

prayer for the Telugu Mission, will result in much greater efforts to interest others in it. I feel sure that much of the apathy towards Foreign Missions, in some of our churches, is the result of ignorance. If we want people to become interested in any place or thing, we must tell them interesting facts about it. So with our Telugu Mission; there is a great opportunity for us to help, if we only will, in making the work more known. Through the medium of the LINK we are becoming well informed about our different stations, but I often wonder how many of the gentlemen read it. I must say that I earnestly hope that many of you will feel moved to read the letters from our missionaries, that appear in it, at the general prayer meetings. This is not speaking in meeting, only reading, as so many ladies do at social gatherings and may result in awakening a deeper interest in the hearts of those who have means to give liberally. Do you shrink from doing this? A few moments spent with God before going to the meeting will give the needed strength. I have seen the wonderful effect produced by the simple reading a letter, when the reader was fully in sympathy with the missionary who wrote it. One does not require to be an eloquist to do this; indeed a fervent wish on the part of the reader to help towards the extension of the Gospel, is more effective than any thing else. But whether any of you feel compelled to do this or not let us all, my dear friends, unite in the petition that God will show us how to be more efficient workers in the home branch of the work, so that in some feeble way at least we may aid towards the proclamation of the good news of the Gospel in one part of the great heathen world.

I will be glad to know whom of you will join in the proposed prayer circle.

Yours sincerely,
AMELIA MUIR.

Indian Head, N. W. T.

WYOMING ONT.—We bless God that our numbers are increasing, and the work becoming very interesting among us. Our membership has increased during the three years we have been organized, from thirteen to about thirty, and we are very thankful that we have persevered in this glorious work, trusting that He will still bless our efforts and increase us.

P. H.

Maritime Provinces.

The *Visitor* of St. John says:—Two young ladies, one in Nova Scotia and one in New Brunswick have offered themselves to our Foreign Mission Board for work in the Telugu field. If they are both accepted, as we presume they will be, it will necessitate enlarged benevolence on the part of our churches. We are quite able to sustain them in addition to our regular staff, and love to Christ and obedience to the great commission will prompt the necessary sacrifice on our part.

TRURO N. S.—On the 12th and 20th ult. the Truro Baptist Mission Band was organized with encouraging prospects. This is a noble work, and, if generally introduced in all our churches, as it should be, the results would astonish even the most sanguine. If we would have our future men and women richly imbued with a missionary spirit, and devoted to the cause of missions, we must see to it that the children become interested.

Every church within the boundaries of the Convention should have such a youthful band of mission workers, and might by a little well directed effort. Mrs. C. H.

Martell, of Oaslow, is preparing for her own use and the Bands in Colchester County, which she is assisting to organize, a most interesting and instructive exercise of Questions and Answers respecting our Foreign Mission fields, the route to them, the different Missions down to the last, the "Maritime Provinces," the manners and customs, idols, &c., to be used in connection with mission maps. It is really surprising how soon children become familiar and deeply interested by this method, imparting mission knowledge. It will be seen at a glance the value of such a course for youth. It is to be hoped the Board's agent for Colchester Co., Mrs. Martell, will be induced to widen her sphere of usefulness, by permitting her work to go beyond this county.—*Christian Messenger*.

ST. JOHN N. B.—Some months ago the Central Board of the N. B. W. M. A. Societies determined to hold monthly meetings with the churches of Saint John and its vicinity, with a view to stimulating missionary zeal and increasing the general interest in missionary work. Arrangements were accordingly made, and the first meeting was held with the Carleton church in November. On account of storms the meeting appointed to be held with the Portland church, in December, was sadly interfered with, but the succeeding meetings in January and February with the Brussels St. and Leinster St. churches, respectively, were well attended and were full of promise of encouraging results to the churches, as well as to the local Aid Societies connected therewith. As these meetings take the place of the regular prayer meeting, they necessarily partake of a devotional character, whilst the reading of extracts from missionaries' letters, addresses by missionary workers, the display of curiosities from the foreign field, musical and other exercises, give variety and sustain the interest. The collections taken, which average between \$7 and \$8 at each meeting, go to swell the contributions of the Aid Society with which the meeting is held. The next gathering will be with the Germain St. church.

Aid Societies located near each other in other parts of the province would find mutual benefit from occasional reunions of this character, and the pastors of churches could render efficient aid, by uniting their efforts in the arrangement of an interesting programme.

How To Clear a Debt.

Mrs. Turner and Betsy Taylor were great friends, and were accustomed to talk over all their concerns together. It happened that a rather heavy debt was remaining on the chapel. I had been from home some weeks to recruit my health. Mrs. Turner, who got a scanty livelihood by mangle, called one day on her friend, in low spirits. "Betsy," she said, "I have had something on my mind that I want to speak to you about. You see, minister has been away some time in bad health, and I have been thinking it is not so much his health, but that there is something weighing on his mind." "Do you, why what can it be? I have not heard of anything; and all things, as far as I know, are comfortable in the Church." "Why, you know, they say there is a great debt on the chapel, and perhaps it is a burden on Mr. Griffin's heart, and that makes him ill." "Indeed! I never thought of that," said her friend, "but what can such poor bodies as we do in it? I am told it is a great deal; how can we be of any use?" "I can't say," answered Mrs. Turner,