

already mentioned had each seventeen times its actual number of inhabitants, or Charlottetown fifty-six times or if Fredricton or Yarmouth had each eighty-five times its existing population with only one ordained evangelist to preach to the whole 876,000 the city would be so well manned as the Chicacole, Palkoudi, Tikkali and Somapet fields now under the care of Bro. Archibald, the health of whose wife is in such a condition that we know not how soon this vast and populous district may be left without a missionary.

In view of the possibility that in the near future the Bobbili and Chicacole fields may be deprived of their present missionaries, for at least a time, we have but slight hope that the services of Bro. Gullison will be available for opening up a new station.

With all this inexpressible and inconceivable destitution spread abroad daily before our eyes, we dare not represent the urgent and instant needs to be less than thirty-one additional families, and a corresponding number of single ladies, making one mission family to every 50,000 Telugus.

Relying upon the promise of our Lord recorded in Matt. 18:19, we all are pleading in agreed prayer with God to send this very autumn three families chosen and sent forth by Himself, and to give us three new mission houses—a family and a mission house for Palkonda field with its 212,000 souls, a family and a mission house for the Takkali field with its 216,000 inhabitants, and a family and a mission house for the Somapet field with its population of 200,000.

We ask our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at home to join us in this prayer.

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FROM OUR AID SOCIETIES AND MISSION BANDS.

Some of these reports reached me too late for our Annual Report; so are printed in the LINK instead. While some few were late, yet a great improvement could be noticed this year in the making out of the reports and in the promptitude with which they were returned.

DEERFIELD, Yarmouth Co., was organized in April, 1896, with seven members. During the year the membership has increased to twenty-one. The members are widely scattered, and it is difficult to keep up the meetings regularly; but the sisters are glad to have a share in the good work.

The "Cheerful Workers" Mission Band of French Village, N. S., held their annual business meeting August 22nd. The officers appointed for the year are, President, Louise Hubley; Vice-President, Mrs. Neil Macdonald; Secretary, Mrs. Morrison Hubley; Treasurer, Sanford Hubley. We re-echo the prayer of the President that "the God of Love may guide and direct each officer through the year that is before them."

Mrs. G. O. Orabb writing from Barton, Digby Co., N. S., says, she has had the pleasure of attending quite regularly of late the meetings of the Aid Society at North Range, which is doing grand work; its members are so earnest and devoted. Barton Society is small, but nine members. Owing to illness, and other causes, the meetings have been but poorly attended, still some money has been raised, and more interest during the year.

SPRINGFIELD, P. E. I., "Star of Hope" Mission Band was organized on June 25, 1895, with nine members, last year there were 18 members, this year 17, with the following officers. Mrs. Carter, Pres.; Herman Costain, Vice-Pres.; Annie Frost, Treas.; Abbie Easter, Sec. Our Mission Band is the only one in the district. We reorganize our Mission Band about the beginning of June each year and meet once a fortnight till Nov. or Dec., when we close with a concert. Owing to the bad roads in winter and some of the members living such a distance we are not able to keep up our meetings all the year. Although we are few in number, we were able last year to send over \$24 for the Foreign Mission work. We hope to do better this year. Pray for us.

ABBIE EASTER, SEC.

Young People's Department.

FAMILY BABIES.

We are permitted to give to our young readers a part of this letter from Mr. Laflamme to his little daughter....

My Dear Irene,—

Men who go up in balloons say that as they rise away above the tree tops and the high mountains, and climb away up where the clouds frisk about like lambs in a blue pasture, the sounds of earth die away, one after the other, the hoarse call of men, the lowing of the cattle, the clang of the church bells, the shriek of mill-whistles, the roar of trains, the dull base of the great cities mingled noises, and last, though not least, the high trouble of children's voices. The child's cry is the last call on earth to reach their ears. The child's voice reaches highest in the heavens.

I believe that God hears that call above all others, and that He pities little children, and gives their wants His first thought and their cry His first care.—God takes care of little children just as well as of grown up folks, and loves them just as much. I think He cares for them even more tenderly, if that is possible. For He says of Himself in the Good Book, "He will feed His flock like a shepherd, He will gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that give suck."

One hot night, in a sleeping car, on an American railway, where every one was trying to get to sleep and could not, because it was so hot, and there was a baby crying, a harsh voice called out, "Can't the mother of that baby keep it quiet so that some of us may get to