

prevailing, such as is common at that season of the year, but not common at New Year's. Hence it was proposed to make the god of sickness think that he had mistaken the time of year, and so had sent the epidemic at the wrong season. Therefore, on September 1st, they pretended that it was the first day of the New Year, the festivities appropriate to that season were begun, the crackers fired, and the placards of red paper were displayed. The authorities co-operated in the attempted cheat, and the people thought that they should thus get the better of the divinity."

BAY VIEW, P. E. I., March 17, 1894.

Dear Sister Johnson,—I have just arrived home from a two weeks' visit on the western part of the Island among the women of our Baptist Churches, trying to interest them in missionary work. I visited Tyne Valley, West Devon, O'Leary, Alberton and Summerside. I hope soon to have good reports from Tyne Valley. When Miss Wright and I visited them we organized an Aid Society; not much has been done yet, but I am hoping better for the future. We had a good prayer-meeting with the sisters; then I spent two days visiting among the friends at West Devon. Sorry I could not see all the sisters; some were sick and could not come to the meeting. I tramped round on very bad roads, got ten out, had a very good meeting, which opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer from most of the sisters present. As they had never had an A. S., we organized, with Mrs. A. Morshead, President; Mrs. Palmer, Vice-President; Miss H. Adams, Secretary; Mrs. Le Guff, Treasurer. The sisters are poor but are willing to do what they can for the Master. I received two subscriptions for the LINK; then by train I visited O'Leary. Here I was very much disappointed, it being the third time and found no A. S. working. I started out in the morning on foot and called at every house for nearly three miles, some of them quite a distance from the road; did not get to see as many as I wished, the hour for our meeting having been fixed for 2 o'clock. The Aid Society here had gone down, but we reorganized, and elected the following officers: Mrs. James Gray, President; Mrs. P. Seliker, Vice-President; Mrs. R. Smallman, Treasurer, and Mrs. D. Seliker, Secretary; received two subscriptions for MISSIONARY LINK. I next visited Alberton (also the third time), and found they had given up their meetings and collections for missions; they have been for some time without a pastor. At present they have a student from Academy. Here also I reorganized, with Mrs. Fred. L. Rogers, President (she is from Amherst, N. S., from Mr. Steel's church, a young woman just come among them); Mrs. Hardy, Vice-President; Miss Lillia Bennett, Secretary; Mrs. D. Gray, Treasurer; here I received four subscriptions for the LINK. Travelling being so bad, I could not visit Springfield or Alma, but heard they were doing good work. On the way home, visited Summerside; the members here are alive. They have had quite an addition to their Church and hope to add to their A. Society. The Society in Cavendish is getting more and more interested in mission work. Our last subject for study was China. We

find the *Tidings* very helpful in bringing us the latest news from our mission field.

Believe me, ye fellow workers,

MRS. J. C. CLARK.

## FROM THE AID SOCIETIES AND MISSION BANDS.

AMHERST, N. S.—A sister writes: "One of our good deacons (J. M. Layton) did himself the honor of making his two daughters, Mrs. Hibbert Pipes and Mrs. Burnett Kalston, life members of our W. B. M. U., and thus enriching the funds of our F. M. Treasury to the extent of fifty dollars. It was certainly very pleasing to these sisters to be the recipients of such a gift and very gratifying to the women of our society. With grateful hearts they thanked the Lord who had incited our brother's heart to this noble deed. Our brother said he had intended doing this for his daughters, by leaving it in his will to be had when he was gone; but feeling the cause needed the money so much now, concluded to give it at once, and so have living enjoyment from it. This makes three life members from this family this year—the mother and two daughters."

WEST JEDDORE writes that they are getting along fairly well. The meetings at times are very interesting.

BELMONT, N. S.—A S. S. Teacher writes to our treasurer: "Enclosed, please find \$14.66 from my S. S. class to be appropriated as follows: N. W. Missions, \$9.91; Foreign Missions, \$4.00; Home Missions, 75c. Mrs. Gunn goes on to say that one year ago she gave her class of twelve little girls, varying in age from eight to thirteen years, ten cents each to be used by them for one year. At the end of the year the amount gained was to be given to missions as each wished. Maggie Lightbody bought materials and made a pin wheel, filling it with pins and selling it for fifteen cents, with this she bought materials for an apron, which she made and sold for twenty-five cents. Then she made fancy flowers of tissue paper, and so on, till she had four dollars. The others made pin wheels, pin cushions, aprons, dish-towels, sofa pillows, and candy. Each commenced in a very small way, but by perseverance accomplished so much. The best of all is that six of these workers are Christians." No wonder that teacher closes thus: "I wish you could have seen the satisfaction which beamed in their faces as they handed me the money; it really seemed 'willing service' to the Master. I thanked God for what He had done for them. I do think there are hundreds of little girls in our Maritime Provinces who could do likewise if they set about it and be a means of gathering a great deal for the Lord's treasury. Five out of these six little girls have been converted since receiving the ten cents."

ACADIA MINES, N. S.—Our Society is at present very small, but the interest continues good. We hold our meetings regularly the first of each month, and are using the programme given in the LINK. We find it very helpful as far as we are able to carry it out. In roll-call each sister responds with a verse of Scripture