

ians, with whom, and for whom, we have worked and prayed for years. We hope, that God's richest blessing will attend them all, and their numbers be largely increased as the days go by.

Mr. Higgins has temporary charge there, and we expect he will be followed by Mr. & Mrs. Gullison, sometime during this year.

On the two fields, now on our hands, there are about half a million people. Mr. Archibald is the only Male Missionary. Our staff of native helpers, consists of four preachers and three colporters; with five Bible women.

Mr. Archibald has just brought me the exact population as given in the census of 1891; of these two fields, and it is 602,195 considerably more than half a million, you see. Including the above mentioned assistants, there are 47 Christians. Christ broke and blessed the bread, and gave it to His twelve disciples, and they distributed it to the five thousand, with the women and children. My head goes down here, and my eyes fill. Is His arithmetic any criterion for ours. You have the bread, and I entreat you not to keep it but to send it with the prayers that bring the blessing. There were believers in Palestine, corresponding to these here, but where are the twelve disciples? The bread and the Blessor were there, and so were the people; but they must have gone hungry had the twelve not been there. If the word "Give ye them to eat" has come to you, then the others of the disciples who should be on these two fields, are among you. Do you well to keep them? multiplication was preceded by the mind to divide, and the remainder exceeded the original quantity. With what amazement and joy must those disciples have been filled! Suppose they had failed to grasp the Master's thought for them, and had missed this manifestation of power? Are you losing anything, by keeping more than your share of the bread and of the distributors and thus impoverishing your-

selves in Heavenly things? More Missionaries are needed here, and more native helpers. Will you think about this matter? Will you pray about it? Will you ask the Lord of the harvest to make you willing to thrust out from among you, the labourers, who should be here, feeding these starving multitudes? Will you pray for us, and for these, who are dead in the trespasses and sins? The longer I live in India, the more terrible are the depths, which lie hidden away in that one sentence. You are called upon, to give them the Bread of life, that they may eat and live forever Will you do it?

Yours in the Work,
C. H. Archibald.
Chicacole, India
March, 1898.

Notes from Nova Scotia.

Dear Sisters:—

This number of Tidings will reach you in time for your June meeting. At that meeting you will appoint your delegates to the Associations.

Please appoint one from your Mission Band as well as those from your Aid Society.

A lengthy report is not needed, perhaps as Mrs Cox suggests, a short note speaking of your work during the year will be best. And I would add, asking any questions which may have come up during the year. Please heed Mrs Cox again, and let those notes reach your Provincial Secretary before the meeting at which they are to be read, not afterwards. Last year on my return from the Eastern Association which is the last to meet, I found several letters waiting me which should have been read at the two first meetings;

It is with deep regret that I record the resignation of two of our County Secretaries, Mrs L. H. Burnaby, Queens and Mrs Browne, Shel. Co. Mrs Read who had just got nicely into the work will also be obliged to leave us on account of the ill health of her husband.