

Mrs. Gray came at the beginning of 1885 to work among the women. In the spring of 1896 she returned home to Canada for a well-earned rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford remained in charge of the Bimbi field until early in 1891, when Mr. Sanford's ill health compelled him to return home, and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morse, who had gone to India in the autumn of 1891, took charge of this mission field. — LILLIE P. MOUSE.

AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER OF THE W. R. M. U.
DURING QUARTER ENDING JAN. 31st, 1897.

| | F. M. | H. M. | Total. |
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| Rec'd from Nova Scotia W. M. A. S. | \$928 00 | \$128 22 | \$1056 22 |
| " " Mission Bands | 143 20 | 2 00 | 145 20 |
| " " Sunday Schools | 57 45 | 9 60 | 66 95 |
| " " New Brunswick W. M. A. S. | 420 20 | 46 71 | 474 91 |
| " " Mission Bands | 14 58 | | 14 58 |
| " " Sunday Schools | 31 63 | | 31 63 |
| " " P. E. Island W. M. A. S. | 89 80 | 11 80 | 101 60 |
| " " Mission Bands | 16 30 | 10 00 | 26 30 |
| " " Sunday Schools | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| " " British Columbia | 2 25 | | 2 25 |
| " " Annual Reports | | | 13 30 |
| " " Tidings | | | 10 95 |
| " " Request, Mrs. M. A. Ritchie, Everett, Mass. | | | 100 00 |
| | | | \$2130 91 |

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| Paid Rev. A. Cohoon, Treas. H. M. N. S. and P. E. I. | \$ 70 00 |
| " Mrs. Cox (salary) | 50 00 |
| " " J. W. Manning, Treas. F. M. B. | 1675 00 |
| " " H. E. Sharpe, Treas. N. W. M. and Indian work | 175 00 |
| " " Joseph Richards, Treas. G. L. M. | 100 00 |
| " " George Haley, Treas. H. M. Com. N. B. | 40 00 |
| " " J. A. Titus, Treas. H. M. N. B. Com. | 10 00 |
| " " Annual Reports | 14 00 |
| " " Wrapping, mailing and postage on same | 3 73 |
| " " Printing Tidings | 6 60 |
| " " George E. Day (printing) | 1 00 |
| " " Drafts, discounts, postage | 4 13 |
| | \$2188 36 |

MARY SMITH,
Treas. W. R. M. U.

AMHERST, Feb. 3rd, 1897.

FROM OUR MISSION BANDS.

The secretary of the Band at Westport, N. S., writes, that their Band comprises the whole Sunday School. Each class has a mission barrel which is opened every quarter. A public meeting is held quarterly. A change was made in December, and the meeting was held in the evening. A good programme was successfully carried out, and an offering taken which amounted to \$11.13. The barrels contained \$7.70.

Meadowvale, Kings Co., N. S., Mrs. Banks writes "Our Band is prospering fairly well. The children are becoming more interested in missions, and through them we hope to win the parents to the work."

A letter from Mrs. Cox, Provincial Secretary for N. B. says, that she has ceased visiting the Aid Societies for the winter. The work accomplished during the autumn we feel sure will bring glory to His name. Speaking of her work our sister says, "I thank Him for giving me some of His work, and some of his weariness to bear." Seventeen Aid Societies have been re-organized, and eleven new ones formed by our sister.

In January 1897, An Aid Society was organized at Stony Beach, Ann Co., by Mrs. I. W. Brown, County Secretary. Mrs. W. Armstrong, Pres.; Miss Hattie Porter, Agent for the Link.

St. Johns, N.B.—The Willing Workers of the German St. Baptist Church beg leave to submit the following report for the year 1896. Our Society has a membership of 34. The officers are as follows: Pres., Miss Alice Estey; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss Jean Estebrook; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. B. Bonnell; Sec., Florrie Rutherford; Treas., Mrs. Don Hunt; Chairman of Committees, Lookout, Miss Allingham; Work, Mrs. Lane; Social, Miss Ethel Estey. Receipts from various entertainments, dues, work, talent money, etc., \$226.06. Expenditures, \$191.35; \$50 was given to Rachel Malpuf's education at Grande Ligne, the student whom we support; \$25 towards the sinking fund of our own church; \$80 to Foreign Missions; \$25 towards the re-building of the New Glasgow Church which was burned; \$10 towards a fund educating a young man for the ministry. Hoping that in the coming year we may be blessed as in the past. I am yours in the work,

F. RUTHERFORD.

French Village, Halifax Co.—The request of Miss Amy E. Johnstone, to the Secretary of all Mission Bands, came to me through the *Messenger and Visitor*. I am glad to say our Band is getting on fairly well. Our President, Mrs. (Rev.) M. N. Brown, left us with the old year. Left us, to work for the Master in another part of the vineyard. We have now for our President, Mrs. Neil McDonald, an earnest worker for God and His cause. May the Lord ever be near her and strengthen her to do faithfully the work He has given her to do. The membership of the Band is not very large. The collections are small indeed; but He who fed the multitude from so small a supply of food, can by blessings increase our offering, however small, and make some soul rejoice in the knowledge of the saving powers of Jesus Christ.

Not to the strong is the battle,
Not to the swift is the race,
But to the true and the faithful,
Victory is promised through grace.

Hoping the Lord will bless our small effort for the advancement of His kingdom, I am yours in the work,
LOUISE HUBLEY.

HOW OUR MISSION BAND LEARNED TO PRAY.

Our band is composed of girls from fifteen down to seven years of age. We have wondered many times if any other Band has trouble getting its members to pray in the meetings, and I asked our leader, Miss Helen Campbell, about it one day. She answered: "Yes. I know some of the children are not willing to let their voices be heard in meeting, for the ladies who have charge of some of the Bands have talked with me about it. Suppose you write and tell the young people how we managed it, and may be they will all make it as easy as we did. I think it will do good if you give them our experience, and let them see that is not so very hard after all."

Well, one Sunday, about a year and a half ago, we girls were very much astonished to hear our minister read a notice from the pulpit to the effect that Miss Campbell would be glad to meet at her home the next Saturday all the girls of the church not already connected with the missionary society, that they might form themselves into a Mission Band. We were greatly excited over the notice, and we talked about it out of school.