

sale being over, the Band generally took a holiday until October, and thus lost valuable time.

In November, 1888, the teachers and officers of the school met, to devise, if possible, a better plan, and it was decided to organize the *whole* school into a Mission Band, each class to be provided with a mite box and raise its own money. ~~This would test the zeal of each teacher.~~

It was also decided to omit the quarterly reviews, and devote that afternoon to missionary exercises. This way of working has now been in successful operation for a year.

The exercises are varied. A missionary lesson, recitations, addresses, etc., going to make up the programme.

At the last meeting held, March 30th, a dialogue, entitled "Missionary work and life among the Telegas," was given by five of the senior scholars, followed by recitations and an exercise by the infant class, who marched in procession to the platform, each little one bearing a banner with the golden text, which they recited in turn. The secretary's report was read, a short address by the pastor and the collection closed an intensely interesting and profitable afternoon.

Now for the financial results: The treasurer reports "the yearly average for the four years under the old system of working our Mission Band was \$57.94, nearly two-thirds of which were the proceeds of a sale; the largest amount raised in any one year being \$12.42.

The amount raised in 1889 under the new arrangement was \$76.14, being \$17.20 above the average for the four years, and \$12.72 more than the largest amount for any one year. And this school has only a membership of a little over one hundred, not one of whom can be counted "well off" with regard to this world's goods; and besides the school is self-supporting.

This system of Mission Band working means *work*, but it also means more money raised for missions, and an intelligent, well-informed band of men and women in the future who, because of the knowledge thus gained, will do grander work in the home and, perhaps, the foreign field.

## SOUL HUNGER IN EASTERN LANDS.

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Amid their woes, night's shadows falling fast,  
The people faint beneath a burning sky  
For lack of bread. Does no heart long to see  
Their wants supplied? their deepening sorrow cease?  
Their very faces bearing beaming proof  
Of deep-felt thankfulness and kindling hope,  
As they, with high resolve and feelings new,  
Go forth, refreshed, and the cares of life,  
And cheer their toils with songs which make  
The world's surprise, and reach the listening heavens!

Then "give ye them to eat." This work belongs  
To you—to you, who know the Christ, the sole  
Redeemer of our race,—who, having heard  
His voice, have called Him "Lord," and look  
For endless life through Him. Fear neither loss  
Nor lack. The stores from which you draw are large  
As Deity itself! and near at hand.

As fount to stream—whence gives the more, the more  
'Tis drawn upon. The Master loves to give,  
And waits to give through you. One beck from Him  
Would bring the angels down to bear the gift,  
Divinely blessed, among the sons of need:  
But guilt-stained souls might fear to take the boon  
From hands that ne'er have toiled for daily bread,  
Nor known the soil of sin. But you! your hour  
Is now:—your hour to win the deathless love  
Of souls immortal as your own, to win

The smile and share the joy of Him whose smile  
Is heaven, whose joy is joy in saving souls  
From death, and eyes from tears, and feet that touch  
The brink of soundless depths of rayless gloom.

O heed the mute appeals of those who die  
For want of living bread—appeals more sad  
Because so mute through lack of strength to plead.  
The means are yours. Quick! "GIVE ye them to eat."

## CUMBERLAND NOTES.

On March 13th a missionary mass meeting, representing the Aid Societies of Cumberland County, was held in the pretty town of Parrsboro', situated on the Basin of Minas, and becoming so well known to tourists. The Pastor, Rev. J. W. Porter, presided, and in a few introductory remarks welcomed the visiting friends on behalf of the President (who was absent owing to illness), the sisters of the Aid Society and members of the church. Realizing the importance of our people becoming acquainted with our mission work in detail, the ladies in charge gave special attention to this fact. On the wall was a large map with all the mission stations standing out in clear characters. A paper prepared by Mrs. J. A. Christie, of Amherst, brought each of our stations clearly to mind, and also gave the early history of our independent mission, showing the overruling of Providence in taking us from the east side of the Bay of Bengal and placing us on the west. Varied touches on the people and religion, with all the geographical boundaries well defined, made us feel we had visited our own mission field in Telugu Land. Then Mrs. Steele introduced us to each of our missionaries, giving sketches of their work, their joys and sorrows, pleading an interest in and for them, making us realize as never before that they are our representatives, doing our work. Our beloved sister, Mrs. George, was with us, and in her graceful, impressive manner gave us many interesting incidents in her own and her husband's work in Burmah, closing with an earnest appeal for Telugu Land with its 3,000,000 of souls looking to us for salvation. Following this was a forcible and eloquent paper by Mrs. B. Smith on the needs of missions, presenting Christ's claim on us, and on relations to the heathen world. Excellent and touching recitations were given by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Spencer of Parrsboro' "A Missionary Incident" and "Heavenly Blossom." Choice music was rendered by the choir between the papers. The pastor made some interesting and encouraging remarks on women's work in missions. The congregation joined in singing the grand old missionary hymn

"From Greenland's icy mountains," followed by prayer and benediction by the pastor.

Preceding this meeting were two very helpful sessions, Mrs. George presiding. Questions arose as to the ways and means to interest more of the sisters in mission work, the Port Grauille sisters giving us something of their plan of work. More than two-thirds their membership are regular attendants at the monthly meetings, although living long distances apart, some driving fourteen miles to the place of meeting. When a sister was absent from the monthly meeting, the president made it a point to inquire after her, or send her a note as to the cause of absence, and each member answered to the roll-call by repeating a passage of scripture; also by distribution of the LINK and other missionary intelligence. Others spoke of pledging themselves to bring another sister with them to the monthly meeting, and many other suggestions that were very helpful in the work. Thus by talking and praying