

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY OF THE DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—After listening to the many papers which have preceded this you will almost be ready to say "of writing of papers there is no end and many reports are a weariness to the flesh." Nevertheless, let me ask you again to join with us in praising God for all the way in which He has led this Society during 1892. Oversmooth and rough places have been our journey and many mistakes and missteps have sometimes caused us to lose sight of the watchword, "Be not weary in well doing." Strengthened however by the words of our Great Commander, "Only be thou strong and very courageous," we have in His name been able to accomplish more financially than in any previous year. Our monthly meetings have been regularly held, and fairly well attended. Sometimes dwindling to three and four and once increasing to the incredible number of forty-five, which can be accounted for in the following way: Last November by a request of our President who desired greatly to increase the interest in Mission Work, an invitation was sent to every lady member of our church and congregation, to attend an informal meeting and five o'clock tea in the vestry. Over forty responded and were very pleasantly and profitably entertained for two or three hours with Missionary intelligence and social conversation. The following month our attendance numbered six, but since then we can report an increase in interest as well as numbers which we hope will continue. Our membership at present is twenty-five, four less than last year. We raised for Foreign Missions, \$52.17; for Home Missions, \$23.74. Total amount for the year, \$75.85. An increase of over \$10.00 on last year, and more than \$70.00 on the first year's subscription. Our Mission Band known as "Willing Helpers" comprises the whole Sunday School. Collections are taken in most of the classes every Sunday but some members have their mite boxes at home and bring them at the end of the quarter. Since re-organization of the Band in 1889, (three years and a half,) we have raised \$231.16, being an average of \$16.51 per quarter. From every Woman's Aid Society all over the Maritime Provinces goes forth the cry, "Oh for some way to increase the attendance at our monthly meetings." If however every sister felt the success or failure, of the Missionary Enterprise depended upon her presence every month, would then be as many vacant seats? Our Father can carry on this work without any of us, but a great deal does depend upon the united earnest Christlike prayer of all the sisters in our churches and once a month is the only time we have the opportunity. Two visits of the death angel, sorrowfully reminded us this year of the necessity of redeeming the time, for silently in the 4th watch of the night came the message to one dear sister, "The Master has come and calleth for thee," and suddenly there was with the angels another of God's faithful servants added to the multitude of the Heavenly Hosts. Her influence rests as a benediction upon many who are left to carry on the work. Again a few months later an older sister heard the summons, and afterwards slowly and painfully foiling the turbulent river passed into the better land leaving those who remain listening to the soft sweet voice through Eden stealing, such as to be angels known, Hope's cheering voice is ever thrilling, "It is better farther on." Night and day it sings the same song, softly in an under tone, Singing as if God had taught her "It is better farther on." Every tick of the clock reminds one of the brevity of time and the never ending eternity and yet we seldom realize the sweet

thought that *now* is the only opportunity given in which to work for God. There are noble women doing God's own work in heathen lands. Though we cannot join their number,—we can reach some helping hand across the ocean vast and mighty. For its depths a prayer can cross. We can pray oh yes my sisters! Women always, all *must* pray; but remember that our praying must bear fruit from day to day. Let us heed the truthful saying by a monk whom God has led "He could seldom keep long vigils." *Working* was to pray he said.

## BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INFORMATION.

TO THE PRESIDENTS OF OUR MISSION CIRCLES.—The Corresponding Secretary has recently handed me for the Bureau, a number of papers written by Sisters of our Circles all over Canada, and by some of the Missionaries. These papers are very interesting and instructive, and will be of great help to you in preparing material for your Circle meetings. Good papers are often difficult to procure, they take time and study, requisites your ladies may be unable to bestow because of other urgent and legitimate claims. Then send 3c for one of the following and thereby secure a pleasant and profitable meeting.

1, Woman's Work in the Church for Foreign Missions; 2, Kesbub Chunder Sen; 3, Some Facts and Figures Concerning our Telugu Mission; 4, Madagascar; 5, The Hermansburg Mission; 6, Woman's Work in Missions; 7, The Telugu Mission; 8, Christian Activity; 9, Sketch of the W. M. A. Society of the Lower Provinces; 10, Christ's Dominion on Earth; 11, Africa; 12, Rivers of India; 13, Missionary Colloquy between Pleasure, Philanthropy, Missionary and Telugu; 14, Telugus and their Country; 15, Sketch of Telugu Mission; 16, Caste in India; 17, China and Her Mission Fields; 18, Lines on the Death of a Telugu Pastor; 19, Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting; 20, Why We Work; 21, Lutchee's Nose Jewel; 22, Some Inmates of an Indian House; 23, A Hot Day in India; 24, Telugu Land; 25, Reasons Why We Should Make the Missionary Meeting Interesting.

These Papers will take on an average five minutes to read. Numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17, will take ten minutes. Nos. 12, 21, 22, 23, 3 minutes. No. 2 is the life of a Hindu gentleman of renown. No. 5 The history of a Mission founded and stationed in Africa, by a small German village. Nos. 8, 10, 19, 20 and 25 are *not* dry. Nos. 4, 17 and 11 are full of interesting, well condensed matter. Nos. 7, 14, 15, 16 and 24, will be read with special interest, and *all* will repay reading.

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Missionaries often make queer mistakes in studying the languages of the people where they labor. Recently one in India startled the servants by ordering for breakfast a "boiled blind man" instead of "boiled eggs."