

not want to be disturbed from their sleep of death. Yet Christ died for them. And we believe it to be His will that the comfort of the gospel be unto them, as well as unto us. Oh how it would take away the bitterness from their cheerless lives, if they knew a real, living sympathizing God. It certainly is not God's fault that their life and death is thus hopeless. Dare we say, sisters, it is not ours.

But what are the higher classes like? There is no class of people on the face of the earth as conceited as the Brahmins. They seem to say with each step they take "We are the people." Our munchis are Brahmins. They come to the Mission House to teach us in the morning. After they take leave they go to the tank and bathe. Then putting on different clothing, they are prepared to enter their homes. The clothes they wore at the Mission House are put away where no one need touch them. And why do they do this? Simply because they think by coming in contact with us they are defiled. One day I made some cookies. Thinking Mr. Gullison would like to sample them, I put a few on a plate and took them to his study. Wishing to be polite, I offered them to the munchi. He laughed and said, "I cannot touch them." I asked why. He answered, "Oh your cook made them, and we don't eat anything made by outcast people." I informed him that my cook had nothing to do with them, and that I made them myself. "But," says he, "I cannot eat them," and upon my inquiry as to the reason, he informed me that though my cook had not made these, he had made other things that I had eaten, and therefore it would defile him as much to eat what I had made as it would if the cook had made it. Don't you pity your poor unclean missionaries, sisters! Ah! the Brahmins are a haughty, proud lot. But their pride must have a fall. The day is coming when Brahminism, the mighty bulwark of Hinduism, must come to the ground. My munchi told me, not long ago, that government positions are now given to Christians in preference to Brahmins, even though the Brahmins are better educated. A cheer for the progress of Christianity, sisters.

Now I think this is a good place to close my letter. If I have written too much please write and let me know. We would be glad to get letters from you all. Praying Heaven's richest blessing upon you as you labor together with Him, I remain

Yours and His,

NETTIE B. GULLISON.

March, 1898.

STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER,

During Quarter ending April 30th, 1898.

	F.M.	H.M.	Total.
Received from Nova Scotia W. M. A. S.	\$103 76	8174 69	\$738 45
" " " " Mission Bands	78 77		78 77
" " " " Sunday Schools	84 57	12 25	46 82
" " " " New Brunswick W. M. A. S.	359 38	100 84	550 37
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" " " " Sunday Schools	25 72		25 72
" " " " P. E. Island W. M. A. S.	02 09	21 60	118 69
" " " " Mission Bands	22 39		22 39
" " " " B. Y. P. U., Nova Scotia	9 00		9 00
" " " " Junior Union	5 60		5 60
" " " " Donations	6 00		6 00
" " " " Tidings	11 71		11 71
" " " " Annual Reports	8 85		8 85

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Paid Cor. Sec., postage from Sept., 1895.	7 58
" Printing Bur. Lit. Catalogues	2 59
" Pro Sec., New Brunswick	15 00
" " Nova Scotia (postage)	5 00
" County Secretaries	1 75
" Printing Tidings	7 25
" J. W. Manning, Treas. P. M. B.	1300 25
" J. Richards, " G. L. M.	102 11
" J. B. Titus, " N. B. H. M.	121 60
" H. E. Sharpe, " N. W. M.	101 19
" A. Cohoon, " N. S. & P. E. I.	104 05

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MARY SMITH,

Treas. W. M. A. U.

May 4th, 1898.

FROM OUR AID SOCIETIES AND MISSION BANDS.

THE W. M. A. Society of Mount Hanley, Ann Co., N. S., organized a Mission Band on Nov. 19, 1897. The number enrolled is seventeen. President, Miss C. I. Runway. Secretary, Miss Edith D. Armstrong.

MRS. KINLEY writes that a Mission Band was formed at Wine Harbour, Guys Co., in March, with nine members. President, Mrs. John Kennedy; Secretary, Miss Maggie Kennedy.

WE welcome all these new members to a share in the privilege of learning about the promised Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and also to the privilege of winning souls for that Kingdom. *Prof. S.*

SYDNEY, C. B.—A letter from Mrs. Arnold Severance a few weeks ago brought the good news that a Mission Band had been organized at Fourchu, on the 15th of March, with thirteen members. A nice letter from their Secretary yesterday gives me some further particulars. The Band has chosen the name of "Cheerful Givers." Officers: President, Mary L. Severance; Vice-Pres., Laura B. Cann. Secretary, Frances M. Severance; Treasurer, Mary T. Severance. The membership has increased to seventeen, and more are expected to join at the next meeting. Both boys and girls belong to the Band. The meetings are held once a month, and they say they like them so well they wish they came oftener. The children have chosen as their Leader, Mrs. Arnold Severance, through whose efforts, I believe, the Band was organized, and who is entering very heartily into the work. May the Master's richest blessing be upon her and all the officers and members of the Cheerful Givers Mission Band. *SADIE HARRINGTON.*

GASPÉREAU.—I am sorry that your very interesting letter has remained so long unanswered. Our Superintendent read it to the Mission Band, and our hearts rejoiced to hear of so many coming to Jesus in poor benighted India. How encouraging this must be to the missionaries there. Our Band progresses favorably. We meet the 2nd Sunday in every month, and our meetings are usually very interesting. Membership seventy-one, about forty of these are children. Quite a number of the parents are members, and frequently encourage us by their presence. I fear that we do not contribute as freely as we might to the cause of missions, and think we must devise some way of doing better. During the year we have contributed to Foreign Missions, \$8.22. Our present Superintendent is Mrs. Freeman Coldwell. *ETHEL HUNTER, Sec.*

NORTH BROOKFIELD.—I notice by Tidings your request to "Mission Bands," and as we have made a change in our officers, will send the addresses. Pres., Mrs. G. C. Crable; Sec.-Treas., Miss Maud Freeman. Name of Society "Hopeful." Our Band seems to be doing good work, all are deeply interested in the work, and we hope to show our interest by sending more into the Treasury this year than ever before. We hold our meetings on the 1st Thursday afternoon in each month. At our last meeting we told in rhyme how we earned our dues, it was very helpful to the children, giving them an idea of what they could do by a little self-denial and push. We would like to hear from other Bands. I think it would be a good plan for Bands to correspond; tell each other our modes of work, and thereby increasing our zeal. We are trying to realize the importance of the work, and to impress upon their youthful minds this thought, that God wants the children to work for Him, for they are the hope of the future.

MRS. A. G. MORTON.