

Mrs. Archibald proposes to spend two months among the Aid Societies this summer. She and Miss Wright will, we trust, be present at the Associational and Annual gatherings.

The LINK taking a holiday in August, the yearly meeting will be passed before the next issue reaches our readers. Will our Secretaries of all Aid Societies and Mission Bands remember how important it is that the blank circulars should be filled out and returned to the Provincial Secretary of the Province. They should be in her hands not later than the middle of July.

Nova Scotia this year sends her blank circulars to the County Secretary, who distributes them, and makes out her report from them. The Provincial Secretary in turn making her report from that of the County Secretaries.

We believe this is as it should be, but the doing it has been delayed because some of our Counties are minus a Secretary.

However, it is better to make a beginning, and those Counties who have no County Secretaries will receive their blank forms as usual and return them as usual to the Provincial Secretary, Miss A. E. Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.

Miss M. E. Davies, Charlottetown, Prov. Secy. for P. E. I.

Mrs. Emmerson, Dorchester, Prov. Secy. for N. B.

Approximate populations of our mission fields. Bimlipatam, 105,000; Bobbili, 260,000; Chicacole, 1,050,000; Visianagram, 285,000. To meet the needs of these, we have on the field at present four missionaries and their wives, and one unmarried lady missionary! Among *seventeen millions!* Think of it; and souls are daily going down to death who might be saved did we send the news. About twenty-five thousand Baptist women in these Maritime Provinces. About four thousand in our Aid Societies?

Does not this word come to us: "Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, This people say, the time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house to lie waste? Now, therefore, thus saith the Lord of Hosts, consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

One paragraph gives in a few lines the whole African heathenism, the most utterly dismal and comfortable in the world. "Only gradually does the deadly atmosphere of heathenism dawn upon one. Lust, as strong, perhaps in some ways stronger, than with ourselves, has nothing to check it. There broods oppression on a petty scale, with tragic burnings and poisonings, fear of lions, or sudden night attacks and murder of a mother or near relative, who has been half the little world of life, things that leave the child an old man in heart, out off from our comfortable security."

A missionary in Siam, speaking of Buddhism, says: "The further we penetrate in this system for good fruits, for justice, love, mercy, and purity of heart and life, the more are we convinced of the utter rottenness and deadness of the whole structure. There is no living intercessor. Suffering humanity may cry for help, but nothing ever disturbs the repose of Buddha, or turns his heart with quick throbs of love and pity. He cannot

stretch out his hand to save. Question a Buddhist as to his future state, and he says, "It is all dark!" "I have studied many religions," said one to a missionary, "and I have found no god that loves as your God loves."

The Laos are a hardy and industrious race, who inhabit five or six small kingdoms north of Siam. They number between one and two millions. They have no Bible translated into the Laos language, but one of the missionaries was in the United States last year, having a complete font of type made, at a cost of about \$1,000, and it is hoped the Gospel will soon be given the Laos in their own tongue.

TO THE W. M. A. SOCIETIES OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Please remember that all money is to be sent direct to Mrs. Botsford Smith, Amherst, N. S.; and also, that the money should be sent to her quarterly, in order that all our obligations maybe fully met.

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