

W. M. A. SOCIETIES.

Our zealous and devoted female allies and helpers, notwithstanding the existing monetary depression, and despite the fact that they do not possess the stimulating influence exerted by the presence and appeals of laborers engaged in their special department of labor in the foreign field, have, nevertheless, persevered in the laudable work, and their efforts have been crowned with success, as may be seen by reference to the accompanying reports of the Central Boards of W. M. A. Societies. The Board feel deeply grateful to our sisters for the material aid rendered and the sympathy expressed, and especially for the generous resolve to aid us in purchasing property and building schools for the Mission.

PERMANENT FUNDS.

These consist of the W. S. Jacobs fund of £400 sterling, and of the C. R. Bill Fund of \$1,000, the latter bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent

WAYS AND MEANS.

In reference to our future methods of raising funds, we believe some plan should be matured and adopted which would result in the enlisting of the sympathy and substantial support of *all* our churches.

What that scheme should be the wisdom of the Convention should be able to dictate, and our successors on the Board will be able to carry it into effect, if sustained by the pastors and officers of our churches.

W. P. EVERETT, *Secretary of Home Department.*

St. John, N. B., 23rd August, 1876.

Report of the Central Board of the Women's Mission Aid Societies of Nova Scotia, to the Convention, Sackville, 1876.

The Central Board beg to report that they have received during the past year from the Societies in Nova Scotia the sum of \$1,229.51, dating from the 1st of July, 1875, to 30th June, 1876.

The amount is smaller than that of the previous year, which, though a matter of deep regret, may be accounted for, by the scarcity of money during the late depression in business, and also by the fact that they have now no missionaries either at home or abroad, who are under their care, and in whose welfare and labors they are more especially interested.

The married missionaries now in Telugu, do not think that the time has yet come when the services of young women are needed; and till they signify their willingness to receive them, and recognize the necessity for their work, the Board cannot recommend any persons to be sent out. At the same time they are grateful to know that the desire has been implanted in the minds of several sisters,