

know that this means self-denial on her part. Sisters who of us will "go and do likewise?"

At the hour appointed for the public morning service five ministers were present, but owing to the above-named reasons and bad roads, only a few of our people, so, after a few remarks from each, the meeting was adjourned.

In the evening, after opening services, a few remarks from our pastor, a welcome by the president of the circle, some words from Rev. A. Burwash, of Eaton, and reading the "Hindu Girl," by Miss Mapleston, the remainder of the time was occupied by Rev. E. Sanford, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., who deeply interested us with accounts of the heathen, their customs, manner of living, etc., etc. The closing exercises were, reading of the "Starless Crown," by Miss Mapleston, and an anthem by the choir.

MRS. J. J. PARKER, *Cor. Sec.*

THE EXCHANGE DRAWER.

The following manuscript papers have been kindly placed at our disposal for the use of the Circles. All who wish to avail themselves of these helps to Circle meetings can do so by sending a postal card to Mrs. M. Freeland, P. O. Box 8, Yorkville, naming the paper requested, which must be promptly returned.

"Reasons why we should make the monthly meetings interesting, with some hints as to the best means of doing so," *Mrs. H. J. Rose*; "Why we work," *Miss Ida Fish*; "A day in Cocanada Mission House," *Mrs. M. Laurin*; "Woman's work in Missions," *Mrs. A. V. Timpney*; "The condition of women in India," *Mrs. J. Coult*; "Some facts and figures about our Society," *Mrs. M. Freeland*; "Sketch of the W. M. A. Societies of the Lower Provinces," *Mrs. W. H. Porter*; "Our Sisters in India," *Mrs. Armstrong*; "Christian Activity," *Miss J. M. Lloyd*; "He shall have a mission from sea to sea," *a Member of the Winnipeg Circle*.

Maritime Provinces.

HAMMOND'S PLAINS, N. S.—Our Woman's M. Aid Society has been organized seven years; and during that time the meetings have been kept up. Quite a number who began with us in the good work have grown weary in well doing, and do not gather with us in our monthly meetings, but, although our numbers have decreased yet there seems to be a deeper interest in the cause of missions. We need to gird on the whole armour, for we have difficulties to contend with, and opposition to meet, yet we feel determined with God's help, to labour on. We have the precious promises of God to cheer and encourage us, and when we read in the LINK and *Messenger*, the glorious tidings of so many of the dark pagans coming to a knowledge of the Saviour whom we love and adore, we feel grateful that we are engaged in the work. We know it is but a small part of the Master's vineyard that we are engaged in, but we rejoice to know also that God despises not the day of small things. Quite a number of the sisters take the LINK, and it is prized very highly in the Society. I think every Society would be very much benefited by receiving it. It gives us an idea of the work that is being done in those heathen lands, and how our sisters and brothers engaged in the great work of trying to lead souls to the Fountain of Living Waters, are situated. Our prayers for them should be, that God will hasten the day when the heathen shall be given to His Son for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

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DARTMOUTH, N. S.—Our sisters, who are not a whit behind the most zealous in the Master's work, have recently organized a Woman's Missionary Aid Society with nine members. The list of membership will no doubt be much increased. We are sure that the influence of the society on our own church will be good, besides being another mite added to the Treasury for Foreign work. The officers are as follows:—President, Mrs. E. J. Grant; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. Hull and Miss S. Meagher; Secretary, Miss A. E. Johnston, and Treasurer, Miss Ella Hunt. E. J. G.

CUMBERLAND BAY, N.B.—The members of the Cumberland Bay Branch of the W. M. A. Society, held their quarterly meeting on the evening of the 28th January, at the Range School House. This branch of the W. M. A. Society was organized about six years ago, and since that time its members have been constantly increasing; it now numbers about 40. Last year the sum of \$41 was realized; this year they hope to raise \$60, or more, and if we are to judge the end by the beginning, they are sure to succeed. The members all seem to be alive to their work, and the earnest, persevering manner in which they conducted their business, reflects great credit upon their Society. G. W. F.

HOW SHALL WE EDUCATE AND INTEREST THE PEOPLE IN FOREIGN MISSIONARY OPERATIONS?

A writer in the *Christian Visitor* says:—"This is a question frequently discussed. Undoubtedly a powerful impetus is given by making the younger members of the congregation interested in this branch of church work.

"Last Thursday evening I attended a pleasant and hospitable meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society of East Avenue Baptist Church, which is held every month at some private residence. Two rooms were filled with young people of both sexes. 'Japan' was the topic for the evening. After the opening prayer and singing, a five minute map exercise was given, a large map of Asia being hung up for that purpose. The principal stations were pointed out and described, and questions asked and answered. Then, after a missionary hymn had been sung by a quartette, one of the young gentlemen read an instructive, five minutes' essay on 'Japan,' giving its past history, present condition and future prospects. Afterwards a young lady read a poem composed by a late missionary, and after it had been sung a hymn, the collection for missions was taken. For this purpose a large gilded wooden dial was used, having been hollowed out, and with a slit in the top to receive the coin. This concluded the programme proper, after which a short time was spent in social intercourse."

ABOUT \$800,000 was raised last year by fifteen Women's Boards, the Presbyterians raising \$170,000, and the Methodists and Congregationalists each about \$120,000. Since this new form of missionary labor was introduced by the Women's Union Missionary Society, in 1861, about \$4,500,000 have been raised by Christian women to send the gospel to their heathen sisters.—*Christian Messenger*.

THERE are ten million members of evangelical churches in the United States, and they are reported as giving \$2,121,731 for foreign missions. This is an average of twenty-one cents per member. Is the church seriously at work, or is she only "playing at missions?"