

and tell the old old story seemed to him the greatest calamity.

How kind His Master was! Our first thought when the news reached us. "Bro. McKennie dropped suddenly dead,"—was, he has had his wish, not one idle moment, but swift and sudden from the work here to the presence and richer service of His King's.

Servant of God well done, and may we who remain follow thee, as thou didst follow Christ.

A. E. J.

The quarterly meeting of the Aid Societies of Halifax and Dartmouth was held Nov. 5th with the Cornwallis St. Church. A larger number than usual were present. Sister McCarree presided, and after the usual devotional exercises, an interesting letter from Mrs. Sanford was read by Miss Seldon. We were glad to learn that Mrs. Sanford was improving in health, and earnestly pray that she may be fully restored.

Miss de Preacor had also been ill, but she too was recovering. Letters were also read from the Home field from Miss Jackson and Miss Vienoffe.

The Secretary reported as a result of some meetings held during October, the addition of four Societies and a total of eighty-four members to the Union. Seven new Societies had been formed since August.

The Treasurer's report for the quarter ending October 31st, 1889, showed that there had been received from—

N. S., F. M. \$323 16; H. M. \$7 00	\$330 25
N. B., F. M. \$135 81; H. M. \$8 30	144 11
P. E. I., F. M. \$4064; H. M. \$7 31	47 95
Missionary Bands in Nova Scotia	23 25

Total \$545 56

There had been paid to

Treasurer F. M. Board	\$ 504 15
Property at Vizianagram	2000 00
Mr. Doolittle, North West	100 00
Grand Ligne	50 00
A. Cahoon, Treas., H. M. Board	39 69
Baptist Book Room	17 02
Printing Reports	64 15
Sundries	5 50

Making a Total of \$2 781 41

Part of this sum was, of course, money on hand, but it will be seen that not enough has come in this first quarter to pay our indebtedness to the F. M. Board. This, of course, will be made up during this second quarter, but will the Treasurers of our Societies see to it that, as far as possible, payments are made promptly every quarter.

The first quarter always shows less sent in than any other; many of our Societies not beginning their work until the second quarter.

Last year we had several special contributions of one hundred dollars, which helped to swell the amount of our treasury; but as we heard a missionary say yesterday at a Presbyterian Church, "Do not depend upon extra contributions and legacies."

"After all it is the regular, systematic giving of the little, the two, and the four cents a week, that tells in the long run.

A. E. J.

Dartmouth, N. S.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The ladies' meeting held on Thursday last in the Baptist school room, was one of special interest, and deserves

more than an ordinary notice. There was a much larger audience than generally gathers to missionary meetings, and the presence of our visitors from Falmouth added greatly to the enjoyment of all present.

The time set for the meeting was half past-three, but on account of the train being two hours and a half late, we did not commence until half-past four, and at ten minutes to five our long-looked for missionary entered the room. Miss Fitch was accompanied by her sister Mamie. After addresses by Mrs. Shaw of Falmouth, and Mrs. Nalder, Miss Fitch gave us a most earnest and impressive address. She spoke of the many years of her Christian life that she was sleeping a deep sleep, and she did not dare to arouse and give herself unconditionally up to God's service; in case it might mean making too great a sacrifice, but about a year ago she felt constrained to make a complete surrender of herself to God to do anything, or to go anywhere, and she heard His voice calling her to work for Him in the land of the Telugus. Now she was so glad and happy to go it was not a sacrifice, but a great pleasure, and she hoped soon to see many more following her to work among the heathen women. Her address was listened to with eager attention by all, and she won herself a warm place in our hearts. The meeting gave a promise to our sister that she should be remembered in the prayers of those present, by each rising from her seat. Thus she is comforted and strengthened, as she knows she is not alone and upheld in her new sphere of labor and trial.

After this service was closed, an invitation was extended for all to assemble in the upper room, where the ladies had prepared to entertain the visitors as well as themselves with tea and coffee and all the numerous etc., for which this part of Nova Scotia is famed. A very pleasant and sociable time was enjoyed, about forty having accepted the invitation, as we all felt glad to have this opportunity of a personal chat with our missionary and visitors. Miss Fitch had an appointment to speak to the Hantsport Society in the evening, and again the train was late.

The above is kindly contributed by a friend who was present.

Sixth Annual Report of Mission Bands.

I should like to impress upon the delegates present, the necessity of taking greater interest in the work of Mission Bands. It will be readily seen from the report now being read, the value of the service which Bands properly organized and interested, can render to the cause we all have at heart.

It is of no little importance that the children have something to engage the attention of heart and mind other than that which usually interests childhood. Mission Bands looked at, from even the lower ground, give wholesome food for mind and heart.

Apart from this, the money raised for Missions amounts in the aggregate to a considerable sum. Even the reports received this year show the amount of \$1,004.92 raised by the little ones.

But perhaps the greatest value of Mission Band work is in the training it gives to those who, in the following years, must take the places of those who are engaged in the larger work of to-day. We ought to view with great satisfaction the fact, that children all over the country are being trained in missionary methods, as well as having mind and heart brought into contact with missionary information.

I regret that my report this year, also must be given to you in an incomplete form. Either the methods used are inadequate, or there has not yet been sufficient interest awakened. My plan has been to correspond with the Associational Directors, who in turn, correspond with the Bands, in their respective districts. This plan this year, has brought