

homes. May the Lord Himself teach and prepare them for service.

Our need still continues to be more Bible women to enter the open doors. Sometimes it seems most mysterious that such a demand should arise with apparently no provision made for its supply by our Heavenly Father. But He knows why—we await His will, at the same time making our requests known unto Him."

And now, with these glimpses into the life and work of our missionaries, their hopes and their heartaches, their joys and their sorrows, their unflinching cheerfulness and their trust in the ultimate triumph of the Christ message, are we not moved to more faithful and loyal support of those who have gone forth bearing the precious seed? If we have not done all we could in the past, are we willing to let the Spirit teach us our part? "How much owest thou?"

The General Board reports a great shortage in funds and unless there is a very generous response within the next few days a serious "cut" may have to be made on the work in India. If we are not able to fulfil our obligations we will be only adding another burden to that under which the Board is already struggling.

May the constraining love of Christ stir our very souls and constrain us to help avert the calamity that this "cut" would mean in India.

"Stir me, oh, stir me, Lord, till all my heart,  
Is filled with strong compassion, for these souls.  
Till thy compelling 'must' drives me to pray,  
Till thy constraining love reach to the poles,  
Far north and south in burning deep desire,  
Till East and West are 'caught in Love's great fire."

Respectfully submitted,

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## Mission Band Report.

Dear Sisters of this Convention,—In presenting my report for this year I am fully conscious of its many deficiencies and the lack of completeness of my work, owing partly to my short acquaintance with the duties of my office, but I crave your sympathy and hope for better results next year. I have written in all 96 letters to Bands and to individuals, receiving in return information which has enabled me to better understand the working of these Bands than I could otherwise have done.

Five new Bands have been organized—at Onanbruck Centre, Waterville, Dixville, Arnprior, and a very unique one which a little maiden, Grace Hislop, by name, having heard of Band work at the Association held in Sherbrooke, determining to have one of her own, began with herself as the only member, and at once putting aside her pennies in a mite-box, to be used for her mission work. At her mother's suggestion the Band was to receive the name of Grace Band, and members of the Bible class taught by her mother were invited to join this missionary effort.

Twenty-five Bands have returned reports; of these two gave no account of money raised, one was uncertain of the amount, and two had not yet appropriated the money. The total attendance in 19 Bands was 719, eighty being the largest number in any Band, and twenty the lowest. The amount subscribed for Foreign Missions was \$306.12, and for Home Missions, including Grande Ligne and all Western Missions, \$283.82, a total of \$539.94, an average of about \$23 per Band, and an increase of \$151.04 over that reported last year.

The largest amount contributed by any one Band was \$34.50, while the least was \$5.00.

Eight Bands gave less than last year by a total of \$71.56, and six Bands gave more by a total of \$72.45.

One Band sent its contributions to work in China, one used funds for its own church purposes, while two others sent a portion to city missions, and one sent their offering direct to India.