

We feel it is desirable to procure our funds by cheerful giving, but we have found it almost impossible to rely altogether upon what may be freely given, and are obliged to resort to other methods. On the seventh of this month, we held a public meeting. Our primary object was to create a greater interest in missions, and a very interesting programme was arranged. One of the chief features of the evening was a debate upon the advisability of abandoning all missionary work, at home and abroad. Many earnest and eloquent appeals were made on behalf of the various mission fields and the result was in favor of mission work in all lands. Our collection that evening amounted to \$7.95, and proceeds of sale of refreshment to \$15.42, \$5.52 of which belongs to the "Willing Workers" who brought homemade candy and sold it in little boxes of their own making. In spite of many discouragements, we are looking forward to the months of work before us, and are hoping and praying for an increase of interest in the work of missions both home and foreign.

NEWS FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

CANARD, Kings Co., N.S., writes of a meeting held on H. M. Day (January 15th) with good results. The Society has done much to awaken a deeper interest in Missions, and in stirring the hearts of the workers to renewed energy in the great work of saving souls. The Roll Call is used, and adds great interest. Since the society was reorganized a year ago, fifteen members have been added. A map has been obtained and several map lessons have been of great benefit. Miss A. A. Veysey, secretary of the Aid Society at Woodstock, N. B., writes that they had given \$18.00 the first of the year for Home Missions, so on the Day of Prayer for Home Missions their collection was but \$1.50. This is however a good showing in two months.

LAWRENCETOWN, Annapolis Co. - We feel certain that we have entered upon the most prosperous year in our Society since it was organized nearly nine years ago. The first meeting of this year was well attended and very encouraging for not only did those present manifest great earnestness in this work of missions but our ranks were strengthened by the addition of one sister and we learn that more will soon swell the number. The Secretary's report showed that the present membership is 24 and that during the past year we raised \$24.31 for Foreign Missions, and \$8.35 for Home Missions. We feel to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into His harvest. - J. M. NEWCOMB, Secretary.

WANT of space forbids the extended account of the Annual Meeting of the W.M.A. Societies of Halifax and Dartmouth, which was held in the Dartmouth Church the end of January, and for which we had taken notes. Suffice to say it was one of our best meetings, and it is not too much to say that we only wish it were possible to have every address given that evening printed in leaflet form for distribution. We subjoin two of the Reports regretting that the one from the North Church has not reached us.

THE 22ND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMANS' MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HALIFAX. - We regret that our Society has so little of interest to report this year. Our monthly meetings for prayer have been held regularly with but two exceptions

when the weather was stormy. Though these have not as a rule been largely attended the few who have faithfully met together, can truly say that they have always received a blessing by going. This being the Carey Centennial the chief thought that occupied the minds of the Society was how to raise more money for missionary purposes, and how to get a greater number of the sisters of the church to take an interest in the Society. Surely when we have such a large number of female members in the church, we should have more than 60 in our Woman's Missionary Aid Society. Did not our dear Lord say "Go out into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?" And if we cannot go ourselves (our duty lying at home), is not the command just as binding on us? Should we not do all we can by giving as the Lord has blessed us. And meeting together to pray for those who have gone so nobly forth at the bidding of the Master far from home, friends and native land. Oh what a little, what a very little we do to hasten that glad day. "When the Kingdoms of the world shall have become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ." Our officers for the ensuing year are: - President Mrs. Saunders, 1st Vice President Mrs. Chute, 2nd Vice President Mrs. A. Smith, Treasurer Mrs. L. Hart, Secretary Miss F. Parker. Our Treasurer reports: - Number of members in the Society, sixty; number of Links taken nineteen, Home and Foreign Missionary money \$63.00. - Secretary E. J. FRASER.

REPORT OF TABERNACLE AID SOCIETY, HALIFAX, FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN DECEMBER 1892. - Another year has passed since we sent our first greeting to our sister societies. As we look back over the battles fought and the victories won we thank God and take courage. Thank Him that some degree of success has attended our efforts in waking up an increasing interest in both Home and Foreign Missions. We take courage because His promises are sure and as broad as our needs. If we could only get the wants of our Home and Foreign Fields so interwoven into the fibre of our being that every heart throb would tally with an effort for the uplifting of our down-trodden sisters in India, and give the Gospel to the destitute at home, then would our conduct comport with our Creed of Consecration to Christ; the wilderness and solitary place would soon be made glad, and all complaint of lack of interest in the work be a thing of the past. We are much pleased with the idea of giving fifteen minutes in each meeting to Home Missions. The Sisters of our Society are in full sympathy with Home Mission work; this could not be otherwise as some of our members came from country fields that are to-day destitute of Pastoral labor and as our thoughts go back to home and friends still dear, we long to have them enjoy the privileges of the Gospel that are so dear to ourselves. At our last annual meeting, the beloved President of our Union as well as Sister Archibald were with us; since then they have each been called to enter more immediately upon the work in different spheres and our prayers go with them for successful issues. As we enter upon a new year of work, our heart's desire is that God's blessing may rest upon all our efforts and that the inspiration given to all during the centennial year just closed may not only follow us through this year, but through all coming life. During the year we have forwarded \$37.71 for Home Missions and \$26.50 for Foreign Missions, Total \$64.21. Number of MISSIONARY LINKS taken 10. Number of sisters in the society 49. - MRS. THOMPSON, Secretary.