

ance cast in much, and then quietly dropping her small coin unobserved by the many into the chest; unobserved by the rich of the earth, yet commended by the King, who, seeing the love that prompted the gift, so spoke of her that down through all the ages she by that one deed of love has prompted other gifts, and other hearts in these last days are still, by her example, led to lay their all at his feet.

May each professed disciple have the Saviour's approval.

She hath done what she could. The veil has been lifted from the zonana. Millions are suffering degradation from inherited pagan customs. The medical women missionaries have now access to the zonana, and they are as angels of love and mercy to those poor, sorrowing sisters. What a field for loving labour!

"Before their dumb idols they,
Vainly, alas! to their gods do they cry,
With helpless hands lifted,
'Oh! sisters, come over and help us;
Come over and help us come;
'Oh! sisters, come over and help us.'"

— MRS. CHAS. CHRISTIE

FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

Mrs. Smith, Secretary of the A. Society at Barton, Digby county, writes that they have raised thirteen dollars extra this winter by a basket sociable. This, with membership fees, will make the amount raised by these sisters this year larger than ever before. God bless these sisters; and He will, for only He knows the difficulties under which they labour.

Mrs. Eaton, County Secretary for Annapolis, writes that the work is progressing with a deeper interest than ever before. In November she visited the society in Springfield, when ten new members were added, and, soon after, a Mission Band formed. The Society and Band in Lawrence town are doing finely, new names being added quite often.

Miss Annie Fisher, Secretary for Carleton Co., N. B., says:—"We have seven Societies in our county now, and hope soon to organize two or three. Mrs. Archibank's visit in the upper part of our county last summer was a great help, and we hope the interest will be maintained."

"At the last quarterly meeting of the ministers of the two counties, Carleton and Victoria, held at Woodstock, the ladies held an afternoon meeting to discuss methods of work."

Mrs. L. H. Burnaby writes of her first visit as Co. Secretary to one of the Aid Societies in Queen's, N. S. Her visit was made in February. The sleighing was good, but the weather very cold for a drive of eleven miles to Mill Village, especially as she was obliged to be her own driver. A warm welcome from Miss Steadman, the church nicely heated and an audience of about forty, of young and old, made up for any discomforts of the way. An attractive feature in the meeting was the number of young people who took part, no less than nineteen, all of whom seemed less than sixteen years of age. The chair was taken by the President, Mrs. Hutt, and, after devotional exercises, the minutes of the last meeting were called for. Then the President asked for the mottoes, when all rose and repeated in turn a selection of Scripture, even a little lisping child had her verse,

and thus all were made to feel that they had a part in the meeting. Next on the programme was an address from our Co. Secretary, but she merely mentions the fact, so we can only say we are sure that the Master gave her just the words He wanted her to speak. The President next read an extract from the LINK, and this was followed by addresses from two other sisters, and recitations—a satisfactory meeting in every way—and, our sister adds, "I reached home beautifully, in spite of the cold, and felt that God had been with me through the day, giving me a special blessing."

A card from Mrs. Munroo, Westport, Digby Co., tells us:—"Our Mission Band has held its second quarterly meeting since organized, last autumn. At the last the barrels were opened and found to contain \$33, which is to be divided equally between the Grand Ligne and N. W. Missions. We think the Band very helpful. We take up Foreign Missions this quarter."

The Mission Band in Sidney, N. B., has been cheered by a letter from Mrs. Churchill, thanking them for the scrap books they had sent. A sofa cushion had been made by the Band and sent to Grand Ligne, and they were now finishing a quilt. A Mission concert given by this Band in March proved a grand success. The church was filled, eighteen of the Band took part, and the result in dollars and cents was \$8.80. With their mite boxes and these concerts this Band has raised during the year about \$20.

Our young sisters who conduct this Band may well be encouraged. By and by they will be astonished beyond measure when they see the results of the work which they are now laying at the Master's feet. Remember, dear young friends, it was the bread carried by a young lad that fed the five thousand. He had only five small loaves and two fishes, but when he put them into the Saviour's hands it was then they multiplied. Fear not, greater works than these shall ye do.

OUR MISSION BAND

The last one succeeded so well it is thought that a short account of it might be interesting to other Mission Bands.

Our whole Sunday School is included in our Mission Band, and every quarter we have a programme, prepared by a committee for a missionary afternoon, instead of the regular Sunday School exercises. The country chosen was Africa, and for weeks the committee had been busy getting ready the work for the different classes. After the school was opened by singing a hymn and prayer, responsive Scripture readings were given by the children and superintendent. These had been printed on slips, and distributed to all the classes. A recitation was then given by a young lady, entitled "The Congo." One from a class of young girls was asked to come up to the platform and point out the boundaries. Then another was asked to describe its physical appearance, and another gave the answer to the question, Why is Africa called the Dark Continent? The next question was, When was the Christian religion first introduced into Africa? and a class in reply repeated Acts ii. 5-11, and Acts viii. 26-39. Then a member of the Bible class spoke of the special interest attached to Egypt on account of its antiquity. A class of little girls now gave the stories of the Child Jesus in Egypt and the Child Moses in Egypt, as found in Matt. ii. and Acts vii., and Exodus ii. Next a class of boys pointed out the principal lakes in Africa,