

such a noise that we could scarcely hear one another speak. Miss Hatch got separated from us in the crowd, but Miss Gray and I kept as close together as we could. They would come close up to us and dance and shout, and swing their guns (loaded I suppose), battle-axes and other weapons, around their heads lively. We laughed, and thought it better to seem to enjoy the fun than to show any fear; but it was not an enviable escort, for they were perfectly uncivilized heathen, with far more drink aboard than was safe, and nothing to restrain them from doing anything they might take a notion to, speaking a language of which we knew not a word. We came along with them to the place where Mr. Lafamme was pitching his tent, and then he came along with us to the house. These men, women and children danced pell mell over the plain in front of our house, for about half an hour, with bugle and drum, shoutings and whistlings, their feathers and colored streamers waving and dangling in all directions, and concluded by asking of us a present, and selling us some of their trinkets, and then with shouts and dancing went away to their village. It was one of their feast days.

NEWS FROM THE AID SOCIETIES AND MISSION BANDS.

Mrs. Corey writes from Bridgewater that the mite boxes have been profitable for their work of raising funds. There is quite a call for them just now.

The Secretary of the Society at Jeddore sends word that she is sure the Aid Society has been a blessing to the sisters themselves. While it has awakened them to a sense of the wants of the darkened lands where they know not Christ, it has also made them stronger Christians. West Jeddore also writes encouragingly of the present and hopeful for the time to come.

On Feb. 11th, the sisters of Pugwash Baptist church met and organized an Aid Society. Twelve members were enrolled, with Mrs. Clay, President; Mrs. Haverstock and Mrs. Lowe, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Benjamin, Sec.; Mrs. Betcher, Treas., and Mrs. Wills, Auditor.

The last Sunday in March a Mission Band was started in connection with the First Church, Yarmouth. We are so glad that this Band embraces the whole Sunday school. The officers are: Miss Belle Cobb, Pres.; Mr. Hiram Freeman, Sec. & Treas.; Mr. Leland Haley, Vice-Pres. There is, in addition, a Committee of Management. We hope to hear great things of this Band.

Two weeks ago the Aid Society in the First church, Yarmouth, held a thank-offering service, the pastor presiding. Readings, recitations, a report from the Secretary, interspersed with good singing, and an address from the chairman, made a pleasant programme. Then came the opening of the envelopes and reading of the texts. The collection amounted to \$28—since increased to \$30—which was divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. The Secretary adds: "We were greatly pleased and encouraged, and have decided to make this meeting a yearly institution.

WINDSOR, N. S.—We read the earnest appeals from our President and Secretary for attention to the Home Mission department of our work, and set to work to think how we could best do something to raise money for this object and not be taxing ourselves unduly at this busy season of the year. After some preparing and planning an "Envelope Entertainment," seemed to be just the thing, so we announced it two weeks beforehand and all we had to do was look up suitable selections of poetry or prose and set our money apart for the purpose in hand.

The evening arrived in due time and on entering the school room it looked hopeless indeed, only one sister present. Soon our good pastor, Rev. P. A. McEwen and wife and son appeared, but blank looks were quite perceptible on the faces of the first friends who arrived. "It will be a failure," seemed written on every countenance, too many other entertainments in town to-night, a temperance lecture to which many would be attracted, and also a meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U.; but soon the audience began to increase, envelopes came in, and were opened by members of the committee and the selections scattered freely among the friends to be read. It was the most informal thing imaginable, nothing called for, but every part of the meeting given voluntarily. The pastor opened it in the usual way by singing and prayer and opening remarks on the importance of the work; than an old lady of seventy-five gave a recitation from the LINK, and the sisters followed each other in quick succession, each reading extracts given before the meeting opened, this kept the interest alive all through the meeting; the variety was most pleasing. All the selections read were good and most appropriate: Mrs. McEwen gave a solo which was thoroughly enjoyed. All the singing was hearty and inspiring, and when Deacon A. P. Strand announced that the offerings amounted to \$21.06, we all felt exceedingly happy and returned to our homes with a song of thanksgiving in our hearts, for the blessed privilege of doing something to help along the cause of Home Missions. One of the selections is as follows: (attached by a silken cord was a two-dollar gold piece).

"Go forth thou golden coin, proceed in haste,
And send the Gospel to each barren waste,
That heralds of the Cross may soon proclaim
Salvation to the lost in Jesu's name,
Give oil of gladness to the sin-sick soul,
Telling of Jesus who can make it whole."

"Thy bread upon the waters cast," with care,
"And after many days thou'lt find it" there.

G. RAY BEARD.

SUMMERVILLE, HANTS CO., N. S.—The Woman's Aid Society of this place is still in existence, and is doing quite a work. We hold our monthly meetings regularly, and the few who do attend always go home feeling that it was good to be there. Last October we had a tent tea for the Home Mission, at which we realized \$6.50, besides spending a very pleasant evening. Our infant class in Sabbath school collected last summer, \$2.50. Their teacher gave each of them one cent, and they were to multiply it, which they took a great interest in. Also we have one little girl in our midst whom God has afflicted so that she has to go on crutches, denied herself of little comforts (and saved \$1.00) that she might do something for the missionaries. That God will give her health and strength is our earnest prayer. We held our thank-offering service on May 20th. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Masters. A very profitable and impressive reading was given by Miss Starret, also recitations by several small children. Miss F. Lake and Mrs. A. Hamilton rendered very appropriate music. The envelopes were opened, and while the scripture texts were being read by our President, a collection was taken which consisted of \$3.00 for Home Missions. The envelopes contained \$15.00 for Foreign Missions.

ELIZABETH YOUNG.

Mrs. Emerson has been spending June organizing and helping the Aid Societies through Queen's and York, N. B.