

### Maritime Provinces.

CLARENCE, N.S.—A sister writes:—Our Society keeps up its interest, is increasing in numbers, and doing good work. We are much pleased at the improvement in form and quantity of reading matter our MISSIONARY LINK brings to us since the beginning of the year, and thought perhaps you would be pleased to know that it is very helpful to us in our Society meetings and missionary concerts. It grieves us much any misunderstanding or trouble should have arisen in our mission work, but we feel the Lord is able to adjust it all, and bring good out of evil. May He help us to do our part wisely and in His fear.

MARGAREE, N.S.—The W. M. A. Society held its first public meeting on Sabbath afternoon, 26th ult., in the Baptist Church at N. E. Margaree, C.B. This Society was organized some nine months ago under the guidance of Mrs. Foster, and is the first W. M. A. Society that has been established in Margaree. The members of the Society have been successful in collecting a considerable amount of money. Bright prospects lie before them, and there is no doubt but this Society, if properly governed, will aid largely in sending a missionary to the foreign field.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The annual meeting of the Central Board of W. M. A. Societies was held at the Parsonage at Bedeque, July 4th. The meeting was of an interesting character. Several nice reports from different Societies were read. We are pleased to know that the contributions of some of our Societies are larger than last year, and we hope all will do better in the years to come.

We have read with interest, from time to time, writings from Miss Hammond, and can say that she, in her noble work, has the heartfelt sympathy and prayers of many of the sisters on P. E. Island.

We regret very much that our loved Sister Armstrong (founder of our Societies) should be compelled to sever her connection with our F. M. Board. We trust that the difficulty now presenting itself may be removed, and the way made plain for her to re-unite with us in her chosen work.

The Society at Red Point has constituted Mrs. Alex. McLean (Sec. of their Society) life member. One dollar is for the "Willing Workers" of the Sabbath school; \$26 to be sent to Miss Hammond, for what purpose she thinks best.

List of Societies and Amounts contributed since July, 1880.—East Point, \$27; Tryon, \$40; Cavendish, \$30; Bedeque, \$22 50; North River, \$20.

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Sec. C. B. M. A. Society.

TRYON, P.E.I.—The W. M. A. Society has just completed the tenth year of its existence. Although every sister is not yet a member, still the number of deeply interested ones is greater than ever before. The meetings have been regularly sustained, and the hours spent at them found to yield a ten-fold blessing. The collectors have been much gratified by the prompt liberality by which they have been met. Thirteen new members have been added during the year, and two removed by death.

HEAVEN will pay for any loss we may suffer to gain it; but nothing can pay for the loss of heaven.—R. Baxter.

### Work for Missions by the Baptist Women of the Eastern States.

There are three American Baptist Women's Foreign Missionary Societies. The first and largest of them is the one of which we speak—for its tenth annual report lies before us—representing the Eastern and Central States, and the district of Columbia; the second represents the Western States, and the third is on the Pacific coast. Their organization is very similar to our own, the business being transacted by a Central Board, which meets monthly.

In addition to these, for the successful prosecution of the work, it has been found necessary to appoint State and Associational Secretaries, whose business it is—expressed very concisely—to keep alive old Circles and form new ones wherever it is practicable. The work performed by them is a most valuable addition to the strength and prosperity of the Society, and it is one which we in Ontario would do well to imitate on a limited scale as soon as we are a little stronger. Every year each Associational Secretary furnishes a report of the work that has been done under her supervision to the Secretary for her State, who in turn submits it to the Central Board.

The *Helping Hand*, published monthly in Boston, is the organ of all three Societies, has a large circulation, and is not only self-supporting but a contributor to the funds, to the amount last year of \$630.15—the excess of receipts above expenditures. We quote: "It is noticeable that in regions where the *Helping Hand* is most freely circulated, women are the most interested and contributions largest."

The Treasurer reports the amount raised from all sources during the year ending last March by this one Society, to be \$50,010.91. Total receipts for ten years, \$331,110. There has been a steady increase every year from the first, when the amount raised was \$9,172. Number of life members during the year, 209. The number of circles reported is 975, with about 30,000 contributors, and 321 mission bands, with 5,000 members.

Referring to the work of children and young ladies: "In this is our hope for future years—\$7,000 have been received this year from Mission Bands and S. Schools."

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.—The number of missionaries during the year has increased from thirty-four to forty. Three new ones have been sent out, and the support of three others has been assumed—one among the Telugus, one in France, and one in Africa. The missionaries have rendered loving, faithful service in the various fields to which they have been assigned. To a large number of pupils they have given daily instruction in God's Word; and to many of them this Word has become the light of life. There have been also 47 Bible-women supported during the year, and aid has been given to 78 schools, in which are reported 2,310 pupils and 89 baptisms. The work has been distributed among the Burmese, Karens and Shans, of Burmah; the Telugus, of India; the Garos, of Assam; the Chinese, and Japanese. After gratefully acknowledging the help and blessing of God on what has been done, the report refers to the numerous and urgent calls for help in the present. Several ladies ask for added facilities for mission work. Aid is asked for girls' dormitories and schools, for new mission homes, for repairs, &c. "The call of Providence, of our risen Lord, is clear, to give, not simply two cents a week, but freely and gladly of what He has given us, till His name is known in all the earth."