

To the County Secretaries of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Dear Sisters :

You will remember that at our last annual meeting it was decided that in future the Provincial Secretaries send out the blank forms to be filled in by the secretaries of our Aid Societies and Mission Bands, these forms when filled in to be returned to the Provincial Secretary.

This is more in accordance with our Constitution (vide p. 6., Art. 8 of ann. report) and we are sure will in a little while commend itself to all.

Will you therefore make out your reports from the work done by you as County Secretaries during the year, either by visiting or correspondence?

Kindly state the number of Societies and Bands visited; the number of letters and post cards written; and the amount of literature you may have distributed; also make any suggestions which may occur to you relative to the work. These reports must reach each Provincial Secretary *not later* than July 30th.

Thanking you for your co-operation during the year, and praying for a rich blessing on the work already accomplished and wisdom for the future.

We remain, yours in the work,

AMY E. JOHNSTON,  
Prov. Sec'y for N. S.

MARGARET S. COX,  
Prov. Sec'y for N. B.

The following are extracts culled from Mrs. Churchill's letter to Miss

Prince—in regard to the heathen boy, Somina, supported by the Lewisville Aid Society:—

Your letters received, and am very glad that you take such an interest in our Somina.

Swamie is what he is mostly called, but that is their name for God, so we do not like him to have just that name and call him Somina instead. He is a nice boy, smart at learning and a good boy. When Mr. Churchill is away he sometimes leads the morning Telugu prayers, and when he explains the chapter he reads, he always has some good thoughts to give us. He is attending school and never misses a day and is now studying for the Lower Secondary examination, this is 3 years below matriculation.

I have called him this afternoon and asked him to write you a letter, so when he was done he brought it to me and the enclosed is the translation of it into English as nearly as I could make it intelligible to you. It is about half Telugu and half English idiom. I thought you would enjoy it more to be as near like the original than if I changed it into good English.

He has begun the study of English but has not progressed very far yet, as the teacher who taught English went away and I have not been able to procure another one.

I taught the class myself for some months, but I had to give it up. Miss Harrison says she will be glad to take