

that Miss Wright had been obliged to leave her post. In two letters received from her last month, she spoke of herself as so well, as just about to start on tour, and as being good for at least four years' work in India, yet. Her illness must have been sudden. We cannot expect her here before March.

WHY DID YOU NOT COME BEFORE?

[An aged Hindoo woman, while first hearing the Gospel, said "Why did you not come before?" My hair has grown gray waiting for the good news.']

An aged woman, poor and weak,
She heard the mission teacher speak;
The slowly-rolling tears came down
Upon her withered features, brown.
"What blessed news from you far shore--
Would I had heard it long before.

"O, I have bowed at many a shrine,
When youth, and health, and strength were mine;
How earnestly my soul has striven
To find some gleam of light from heaven.
But all my toil has been in vain,
These gods of stone but mocked my pain.

"A weary pilgrimage I've trod,
To win some favor from my god,
And all my jewelled wealth I've laid
Beneath the dark Pagoda's shade;
But still the burden on my breast,
Bowed head and heart with sore unrest.

"Now, I have waited many a day,
My form is bent, my hair is gray;
But still the blessed words you bear,
Have charmed away my long despair.
O, sisters, from your happy shore,
Would you had sent to me before.

"O, precious is the message sweet
I hear your kindly lips repeat.
It bids me weep for joy again,
My stony eyes were dry with pain;
My weary heart with joy runs o'er
Ah! had you come to me before."

"How welcome is the glorious name
Of Jesus, who to save me came:
And shall I live when death is past?
And may I all my burden cast
On Him? And is His mercy free?
Not bought with gifts? Such news for me."

"Yes, please forgive me when I say,
I've needed this so many a day;
In your glad homes did you not know
How India's tears of sorrow flow?
If you had known on that bright shore,
Surely you would have come before."

From "Pansy," 1870.

FROM THE AID SOCIETIES

The Aid Society in Berwick, N. S., is growing, having had six new members during the last month. The Mission Band is flourishing, and numbers eighty. This Band is managed by the young people themselves. We hope soon to hear from their secretary.

With regard to the above Society, a sister writes to our President: "On Sunday evening, last, our Society gave a concert, which was pronounced a success. We tried to have our exercises converge to one point, our Telegu mission, and our duty in regard to it. Your ex-

ercise was given by four girls and two boys, and was very interesting and instructive. Our President is one whose whole soul is engaged in the work of soul-saving. It does us all good to meet with her in our monthly meetings."

The President of Bear River Society, Digby County, writes: "My interest in mission work is increasing more and more every day. Last week I had my programme arranged, giving each her work before the appointed day. We had a very interesting Bible reading, in which all participated. We have seven new members, and expect seven more before February."

Mrs. Morse writes from Sandy Cove, Digby County, Mission Band: "We have a membership of 30, and meet once a month after Sunday school. Last Sabbath evening we had a public meeting, which proved a success. The boxes were opened and found to contain \$4.50. The collection amounted to \$1.75. After the money was poured out Mr. Morse offered prayer, and I was encouraged to believe that that little offering would have the Master's blessing. We are now getting the little folk ready for another effort in March."

Cumberland County has two County Secretaries. A very interesting letter from Mrs. Christie, Anherst, must be reserved till our next issue. We give this one item.

An Aid Society with 14 members, was organized at Amherst Shore in January. Miss Nettie Lorne, President, Miss Ella M. Boohwell, Secretary.

Will all secretaries of Societies who may not have received the Annual Reports, please let me know? The number of Aid Societies is increasing, and for fear the supply of Reports might run short, the number sent to each Society was in most cases, lessened this year. However, there are still a few on hand.

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Pres. Soc., N. S.

We are anxious to have news from all the Mission Bands as well as Aid Societies, for the LINK. Tell us what you are doing in the way of raising extra money, and obtaining new members. Please remember that all communications must reach me, not later than 12th of the month, as the manuscript should be mailed to Mrs. Newman on 15th. Also, remember to write *only* on one side of the paper.

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