

some time past, but through the influence of the visiting sisters they were helped to start anew.

Reports from Aids and Bands were encouraging. The pastors of this county are in sympathy with our work. They help by their presence and kind words. Two of them are members.

Miss Favia Allen, of Yarmouth, has been trying to get hold of the work and acquainted with the workers throughout the county.

Over one hundred miles has been travelled by bicycle and train. Sent out 38 letters and twenty postal cards. Held five public meetings and made nine visits. Re-organized one Mission Band.

Much time, thought, and care, is needed in this county. Earnest prayer is requested that wisdom, tact, and boundless patience may be given the Secretary. Only God is sufficient for these things and can supply all the need.

Had all the plans matured that were in mind when first this work was undertaken, quite an interesting report might be given, but as Whittier says:

"The wind-harp chooses not the tone
That thro' its trembling threads is blown;
The patient organ cannot guess
What hand its passive keys shall press.

Thro' wish, resolve, and act, our will
Is moved by undreamed forces still;
And no man measures in advance
His strength with untried circumstance.

As streams take hue from shade and sun,
As run the life, the song must run;
But glad, or sad, to His good end
God grant the varying notes may tend."

Mrs. Coldwell, of *Shelburne* county reports a new Society formed at Woods Harbor, on October 31st, 1902, with a membership of six. Their beginning is small but they seem very hopeful, and think that much interest will be taken in the work. May God grant His rich blessing.

Mrs. Blackadar, Associational Director for the Western Counties, promised to send items from her dear one's last letter, but they have not arrived, and we fear she is in deep sorrow over the sad news that came last week. May God in His infinite wisdom and mercy sustain both parents and child through their great trial.

Very earnest prayer went up to God at the quarterly meeting, held in Tabernacle Church, Halifax, on Tuesday, February 10th, that our loving Heavenly Father would spare the life of this dear worker. He doeth all things well, and loves just as much

when He withholds as when he bestows. Lord give us faith to trust *always* where we cannot see.

We were greatly strengthened by the presence of our loved sister Hall, who, though recently bereaved, yet quietly and willingly fulfilled God's will, in the midst of grief, and took up the broken threads of life as though a new voice had joined the heavenly choir, and it was therefore mete that His children here below should sing praise. O the glories that are to be revealed some day!

Halifax Societies are growing in spiritual life. The power of prayer seemed to pervade the minds of all present. A very interesting class in the study of "Lux Christi" has been started since the new year. It is a united class from all the Churches and will no doubt be instrumental in arousing much intelligent missionary research.

Miss Crooker, writes an encouraging note from *Queens County*:—Several flourishing Mission Bands are in existence. One new Aid is in prospect. The financial outlook for the year is hopeful.

Mrs. McQuarrie, one of the new *Cor.* Secretaries for *Cumberland*, sends the following account of her work:—written 25 letters and several postals; attended the quarterly meeting at *Winchester* in October. Mrs. Steeves who is Mrs. McQuarrie's fellow worker in this large county, sent an interesting report. Mrs. Bates read a paper. Arranged for and led the quarterly meeting at *Springhill* in January. Three very helpful papers were read. Subjects:—"Women's Work," "Zenanna Work," and "How we stand in Missions."

The news from the Societies was encouraging and helped to inspire those present with renewed zeal. Six new members were added to the *Parrsboro* Aid and a new Mission Band was organized with a membership of 25. A new Band at *Springhill* is in prospect. For some reason, at present unknown, *Hants* and *Kings* have not been heard from through the County Secretary, or Association Director. Good work is being accomplished however by individual societies, and we trust those in charge have not been prevented through illness, from sending us a line.

"The hope of the world lies in the children." Work, then, Ye Mission Band leaders with all the energy of which ye are capable. "A little child shall lead them," is just as true to-day as when uttered by the great lover of children.

The "Mission Band Lessons" are doing very