

NEWS FROM OUR HOME WORKERS.

CLEMENTYVALE, N. S.—The Secretary writes: "During the last month we have enrolled fifteen new names, which makes our membership now forty-two; and we are hoping by our next meeting to have fifty members. The increase in numbers and interest is truly wonderful."

MRS NALDER, Sec. for Hunts Co., writes: "I have visited and held public missionary meetings at all our stations where we have Aid Societies, making in all, fifteen meetings. My last visit to one part of the field resulted in the organization of a W. M. A. Society in Avondale, a section of the Newport church. When I tell you that there has not been a Baptist conference, or prayer meeting, or Sunday School in this region for many years, and that the few scattered women who reside there had become almost discouraged, you may know how thankful I was to help them."

This Society has commenced full of promise; their meetings are well attended; and there are already fifteen members. I circulated a great deal of literature in every place visited this year; and also try to send a copy of my *Missionary Review* occasionally, as I know there will be sufficient material for good readings at the monthly meetings. I believe Hants County is quite prompt in sending the quarterly remittances.

WINNSOR has done well this half year. We observed "Crusade Day," and it brought us in \$37. We have also had a life membership. We held a Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day, and had a good collection for the North-West. The programme consisted of an address by Mrs. Stewart, a Presbyterian sister, who is working up quite an interest among the societies of the Presbyterian churches; a paper from Mrs. De Wolfe; and then I gave an address on our Indian work. Selections were read from the envelopes as each was opened.

Young People's Department.

GROWTH.

Twenty years ago the formation of a Women's Foreign Mission Society was looked upon with little favor, especially by our brethren. Even we ourselves who with fear and trembling organized for special work in behalf of the women and children in heathen lands, felt that this new movement might prove a failure. It was the day of small things, but as we remember the large number of earnest Christian women now hard at work in the interest of this Society, we are assured of a most encouraging growth of public opinion in favor of women's work in the mission cause.

Then our offerings twenty years ago were very small, given a few cents at a time, but our gifts continued regularly and systematically, and behold the result! Lady missionaries are being sent out and supported in heathen lands, schools organized and endowed, suitable buildings erected, besides many Bible-women and other native helpers being enabled to devote their lives to this work.

We note with gladness the growth in missionary literature. The need has created the supply. We cannot be interested or enthusiastic about any cause of which we know little or nothing. Our best informed workers labor with the most zeal. We must know what is taking place on our mission fields, be brought into touch with our missionaries, learn their need, and then set our minds to the best way of meeting that need as God gives us the ability. Some one has defined responsibility as our response to God's ability. Lawyers, doctors, merchants, farmers, teachers, and all other daily toilers for daily bread, find new interest and zeal in perusing the papers devoted to their callings; so we as mission workers eagerly scan the many and varied magazines, leaflets and papers which are published to increase our knowledge of the world's need, and of those who are seeking to supply that need by preaching Christ Jesus. An address can only be heard at one time by a few people gathered in one place, but articles written for the press gain entrance into thousands of homes all over the land. So let us seek by every means in our power to increase the circulation of our missionary papers, that new workers may be interested, awakened, and sent forth to help fulfil Christ's great commission to His redeemed church. I might mention how very helpful THE LINK has been to me in the nearly eighteen years since it was first published. Every five years I have the numbers bound, and put on the shelf with my much-prized Missionary Library. You would be surprised to know how often many of our earnest workers come to me for information about the earlier years of our Telugu mission, which I can find nowhere else as condensed and exact as in my LINKS. (This is not intended for an advertisement of your paper, Mrs. Editor, but simply my own experience.)

We rejoice to-day at the growth of mission work among the children. You remember the story of the busy mother teaching her children the Golden Text, "Consider the lilies how they grow." Baby Bobby climbed upon her knee, and wanted to learn it too, pleading that he did know the other one which began, "Suffer the little children." But when night came and Bobbie was asked to recite the new text for papa he said, "Consider the—little children—how they grow."

That is what we mothers of large families spend much of our time in considering, as very unfortunately the little garments do not keep pace with the growth of their wearers.

The scripture of motherhood must be fulfilled, and we go very near the gates of death that our babe may enter into life. We hold the living child in our arms—a tiny, helpless mortal—no, an *immortal!* and in that lies its preciousness, a soul born to live throughout eternity, created for the purpose of helping Christ redeem the world! Daily we watch for the physical and mental