

PRAYER.—Two or three.

HYMN.—“Labourers of Christ arise.”

READING.—Selected.

PRAYER.

Minutes of last meeting.

BUSINESS.

HYMN.—“I am Thine O Lord, I have heard Thy voice.”

### CHEERING WORDS FROM FIELD AND WORKERS.

Woman's work in India has made great progress. There are now 711 women—foreign and Eurasian—missionaries in India. These have access to 40,518 Zenanas, and have 62,414 girl pupils in the M. Schools. Therefore, well may the Brahmins tremble for the result.

The Women of the United Presbyterian Church, in the States, presented as a thank-offering, last year, to the Lord, \$87,028.

Baptists in the United States speak of a great and notable advance. The increase of cash contributions from the churches alone, including the Women's Societies, amounted to over \$860,000.

A young Brahmin recently came to the house of a missionary seeking an interview. In the course of conversation he said: “Many things which Christianity contains, I find in Hinduism; but there is one thing which Christianity has and Hinduism has not.” “What is that?” asked the missionary. His reply was striking; “A Saviour.”

Ethiopia is certainly lifting up her hands, not only to God, but in defence against the vices of civilization. A Zulu church recently organized, has among its by-laws, that, “no member shall be permitted to drink the white man's grog.”

A hopeful sign of progress in India is seen in an important movement in the cause of social reform. The Hindu Social Reform Association of Madras, has entered on a crusade against the demoralizing practice of Nautch dancing, which has hitherto been an accepted feature of entertainments, public and private. The crusade is led by, but not exclusively confined to Christians.—*Missionary Review.*

### ON THE FIELD IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Digby County having been gone over pretty thoroughly three years ago, it did not really come into the programme for this autumn's work. But our county secretary there felt that something more was needed, so our first meeting was with the sisters at Bear River. The “faithful few” in the afternoon, and a somewhat larger audience in the evening, not as many as we had hoped for. Missionary zeal should be burning brightly in this church. Still we hope that the day is not far distant when every sister will be interested.

The pastor of the Digby church met us at the Bear River station, and the next morning drove us over to Barton, where we had an interesting

meeting with the sisters' meeting with some from North Range, who went home determined to start the work there.

Driving to Digby after tea, we reached there just in time for the weekly prayer meeting, when time was kindly granted to address the friends at the work. The work goes on apace in Digby Church; the members are few but alive! The next morning found us again on our way to Ross, way where we met in the afternoon with the Anti-Society—the youngest child of the W. B. M. U. in this county. Here we took leave of our kind friends Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman. It is impossible to tell of all their kindness and aid. We can only pray that the Master's richest blessing may rest upon them. From Rossway to Centerville, where it was good to meet the Band organized on the last visit. Sickness and removals had caused some discouragements, but the meeting was a large one, and we think there is no cause to fear for the future.

The next morning saw us again helped on our way to Sandy Cove, by good friends. Here we found the pastor and his family watching by the bedside of one of the loved ones, who strong hopes must soon say good-bye. A husband and four little ones claim her here, but without a murmur she is giving up all. The strong faith of Brother Morse, leads him to say, “I do not want to call this an affliction.” The workers are few at the Cove and Mrs. Morse's untiring devotion to her daughter has left no time the past summer for outside work. We gathered the young people in the afternoon, and had a little talk with them. Then drove over to Little River, where we held an evening meeting. The sisters had become somewhat discouraged here, so it was good to have new names as a result of our meeting.

The next morning, and we were off by 6 a.m. by coach to Digby, and after receiving a good warming at the parsonage, which was needed after twenty miles of stage driving, we were off by train to Annapolis, having driven since leaving home on 10th, about eighty miles by carriage and coach, to say nothing of the train. Tired? O, yes, very often. But it is wonderful how the Master uses this hand to hand work. And it pays every time. Pays in the reflex influence on those who make the effort, and pays by His grace in added help in His service.

The collections were small owing to various causes, still something has been added financially, and a detailed statement will be sent to the treasurer. Prov. Secy., N. S.

*To be continued.*

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