

thought it was only an apparent indifference, the real trouble with these uninterested ones is the want of the feeling of *personal responsibility*.

They see that the work is not being neglected. Our Provincial Secretary is indefatigable; our Treasurer careful and faithful to a cent; our President has the same fresh enthusiasm now that she did years ago; three thousand women are in the Societies.

For the sake of illustration let us suppose an impossible case. If the denomination should call its missionaries and give up the work, if the Aid Societies should declare their intention to disband, what a shout of dissent would come up from these silent ranks, how they would reproach us for looking back after putting our hand to the plow? They want the work done but they expect us to do our own share and theirs as well.

But let me suggest that a very few of the workers even are doing quite all they could, and therefore, not quite all their Master expects of them; how then can they do any of the work of those who are holding back?

Should we not rejoice that God does not require us to make the great sacrifice and go to India? How joyfully should we do our part at home! Nor will we neglect the Home Mission work, but rather so live that we may claim the promise "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters."

T. B. S. BROWNE.

FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

LIVERPOOL has re-organized with a membership of twenty-four, and it was intended to unite with Milton in the observance of Crusade Day.

NEW GERMANY.—The Band say: "As we have entered upon another year's work we feel that we must try and do more for the Master than we did last year."

MILL VILLAGE, QUEEN'S CO., N.S.—The sisters of the sewing society have decided to devote one afternoon each month to the work of the Aid Society. The prospects are that better work will be accomplished.

POINT DE BUTE, N.B.—Perhaps a few lines from our little Society may be of interest to the readers of the LINK. Owing to the inclemency of the weather our August meeting was a failure, but on September 9th a goodly number of our sisters met in the monthly meeting and the officers for the coming year were appointed.

At present we have twenty members. Several of them are away from home the greater part of the year, so we are deprived of their presence in our meetings, which, however, are usually very interesting. Those that have much prayer, when nearly every voice is raised in earnest prayer for the work at home and abroad, we feel are our best meetings, and we go to our home strengthened. We shall not be able to observe October 9th, publicly, as Crusade Day, but trust to be able to at some future time, as several more of our sisters have promised to join with us in the work. Mrs. Churchill's visit on July 4th, was a source of great strength to us. We think if more of our ardent missionary workers realized how much a visit from them would be appreciated by the smaller Societies, these Societies would oftener be visited, even if the large, strong ones had sometimes to be left out.

JANIE TINGLEY, Sec.

LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.—Our Society has been much lessened in numbers and in strength by the removal of two of our most active members.

In August God called Sister Randall home to hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Our pastor, Rev. J. T. Eaton, has accepted the Clementsport church; thus we lose the very efficient aid of his wife, we have enjoyed for the past seven years. At the last meeting she was presented with the following address:

"Dear Mrs. Eaton,—It is with hearts filled with sorrow and sadness that we have met this afternoon in our Society gathering. Sadness, because we know that when next we meet, should we be spared, the one who so long, so lovingly and so well, has filled the President's chair will be absent. We cannot but be filled with deep sorrow for ourselves, yet we know what is our loss is others gain, and we would not allow our sorrow to root entirely out a spirit of thankfulness that for seven years it has been our honor and privilege to have you preside over us. We feel that the many interesting, pleasant and profitable meetings we have had have been largely if not wholly due to your untiring efforts.

Through you and our dear pastor we have been brought in much closer touch with that grandest of all works—foreign missions—and not we alone, but the church in general; for this you have our heartfelt thanks.

Your removal from us will leave a vacancy in our Society that can never be filled; yet it will not be only here we shall miss you, but in the prayer-meeting we shall miss a faithful worker, in the Sabbath school a loving and devoted teacher, and our Mission Band will sorely miss its organizer and ardent supporter.

As you go from us we do not feel that the tie of affection which endears you to us is broken. No! that can never be; love bridges the chasm which distance makes, and ever with the most tender memories shall we think of you and Mrs. Eaton. And now that the time has come when we are forced to part with both of you, we can only pray that the richest blessings of God may attend both your labors, and that you may be instrumental in winning many souls for Christ. "The Lord watch between thee and us when we are absent one from another." "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious to thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

IDA M. NEWCOMBE, Sec.

SUMMERVILLE, HANTS CO.—It has been some time since you heard from this corner of the field. We are pleased to say the W. M. Aid Society still lives. Though the mists of lukewarmness and indifference seems at times to hide the glory and unchanging brightness of our Heavenly Father's face from some of our members, yet we have been able thus far to hold on our way. With but few exceptions meetings have been held regularly during the past two years, which time we have, through the unexplained wisdom of our Heavenly Guide, been deprived of the presence of our dear President, Mrs. L. V. Marsters, who through affliction was called to reside for an indefinite period in Boston. Mrs. J. H. Marsters being appointed President, has proved faithful to her trust, and though the numbers present at some of our meetings were small, yet we felt it good to be there as the presence of the Holy Spirit inspired our hearts, strength-