DEAR MRS. ARMSTRONG.—Your interesting, and welcome letter came to hand some time ago, and I delayed answering until the sisters that attend our Missionary meeting had all read it, as circumstances had prevented our meeting in our society. Now I hasten to reply assuring you that our interest in the cause of Missions is unabated, and though we have not written to you since 1874, or 75, we have always read your published letters with pleasure, rejoicing in all your joy, and sympathizing in all your tribulations, remembering you at the Throne of Grace, knowing that our Advocate on high, the great Captain of our Salvation, is able to aid when and where no human help can reach. As you remarked, it is not necessary for you to write to us all separately, it would indeed be too burdensome on you, and we can all read the same letters from you in print, and one writing can do the same good that many more private epistles might accomplish.

We are glad to aid in the circulation of the *Missionary Link*, and hope all our sisters may avail themselves of its columns to become better acquainted with the work done by our Missionaries in the East.

We rejoice to know that you have already gathered some sheaves from the ground you have sown, and we pray the Lord of the Harvest may grant you an abundant ingathering.

We are glad you have been permitted to labor all these years without being laid aside very long by illness, we fancy you are pale, and worn and weary, after all the hard labour in a foreign land and trying climate; and while we regret the failure in your health, which compels you to leave the work you so love, yet we look forward to your return with joy, hoping you may have rest and restoration to health, and that the Missionary cause in your own native land, may receive a new impulse through your instrumentality.

You have not forgotten the little company of about one dozen that met you on June 30th, 1870, to form a Woman's Missionary Aid Society, nine of whom were all that constituted our society in the beginning. You would like to know about these.

Our Vice-President, Mrs. E. Churchill, has passed to the Home above, another member the widow of the Rev. J. E. Balcom, is about following her, trusting in God for Salvation, and has manifested from time to time an interest in your work; another, Miss Armstrong, followed you to the Mission field with whom we communicate, and are mutually helped; four others are still with us, and the re-