

REPORT OF W. M. A. S. CONFERENCE AT LINDEN.

Beside the blue waters of Northumberland Strait lies the beautiful village of Linden where the Cumberland County Quarterly Conference met Sept. 22nd and 23rd.

Those who formed the church a half century ago must have been men and women of liberality and good taste, for they not only provided a generous lot for their church home, but left standing a goodly number of trees, a precaution not often taken, as is evidenced by the bleak and bare location of so many of our churches. The Temperance Hall at the rear of the church was kindly placed at our disposal on the afternoon of Sept. 23rd for the meeting of the County Aid Society.

Mrs. Esterbrook, of Springhill, Co. Secretary, presided, Miss Bleakney, of Northport, acting as Secretary *pro tem*. Mrs. Belyea, of Westchester, gave a helpful and suggestive Bible reading founded on the incident at the well of Sychar; a number of the sisters then led in prayer.

Verbal reports given by delegates present were received from seven Societies. These reports showed not only unabated interest, but progress.

A Society was organized at Linden consisting of ten members with a prospect of additions in the near future.

The officers elected were:—President, Mrs. Harrison Wood; Vice-President, Mrs. George Hunter; Sec.-Treasurer.

We trust that the work begun by our sisters may prove a blessing to themselves and others.

SMALL BUT USEFUL CIRCLES.

The August meeting of a small Circle recurs to memory, and claims a friendly greeting. It was somewhat in contrast to the large gatherings at the Convention of the W. B. M. U. There was not the stimulus of numbers, only the example of each sister doing what she could, an example to be highly commended. Nine met in a small room in a private house. The Society numbered thirteen, but the president had moved too far away to attend the meetings, thus reducing their working force by considerably more than a unit.

The Vice-President opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer, followed by singing and prayer by several sisters. After the

minutes were read the leader rose and repeated a verse of Scripture, followed by each one in the room in turn. When it came to the sister of eighty-nine, she stood up, and with firm, unflinching voice, repeated three verses of the twenty-third Psalm. When she came to the words, "He restoreth my soul," there was a ring of assurance that was good to hear, making each one feel that the time of her complete restoration was near. Then there were readings by several sisters. A little talk on the power of a consecrated mission; more praise; more prayer, the doxology and benediction, and the devotional meeting closed. A little after-meeting followed, with friendly greetings and inquiries showing a kindly interest in one another, which was pleasant to see and remember. This devoted band feels its weakness and isolation, but such a gracious combination of works, faith and loving loyalty cannot fail to be its own reward.

HARVEY, A. Co., N.B.—Sunbeam Mission Band of the First Harvey Baptist Church is still prospering. This year has been our banner year. Our membership is 28, average attendance 20.

The Band has raised \$25 towards Mr. Glendenning's salary, as pledged by Mrs. Fletcher at the Association last July. By the removal of our President, Miss Kate Tingley, and our Treasurer, Miss Annie Dury, before the end of the year, our Band was left without a leader, and we feared that we would not be able to raise the amount pledged. But having a faithful few, we had no trouble in raising the amount. We find *Tidings* and *LINK* a great help to us, and the interest seems to be increasing. We trust the coming year may be as good, and even better than the past. Officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. F. Brown; Vice-President, Madge Hatfield; Secretary, William Dowrie; Treasurer, Madge Hatfield.

AGNES COONAN, Sec.

Our beloved missionary, Miss Clark, sails from New York, Oct. 24th, in company with Miss Murray of the Western Ontario Board, and Miss Robinson, newly appointed by the Manitoba and North West Board. It seems pleasing that these different representatives of our work in India should be so associated. May their fellowship be sweet as they journey, and their influence a blessing to their fellow-travellers as desired.