

Christian patience and resignation. We are thankful that others are coming in to take the place of those that are taken. At our February meeting we had two new members, with the promise of more as soon as the roads got better and the weather warmer. We realize that never before in the history of the church are there so many "open doors" for Christian work as now, in the closing year of the nineteenth century. We desire to have a share in winning India for Christ. Our great need is prayer and an unwavering faith in God.

Secretary.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—The W. M. A. S., of the Woodstock Baptist Church, held an Easter Thank-offering service on Tuesday evening, April 17th. Mrs. Martin, wife of our pastor, gave a very interesting and instructive Bible reading, and the pastor gave an address on mission work in the church. The other features of the programme were music, singing by the male quartette, and readings on the subject of missions. An offering was received during the session.

B. P. SHERWOOD, *Sec.*

MELVERN SQUARE.—It is my painful duty to convey the sad intelligence of the death of one of the most valued members of our Aid Society. Mrs. Henry Goucher was one of the first members, and since 1894, our beloved and faithful president. Timid and shrinking, as she thought on account of her lack of ability, yet never shirking the duties devolving upon her. We feel that her loss in the Church and Society are irreparable. Our numbers are few and we can ill spare so valuable and reliable a worker. We think it can truly be said of her, "she hath done what she could. Her memory in her home and community, are fragrant with good works and kindly sympathy. When death more than once entered her home, and made a severe trial of her faith in God, she patiently submitted, and could say: "Thy will, not mine, be done" Our Heavenly Father has decreed that our way to everlasting happiness, should be through the wilderness of affliction. May God comfort the sorrowing friends, left behind.

MRS J. T. BARSS, *Sec.*

WOLFVILLE, N.S.—Our Mission Band of "Willing Helpers" has recently had two experiences which may prove interesting or helpful if passed on to others. The first of these was a Mission Band concert, given not so much with the intention of instructing the audience on missionary subjects as of raising money to swell our Foreign Mission funds. A mixed programme was therefore arranged, and as many of the members as possible, secured to take part. The two choruses, "Daisy" and "Mother Goose," so kindly recommended by Miss Muir in the LINK, were obtained and used, adding much to the interest of the entertainment. Our friends proved true, and aided us by their presence, so that we were able to

realize eighteen dollars and ninety cents as the proceeds of the evening. This money is to help towards Mr. Morse's salary. The second event of interest took place at our last two regular Band meetings. At the first meeting it was proposed to see how much could be collected or earned by the members of the Band during the month as a donation to the Famine Fund. Quite a number of the young people were enthusiastic, and went to work with a will. Reports were brought in at the next meeting, telling how the moneys were obtained. This made a very interesting meeting indeed. Two boys and their little sister had denied themselves fruit and other luxuries at table, and handed in one dollar for the fund. Two little girls collected, cleaned, and sold bottles to the doctors in town, one of them handing in a dollar and a half, nearly all of which was earned in this way. Honorable mention is due to Ernest Barss, son of Rev. H. Barss, who collected in all the sum of fifteen dollars; and also to Jack Chipman and Allen Huntington who, by selling greens and collecting from friends, were able to add five dollars to the fund. The whole amount raised and reported at the meeting was twenty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents, and it is now on its way to the starving people of India. For these and all the many blessings of our Heavenly Father, in connection with our work, we would thank Him most sincerely, and gather strength for renewed effort.

A. E. F.—*Cor.-Sec.*

Young People's Department.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

BARDSVILLE.—Our plucky little Band at Bardsville, Muskoka, has again been heard from.

I wrote them that Miss Elliot had called them the "Banner Band," for although one of our youngest, they are supporting two students in India. In a letter received from their Sec. Master Wm. P. Green, he says, "We have decided to make some scrap books of Christmas cards, for India, I cannot say how many, but you may depend upon us for several, for it would not do for Miss Elliott's prize Band to fall short of the mark." This Band seems to be blessed with a model President, full of energy, originality, and best of all love for her self-imposed work.

SCOTLAND.—We have organized a Mission Band to meet the second Sunday in each month. Officers, Pres. Miss Alice Merrett; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Chittenden; Sec., Miss Edna Shverthorne; Treas., Miss Ada Smith.

ST. CATHARINES.—The "Gleaners Band" is making encouraging progress. The meetings are very interesting, and there are seventy one members on the roll. We divide our money equally between Home and Foreign Missions, and have decided to support a student in India. In case we