

NEWS FROM BANDS.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.—I have pleasure in saying that our Mission Band is prospering.

We have forty-one members and nearly all attend the meetings when possible.

We had it reorganized last October and since then there has been more interest manifested in it than formerly. Our President, Mrs. Morton, is very much interested in the work and makes the meetings very interesting.

A while ago we had a basket sociable and fancy sale in which we made thirty-nine dollars, twenty-five of which we spent in making our minister's wife a life member of the "Woman's Missionary Aid Society," and the remainder we divided equally between the Famine Fund and Home Missions.

The last of January we sent ten dollars to Mr. Morse, and we still have some in the funds.

Hoping that through our efforts some good may be done, I remain yours sincerely,

MAUDE FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

HARMONY, N. S.—*Dear Miss Johnstone:* In answer to the request you made in your letter to our Band, I will endeavour to tell you a little about what we are doing. Nearly two years ago our dear friend, Mrs. Gullison, organized a number of Mission Bands in the Church, and ours, "Busy Workers," was among them. At that time there were sixteen members, which has since increased to the number of fifty-five. We meet every fortnight, on Friday afternoons. We take up a collection at every other meeting. Sometimes we have real interesting meetings, the average attendance being about twenty-eight. Mite boxes opened every three months. The W. M. A. S. plan to give a public missionary meeting every month, when it comes to this section the M. B. take the principal part of entertainment, collection going to the W. M. A. S. On special days, such as Christmas and Easter, we try to have something special in honour of the day. Last Christmas we had a Xmas tree, which, by the way, was loaded with presents, and a little extra entertainment. A few of the girls trimmed the church with evergreen—a surprise to the rest.

Mrs. Gullison's letters always liven up the meetings and are welcomed by an increased attendance. There is always some encouragement in them for each member of her Band. The Band is desirous of taking up her support as special mission work.

We are planning on giving an open Band meeting in May, and would like very much to have you send more copies of the dialogues you sent before.

We remember you speaking to us last summer, and we greatly hope that you may come again. Thanking you for the kind encouragement expressed in your letter, and hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

HELEN I. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

RIVER HEBERT.—We are pleased to report favorably in reference to our meetings. Although they are not largely attended owing to the members being widely separated, yet we who do attend regularly feel that we derive a great blessing by so doing.

Recently we held a Birthday Party at the home of one sister who is 84 years of age. She spoke words of cheer and comfort, and is always ready to respond to any extra call in the mission work. We realized over \$10 at the meeting.

Our Mission Band, too, is very interesting and is steadily growing.

We trust and believe that in a very few years the "Child" will have changed places with the "Mother."

Young People's Department.

BROADVIEW.

The door bell rings!

Why, Mrs. Friend, how are you? And the latter is ushered into Mrs. Hilltop's elegantly furnished parlor.

Settled at last—well, how thankful you must be, especially in such a home and pleasant surroundings.

Yes, replied Mrs. Hilltop, our hopes are realized, and the girls now feel equal in position to their many companions, which, of course, you are aware, are among the best society in town.

Our church people are far behind the times, and where we lived before we were forced to associate with them, but it is real select here, and in every respect to our liking. Have you heard the name of our new residence?

No, replied Mrs. Friend, (full of mingled thoughts over what she had listened to,) I have not heard what you have chosen.

"Broadview," said Mrs. Hilltop, with evident pride, and do come with me to the observatory and you will find how appropriate the name is.

Oh, what a delightful view, beyond all description, said Mrs. F.

Yes, I know it would charm you, Mrs. Friend, you see what a difference it makes to get a "Broadview" of things. When we lived in the valley we were narrowed to monotonous scenes, and seldom thought beyond it; now all is changed, and we breathe a different atmosphere. We wonder how we endured our former mode of living, perhaps it was bearable because we did not then realize what it meant to get higher up and enjoy these surroundings.

Really, Mrs. Hilltop, your remarks bring to mind so forcibly just what was talked over in our missionary meeting. Do tell, as I am too busy to attend anything in that line, and I cannot understand how I have suggested a train of thought kindred to what is discussed in missionary meetings.

Well, continued the visitor, (thankful for the opportunity,) we were bemoaning the small attendance and lack of interest among the majority of our church members, when some one remarked "what a change there would be if all only had the Bible view of these things, they would not limit their thought and strength within the circle of home surroundings."

How you talk, Mrs. Friend, for my part I have no desire to attend missionary meetings if it is a place where other people's duty is pryed into; in fact, I have always heard that it is much about what is done when ladies meet, naming over this one and that one, what they should do, etc. I prefer minding my own business, and wish they would.

Just what they do, "mind their own business," answered Mrs. Friend, nothing abashed, it is the true spirit of a missionary society not only to be interested themselves, but seek to enlist the sympathies and energies of others.

It must be disagreeable work, exclaimed Mrs. H., coldly. Did you feel it a task, asked Mrs. Friend, to show me up to this observatory?