

DARTMOUTH, N.S.—In compliance with your request to be informed regarding the progress of work in our Mission Bands, we are glad to report a membership of 35 "Willing Little Workers," who are a great stimulus and encouragement in missionary activity. The officers for the present year are:—President, Mrs. Wm. J. Howard, who is indefatigable in all that pertains to the interests of the Band; Vice-President, Miss Eva Drater; Secretary, Luella Duckendorff; Treasurer, Beatrice Scott, and a Committee of Management to look after programmes, etc. Meetings are held monthly, at the home of the President and are devoted to the gaining of necessary intelligence, by means of readings, recitations, map exercises, singing, etc. The children are taught to labor after their own programme to a large extent, and, with the exception of the President, to fill the offices necessary to the working of the Band. This they do very creditably.

Last Sunday evening (the 14th inst.) the church was more than filled, and the large audience was treated to a concert given by the Band, which was pronounced an unqualified success. The knowledge and interest in mission work evinced by the children might well cause those now advanced in years to "look to their laurels," lest they be found lacking in the Master's work. An excellent programme was admirably rendered, a very pleasing feature of which was the sweet singing by a chorus of juvenile voices, which so plentifully interspersed the various exercises.

Proceeds from mite boxes and collections, \$18.65, which, in view of the short time since the inception of the Band, was exceedingly gratifying and bespeaks a real interest on the part of the members of the Band.

As the sweet young voices rang out so earnestly in the closing hymn, many felt that it must indeed mean, ere long, "The whole wide world for Jesus." Could but all our churches be brought to realize the importance of training the children to do their part, while their sympathies are so easily drawn out and their zeal and enthusiasm so contagious, as to be a constant stimulus to others more indifferent to the needs of the heathen world.

That God's blessing may rest upon all our Mission Bands and that He may greatly intensify our interest in this work, until they shall become indeed a mighty power for God, is our sincere desire and prayer.

"WILLING WORKERS."

OSBORNE, N.S. The W. M. A. S. of this church met at the parsonage at its February Session, a large number present. Two new members added to our list. As a Society we have every reason to thank God and take courage. We have some very earnest workers. Our officers are filled with missionary zeal and are doing a grand work. Efforts are being put forth to awaken a deeper interest in the work of missions in this County, and success is crowning every effort. Sisters Thos. Williams, County Pres., and N. B. Dunn, with Pastor Dunn, all of Osborne, visited Shelburn town in the fall, and held a public meeting which did much to help the mission cause there. The Society there is small. The Osborne Society numbers 29 members, among them the pastor. Our great aim is to interest the sisters in this grand work, and we are in a measure succeeding. We endeavor to make our meetings so interesting, that when a sister visits one, she invariably comes again. Our County organization meets quarterly, and these gather-

ings have been very helpful in promoting the welfare of the cause. Our County Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Brown, has been one of the chief instruments in God's hands, of bringing about the change so apparent in missionary effort in this County.

Mrs. N. B. DUNN.

CENTREVILLE.—Dear Sister,—I will write you a few lines to tell you how our Society is prospering. You know when you organized three years last October, we had five sisters only; we have not increased in numbers, as we wish, we have ten members at present; we always have our monthly meetings, which are made interesting, and we trust profitable, by each sister taking some part; we know that God does bless us in our efforts.

The Centreville W. M. A. S. met at the home of sister, Mrs. W. Bruce, on Wednesday, February 10th. Meeting opened with singing, reading of Scripture and prayers for our missionaries. We were much pleased to have a call from Rev. J. H. King, who gave us an account of his work in Regina; also of the work of Henry Prince, which was very interesting; he then spoke of the desire of having the Societies of Annapolis to raise Miss Newcombe's salary; the sisters agreed to do what they could towards it. After the reading of *Tidings* and other letters the meeting closed with prayer by several sisters.

The sisters of the Society organized a Mission Band in December, with a membership of 17; we now have 30 boys and girls; we hope by interesting the children to get the parents interested, and that much good will be accomplished by the children as they grow to be men and women.

May God bless our Mission Band.

Mrs. W. MESSINGER.

#### FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

A letter from Mrs. Armstrong, President of the Society at Stoney Creek, Ann County, gives the following list of the newly elected officers:—President, Mrs. M. E. Armstrong; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. T. Mills; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Porter; Secretary, Miss Hattie McBride; Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Winchester; Auditor, Miss Carrie McRae. The meetings will be held on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in the month.

#### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN KOREA.

In a letter written by Mrs. Bishop, dated Seoul, Nov. 2, which appears in the *New York Independent*, she says:—

"I confess that I feel very sad about the prospects for Korean work, unless the Church awakes to a sense of what the situation really is. In the three years of travel now drawing to a close, I have visited over one hundred mission stations, and am not conscious of having felt a greater preliminary interest in the work at one than at another. But I am bound to say that the needs of Korea, or rather the openings in Korea, have come to occupy a very outstanding place in my thoughts, and I should not be justified in withholding my view of them.

"The Pyong Yang work, which I saw last winter, and