

HARTFORD MISSION BAND AND JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.—The writer was expected to give an address at the regular fortnightly meeting on Sunday afternoon, but owing to the unpropitious weather and unfavorable condition of the roads a gathering was impracticable. The meetings are varied, rules being avoided, a programme is carefully prepared for each meeting by the worthy president, Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, who with untiring energy and diligence has been leading for two years. Mission talks are given by the senior members, taking up the various countries and their respective missionaries. In this department invaluable service has been rendered by Misses Barber and Ault and Mr. Alexander. The younger members prepare and render recitations, songs and solos, and are encouraged to contribute to the fund at each meeting. The late pastor, Mr. V. Ray, was always on hand and added largely to the helpfulness of the meetings. The attendance is about 40, and during the year the receipts have been \$9.00, this amount being distributed between Grand Ligne and Foreign Missions respectively. The numbers and figures may seem small, but considering the poor population and the condition of the country roads, they compare very favorably with larger places. This branch of work is second to none in the efforts of the church to serve the Master. A training of the young in the great work of missions, and forming a habit of giving cannot fail to keep the light of the church steadily burning.

J. ATKINS.

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Not to the swift is the race
Yet to the true and the faithful
Victory is promised through grace.

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