

for the Southern field. It was an inspiring sight to see so many dark faces together, and showed plainly what the Gospel could do for India."

We have been blessed in every special effort we have made for our society, and we pray that in the future we may be more zealous, and that we may realize more fully that "prayer is the golden key that can open the wicket of mercy." In behalf of the society.

ADRIAN B. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

During the past six years we have moved on slowly yet steadily in our work, have had our annual gatherings and monthly meetings for prayer, frequently a missionary entertainment. Sometimes we have felt not a little grieved to find that the same spirit that spoke on that memorable occasion, the "Anointing at Bethany, saying: "Why this waste?" is still abroad in the earth. The small sum of two cents a week from each sister, is the plan by which these societies throughout the Maritime Provinces have sent during the past year \$3,600 to India. There are many reasons why we desire earnestly that this help should be sent to the foreign field. One is this: Among the Telugus of India are 2,000,000 widows, suffering from the most dreadful treatment, waiting in misery to be delivered from the bondage of a false religion, beside the thousands who are wives, but are ignorant slaves.

The open Bible is the secret of woman's freedom in christian lands and this is the need of the eastern women; and if the hearts of God's children be not stirred to pity the wretched and lift up the fallen, then, darkness must cover the earth and gross darkness the people. Our W. M. Aid Society at present consists of 42 members. Our pastor's wife has been made a life member; \$66.65 was the amount contributed last year. As we look over the records of this little band of workers, we take notice of the losses we have met with. By removals we have parted from time to time with seven good sisters, two others have been unable to attend through sickness. With sadness, yet tenderly, we refer to the number whom God has called to lay down life's burdens,—six precious ones have been removed. How sweet the memories of their lives, with us their influence shall live through years to come. Their names we are assured are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Life and health have been spared to all our members during the past year, for which we desire to thank our Heavenly Father and take courage.

The Treasurer, Mrs. W. Camp, then read the following financial report for the year ending December 31st, 1888.

In presenting our financial statement we are glad to report an advance on last year. We have raised this year:—

From dues	\$35 00
" donation	1 00
Collections for Home Missions	5 45
By annual meeting and social	17 68
By Missionary prayer-meeting	4 42
From Mrs. T. E. Bray's Sunday School class	1 25
" Miss Florence Steeves Sunday School class	1 00
Total	\$85 80

This amount has been duly remitted to the Treasurer of the "Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces."

During the three years your present Treasurer has been in office we have raised for the year,

1886	\$81 71
1887	56 06
1888	85 80
Total for three years	\$188 57

It will be seen that this year our financial condition is better than the two previous years.

For the encouragement of our members it might be said that in looking over the "Annual Report" of all the societies only one society outside of the cities has raised more than we have, and this society only one dollar more.

We hope that by God's blessing and the co-operation of our sisters that another year our report will be even more encouraging than this. We trust that all friends of missions will remember us liberally when the collection is taken. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "Freely ye have received, freely give." "There is that which scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that which withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty."

MAY F. CAMP, *Treasurer.*

A missionary address was then given by Mr. Stearns. He referred to the good work the women had done and are now doing. He spoke of the origin of the W. M. A. S. This work began in Nova Scotia. Neither in Upper Canada nor in the United States was there a society like this until after the work began in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Women are at the bottom of all good work. Whenever you found a good man, there was sure to be a good mother before him. The speaker also referred to the Zenana work our missionaries were doing in India. This was a work that only women could do. In going from home to home they instructed the children. This work gave the brightest prospect of future success.

Rev. S. W. Keirstead made an eloquent appeal on behalf of missions. He eulogized the ladies and praised their work. When, a few years ago, the question of the ladies handing their money to "the lords of creation" to be controlled by them was agitated he stood up stoutly against it. The ladies were competent to manage their own affairs. He praised the ladies' efforts to raise money to send the Gospel to the perishing. After appealing most earnestly to the young ladies who were not connected with this society to unite and work for Jesus, he closed with a peroration worthy of a Dr. McKenzie.

A collection of nearly \$10 was taken. The choir rendered several choice selections from No. 5 Moody & Sankey during the evening. Thus ended a very interesting and profitable meeting.

A. E. J.

Dartmouth, N. S.

News of the Circles.

PAPINEAUVILLE.—A social in connection with the Mission Band was held in the Baptist church, Thursday evening, Feb. 21st. The exercises were varied and interesting, missionary recitations and dialogues were given by the children and members of the Mission Circle, addresses by the Rev. Mr. Saphir (Anglican clergyman) and the chairman, Mr. Tooke, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, in which we were greatly assisted by the choir from the George's Lake Methodist church. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. Mr. Tooke spoke principally of the early missions in this country, gave the dates when different denominations sent missionaries to Canada and the United States, and told something of the hardships that ministers had to endure long ago. Mr. Saphir spoke earnestly and well, and looked forward to the result of all this missionary training, hoping and trusting that the future may show some of our number going to work in the foreign field, putting, as it were, ourselves as well as our money on the missionary plate. The M. B. was organized five months ago, with a membership of thirteen, which has since increased to twenty-two. Sixteen children brought their Mission Boxes, which were