

March Link, and yet as the notice is in our other papers we trust the day will be generally observed.

The promise is "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. xviii: 19. And here are thousands of men and women agreed on one petition and asking at the same time. Moreover, they are asking in accordance with His will and His promise. Acts xvii: 26, 27. Psa. ii: 8.

Mrs. Lanfret writes under date of Jan. 16: "We have had the great pleasure of welcoming our new missionaries."

Mrs. Archibald will probably leave this month for her needed rest at home.

Let not one be content with money raised in the past. Let not the work of collecting the money be left only in the hands of the Treasurer, but bring your offering. Use your influence with those who are lukewarm or careless. Use your influence in urging upon those who are able to go, the needs of the foreign field.

Our F. M. Board is "carrying a debt of about four thousand dollars. Money is needed to bring missionaries home for rest and to send out reinforcements. What we do we must do quickly. The King's business requires haste.

Mrs. Walter Higgins writes while on her journey: "Morality is scarcely known among the inhabitants of these Eastern towns and villages. There seems to be no law in Port Said, and it would be wholly unsafe to appear out on the street there after dark. Oh! the filth and degradation! How it did make my heart ache! I knew that people could be and were degraded, but I had never realized it before, and the sights that I saw at Port Said affected me deeply! Indeed, I felt fairly frightened at the thought of engaging in a work so momentous as this mission work! Again and again I found myself saying, 'Can there be another hell? Is not this one enough?' And yet we are told that this is civilization compared with many of the towns of India! Just think of it! I do wish that all my friends at home could get one glimpse of what I have seen; it would be such an incentive to more earnest living. Oh! do all you can at home for Foreign Missions.

We cannot realize until we see from what we have been saved ourselves. And yet I have caught only a glimpse, and a poor one at that, of what is to follow."

#### APPEAL TO THE AID SOCIETIES OF THE W. B. M. U.

Dear Sisters.—You will remember that at our Annual Meeting held in Wolfville in 1888, a "Committee was formed to look after the raising of funds for Home Missions." To do this without interfering in any way with the collections for Foreign Missions had been the great aim and desire of the Committee, and it was therefore deemed best not to ask for a stated sum per member, but to leave to each Aid Society to raise the money for Home Missions in any way that should seem most desirable, thus practically laying the burden upon the conscience of each individual member. That this plan has, in most cases proved successful cannot be denied.

Last year, \$481.81 was thus raised, of which \$250 was

given to Missions in the North-West; \$50.00 to Grande Ligne, and \$181.81 to our Home Mission Board.

According to our Constitution all monies raised by us as Aid Societies is to be divided between the "North-West and Manitoba and our Home Mission Board." (Clause 3.) So that money raised for Grande Ligne should be an extra offering.

Half of our year has already passed, and not as much money has come in for Home Missions as during the same time last year. Sisters, the matter rests with you; numbers of our women must be at "ease in Zion," or this state of things would not be. We do beg you in the name of the Master, and for His sake, that you will attempt great things for God during the half year now upon us. Systematic giving, according to 1 Cor. xvi: 2 is what we need.

Two cents a week per member is what is asked for Foreign Missions. Will not many of our sisters out of their abundance give the same amount for Home Missions? and in every case let the rule be "according as God hath prospered me." Our Foreign fields will flourish or languish in proportion as the Home fields are worked. The time is passing, the needs are great. Let us be up and doing for the night cometh apace.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee.

A. E. JOHNSTONE, Sec.

Will presidents and secretaries of Aid Societies see that this appeal is brought to the notice of our sisters.

#### MISSION BANDS.

An effort has been made to ascertain how many Mission Bands exist in connection with our churches, and the number is lamentably small. The training of our children and young people with reference to missions is certainly a very important part of our Christian work. We cannot as a denomination expect success in our mission enterprise unless the young of our congregations are instructed, first, concerning our own mission among the Telugus, and then with reference to the great work done in other countries—Japan, China, Africa, etc.

The young should be made to feel that some responsibility rests upon them individually to carry out the last great command of our departing Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The important question arises, how may this best be accomplished? Let me suggest as the first step that every Sabbath-school take up mission work in some form. Encourage each child to bring at least two or more cents every Sabbath, one for the school and the rest for missions. These cents to be saved from money given the children to spend on candy, or earned by them in some way during the week. Each teacher should keep account of this money, and give it each Sabbath to the treasurer of the Sabbath school. At the close of every quarter the sum raised by each class can be read before the school, and the one who contributes the most to be the banner class for the quarter. This plan has been tried with excellent results. It is surprising how much money can be raised in this way. There is no doubt two missionaries could be supported by our Sabbath schools every year, if each one would undertake this matter. Then the money raised is but a small proportion of the good done. The spirit of self-sacrifice and benevolence cultivated in the children, together with the prayers they are encouraged to offer every week as they bring their money to send the gospel to the heathen, is of far greater importance. And who can tell into what this spirit so early implanted may develop? How many dollars instead of cents will