

MISSION BANDS, NOVA SCOTIA.

A note from the Provincial Secretary informs me that the letter, for the LINK, on Mission Bands in Nova Scotia, must reach the editor by the 12th of November. I supposed I had a week or more yet in which to gather items relating to the work. The time being limited, the news from Bands must of necessity be meagre.

On page 29, of October LINK, the following sentence may be found, "after 22 years of mission life, I am convinced that *no work pays so well as that for little children.*" From my somewhat lengthy experience in work for missions, in churches and Aid Societies, as well as Mission Bands, I am persuaded there is no effort pays so well, or is more important than among the young. A goodly number of the sisters are awaking to this fact. Many of our pastors' wives are becoming convinced of the need of early training if right results are to follow. As it has been said, "The offerings from churches depends largely on the interest taken in the work by the ministers," so I find, as a general thing, the interest in Mission Bands is largely dependent on the interest taken in them by the minister's wives.

Mrs. M. C. Higgins is moving in Band work in Hants County, which is evidenced by three Bands organized in the field over which her husband is pastor, upon which he entered a little more than a year since.

Our Associational Directors, and some of our County Secretaries are making efforts to establish Bands in churches and sections of churches, where it is possible so to do.

Miss F. Ellen, Secretary for Yarmouth, Co., has consented, in order to re-organize a Band at Pleasant Lake, to be leader, which takes her beyond the limits of her own church. Miss Crooke, Queen's Co., Secretary, works in three Bands, in two of which she is President.

There seems to be a growing interest in this work. Fourteen new Bands were reported at our Convention at Hebron, for the year; and since then five others have been launched and are moving out filled with new life.

There are now 90 Bands engaged in studying the world's need and their relation to that need; which may be expected, in after days, to bring forth a rich harvest in the kingdom of God.

As far as I am able to learn, the W. B. M. U. is the only Society which publishes lessons in leaflet form, for the use of Bands. These the leaders find very helpful.

A course of lessons are being prepared by Miss Etta J. Yuill; nine of which are on Foreign Missions, mainly relating to the Telugus. Three on Canadian Missions, the North-west, Grande Ligne and Maritime Missions, one on each. These leaflets are published at the very low rate of three cents per copy per year; which makes it possible, for even the poorest family to procure a

copy. So by little expense and study much knowledge may be obtained of our work and the people among whom we labor.

MRS. P. R. FOSTER,
Band Superintendent, N.S.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

Amount received and disbursed during Quarter ending October 31st 1902.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Rec'd fr Nova Scotia, W. M. A. S.	\$365 12	\$50 67	\$415 79
" " New Brunswick, "	190 86	12 00	202 86
" " P. E. Island, "	22 66	12 22	34 88
" " Tidings.....			12 88
" " Leaflets.....			12 74
" " Annual Reports.....			85
" " Photos.....			8 75
" " Annual Collection.....			48 70
			\$737 45

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Paid Trea. F. M. Board.....	\$2043 75
Printing Annual Reports.....	67 57
Postage.....	11 98
Printing Tidings or Leaflets.....	5 40
Mission Band L. M. Certificates.....	2 90
Miss McLaurin.....	15 00
Pro. Sec. Nova Scotia.....	10 16
" " New Brunswick.....	3 00
Recording Secretary.....	1 22
Asso. Director.....	2 00
Postage.....	3 20

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Amherst, Oct. 31st, 1902.

LETTER FROM BOBBILI.

Dear Sisters:

As my last letter reached home a few days too late to be printed in the number for which it was written, and so had to lie over for half a year before it was printed, I am commencing this somewhat earlier. I see in that letter that we had just had an examination before I wrote it; and now we have another. It came two months earlier this year than last, so we have had only nine months instead of eleven to prepare for it. But I believe it was a very successful examination. The inspectress, who stopped with us, confided to me that there were very few failures. We shall know more when we receive her pass list of pupils. To-night in our school prayer meeting I said, "How many of you have anything to thank the Lord for, and how many wish to thank Him for help during the examination?"