

Women of India. At a meeting to-day, Feb. 8th, seven new members were added, making twenty in all, and we are expecting more when the weather becomes fine. Great credit is due to Miss Fitch of Simcoe, for the loving assistance rendered by her in the organization of this Circle. Indeed it is *principally* through her instrumentality that so much has been accomplished. "She hath done what she could"—and, as a result of her faithful doing, an interest in mission work has been awakened in many hearts here, which promises to be lasting.

G. HULL, *Secretary*.

Maritime Provinces

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETINGS of the W. M. A. Societies of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were held simultaneously on the 27th of January; that of N. S. in the Granville Street Baptist Church, Halifax, and that of N. B. in the Brussele Street Church, St. John. Both meetings were of deeply interesting character. The reports of the Central Boards have reached us, but our limited space compels us to omit a large portion of each.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BOARD OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES FOR 1880.

From this long and very able report we select only that portion relating to the Home Department:—

We regret exceedingly that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong should feel compelled to resign their position as missionaries appointed by the Foreign Missionary Board and churches of the Maritime Provinces. We scarcely feel able to acquiesce in this determination with any degree of submission, and earnestly trust that some way may yet be found by which the difficulties now in the way may be removed, and our friends still be willing to give their lives, their talents, and their best energies to the work in Chicacole. Mrs. Armstrong has been so long associated with our Societies, first as their founder, afterwards as our own missionary, and since then by the mutual sympathy which has bound us together, that we feel it impossible to sever the connection of ten years' standing, except under the pressure of the most urgent necessity, or by knowing that in no other way could their future usefulness be secured to the cause of Missions.

It is pleasant to be able to state that our standing in a financial point of view compares favourably with the year 1879, both as to numbers as well as funds. At our last Annual Meeting we reported forty-five Societies, now we have forty-seven. Then we sent in to the Treasury \$897.77, now \$1,085.80—an increase of \$188.03. Four new Societies have been organized in the place of one last year,—at Lake George; Yarmouth Co.; Margaree, C. B.; Lockport; and New Germany. Also four Life Members instead of one, as reported at our last meeting,—Miss J. Logan, of Amherst; Mrs. H. A. Eaton, of Canard; Mrs. T. A. Higgins, of Annapolis; and Mrs. J. W. Manning, of Halifax. One other point of encouragement may be noted; last year no money was sent to us from Mission Bands, but now Canning M. B., has forwarded \$16.00 for the purpose of supporting and educating a little girl in Mrs. Sanford's school. The Mission Band also in connection with the North Church, Halifax, have it in contemplation to educate a boy from Mrs. Armstrong's school in Chicacole, with the prospect of his becoming a Colporteur. We hope before another year shall call us together at this annual gathering, we may have to report many more cases of a similar nature, for what better use can the dear children make of their

money than to try and save a heathen child from its sad state of ignorance and vice, while, with God's blessing on the teaching bestowed, they can trust that it may grow up to be a great blessing to the natives of India.

From the funds at the disposal of the three Boards of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick, and from Societies, the following sums have been donated this year:—

From W. M. A. Society at Amherst, for Miss Hammond to use as she thinks best.....	\$ 25 00
From Canning Mission Band for the support of a little girl in Mrs. Sanford's school.....	16 00
To Mrs. Sanford for support of orphan children	150 00
To complete building operations in Bimlipatam	1600 00
Do. at Chicacole.....	400 00
For the support of two orphans at Chicacole....	40 00
To be sent to Miss Hammond for school purposes.....	100 00
Travelling expenses, Mrs. Armstrong home....	500 00

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While we rejoice each year to recognize the names of our contributing Societies—some of whom we have not missed once in the eleven years of our existence—we gratefully welcome the four new ones who have joined our ranks, representing an interest in missions which we hope will never die out; yet we cannot but feel sad when we think of the number of persons in other churches who have no place among us, but who form a large sisterhood. Oh, dear friends, can you continue this omission another year, in view of the pressing wants of those without a hope in Christ? Will not some at once give *themselves*, their money, prayers and influence,—for all are needed? The mere personal attendance at the monthly meetings for prayer, even without a word being uttered, would encourage others present, and so do some good to the cause.

The MISSIONARY LINK is still taken largely by the members of our Societies, and much prized. We bespeak for it a larger circulation than ever this year.

It is with a feeling of perhaps pardonable pride that we draw the attention of the friends of missions to the list of contributions from Societies and individuals, in the Treasurer's account, not one cent of which have we asked for,—it is the free-will offering of the sisterhood of our churches.

Treasurer's General Account with the Women's Missionary Aid Societies for the year 1880.

Dr.	
By cash received from Societies.....	\$ 898 30
By donations.....	187 50
By interest in Savings' Bank.....	\$6 55
Paid for stationery, postage, printing, &c., \$5 65.....	
Paid discount on Notes, 25c.....	5 90 65
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Remitted to Missionary Board, St. John:	\$1086 45
For quarter ending March 31.....	\$ 172 75
June 30.....	294 03
Sept. 30.....	189 37
Dec. 31.....	429 67
	\$1085 80
Balance of interest sent to F. M. Board.....	65
	\$1086 45

MARIA R. SELDEN,
Sec. & Treas. Central Board.