

Summerside west to Alberton we find the W. M. A. Societies, few, small in membership and scattered. Nevertheless there are the faithful few who are trying to do their part in this world wide evangelization.

We find most of the societies with but 8, 10, and 11 members, and none of them possessing wealth and very little time to give to the work, yet with many of them there is the element of willingness to give what little they have in money and time and an abundance of faith that the All Giver will bless their feeble efforts. With regret we learned there were in these small churches some women who were not members of the Aid Societies, also members who lack in consecrated interest to the work. Can we urge upon every reader of "Tidings" to make special prayer for these societies, and ask that every (woman within our churches) may become in spirit a true missionary? While you pray, your own souls, and individual societies must receive a blessing. At West Devon there was no Aid Society, so we met the women in the afternoon in their church and had a short devotional service. At the close a society was organized with 9 members. They need our support in prayer and sympathy for they are taking their first step in this work. As the work was talked over, the Pres. Mrs. Wallace said, "I am willing to work and want to do what I can; but I know so little about the organization and its order of work." You see they are indeed weak and it is the privilege of the stronger to help the weaker, so let our prayers unite with their's for wisdom and strength.

At Tyne Valley the women of the church are so few and scattered it did not seem possible to sustain an Aid Society so they formed into a Missionary Prayer Circle, including men, women and children to meet once a month, with a committee to make all necessary arrangements for each meeting. Mite boxes were left in the homes for collection of Missionary pennies and they hoped in this way

to accomplish something for Mission funds. They now have a pastor so we hope for greater results. We met with three Mission Bands; would that every society (whether east or west) was fostering a Band. O, Societies upon this Island make no excuses for the absence of a Band, but get you to work in the fear of the Master and gather your children into a missionary training Band. Do not allow scarcity of Children to be an excuse, for whether there be two or twenty, the responsibility of the few is yours as surely as the many. Do not let winter weather, distances, and scattered localities be an excuse, for there will never be a meeting day but that will find some one or two in their place and something will be gained that will tell for the Masters cause. Do not despise the day of small things, but do the work at hand. Put aside all such paltry and feeble excuses and arise to the importance of the work before us.

An encouraging note from Mrs. Carter, of Murray River in the Eastern part of the Province says, "since reorganizing our sisters seem more deeply interested in the work and we hope to accomplish more for the master than ever before."

Ere we close would like to ask again of all the sisters of our W. M. A. Societies of P. E. I. that they forget not our quarterly meeting but "Plan, Prepare, and Pray" for it.

Appoint your delegates at the Feb. meeting. Let us have a goodly number and earnest prayer for God's blessing attending it.

Prov. Sec'y

Suggested Program for Mission Bands February.

Hymn—"Jesus Loves me"
Bible Lesson—Psalm 103
The Lord's Prayer in concert
Minutes of last meeting
Roll Call—Each answering by giving the name of some missionary and the station to which he or she belongs
Singing—"Over the Ocean wave"
Lesson found in Tidings
Close by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name."