

day afternoon. The Aid Society had flourished for some years, and then died out. We do hope that in a few years it may be revived again. It was in the town of Lunenburg County that our former Co. Secretary, Sister Kompton did such grand work.

Oh may the time soon come when each sister in our churches will feel that the responsibilities of this work rests upon her, and then the removal of one leader will not cause the work to flag.

At Chester they have had both Aid Society and Mission Band for some time and are doing well. The pastor being just about to inaugurate a monthly missionary meeting, the first was held on Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Aid Society. Some new members were the result here.

From Chester back to Mahone Bay by stage once more. The glory of the autumn had departed, and the cold made you long for home. Next to that was the warm welcome and good fire at Deacon Lant's. His wife being an old Sunday school scholar, made the visit one of great pleasure.

By train to Lunenburg, where our meeting was held on Wednesday evening after the prayer meeting, and what promises to be a grand Mission Band formed.

There were several places in each county which it was impossible to visit during the limited time at our disposal. They must be taken up again.

The collections in Lunenburg Co., amounted to \$23.15, leaving a balance for the treasury of \$14.70. The total amount after paying all expenses, which we sent in to our treasurer was \$23.97. This we divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

About forty names were taken for the Link. Among them some renewals. Will our larger Aid Societies not forget the smaller ones when praying for the work?

The difficulties of keeping up the isolated districts is very great.

"Arise and work! arise and pray  
That He would haste the dawning day;  
And let the silver trumpet sound  
Wherever Satan's slaves are found."

"The vanquished foe shall soon be still'd,  
The conquering Saviour's joy fulfilled,  
Fulfilled in us, fulfilled in them,  
His crown, His royal diadem."

#### MARRIAGE BELLS—BIMLIPITAM.

I have just returned to the station after one month's absence. A week at Vizianagram, one at Bobbili, and two on the field, gave us quite a change; and an opportunity of speaking with many different classes of people.

My visit to Bobbili was especially to attend a Conference of the missionaries, and to be present at the marriage of Miss Fitch with the Rev. H. F. Laffamme, of the Ontario Board.

The marriage took place on Sept. 18th, at 5 p. m. in the Mission House. Six missionaries, three Europeans, the Rajah of Bobbili, and twelve native gentlemen were present to witness the ceremony. At the appointed time, the groom attended by Rev. W. V. Higgins entered the room, and stood facing the company. The bride, escorted by Rev. R. Sanford, came in and took her place beside the groom. Mrs. Churchill stood on the left, the rest of us in front, while the marriage ceremony was solemnized by Rev. G. Churchill, assisted by Rev. R. Sanford.

The bride was dressed in black silk, with a tasteful arrangement of white lace, tulle and orange blossoms about the neck.

The bridal bouquet, composed of tuberose, jessamines,

and rosebuds, was from the Rajah's garden. The room was prettily decorated with greens and flowers.

After the happy couple had received congratulations, and many good wishes for their future happiness, light refreshments were served. The National Anthem was sung, and the friends from town took leave, expressing themselves as being well pleased with the hour spent at the mission house. The bride and groom received presents from the missionaries at each station, which were appropriate and useful.

The dinner table which was bountifully supplied with good things, prepared by the skill and efforts of the hostess, was at 7.30 surrounded by a happy company.

One course finished, our attention was called to the pleasing fact, that not only were we enjoying the wedding dinner, but also celebrating the seventeenth anniversary of the marriage of our host and hostess. The reading of an original poem by Mr. Sanford, entitled "Anniversary Day," and the crowning of Mrs. Churchill with a wreath of roses added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Later on, the bride and groom prepared to start for Vizianagram, on their way to Yellamanchilli, but were prevented by rain. Next morning at 9.30 the carriage drawn by eight coolies, came up to the door, and our friends drove off amid showers of rice, and showers of rain, followed by our best wishes and our prayers.

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#### NEWS FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

With great pleasure I report some progress in our work. The efforts of Miss Annie Fisher, County Secretary for Carleton, have not been without success. A Society has lately been organized by her at Union Corner. The Society at Benton has been visited and encouraged, and in several other churches the matter of organization is under consideration. Thus the blessing of God ever goes with the followers of Jesus who work in "His Name."

In Westmoreland and Albert Counties the Secretaries have not entirely failed. In September we had union meetings at Sackville and Point de Bute with good results. At the latter place a number from Sackville were present, among whom were returned delegates from our annual meeting at Yarmouth, who, in the most enthusiastic way, rehearsed what was there said and done, much to the pleasure and profit of those present. The meeting was unusually large, the weather fine and driving pleasant. We visitors returned at a late hour feeling much inclined to go on a like excursion should the opportunity offer.

The Sackville meeting was very largely attended by young ladies as well as more elderly workers, and eleven new names were added; but we could not but think the addresses and reports would have profited and interested even a much larger and more general audience. Almost every phase of our work was discussed. Grande Ligne Mission lies near the hearts of our Sackville sisters, if one may judge from the generous contributions brought in that day towards the filling of a box for that institution. Certainly the comforts of the students will be enhanced therefrom and the matron's heart made glad.

"The Missionary Week" of October was devoted to Albert County.

I was glad to be able to meet a large number of sisters in Salem and Geymuntown. At both places the earnestness and sympathy expressed for the cause was food for thought as we journeyed over the long miles from Geymuntown, the gathering darkness hiding from view the grandness of mountain and bay, or over the shorter drive from Salem, too late to enjoy the sublime scenery of hill and valley.