

.. FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT ..

OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST

MISSIONARY UNION

OF THE

MARITIME PROVINCES.

1897-98.

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Constitution of the
Woman's Baptist Missionary Union
Of the Maritime Provinces.



I.

This organization shall be called "The Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces."

II.

The objects of this Union shall be the evangelization of heathen Women and children, and the prosecution of Home Mission Work.

For the better prosecution of the Foreign Missionary work of the Union :—The Union shall either in conjunction with and through the Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, or in any other manner, as shall seem to the Union, from time to time to be meet and advantageous (a) support and furnish facilities for work to Christian

women recommended by this Union, and designated on such recommendations by the said Board or the Convention as Missionaries, and (b) by supporting native teachers and Bible readers, (c) by aiding the Foreign Mission Board in the prosecution of mission work that may from time to time seem to this Union necessary.

And for the better prosecution of the Home Missionary work of the Union—shall raise funds through a Committee to be annually appointed for that purpose; or in any other manner howsoever, for work in the Maritime Provinces, or in the North-West and Manitoba or in both, as shall from time to time seem desirable to the Union, and shall hand the same over to the Home Mission Board to be by them expended in such way as the Union shall from time to time designate; or shall expend the money through any other channel, or in such other way as shall seem to the Union most desirable and best adapted to attain the object sought by the Union:

III.

The following shall be the membership of this Union:—

(a) Each Woman's Mission Aid Society shall be entitled to send to any meeting of the Union two of its members as delegates.

(b) The President and Secretary of any Mission Aid Society shall be members of the Union.

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(3) Any woman by the payment of twenty-five dollars at any time into the funds of this Union shall become **A Life Member.**

IV.

The Union shall annually elect a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, three Provincial Secretaries, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. These officers, together with twenty-four other members (six of whom shall retire each year in the order of their appointment,) shall constitute an Executive Board. Retiring officers and members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election. The Union shall also appoint annually a Committee whose duty it shall be to raise money in connection with the Aid Societies for Home Mission work, by whatever means deemed most desirable, provided there be no new organization. This Committee shall report annually to the Union.

V.

This Union shall meet annually at such time and place as the Convention meets, unless otherwise directed by the Union, to elect its officers, hear and pronounce upon the reports of the Executive Board, and transact the proper business of the Union accompanied by suitable religious exercises.

VI.

The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents and Auditor shall be those usually performed by such officers.

VII.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to obtain and diffuse missionary information among the women of the churches in order to awaken a deeper interest in the special work of this Union, and to secure funds for its accomplishment; to encourage the formation of Aid Societies; to seek out and recommend to the Foreign Mission Board suitable women for missionaries; to choose from the annual estimates of the missionaries as endorsed by the F. M. Board, such objects for support as are in agreement with our Constitution, and recommend to the Society at its annual meeting for approval; to recommend the appropriation of Home Mission Funds; and to do all other business necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this Union.

VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Provincial Secretaries, each in her own Province, to conduct the home work of the Executive Board, and to report the same at its annual meeting. It shall also be the duty of the Provincial Secretary to appoint, whenever possible, a Secretary for each County, whose work it will be to organize

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societies wherever needed, and by correspondence and visiting to keep alive the interest of the work, and report the same to the Provincial Secretary.

IX.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep the minutes of the meetings, to conduct the correspondence of the Board, carry into effect, as far as possible, the measure adopted by the Board for missionary work, and to report the same to the Union at its annual meeting. And it shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee appointed by the Union to carry into effect all adopted measures relating to the Home Mission work, and to report the same to the Union at its annual meeting.

X.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, record, and acknowledge all the funds of this Union, and to place them quarterly as designated by the Union, in the hands of the Treasurers of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, making a full report of the same at each meeting of the Board, and annually to the Union.

XI.

In case of the death or resignation of any of the officers of this Union, the Executive Board may fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the Union.

XII

A special meeting of the Union may be called at any time by the President of the Union on her motion or at the written request of the members of the Executive Committee.

XIII

Notices of the meetings of the Union shall be given by notice in the Baptist paper, or in such manner as the Union shall from time to time determine. The notices of the special meetings shall state the object of such meeting and no other business except that specified shall be transacted at such meeting

XIV.

Those rules and the laws of the Executive Committee may be altered at any annual meeting of the Union by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, provided such alterations or additions shall have been proposed in writing as notice at a previous annual meeting of the Union, or on the recommendation of the Executive Committee made at any annual meeting.

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Bye-Laws of the Executive Board.

1. Every meeting of the Board shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.
2. The Secretary shall keep an exact record of all the business transacted by the Board ; and the record of each meeting shall be read at the next following meeting, and when approved, shall be signed by the Secretary.
3. All remarks shall be addressed to the chair.
4. All important resolutions shall be presented in writing.
5. No motion shall be in order for discussion, unless it has been seconded.
6. All committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered.

The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of August, November, February and May. Special meetings of this Board may be held at any time, subject to the call of the President through the Secretary, on the request of the members.

Constitution and Bye-Laws
OF THE
Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Societies.



1. This Society shall be called "The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of Baptist Church."

2. Its object shall be to aid the Woman's Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces in the evangelization of heathen women and children, and prosecution of Home Mission Work.

3. Any woman may become a member of this Society by contributing not less than one dollar a year, or two cents a week to its funds.

4. This Society shall annually elect from its members a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and a committee of four, who, together with the above named officers, shall constitute a Board of Management, one-third of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

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5. The funds of this Society shall be forwarded every quarter, or oftener if necessary, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces.

6. All amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Society and shall be adopted by a vote of not less than two thirds of the members present.

Bye-Laws.

1. All meetings of this Society shall be opened by the reading of the Holy Scriptures and by prayer.

2. The regular meetings of this Society shall be held on the first after the first Sunday in every month, and the annual meeting as directed by the Board of Management.

3. Special meetings of the Society and of its Board of Management may be held at any time, subject to the call of the President through the Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this Society, and its Board of Management. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice President shall preside.

5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society and its

Board of Management; at each meeting to read a record of the last, and to carry on all correspondence of the Society. She shall during the month of July, send a report to the Provincial Secretary, appointed to her province by the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, stating the number of members, the amount of money contributed during the year, and giving such other information respecting the work of the Society as may be desirable in the preparation of the annual report.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and pay out, according to article fifth of the Constitution all the funds of the Society, keeping an exact account of the same, and reporting quarterly to this Society and to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union.

7. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the annual financial statements of the Treasurer, and certify to the accuracy of the same, before they are presented to the Society at its annual meeting.

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MISSION BAND.

ARTICLE 1 This Society shall be known as the
Mission Band.

ARTICLE 2—The object of this Society shall be to plant and foster a missionary spirit in the hearts of the young, and to aid in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom at home and abroad.

ARTICLE 3—The meetings of this Society shall be held once every _____, on _____
Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE 4—Anyone may become a member of this Band by paying not less than 2 cts per month.

ARTICLE 5—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also a Committee of Management, consisting of six.

These officers to be elected once a year—any or all of whom may be re-elected.

ARTICLE 6—The Secretary of the Band shall send each July an Annual Report of work done to the Provincial Secretary of her Province. And the Treasurer shall forward the funds each quarter to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

ARTICLE 7—The payment of Ten Dollars (10.00) at any one time by the Band to either Home or Foreign Missions, will constitute a Band Life Member of the W. B. M. U. The above sum to be raised independently of the monthly fee, and forwarded to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

ARTICLE 8—Each Band is entitled to send two delegates to the meetings of the W. B. M. U. held at our Associational gatherings. Also to the Annual meetings.

ARTICLE 9—The articles of this Constitution may be altered by the W. B. M. U. according to Article 14 of Constitution of the W. B. M. U.

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OFFICERS.

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Missionary Union.

President.

Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B.

Vice Presidents.

New Brunswick : Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, Chipman
N. B.

Nova Scotia : Mrs. P. R. Foster, Arcadia, Yarmouth
Co.

P. E. Island : Mrs. David Price.

Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst.

Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Henry Everett, St. John, N. B.

Provincial Secretaries.

Miss A. E. Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S., Mrs.
Margaret S. Cox, Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., Miss

Annie Jackson, P. E. I.

Auditor.

Hon. T. R. Black.

Executive Committee.

FIRST DIVISION:—Mrs. M. E. Cowan, Miss Longmaid, Mrs. Daley, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. Allison Smith, Mrs. J. F. Masters.

SECOND DIVISION:—Mrs. J. C. White, Mrs. J. E. Hopper, Mrs. Wm. Alwood, Mrs. W. E. Hall, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Mrs. G. R. White.

THIRD DIVISION:—Mrs. G. G. Sanderson, Miss Jessie Curry, Mrs. Philips, Miss Emma Hume.

FOURTH DIVISION:—Mrs. G. O. Gates, Mrs. Alfred Seely, Mrs. Sepperell, Mrs. Simms, Mrs. M. C. Higgins.

Secretary of Bureau of Literature.

Miss Margaret Wood, Amherst N. S.

Editor of Tidings.

Miss Bessie Harding, Amherst, N. S.

Editor of Column in Messenger and Visitor.

Mrs. J. W. Maunung assisted by Mrs. Golding, St. John,
N. B.

Maritime Correspondent to Missionary Link.

Miss A. E. Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.

Board of Home Missions.

Mrs Allison Smith, Mrs. W. E. Hall, Miss Hume,
Miss Mabel Parsons, Mrs W. E. Bates.

County Secretaries

Mrs J. W. Brown, Mrs P. R. Foster, Mrs Gunn,
Miss S. Harrington, Mrs Charles Christie, Mrs J. L.
Hatfield, Mrs Nalder, Miss Clark, Mrs J. B. Robinson,
Mrs C. H. Horseman, Mrs C. W. Pearse, Mrs Miller.

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting
OF THE
Woman's Baptist Missionary Union

HELD IN THE
Prince St. Church, Truro, N. S. Aug. 16 to 18.



The first session opened on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 with a Bible reading and prayer service conducted by Mrs Truman Bishop.

At 3 o'clock, the President took the chair, and after singing, and prayer by Mrs Masters, declared the Convention open for business.

The list of delegates was then read by the Secretary, the sisters responding as their names were called.

The following committees were appointed by the Chair :—

Committee on Nominations.—Mrs W. E. Hall, N. S. Mrs J. F. Masters, N. B., Mrs J. Clark, P E I.

Committee on Resolutions.—Miss A. E. Johnstone, Mrs Simms, Mrs M. C. Higgins.

Mrs Cox, Provincial Secretary, read the annual report for New Brunswick.

This showed an increase in missionary interest, as well as in the funds.

The report was, on motion adopted.

The report for N. S. was read by the Provincial Secretary and on motion adopted.

It was resolved that the resolutions of last year in regard to the discontinuing of our department in the Missionary Link be rescinded. Miss Johnstone agreeing to again take charge of that department of our work.

Prayer was offered by Mrs Steele and Mrs Sanford for several sisters who were dangerously ill.

The report of the Provincial Secretary of P. E. I. was read by Miss Jackson of Cavendish and told of a successful year's work. The report was on motion adopted.

At 4 o'clock a meeting for County Secretaries was conducted by Mrs Cox. After prayer by Mrs Gunn, Secretary for Colchester—a Bible reading on Faithfulness was given by Mrs Cox. Miss Flora Clark, Secretary for Westmorland read a paper on "Faithfulness in County Secretary Work," defining the duties, and giving many helpful suggestions.

An open Conference on the work of the County

Secretaries was led by Mrs Cox who, with the black-board showed the duties, the discouragements and rewards connected with the work.

Mrs Adams, on behalf of Prince St Church, and Mrs Waring on behalf of the Immanuel St Church then welcomed the delegates to Truro.

These words of welcome were responded to by Mrs Nalder.

The report of the Bureau of Literature was, in the absence of the Secretary, read by Mrs Smith. During the discussion on this report, it was resolved that the County Secretaries each have leaflets for free distributions to the amount of one dollar.

The report was then adopted.

A letter from Mrs Archibald—Chicacole was read in which she stated that the way was open for the establishment of a hospital for women in Chicacole. There is promise of native help, but Mrs Archibald was anxious that if commenced she might have the assurance that it would be carried on. This letter was addressed to the F.M.B. and by them endorsed, and sent to the W. B. M. U.

Miss Carr of Burma, on being asked with regard to Hospital work, expressed herself as not altogether in favor of free medical treatment.

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Mass., her sister Mrs Potter and Miss Carr were invited to seats with us.

At 7.30 a public meeting was held. The opening hymn was sung, Scripture was read by Mrs W. E Hall, prayer offered by Miss Johnstone, and then the Treasurer read the annual report. This showed that we had raised during the year \$9,082.03. The bal. on hand at the commencement of the year had been \$1716.12 making a total of \$10,798.15

The report for the year of the Corresponding Secretary was then read and adopted. Mrs J. Layton presented greetings from the Auxiliary Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church. Responded to by Mrs Manning.

The President then delivered her annual address; prayer was offered by Mrs P R Foster. A solo was rendered by Mrs A.A.Shaw of Windsor, and addresses given by Mrs Churchill and Miss Carr of Burma. Mrs Churchill spoke of her labors among our Telugus, and the many conversions during the year, and also of her school now in charge of Miss Harrison. Mrs Churchill asked for prayer on behalf of our missionaries, native teachers, and Bible women.

During the collection a male quartette rendered a pleasing selection.

The announcements were made for Wednesday

and the meeting adjourned after prayer by Rev Mr Adams.

Wednesday, Aug 17th, at 9.30, a meeting for praise and prayer on behalf of our missionaries was led by Mrs J F Kempton.

Business was resumed at 10 o'clock, after the Divine blessing had been invoked.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Verbal reports from delegates were called for and the following societies responded :

Pugwash, Kingston, Bridgetown, Cavendish, Germain St, Wolfville, Maccan, Tabernacle (Halifax) Bass River, Guysboro, Aylesford, Eldon, Alexandra, Hazelbrook, North Church (Halifax,) Amherst, Sackville, Point de Bute, Falmouth, Main St (St John,) Brussels St (St John,) Springhill, Jacksontown, Jacksonville, Greenville, Harvey, Wittenberg, Immanuel Church (Truro,) First Church (Halifax,) Moncton, (First Church) River Hebert, West Onslow, Windsor, St Stephen, New Glasgow, West Yarmouth, Forest Glen & Brookfield, Port Williams, Canard, Arcadia, Kempt, Acadia Mines, Salisbury, Prince St (Truro.)

The names of those sisters who during the year, had been promoted to higher service, were mentioned and prayers for the bereaved ones offered by Mrs. Cox.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted with but two changes in their reappoint-

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ment. Mrs David Price was elected V. P. for P. E. I. in place of Mrs M. C. Higgins and Miss Annie Jackson was appointed Provincial Secretary for P. E. I. in place of Miss Davis who resigned on account of illness. The usual changes were made in the Executive.

The Home Mission Board for the year are Miss Johnston, Mrs W. E. Hall, Miss Hume, Mrs Allison Smith, Miss Parsons and Mrs Bates.

The Publishing Committee was appointed as follows : Miss Johnstone, Mrs Botsford Smith, Miss Wood and Mrs Alex Christie.

The following resolution was on motion adopted :
"That the Publishing committee be empowered to so condense all matter for the Annual Report, as to save all unnecessary expense to the Union.

The meeting adjourned after prayer by Mrs Hall.

At 2.30 a praise meeting was led by Mrs Howard Barss.

At 3 o'clock the President called for the annual report on Home Missions, and a letter was read from the secretary of our Woman's work in Manitoba asking for an increase in our appropriation for the Indian work.

The report was on motion adopted.

It was moved by Miss Johnstone and seconded by Mrs Cox that a letter of sympathy be sent by the Secretary to Miss M. E. Davis who for years has so faith-

fully served the Union, and who through illness has asked to be relieved from office.

This motion passed unanimously.

Greetings from the West End Presbyterian church were then presented by Mrs Atkins. Mrs Maynard of Boston gave an interesting account of the work done by the Societies in the States and spoke hopeful words to the Union.

The estimates for the coming year were then submitted to the Union and adopted.

Foreign Missions.

Miss Clarke's salary	\$ 500
" " work	75
Miss Harrison's salary	500
" " work	75
Miss Newcomb's salary	500
" " work	75
Miss Archibald's salary	500
" " teacher	50
Mr Morse's salary,	1200
Books and Tracts	100
Schools	250
Helpers and Bible women	500
Home literature	75
Contingent Fund	250
Tekkali building fund	1300

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Salaries, male missionaries	1350
School at Bobbili	100
Hospital at Chicacole	100
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It was on motion adopted that one thousand dollars of the surplus be given toward the deficit of the F.M B.

Estimates for Home Missions.

North West	\$600
Indian work N. W.	200
H. M., N. S. and P. E. I.	450
H. M. in N. B.	350
Grande Ligne	400
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	\$2,000

Total estimates for the year \$9,500.

The Treasurer then thanked the Union for her re-election to office. In speaking of the work she named some of the difficulties of her office, and asked the members to assist by making their remittances in a more business like way.

Mrs. P. R. Foster then conducted a Mission Band exercise. After devotional exercises and a Scripture roll call, a map exercise on Bimlipatam was given by the leader followed by five minute papers by Miss Maud

King of Chipman, Mrs. Brown of Tusket, and Miss Etta Yuill. (These will be published) Mrs. Cox read the report of the Supt. of Mission Bands for N. B. Miss Jackson reported for the Cavendish Band, and Miss Maud Stafford for the Band at River Hebert.

The report of the Committee on resolutions was read clause by clause and adopted by a standing vote.

The convenor of the Committee appointed to consider the request of Dr. Sawyer that the Union raise the sum of \$1000 to be used for scholarships to aid young ladies seeking an education in order to go to the Foreign field—reported that the matter had been carefully considered, and that it had been deemed inexpedient to lay any further burdens upon our Union at present.

A letter was read from Mrs. W. V. Higgins who regretted her inability to be present.

The prayer topics for the coming year were read and adopted.

Miss Clark's annual report was read by Miss Hume.

It was on motion unanimously resolved that in future all Home Mission monies shall be divided by the Treasurer according to the percentage.

On motion Mrs. J. M. Parker was reappointed to prepare the Mission Band Programmes in Tidings with

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Miss A. E. Johnstone was appointed to attend to the travelling arrangements for the next annual meeting.

Session closed after prayer by Mrs Gunn.

Aug 17th, 7.30, at this hour a public meeting was held, the President occupying the chair. "Nearer my God to Thee" was the opening hymn, Scripture reading 17th chap John, by Miss Hume. Mrs Cox engaged in prayer, asking for a blessing and a full outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this the last meeting of our Convention. Mrs Jost of Guysboro followed with a well written paper on, "What the word go means to women." "Saviour Thy dying love" was sung, and Mrs Sanford told of her love for the work, and her great desire to return to India, in order that she might help to win souls from heathenism. Mrs M. C. Higgins followed with an excellent address on The motive power of Christian missions. A trio of young ladies rendered a vocal selection very acceptably.

Our missionary elect to India, Miss Helena Blackadar then gave an account of her call to the work, and the struggle she had passed through before she had been enabled to give up her will and say, "send me Lord." She also told of the work she had been doing in Wayland Seminary, Washington, in preparation for

the work in India, and appealed earnestly to the sisters, especially the young sisters to help send her and others to the foreign field. Miss Edna Corning of Yarmouth, who has been attending the Gordon training school in Boston, addressed the audience and told her desire to go to India, speaking earnest words which had a deep effect on all present. Mr Adams offered prayer invoking the Divine blessing to rest on the young ladies who are so desirous of devoting their lives to this work, and asking that those who remain at home may be willing to provide the means to send them. The collection was taken up during which a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Chipman. Mrs Nalder of Windsor then gave the closing address, summing up all that had been said, and asking "What next?" "What shall be the result of all these services?" these loving appeals, surely a fuller consecration to the service of the Master, and a determination to carry out His plans and commands.

The resolution of thanks to the kind friends of Truro, and the choir for excellent music, was again read by Miss Johnstone.

On motion resolved that next year the badges be put on by the delegates when they register their names.

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Pledges to the amount of \$25.00 had been taken in the afternoon toward the deficit on Home Missions and it was on motion resolved that the collections be given to the same object

A consecration service was then held, led by Miss Johnstone, which was deeply marked by the presence of the Spirit. Many of the sisters took part and all felt a stronger desire to enter more fully and unreservedly into this work of striving to carry out the command: "Go ye into all the world." A verse of "God be with us till we meet again" was sung, and the annual meeting of 1898 was closed by the President with the benediction.

Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows.

1st. That in future *all* resolutions brought before the Union be presented in writing.

2nd. That whereas the Dominion Government has ordered a Plebiscite to be taken in the Dominion in September on the Liquor Question, and whereas Intemperance blights our homes, and destroys our children, and defaces the image of God in man, therefore resolved that we the christian mothers, sisters and daugh-

ters of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of these Maritime Provinces do put forth every effort in our power both by prayer and personal work to help forward the annihilation of the liquor traffic in the coming Plebiscite.

3rd. Whereas, we, the members of the W. B. M. U. feel assured that much of our enthusiasm and interest in mission work is largely due to the information received from the letters written by our missionaries, not only in "Tidings" the Messenger and Visitor, and the Link, but to the Presidents and Secretaries of our Societies and Mission Bands, therefore resolved that we as a Union desire to place on record our sincere appreciation and hearty thanks to all our Missionaries for their continuous efforts in writing letters so admirably adapted "to stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance" and which serve to bring us into such close touch with their part of our work for our Divine Master.

4th. That the Publishing Committee be empowered to so condense all matter sent into them for the annual report that all unnecessary expense may be saved to the Union.

5th. That the thanks of this Union be tendered to the railroad and steam boat officials for their courtesy

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6th. That the thanks of this Union be tendered to the choir for the valuable assistance rendered to us during the sessions of this annual meeting ; and to all the friends in Truro who have welcomed us so cordially to their homes and shown us so much kindness during our stay among them.

Names Of Delegates.

Mrs J C Cole, Sackville N B; Miss A Gray, Sackville; Mrs Sangster, Sackville; Mrs J Smith, Salisbury; Mrs J Clark, Bass River; Mrs M Carr, Portapique; Miss Seaman, River Hebert; Miss Stafford, River Hebert; Miss McBride, Aylesford; Mrs J B Maling, Halifax; Mrs J M McPherson, Halifax; Miss A E Johnstone, Dartmouth; Miss Hume, Dartmouth; Mrs J Wheelock, Kingston; Mrs J Nalder, Windsor; Miss L Laws, Windsor; Miss M Parsons, Halifax; Miss B Parsons, Halifax; Mrs W E Hall, Halifax; Miss Gaetz, Dartmouth; Miss Ward, Melvern Square; Mrs H Barrs, Wolfville; Mrs P R Foster, Arcadia; Mrs J M Parker, River Hebert; Mrs H A Vidito, Bridgetown; Mrs A A Shaw, Windsor; Mrs J Tingley, Point de Bute; Mrs L M Taylor, Salisbury; Mrs T Bishop, Harvey; Mrs Thos Brownell, Jollicure; Mrs W Estabrook, Sackville; Miss A Jackson, Cavendish; Miss Maud McNeil, Cavendish; Mrs M Gross, Moncton; Mrs J Baird, Moncton; Mrs J E Clarke, Bay View; Mrs Gilroy, Springhill; Mrs Donkin Springhill; Mrs R H Cooper, Springhill; Mrs F E Marion, St John; Mrs R C Elkins, St John; Mrs J N Benjamin, Pugwash; Mrs J W Manning, St John; Mrs B Jost, Guysborough; Mrs J Kempton, Wolfville; Mrs A Seely, St John; Miss Ray Hickson, Carleton; Mrs J Crandall, St John; Mrs E M Wilband, Albert; Miss Flora Clark, Sackville, N B; Mrs Judson Bishop, Harvey; Miss Longmaid, St John; Mrs J F

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Report of Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of this the 28th year of active missionary work among the Baptist women of the maritime provinces, and the thirteenth of our beloved Union, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our Father God, who has so wonderfully led and guided us all through the years, and has brought us step by step to our present position, where we can look back over the way in which He has led us, and with hearts overflowing with love and gratitude say "Hitherto the Lord has helped us."

To-night as we review the work of the year now closing which has been one of the most successful we have yet had, we are led to exclaim, "Praise the Lord. Declare His doings among the people. Make mention that His name is exalted." More souls have been won from heathenism to the worship of the only true God during this year than in any previous one. The work which we are banded together to prosecute has this year through the mighty influence of the Spirit of God, been in a large degree successful

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The report of the Treasure shows an increase in the receipts. According to our faith have we received. When we consider the mighty possibilities within our reach, we pray "Lord increase our faith."

Our membership is not yet what we could desire it to be. Out of 25000 women in church fellowship in the maritime provinces only 6000 are members of, and contributors to our Union. The problem how to gain these women in our churches who are half hearted, or altogether indifferent is still unsolved. But we believe in prayer and in the word of Him who has said, "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance," and we expect great things from God for the coming year, in the way of awakened interest, especially among our young people. We feel that Mission Band work, educating our young people from their earliest years in the duty of giving the Gospel to the dark parts of the earth is of the utmost importance, and to this we must look for future success in missions.

New Societies.

During the year 18 new societies have been formed 11 in Nova Scotia, 6 in New Brunswick, 1 in P. E. Island. We have 24 new Mission Bands, 9 in Nova Scotia, 11 in New Brunswick. Three Bands have been re-organized in N. B. In P. E. I. we have 4 new Mission Bands.

Home Work.

At home we have moved along in the usual way. Four meetings of the executive have been held, with as good an attendance of members as might be expected, Matters of importance pertaining to the welfare of our Society, and the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom have from time to time been discussed, requiring the wisdom coming from above, which has been earnestly sought by these sisters who keenly feel the responsibility of their position. Realizing the force of the Master's words, "Without me ye can do nothing." During the winter months a meeting for prayer and conference has been held on the third Thursday in each month in St. John, the head quarters of the Executive Board. These seasons have been a source of inspiration to those attending and have been marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Several Public meetings have also been held, and every means taken to arouse the interest of christian women in this important work.

Crusade Day.

This day has been observed by many of our Societies, but not generally, and we would take this opportunity of appealing to our sisters in the interest of crusade work. This day affords a golden opportunity to labor in unison for an increase of our membership.

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and to engage in united prayer for much needed blessings. Surely one day in the year might be devoted to this work.

Missionary Sabbath.

Many of our pastors complied with the request of the F. M. Board, by preaching missionary sermons on the last Sabbath in March. Sunday Schools and Mission Bands also prepared exercises, and there were addresses made and prayers offered, the results of which will be revealed in eternity.

Tidings.

Tidings in an enlarged form has reached our local societies each month, and has gained such a hold on the esteem of our members that we are sure none would care to dispense with this little messenger which brings the work in India so near to us, and gives us such glimpses of the everyday life of the sisters who represent us there. The number of copies printed at the beginning of the year was 325, which has increased to 375. Cost of printing \$30.65. receipts \$41.90.

The Column.

The Column, as all our interested sisters know, has been faithfully and well attended to. Every week, without an exception, interesting reports from our Aid

Societies as well as much other information has been given to the public. More direct letters from the Missionaries have been received and given to the public through this channel, than in former years, and the results have been very satisfactory.

The Canadian Missionary Link.

The Canadian Missionary Link is much appreciated by a large number of our members, who are interested in the work being done by the sisters in the Upper Provinces. The space devoted to the W. B. M. U. has been well attended to by the Provincial Secretary for N. S.

Bureau of Literature.

This department is not as well supported by our members as we could wish. We have a capable secretary who is willing to give time and attention to this branch of our work, but the demand for missionary literature has been rather small this year, owing perhaps to a lack of information in regard to the address of the secretary.

Suggestions have been made in regard to a free distribution of literature bearing upon our work. This could be accomplished by the appointment of a committee from each province, to act in connection with the Provincial Secretaries. This would perhaps be the

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most effectual way of bringing these subjects so necessary for us to understand to the notice of women who have no time or inclination to look them up and pay for them. After they became aware of the value of this reading matter the probability is, there would be a larger demand for it.

Life Members.

Every year gives us a number of names of those sufficiently interested in our Society to pay the fee required for a life membership. In many instances this certificate is presented by one friend to another, or a society to one of its members. We know of no better way in which twenty-five dollars may be invested by one who is desirous of assisting in the work of evangelizing the world. This year 29 new names have been added to the list of life members. P. E. I. 3, N. B. 7, N. S. 19.

Our Missionaries.

Our faithful band of workers in India has been wonderfully preserved during this year, and enabled to accomplish much good among the Telugus.

Bimlipatam.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse have devoted the last seven years to mission work at this station. Mrs. Morse spends a good part of her time on tours with her hus-

band and assists him much in his work. The number of baptisms reported from this field is larger this year, than ever before. The mission school is doing a quiet but deep work. Most of the pupils are caste Hindu boys. During the year one of them has been converted, and is waiting for baptism; he is about fifteen years of age. There has been a marked change in him which is visible in his new life and new face. Miss Newcombe has been here since her arrival in India, with the exception of a few weeks spent at Bobbili with Miss Harris on, after the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill for the home land in March last. She has made excellent progress with the language, and is now almost fitted for active service. She has made frequent tours with Mr. Morse and thus writes of one of these experiences. Every day was filled to overflowing with happiness. The living in tent in the midst of nature itself is a delight, but above all is the going out among the people. I was so glad to find I could understand so much of what was said, and could make myself understood too. Truly the Lord gives joy deep joy in this work. Miss Grey, whose health will not permit of her returning this fall, expects to return to her loved work next year.

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for the last twenty-three years to the work on this field are now in the home land enjoying a well earned rest. The work is reported as being in a prosperous condition. Many souls have been brought to the Saviour and there is much ground for encouragement. The girls' school in town has been carried on during the year with increased efficiency. All the teachers except the head master and Siamma have been trained by Mrs. Churchill. The names of pupils on the register number 112. Mrs Churchill in visiting many of her old pupils who are married and in their own homes, has been greatly pleased to find them ready and eager to sing hymns, read the Bible and listen to its teachings.

The Sunday School in connection with the day school has had a good year. The number present has been usually from one hundred to one hundred and fifty. There are 7 teachers. For some time Miss Harrison has taught a class and proved very helpful in many ways, while she devoted most of her time to the study of the language. Since the departure of Mrs. Churchill she has taken charge of the schools, and in fact, taken Mrs Churchill's place, which for one so young was quite a responsibility, but she has succeeded admirably. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Churchill to our yearly gathering, and hope to hear from her many additional items in regard to the work in Bobbili.

Chicacole.

For the last seventeen years Mrs Archibald has labored on this field, and for the last thirteen years, she and Mr Archibald have together striven to hold out the Bread of Life to the perishing multitudes. Frequent appeals have come from them for more laborers to be sent forth into the harvest.

For the last year Miss Clark has been at this station, doing direct work among the women, as well as taking charge of the school.

Mrs Archibald has again been obliged to seek rest and strength on the Hills, and writes that the change has been quite beneficial. The people here are reported as listening with more interest to the Gospel story on account of the help received through the Mission, during the time of famine and distress.

Miss Clark gives an interesting account of the work done by herself and the Bible women, which will be printed in full.

Miss Mabel Archibald who was with us last annual meeting, whose parting words are still fresh in our memory, has spent the time since her arrival in Chicacole, studying the language. She writes that her health is good, and that she has been in excellent spirit for study, and has made good progress in Telugu, while above all, there is a deep consciousness that she

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Very encouraging news comes from this station, where for three years Mr Corey has patiently labored. Many conversions are reported. Quite lately on this field where years ago, Mr S. Armstrong conducted a school for heathen children, many have put on Christ, and it is reasonable to suppose, some of these conversions are the result of the seed sown at that time.

Although Mrs Corey's health is far from what we would wish it to be, having had another attack of illness, when we were beginning to hope she was on the road to recovery, still much faithful work is being done at this station, which the Lord has owned and blessed. We earnestly hope strength may be given to the weak ones who are so desirous to assist in this work of winning souls from darkness to light. No lady missionary has been at Kimedý since Miss Clark went to Chicacole.

Vizianagram.

Mr Sandford reports progress in the work at this station. Ten men and women have put on Christ in baptism, all doing well, and adorning the profession they have made. Mr Sandford thinks we have cause

to thank God for coming in the famine, and shaking the land by His visitations, causing the heathen to look to the only source from which help can come. Doubtless the kindness shown by Christian people everywhere during the time of famine, had the effect of drawing the people towards Him who teaches His followers to feed the hungry, and clothe the naked. Mr and Mrs Gullison are at this station, and while they have devoted their time to the study of Telugu, have also been very helpful in the work, especially in the Sunday services in English. They have completed the course of study, and are we believe to take charge of the Bobbili field in the absence of Mr and Mrs Churchill.

Tekkali.

A mission station has been founded here, and a house suitable for a family and lady missionary is in course of erection. It is expected Mr Higgins will take charge of this field, and it is a source of satisfaction to know that the work will be looked after by one so well fitted for the undertaking. We trust many souls may here be born into the Kingdom.

Home Missions.

The Secretary of H M Committee reports that they have met, and tried every means to increase the H M

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interest. Circulars have been sent to each society reported last year as non-contributing. The report of Home Mission Committee will be given in full by the Secretary.

The Treasury

Our receipts this year are larger than ever before, which is a subject for profound gratitude to Him who has enabled our societies to undertake and accomplish so much. With fear and trembling we took upon ourselves extra burdens at the beginning of the year, and pledged ourselves relying on His strength to increase the estimates, both for Foreign and Home work, and lo! the "Lord has been better to us than our fears," and has abundantly blessed the efforts put forth by His children.

The receipts for Foreign Missions are \$7382.75 over \$80.00 more than we pledged for that object. We raised the estimates for Home work to \$2000, which has not been quite realized, the receipts being \$1889,-45. The total receipts for the year are \$9272.32.

And now "What shall we render to the Lord for all His benefits?" Shall we not with renewed vigor at the beginning of another year, take up the work, and resolve in His strength that at the close still greater results shall be made known. "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us."

M. S. EVERETT,
Cor. Sec.

Report of Provincial Secretary for N. S.

In reviewing the year just closed we have no cause to be discouraged or doubt that the work we are engaged in is God given. More should have been accomplished, would have been, had we had the faith that removes mountains,—but steady progress has been made in many instances. Reports from the Aid Societies show a deepening interest and a steadily, if slowly increasing membership.

Our membership in the Aid Societies is 2799, probably a little over 134 Aid Societies. Fifty one reporting in the western Association, forty-seven in the Central and thirty-six in the eastern.

In the Central Association seven Aid Societies have been formed; in the Eastern Association, two, and in the Western Association one, making a total of ten new Societies for the year. More Societies report an increase in membership than last year, but an added effort needs to be made.

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Meetings.

Our County Conventions are largely giving way to a session held during the District meetings. Meetings have been held at each Association and your Secretary by request attended two County Conventions in the autumn, in Colchester and Lunenburg counties, and also visited Societies in Annapolis, Colchester and Cumberland counties. During the winter much of the work of the Secretary must be done with her pen. About five hundred letters, post cards and circulars have been sent out. More should have been done, but the day for typewriters has not arrived.

Mission Bands

Satisfactory progress has been made in this department. Five having been organized in the Eastern Association, three in the Western, and one re-organized in the Central. We are still hoping for a Supt for our Band work in Nova Scotia. 41 Bands have reported this year.

County Secretaries

Several of these have been obliged to resign, and in some instances we have been unable to fill their places, but hope to do so in the near future. Those we have are doing good work. The reports show a careful work both by personal visitation and letter. Sec'y

of Yar. Co. has written 25 letters and 15 postals, besides visiting the Aid Societies in each church. This makes six Societies visited, besides addressing six public meetings and organizing one M. Band.

The Missionary Link

By a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, the W. B. M. U. department was to be discontinued; but so many wrote in favor of continuing it, that the work has been continued as usual. Until the resolution passed we had no idea that our department in the Link had been so used of the Lord to carry his messages. But this being so we would urge upon the Union the advisability of rescinding the resolution of last year.

Tidings

Tidings continues a powerful factor in our work. Most of our Aid Societies would hardly know how to do without it.

Our Needs

Our needs may be summed up in few words, the need of the Holy Spirit of Missions to be poured upon our churches.

Amy E. Johnston,
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Report of Provincial Secretary for N. B.

Another year has gone. We again desire to "thank God and take courage."

Aid Societies.

This year, the reports have come in more promptly than any former year, since your present Secretary has held the office. And yet we wish to urge *greater promptness*. When a small society, far from any centre of influence fails to report, we are not surprised, but when large, working societies, in towns and villages send us no report, we are surprised. If the Aid Societies only *knew* how often the Prov. Sec. looks at the inviting columns of figures waiting for a sum total—waiting sister, for the return from your society which you *mean* to *fill* up and send in, but, some way, you have neglected, and perhaps continue to neglect. So the column is added up, with a blank for your society, as the Prov Sec turns up pages of accounts, to see what you did last year, or year before hoping to guess what you do, and what you number *this year*.

Again, some do not give the membership of their societies. More do not give their church membership. Can we not remedy these things?

By the most careful reckoning we have ninety Aid Societies with a membership of about one thousand six hundred. Three societies we have been compelled to drop from the list. Six new societies have been organized, one reorganized.

County Secretaries; "May their tribe increase." Five County Secretaries, only, have reported to me this year. Miss Clark's work in Westmorland deserves more than a passing notice. She is a busy woman, as all public school teachers are, yet she found time last year to attend *nine* public meetings. At these meetings the collections have amounted to \$33.98. Organized three new Aid Societies, and several Mission Bands. Wrote sixty-three letters and 24 cards. May her strength increase with the passing years.

Mrs C H Horseman, the painstaking, Methodical County Secretary of Carleton was compelled, by other duties to resign, early in the year. She found a worthy successor in Mrs Geo Saunders.

Mrs C W Pearce of Queens has been prevented by sickness from working this year. This sister has had to bear much of the chastening rod. She desires the prayers of the sisters.

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Mrs Robinson in Charlotte, and Mrs Miller, in Kings are holding this office, until they can each find a successor.

We regret deeply these necessary changes, knowing that the place of either of these sisters is very hard to fill. May God point out the right woman.

Miss Colpitts in Albert Co, has been compelled to resign, owing to illness in her family. Where is the new County Sec'y to come from.

Meetings.

The Associational meetings have been good. Your Secretary would gratefully mention the help given by our Treasurer, Mrs. Smith, at the Western Association at Florenceville and in a public meeting at Woodstock. At the Southern Association at Kars our hearts were gladden by the presence of our President and corresponding Secretary with other sisters who were very helpful at those meetings.

The meetings at the Eastern Association were cheering. By the courtesy of the brethren a public session was given to the sisters in which they aided us to make the meeting a success.

Many Aid societies report public meetings. They are found to be helpful in arousing those who forget. The County Conventions have not been held in N. B. To our great regret too, we find the work being drop-

ped out of the quarterly meetings. A famous orator when asked how he would make a certain cause a success, replied, "Agitate, *agitate*, *agitate*." He knew whereof he spake.

Some public meetings have been held in St. John city which have been very successful. No special notice of them reached your Secretary.

Life Members.

We have only had seven added this year.

Tidings.

This growing leaflet is an important aid in our work. Many societies have found it a help and have mentioned it in their reports. We would emphasize the importance of every society taking Tidings, and reading it. Reading the *whole* of it, dry notes and announcements included.

Our Needs.

1st, more businesslike methods of working in our Aid Societies. 2nd, more county Secretaries. 3rd, more knowledge of our mission fields and home work. 4th, more personal responsibility. 5th, more of the Spirit of Christ. There is no use in further enumerating. Our wants are numberless. We fall back on the sure foundation, "All power is given unto *me*."

The Outlook

Is broadening and brightening at home and abroad.

Margaret S. Cox, ⁶Prov. Sec, N. B.

Report of the Provincial Secretary for Nova Scotia regarding Aid Societies and Mission Bands.

From Aid Societies In Nova Scotia.

New Glasgow. An increased interest in mission work.

Chelsea. Has had three new members.

Guysboro. Three names have been added ; and a greater interest shown. A social at the house of the President, besides Public meetings were held.

Jordan River. Though greatly discouraged yet rejoices in an added interest this spring.

North Brookfield. Makes one Life member.

Pugwash. Observed Crusade Day. One new member.

Canso. Held a Thankoffering meeting for Home Missions.

New Albany. Finds that "the more we acquaint ourselves with India and its Missions the greater our interest."

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Arcadia. One new member.

Port Greville. Sent two of its members to unite with the new society at Diligent River.

North Church, Halifax. Two Life members.

Lawrencetown. More interest.

Prince St, Truro. Three members died during the year.

Debert. One Life member.

New Germany. A Life member.

Upper Stewiacke. Reports nine women in the church. Eight of these belong to the Aid Society. Fourteen dollars raised for F M.

Amherst. An increase in attendance, and greater interest. Collection at annual meeting \$107.00 and a memorial gift of \$100.00. Pastor J. H. MacDonald made a life member.

Temple, Yarmouth. Regrets that with 186 women in the church, only 36 are in the Aid Society.

West Onslow. A Life member.

Lower Aylesford. Counts Rev'd R E Gullion, India, a member of the Aid Society.

Three Life members this year.

Clarence. Good interest, and good attendance. This society has had one of the best years in its history.

Melvorn Square. One new member. Interest growing.

Scotch Village. Enjoys Tidings very much. This year a collection has been taken at each meeting which pays for Tidings, post office order and postage.

Lakeville. A branch of the Billtown Society has only been organized six months, but has sent in to the Treasury \$12.75.

Billtown. The President has given through the Aid Society. \$10.00 to the Tekkali building fund, in memory of her mother, our late Provincial Secretary.

Gaspereaux. Has added three new members.

Lower Economy. Greater interest, better attendance, and more money raised.

Parrsboro. Mite boxes are used with good success. Five new members, as a result we believe of the visit of our Provincial Secretary in October.

Athol. Interest is growing.

Avondale. Counts every woman in this branch of the Newport Church a member of the Aid Society as well as four who are not members of the church.

West Jeddore. Eight new members.

Overton, West Yarmouth. Four new members. At the last meeting one sister gave \$5.00 towards Mr Morse's salary. Thus early is the meeting at Milton bearing fruit.

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Boylston. Four new members.

River Hebert. Has held *fourteen* meetings during the year. Some of the sisters live at too great a distance to attend the monthly meeting, so the meeting went to them.

Forbes Point. Two members added.

Wallace River. A good interest.

Little Bras D'or. Twelve women in this section, and all members of the Aid Society. Amount raised \$38.05.

Mission Bands In Nova Scotia.

Arcadia. Band meets once every month after school, and S School is always larger on Band day. The increasing interest in the church in Missions is due in a measure to the lessons in the Band.

Lunenburg. "Cup Bearers" supports a child in the school at Chicacole.

North Church, Halifax. "Willing workers" embraces the whole S School. \$40.00 of the amount raised was sent to David. \$13.00 to the new buildings at Tekkali.

Greenwood, Aylesford. Has had a very successful year.

Centerville, "Sunlight" Band. Is carried on by

the sisters of the Aid Society. Money raised for Mr Morse.

River Hebert, "Cheerful givers". Membership has largely increased. A deep interest is taken in the work. A concert realized \$15.00 for Tekkuli building fund.

West Yarmouth, "Busy Reapers." Greatly encouraged, and growing more interested.

Fourchie. Was only organized in March. Amount raised was sent to F Missions and Grande Ligne.

Oyster Pond, Jeddore. The young people and children look upon the Band as, as important as the S. School.

Mahone Bay, "Jewel Gatherers." A pleasant year in M. Band work.

New Germany. "May Wreath." Meetings well attended and very interesting.

Pugwash. "Mayflower." Much interest The President, Mrs. Haverstock makes the M. Band one of her first thoughts. The Band receives much instruction and enjoyment from the lessons under the guidance of the President.

Wolfville. "Willing Helpers." Have decided that during the coming year they will do something toward Home Missions as well as Foreign.

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the S. School for about six months. \$10.00 raised for Mr. Morse's salary.

Foster Settlement. "Helping Hand." Owing to the illness of the President not much progress has been made during the last year; but twenty-six have joined lately, and the prospects are bright.

Bridgetown. "Star" Supported a boy in Mrs. Churchill's school, sending \$25.00 for him and the balance to Tekkali.

North West. "Earnest Workers." The outlook is favourable.

Lawrencetown. "Willing Workers." The children of this Band have taken a great deal of interest in the work this year, and have tried to *earn* the money.

Reports of County Secretarys for N. S.

Mrs. Bishop, Co. Sec'y, Kings, July 1898.

At the District meeting held at Kingston Feb. 8th 1898 delegates from W.M.A.S. met to consider organizing a County Union. After some discussion it was moved and unanimously carried that we organize. Mrs C. H. Martell was chosen President, Mrr G. R. Bishop, Secretary. We meet with the District Meeting quarterly and have the privilege of reporting at the morning session, a paper at the afternoon meeting and an address in the evening. I have not been able to visit any of the societies yet, but I have written to all, and have received some very encouraging replies. I earnestly pray the coming year may see each sister filled with real missionary zeal that we may do more than we have ever before for the cause that was so dear to our Saviour.

Mrs G. L. Bishop

Burlington, July 28. 1898.

Cape Breton, Sadie Harrington, Sec'y.

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The only advance movement in the county has been the organization of a Mission Band at Eourchie.

Letters written during year	25
Cards " " "	3
Number of Societies	7
" " Bands	2

Yarmouth County, Mrs P. R. Foster, County Sec'y.

I have done, during the year just closed, considerable work in this County, but, whether much or little for the Master has been accomplished, is not mine to know.

I have during the year, either spoken at a public meeting, or visited the Aid Society in each church in the County where one exists, making six societies visited, beside addressing six public meetings. Also, have met with, and spoken to each Band with the exception of the Band in connection with the 1st Church, Yarmouth, which meets after the Sunday School.

Organized one new Band at Argyle which, under the efficient lead of Mrs M. W. Brown, is doing a good work.

We have made what seems to me a step in advance this year. The last quarterly meeting arranged for the

women to have an hour at each quarterly meeting for their work. This will give us four meetings in a year instead of a County Convention.

I have written 25 letters and 15 cards during the year. We have in this County 10 Aid Societies, and 6 Bands.

Cumberland Co. East, Mrs. J. L. Hatfield

Mrs. J. L. Hatfield writes;—"The week after Christmas I went to Diligent River to organize an Aid Society of their own; rather than to have it a branch of the Port Greville. For if anything helps to make earnest and successful workers it is a sense of personal responsibility. I have kept up a correspondence with Apple River. The President and Secretary gave a very encouraging report of the work.

Cumberland Co. West, Mrs. C. Christie

We have in this part of the Co. ten Societies, Amheret, Maccan, Springhill, River Hebert, Athol, Greenville, Oxford, Pugwash, Wallace, Amherst Shore. These Societies are all progressing fairly well. Some have increased their numbers. Most of the societies have held anniversary meetings and observed Crusade day, thus bringing the needs of our mission work more closely home to those of our sisters in the church who do not attend the monthly meetings. The reg-

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ular monthly meetings have been held in each Society whenever possible to do so. The interest in mission work is deepening and widening as the years go by.

Have kept in touch with the societies through the year with my pen.

Lunenburg.

Some special efforts have been made this year to extend the interest in missions and to broaden the views of those already in the work. In October a County Convention was held at Bridgewater. All the Societies represented felt the influence of the meeting and some good results were visible. As the Societies are quite distant from each other and all did not meet at the convention it was thought best to try and meet with the District meetings of the church as they met from place to place, thus reaching all in time. The first attempt in this line was made at Pleasantville in December where time was given for an address at the Tuesday evening meeting. The following day a meeting was held and a small but promising Society was organized. In March at Mahone Bay an hour was devoted to our work. As illness at home prevented me from being present after all arrangements had been made, Miss Vienotte kindly complied with my request to preside at the meeting and a good time was enjoyed. We again met at Chester Basin in May where we felt

the presence of the Master. At the close of the meeting a Society was organized which we trust will prove faithful. A Society was also organized in the autumn at New Cornwall. So far as I could I visited the Societies and corresponded with all, also distributed literature on systematic giving to all. Did not keep count of near all letters and cards written. I feel constrained to make mention of the kindness of Miss Johnston, Pro Sec'y who went so far and did so much toward making our convention a success. Also of the willing assistance rendered by the pastor's wives and other sisters of the county in making the meetings what they were. Public meetings cannot be a success without a leader upon whom all care and responsibility falls, but willing workers are just as necessary. May God help us all to be ever ready to lead or to help as he may direct. In the providence of God I now leave the work that I have really just begun and I trust bread has been cast upon the waters which will be seen after many days.

Mrs. J. L. Read, Co. Sec'y.

Colchester County, Mrs. Gunn, Sec'y

Another year has rolled its rounds and again we are called upon as County Secretaries to review the past and plan for the future.

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In September 1897 we held our County Convention of the W. M. A. Societies at Belmont. We were highly pleased and much benefited by having with us our Provincial Secretary, and we know good results followed.

From September 1897 until the following April my health would not permit my doing any work among our Aid Societies except a small amount of writing.

In April I met with the sisters of Immanuel Baptist church, Truro, in a public meeting of the Aid Society.

On June 21st met with the sisters of the New Annan Baptist Church and organized an Aid Society. Our beloved missionary Miss A. C. Gray was present. We were delighted to have her with us to help and encourage us by her words and her earnestness in the service of the Master.

On Aug. 3rd I attended a meeting in Zion Baptist church(colored) Truro hoping to organize an Aid Society, but owing to a number of the sister being unexpectedly called away we could not organize a Society but hope to in the near future.

I have visited two Mission Bands and addressed

four public missionary meetings, distributed twenty seven Mite Boxes and advocated the Scriptural use of them. Have written a number of letters and postal cards. Cannot state exact number.

We have fourteen Aid Societies in the County, and four Mission Bands, besides Sabbath Schools and B. Y. P. Unions^d doing missionary work. Two churches sustain regular monthly missionary prayer meetings.

We are endeavoring this year to carry on our work by uniting with the "Quarterly Meeting" of the Pastors of the County. We hope this will prove beneficial in arousing many christians to greater good and activity, and enable us all to be more faithful in His service until He shall say "Call the laborers."

Hants Co. N. S. Secretary Mrs. Nalder.

In this county the work has been largely done through the "Quarterly County Convention" which is consolidated with the B. Y. P. U., Sunday school, and Home Mission Auxiliary Board this Convention is in session two days Our Aid Societies have always either an afternoon or evening session when we bring before the people the claims of our work and in every meeting some uninterested ones of the place are aroused to feel an interest, and almost always new members are won to join the Society of the section where we meet

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In the past we were accustomed to hold our county convention every year. Now we have four yet many feel as if we ought to have one purposely for our own work.

At the convention last Sept. we had a grand time we met at Brookville had with us Rev. W. I. Higgins and Brother John Hardy.

The Holy Spirit seemed to speak through Mr. Higgins and stirred up a bright flame of Missionary love and enthusiasm in the hearts of many. More people seemed compelled to pray for our missionaries in almost every prayer you would hear the deep longing for God to visit our Missions. Then naturally the collections were good. The brethren kindly yielded to the wish of the sisters and gave us two collections amounting to \$15.00 this with some private gifts we left with the Treasurer as a fund towards a Life membership the sisters held a few social gatherings and completed the sum necessary. Then met at the house of the President, Mrs. Houghton and gave her the greatest surprise of her life when the pastor presented her with the certificate. She is a good worker but often gets discouraged.

In October Mr. and Mrs. Hatt met us in Mt. Denson and we formed a society there.

In the evening we held a public meeting in Hants-

port. Mrs. Baker from Wolfville assisted us by reading a paper.

The December County Convention was to have been held with us in Windsor but at that time we had no church or Sunday school and but few members had homes left them so the convention met at St. Denson. Our W. M. A. S. was of great interest and impressiveness.

In March the Convention was held in Avonport we called in the help of some brethren for our evening missionary meeting. The long speeches took away from the enthusiasm of the meeting.

In June the Convention met in Rawdon.

In July your Sec. held a Sunday evening meeting in Lockhartville and had the joy of learning that several discouraged workers took fresh courage and will press forward into plans for the next convention which meets with them.

Your Secretary has tried hard to touch every society many times during the year and has written many times urging the necessity of having public meetings but in a few places it has seemed impossible to accomplish this.

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**Report of Provincial Secretary for New
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Aid Societies, N. B. Western Association

Fredericton reports ; We have worked hard to raise as much money as formerly but have failed by a few dollars. The number of contributors exceeds that of any previous year which we regard as very encouraging.

Marysville. Our numbers are small but we hold regular meetings to pray for advancement in this great work. We hope to do more in the future.

Upper Newcastle, Queens Co with a membership of six has raised \$17.00 this year. "May the little one become a thousand."

McDonalds Cor. The "faithful few" are journeying on trusting that God will bless their efforts.

Jacksonville. We trust that we are doing a little work for the Master. There is a good interest among the regular attendants.

Jemseg reports ; Our society in rather a prosper-

our condition. We have been called to mourn the loss of one of our most valued members but others are coming to our help. Eight new members. The oldest Aid Society in Queens N. B. still lives may this year be one of renewed consecrated activity at Jemseg.

2nd Cambridge Narrows. This society continues to do good work.

2nd Grand Lake, Cumberland Bay is still working. Our first life Member, Miss Lydia Bank has "been promoted to higher service."

One army of the Living God
At His commands we bow
Part of the host have crossed the flood
And part are crossing now.

Centreville, Kingsclear, Florenceville, Upper Gagetown, Benton, Ludlow, Woodstock, 2nd Chipman Lower Wickham have no special report.

Aid Societies N. B. Eastern Association.

Pt. de Bute reports twelve meetings held. One member made herself a life member. We collected H. M. funds by a committee that visited the members of the church as well as those of the Aid Society. We have twenty one members, an average attendance at our meetings nine or ten. Several of the younger members of our church belong to the Mission Band, so

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more than twenty one are interested in missions. Tidings is much appreciated; we attribute to that Leaflet much of the increased spirituality and knowledge in our Society.

1st Moncton reports. Increased interest throughout the church in all mission work consequent upon organization of monthly missionary prayer meetings and the reorganization of our Mission Band. We feel that we are sowing seed for better harvest in future.

Sackville reports. A membership of ninety with a branch society at Wood Point. Have held *twenty-two* meetings. Average attendance twenty-three. Also *three* public meetings at which collections were taken for Home Missions. October was our crusade month, during which between *twenty and thirty* names were added to our membership list. Our monthly meetings have been better attended and are full of interest.

Steeves Mt., Forest Glen, Salisbury, Cape Tormentine, Port Elgin, Midgic, Lewisville, Petitcodiac send the regular reports, nothing special to transcribe.

Bayside has just been organized.

Albert reports. Regular meetings, society in a fairly flourishing condition.

Riverside. Re-organized this summer. Have decided to hold regular meetings, and desire the prayers of the sisters.

Alma. Has held eleven meetings this year Interest good.

1st Elgin looks forward hopefully.

Hopewell Cape, Hopewell Hill, Surrey Valley and 1st Harvey send usual reports.

Newcastle (Miramichi) reports. At our last meeting there seemed to be more interest. We hope for better times in the future.

Havelock. Our meetings not so well attended as they should be. We hope to do more this coming year.

Hillsboro. Has done good work this year.

Report from Aid Societies N. B., Southern Association.

Germain St. St. John reports, their society in a flourishing condition, though regretting the absence of their "beloved President." Have received many letters from our missionaries and feel encouraged to press on.

Main St., report four new members at their last meeting. The interest is better than last year and they are praying that an interest in Missionary work, greater than ever before may be awakened in their church.

Leinster St., reports many interesting meetings during the year, but regrets that the time and strength of returned missionaries should be needed and used to

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arouse sleeping christians at home. They also report one new Life member.

Carleton reports. meetings full of interest, good attendance but regrets the lack of general interest but they still hope and pray.

Tabernacle. This little society has struggled through another year. Mrs. Manning has been a great help to us. Giving us much encouragement. There is a great field here for work, if we had the help and assistance of a few more christian women.

Brussels St., reports nothing special.

Chance Harbor reports decrease in amount raised but not in interest in the work.

St. Martins, nothing special.

St. Stephen. There has been an increase in attendance. Our meetings has been very interesting. We have been much helped by having Miss Wright with us. We observed Crusade day and gained three new members.

1st. Springfield, (Hatfield Pt.) We can report a good interest and determination on the part of the members to sustain the meetings.

3rd. Springfield, Collina, Hillsdale, Hammond and Baillie, nothing special.

Mission Bands, New Brunswick.

Newcastle, (Miramichi) Organized Jan 15 with a membership of 16 have increased to 31. Amount raised \$4.20.

"Maud Harrison," (3rd Springfield) membership 18. Amount raised \$16. This Band have taken the support of "Annie Bellisle."

"Willing Workers," Woodstock, membership 57. Amount raised \$32.

"Wright Willing Workers," Fredericton, membership 45. Amount raised \$20.00.

"Carrie Hammond," 2nd Chipman, membership 34. Amount raised F M \$12, H M \$10.

"L D Morse" (2nd Grand Lake Church) organized in April. Membership 20. Amount raised \$9. Much interest is shown in Missions.

"Ida Newcombe," Cromwell's Hill, organized but a short time. Membership 17. Hope to accomplish more in the future. Raised \$1.

1st Moncton, reorganized March 11th 1898. Have raised \$50. Membership 75.

Brussels St, St John, membership 57. Raised for F M \$50, H M \$50. Never has our membership been so large. Our meetings are well attended, and have proved interesting and profitable.

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During the year we have had a good report of Chinna David, the young man whom we support in India, and are encouraged "to press on" feeling that the blessing of God is with us.

Carleton, St John, members 120. Raised \$33.

Maple Leaf" (2nd Grand Lake Church) organized April, 1898. Membership 16. Amount raised for F M \$6, H M \$2.50.

"Sunbeam," 1st Harvey, members 45. Amount raised \$4.30.

Union St, St Stephen, membership 52. Money raised \$25.00. In our meetings we followed the programme in "Tidings." Had a cobweb party, also a concert and two mite box openings.

Middle Sackville, membership 35. Money raised \$19.

"Excelsior," 2nd Grand Lake Church, organized June. Membership 27. Raised \$1.92.

Leinster St, St John, 25 members. Meet every Wednesday. Raised \$26.80. Had one birthday party and a concert in May.

White Rose, Collina, membership 35. Amount raised \$3.80.

Hillsboro, raised \$14.90.

Reports of County Secretarys for N. B.

Westmorland.

Your Co. Sec. begs to submit the following report of work done year ending July 31st. Attended and spoke in public meetings in the following places. Lewisville, Port Elgin Salisbury, Allison, Steeves Mt., Middle Sackville, Midgie, Lower Sackville. Collections \$33 56.

Formed Aid Societies at Cape Tormentine, Midgie, and Wood Point. Letters written during the year sixty-three, cards twenty-four. Your Sec'y wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude the unvarying kindness of the sisters of the Aid Societies in this county. They have acquiesced so readily to any suggestions that it has been a pleasure to labour with and for them. From the depths of my heart I can say, thank God for the earnest faithful workers of Westmorland. May God help us to do greater things in the coming year.

Yours in the work,

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Resignations have been received from Mrs Robinson, Charlotte; Mrs Miller, Kings; Miss Ella Clark, York; Miss Colpitts, Albert. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Miller are holding the office till a successor is appointed for each. The pro. Sec. regrets that the report of the Albert Sec'y has been mislaid, when found it will be published in the columns. Mrs. Geo. Saunders, Carleton, has forwarded no report owing to various reasons. Mrs Pearce also has no report owing to illness.

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Report of Provincial Secretary for P. E. I.

In this our annual report we wish to express our gratitude to the God of Missions for the success that has attended the work during the year. Nearly all the societies report an increasing interest in the work. Our associational meeting was largely attended, and a deep interest was manifested. Verbal reports were given from thirteen societies; the remaining Societies sent written reports with the exception of one or two. There has been a forward movement in the line of Mission Band work, seven new bands having been organized during the year, which under the blessing of God will add power and strength to our work in the future.

Miss Davis, our Provincial Sec'y in company with Mrs Higgins or Mrs Clark visited eight societies. Our beloved Provincial Sec'y during the past few months has been hindered through illness, from being as actively engaged in the work as she would wish to be. We feel assured that her illness has only deepened her love for and interest in the great cause of missions and pray that the Lord may speedily restore her to health and to the work she loves so well.

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Reports from Societies.

East Point. Has been faithful and energetic during the year as will be seen by its large contribution. These dear sisters are praying for greater prosperity, One public meeting was held during the year.

Annandale. Reports monthly meetings kept up the faithful few. They hope for a brighter future, and pray for the Master's blessing.

Dundas. Was represented at our associational gathering, but no written report to hand.

Montague. Has but three contributors. It seems to be our weakest society.

Eldon Reports for the first time, being organized last Aug by Mrs Spurr. The tide of interest is rising as they learn more about the work and the workers. Membership twenty.

Alexandra. Has added two new members during the year. Meetings of the society are well attended and very helpful.

Hazel Brook. Advancement and a marked interest in the work. This Society is in a good condition financially and otherwise. One new member during the year. "Tidings" is read at each meeting, and adds greatly to the interest of the work.

Charlottetown. Has done good work. Meetings well sustained. The Master's presence has been felt.

E. I.

This society has a very flourishing Mission Band under its wing which cannot fail to be a blessing.

Long Creek. Reports a growing interest in the work. The society met regularly during the year, and the sisters seemed very much in earnest.

North River. Noted for its Missionary zeal and energy. Has somewhat exceeded its contribution of last year, and things look hopeful for the future.

Clyde River. Has added four names to its membership roll, and reports increasing interest in the work along our lines.

Bonshaw. These sisters being so very scattered have found it almost impossible to meet together monthly. One meeting (public) was held during the year, and a thankoffering taken up amounting to \$17.00.

Tyron. Has held its meetings regularly during the year. Attendance good. Three new members. Two of the sisters have been made "Life members." This has been a year of special effort, and the Lord has blessed them financially more than any previous year.

Bedeque. No written report was sent from this Society, but good work is being done. One sister was made a "Life member" by her husband.

Cavendish. Ten meetings were held during the year. The members are becoming more interested in the work, and hope to do more during the coming year

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Knutsford Nothing reported from this society
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Springfield. Society feels at times discouraged on
account of so many leaving; but there have always
been the faithful few, and these were rewarded at their
last meeting by the addition of two new members.

Alborton. Meetings have been held regularly
through the year with an average attendance of six.
These meetings have been helpful to those attending,
all taking some part, thus helping others as well as
themselves.

St Peter's Road. Did not report but contribute
five dollars.

Westmorland, Willing Workers. Our Band is
prospering. The average attendance is good. We
meet every two weeks on Saturday afternoon. The
members all take part in the meetings, and seem to be
deeply interested.

Bedeque, "Willing Workers." One Band was or-
ganized July 1897. We hold our meetings the first
Sunday in every month in connection with our S.
School.

Annandale feels very weak, but prays for more
strength.

Cavendish, "What I can." This Band is only

eight months old, but hopes when the year ends in October that they will have raised twenty-five dollars.

Alberton, "Snowflake." The attendance was small during the year, but the meetings interesting. We raised \$12.25 which goes toward Miss Clarke's salary.

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Report on Home Missions.

As years roll on we can but chronicle the loving kindness of our God. Work undertaken for him never fails, though the obstacles be mountains high. Walking out on His promises success is assured.

Your Home Mission Committee are realizing some thing at least of this as they have gone forward in the work you have intrusted to them. The work of the committee does not vary much from year to year. According to a resolution passed at our last annual meeting, Home Missions was to have a place in Tidings each month. The work has thus been kept pretty well before the societies. In January the committee decided to send a circular letter to all societies which had not contributed to Home Missions during the previous year. This was done. Forty-nine being sent to New Brunswick and fifty-seven to Nova Scotia. The Provincial Secretary of P. E. I. being ill at the time, it was impossible to obtain the names of Societies, so as to write them.

The Island sisters however did not need to be re-

mind ed so much as N. S. and N. B., as the report last July showed that out of 18 Societies 15 had contributed to Home Missions.

Our Finances.

We aimed at raising \$2000.00 but have fallen short by \$261.99. The amount raised being \$1738.01.

The question now before us is, on whom does the responsibility of this failure rest? Surely not wholly with your Home Misssion Committee. Let Presidents and Secretaries as well as your Committee search and see.

The committee recommend that the appropriations for the coming year remain the same as during this year just closed—\$2000 00. Trusting that the leaders in each Society will bring the matter constantly before the sisters. Were every society to respond we would have a surplus and not a deficit.

Our Fields.

Our Fields do not vary from year to year, though it is time they did. "Forward" should be the motto of our Union. This however is impossible until our membership and zeal increase.

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as most encouraging. All fields and churches more than held their own. Congregations have increased. Forty have been baptized. Quite a number of these have received the ordinance at Grand Ligne while pupils of the Institute.

The North West and Manitoba.

The work here demands our warmest sympathies and practical help. We have eight self supporting churches, and room for dozens more. The fields are white, it is ours to send the reapers. Among the settlers pouring in, are Germans, Scandinavians, Galicians and many from our own provinces. Add to these our

Indian Work.

to which the Womens Convention in the North West asks added help from us this year. And we dare not shut our eyes to the fact that the God of Missions is calling loudly to us to enter these open doors, lest He shut them to us, and open them to others.

Our Own Provinces.

Mission work so far as our means have permitted has been carried on without ceasing.

Suggestions

We make none other than last year for which we refer you to our last annual report page 104.

In conclusion we urge upon our County Secretaries and the Presidents of Societies to begin this work for Home Missions at the first meeting in September and we call to your remembrance.

1st. That our Home Mission Work is the foundation of all our foreign work.

2nd. If you reduce the Home supply, you reduce the foreign.

3rd. It is the Lord who calls to this work and in asking every Aid Society to give something, He is asking no impossible thing.

4th. Had every Aid Society contributed this year there would have been no lack. Let us begin and go forward in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of the Committee on Home Missions.

Amy E Johnston

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Superintendent of Mission Bands Report.

In laying before the W. B. M. U. this first annual report your Superintendent regrets that various circumstances have prevented her from accomplishing much she desired.

A list of twenty five Bands was placed in her hands last year. She wrote to each of these twice to some three times. In our home church 2nd Grand Lake there has been organized three Bands.

New Bands.

Upper Dorchester, Gibson, Pt de Bute, Cromwell's Hill, Hampton Station, Newcastle, Cambellton, Cumberland Bay, Cox's Pt., Range, Elgin Pt., have been organized this year and Albert, Middle Sackville, Woodstock reorganized making a list of forty

Twenty two Bands have reported this year with a membership of about five hundred,

The needs of this work are many where the county secretary takes up the work it is more prosperous.

The outlook is encouraging.

May God abundantly bless the work and the workers.

Yours in the work

Lenora A. Barton.

Report of Bureau of Literature.

Amounts Sent Out.

Leaflets 954. of this number 300 free, value .	\$20 22
Mite Boxes 1380 " "	11 49
Maps 15	3 65
Photos 3 " "	40
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Books 24 Circulating Library	
Rec'd from sale of literature, maps, etc	17 29
" for Postage	1 33
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Cash on hand to balance

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Eight books have been given to the Circulating Library. Two were presented by Mrs Archibald, and six by Miss Ida Newcombe.

Treasurer's Report.

Women's Baptist Missionary Union in account with
Mrs. Mary Smith for the year ending July 31st 1898.

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Aug. 1st.	By balance on hand.....	\$1716 12
Amt. received	from Nova Scotia W M A S.....	4501 13
" "	" New Br'swick W. M.A. S.....	2188 75
" "	" P. E. Island, W. M. A. S.....	622 26
" "	" Mission Bands N. S.....	679 28
" "	" Sunday Schools, N. S.....	228 49
" "	" Mission Bands, N. B.....	340 54
" "	" Sundays Schools, N. B.....	136 53
" "	" Mission Bands, P. E. I.....	112 86
" "	" Sunday School P. E. I.....	5 00
" "	" Donations.....	80 82
" "	" Tidings.....	43 45
" "	" Annual Reports.....	29 06
" "	" Y.P.Societies, N S.....	31 98
" "	" Collections, Associations.....	81 76

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Paid J. W. Mauning, Trea. F M B.....	\$6125 00
" A Cohoon " H M, N S and P E I....	417 00
* " J S Titus " H M, N B.....	311 15
" H E Sharpe " N W M.....	746 10
" J Richards " G L M.....	376 90
" Bureau of Lit.	31 00
" Printing Annual Reports.....	68 50
" Express and Postage Annual Reports.....	10 26
" Stationary.....	15 50
" Printing Tidings.....	30 65
" " Catalogues.....	2 50
" Life membership Certificates (100).....	7 50
" Cor. Sec. postage (3 yrs.).....	7 58
" Miss Grey's expenses to Convention.....	7 00
" Treasurers " " ".....	10 00
" Co. Secretaries.....	5 35
" Pro. Sec Nova Scotia.....	36 24
" " " " " postage.....	16 00
" " " New Brunswick.....	38 50
" " " " " postage.....	3 00
" Orders, drafts and postage.....	19 21

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*\$38 85 of New Brunswick H. M. money, was sent direct to Mr. Titus from W. M. A. Societies.

Mary Smith

Amherst Aug. 8th., 1898.

Trea. W. B. M. U

Audited and found correct

Amherst Aug. 13th, 1898.

T. R. Black.

NOTE. Balance of Home Mission Money carried over from last year was added to this year's receipts, and paid out.—Treasurer.

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Detailed Statement.

Received from W. M. A. S. of Nova Scotia.

	\$ F. M	\$ H. M.	Total.
Antigonish.....	31 00	4 00	35 00
Amherst	281 75	93 84	375 59
Acadia Mines.....	40 85	2 50	43 35
Aylesford.....	29 05	12 80	41 85
" Morristown branch....	13 00	1 00	14 00
Argyle Head.....	14 10	6 15	20 25
Apple River.....	12 00	.. ..	12 00
Amherst Shore.....	16 25	1 03	17 28
Arcadia.....	22 62	6 00	28 62
Avondale.....	17 55	11 00	28 55
Athol	40 00	.. ..	40 00
Billtown	51 60	9 75	61 35
Brookly West.....	4 00	.. ..	4 00
Bridgetown.....	68 97	10 94	79 81
Berwick.....	57 39	13 22	70 61
Bridgewater	15 60	4 50	20 10
Brookville.....	36 00	4 20	40 20
Brookfield (North).....	32 25	11 00	43 25
Boylston.....	12 80	12 80
Brookfield and Forest Glen..	41 00	3 00	44 00

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Bedford.....	6 00	2 00	8 00
Chester.....	26 88	. .	26 88
Canard.....	43 50	18 35	61 85
Clarence.....	57 86	6 05	64 36
Canning.....	9 00	3 75	12 75
Canso.....	21 50	7 75	29 25
Centreville, Anna. Co.....	45 89	4 15	50 04
Clementsvalle.....	24 00	11 00	35 00
Chelsea.....	6 00	. .	6 00
Dartmouth.....	28 95	21 05	50 00
DeBert River.....	21 00	9 50	30 50
Deerfield.....	15 03	1 00	16 03
East Jeddore.....	16 00	2 00	18 00
East Mountain.....	11 00	2 00	13 00
Five Islands & L. Economy.....	15 34	3 05	18 39
Freeport.....	16 00	6 00	22 00
Falmouth.....	23 00	. .	23 00
Foster Settlement.....	11 69	1 56	13 25
Fourchie.....	6 53	1 00	7 53
Falkland Ridge.....	8 80	40	9 20
Forbes Point.....	14 59	6 30	20 89
Great Village.....	13 50	3 50	17 00
Gaspereau.....	24 23	13 63	37 86
Guysboro.....	45 28	. .	45 28
Greenfield.....	5 50	5 50	11 00
Gabarus.....	8 93	. .	8 93
Granville Centre.....	9 75	. .	9 75
Greenville.....	15 15	11 00	26 15
Halifax 1st Ch.....	83 25	56 69	139 94

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8 00	Halifax North Ch.....	115 08	31 45	146 53
26 88	Halifax Tble. Ch.....	48 50	32 53	81 03
61 85	Hantsport.....	24 98	19 26	44 24
64 36	Hammonds Plains.....	5 00	. . .	5 00
12 75	Homerville.....	12 00	1 50	13 50
29 25	Hillsburg, 1st.....	17 79	4 00	21 79
50 04	Hebron.....	26 39	12 20	38 59
35 00	Indian Harbor.....	10 10	. . .	10 10
6 00	Jordan River.....	1 50	1 50	3 00
50 00	Kentville.....	21 00	3 00	24 00
30 50	Kingston.....	16 90	16 86	33 76
16 03	Lower Aylesford.....	130 21	13 35	143 66
18 00	Little Glace Bay.....	15 65	3 00	18 65
13 00	Lockeport.....	23 62	8 17	31 79
18 39	Lawrencetown & Valley West.....	38 35	4 65	43 00
22 00	Liverpool.....	23 22	4 78	28 00
23 00	Lockhartville.....	16 70	2 75	19 45
13 25	Lunenburg.....	31 65	83	32 48
7 53	Lewis Head.....	7 75	1 50	9 25
9 20	Little Bras D'or.....	27 10	10 95	38 50
20 89	Lower Woods Harbor.....	2 25	. . .	2 25
17 00	Mount Hanley.....	14 50	1 40	15 90
37 86	Melvyn Square.....	38 00	13 00	51 00
45 28	Mahone Bay.....	30 13	7 94	38 07
11 00	Mill Village.....	2 50	. . .	2 50
8 93	Milton (Queens Co).....	21 78	2 60	24 38
9 75	Maccan.....	20 50	7 00	27 50
26 15	Margaree.....	20 00	. . .	20 00
139 94	Mabou.....	1 25	. . .	1 25
	New Germany.....	61 25	. . .	61 2

New Albany.....	12 60	1 50	14 10
Nictaux.....	45 65	14 95	60 60
New Mines.....	4 75	. . .	4 75
New Glasgow.....	28 35	2 40	30 75
New Canada.....	9 33	. . .	9 33
North Sydney.....	44 00	. 00	44 00
New Tuskett.....	13 00	. . .	13 00
North Temple.....	4 25	1 58	5 83
North Range.....	11 00	. . .	11 00
Noel.....	6 79	. . .	6 79
Osborne.....	16 40	2 06	18 46
Onslow East.....	5 75	4 25	10 00
Onslow West.....	40 90	5 65	46 55
Oxford.....	12 50	12 55	25 05
Ohio.....	3 50	2 04	5 54
Overton.....	17 00	50	17 50
Pine Grove.....	16 00	2 10	18 10
Parrsboro.....	30 00	8 00	38 00
Port Greville.....	12 75	9 00	21 75
Portapique & U. Economy..	32 25	9 50	41 75
Pereaux.....	15 00	. . .	15 00
Paradise.....	30 50	13 80	44 30
Port Williams.....	19 62	. . .	19 62
Pugwash.....	23 43	6 02	29 45
Port Maitland.....	20 00	. . .	20 00
Port Medway.....	10 40	2 00	12 40
Pleasant River.....	4 00	. . .	4 00
River Hebert.....	33 47	11 46	44 93
Springhill.....	17 00	6 00	23 00

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14 10	Summerville.....	16 65	6 25	22 90
60 60	Springfield.....	15 75	8 75	23 25
4 75	Sable River.....	14 50	5 00	32 00
30 75	Sydney.....	27 00	4 97	14 99
9 33	2nd St Margaret's Bay.....	10 02	3 75	6 52
44 00	Shelburne.....	2 77	20 50	20 50
13 00	Scotch Village.....	20 50	6 00	38 15
5 83	Torbrook.....	32 15	7 87	86 49
11 00	Truro, 1st Ch.....	78 62	14 00	51 06
6 79	Truro, Immanuel Ch.....	37 06	3 86	10 83
18 46	Tusket.....	6 97	2 40	2 40
10 03	Tancook.....	2 40	4 30	13 00
46 53	Upper Stewiacke.....	8 70	12 07	56 98
25 05	Westport.....	44 91	4 75	17 00
5 54	West Jeddore.....	12 25	22 12	147 72
17 50	Windsor.....	125 60	7 00	7 00
18 10	Wittenberg.....	7 00	52 50	125 35
38 00	Wolfville.....	72 85	11 65	11 65
21 75	Walton.....	11 65	12 75	12 75
41 75	Weymouth.....	12 75	25	11 25
15 00	Wallace River.....	11 00	1 75	1 75
44 30	Woods Harbor.....	1 75	4 00	4 00
19 62	Wilmot.....	4 00	12 10	24 31
29 45	Woodville.....	12 21	2 00	12 50
20 00	Weston.....	10 50	14 50	69 78
12 40	Yarmouth 1st church.....	55 28	5 23	57 39
4 00	Yarmouth Temple church.....	52 16		

New Societies and Re-organized

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New Cornwall.....	4 00	4 00
Pleasantville.....	3 75	3 75
Mt. Dennison.....	5 00	5 00
Somerset.....	5 00	5 00
Lakeville.....	4 52	7 23 12 75
Kempt.....	4 00	2 50 6 50
New Annan.....	3 00	3 00
Argyle.....	2 70	1 10 3 80
2nd Sable River.....	4 00	4 00

Received from W M A S of New Brunswick

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Albert.....	21 71	.. ..	21 71
Andover	4 25	.. ..	5 25
Alma	9 98	4 48	14 46
Bellisle Station.....	8 28	1 00	9 28
Baillie... ..	7 00	3 00	10 00
Benton.....	2 00	4 00	6 00
Cumberland Bay.....	36 50	.. ..	36 50
2nd Cambridge.....	35 20	2 50	37 70
Carleton.....	34 55	23 46	58 01
Collina	4 00	.. ..	4 00
2nd Chipman.....	57 92	.. ..	57 92
Centreville.....	2 50	2 50	5 00
Chance Harbor.....	10 70	1 30	12 00
Chipman.....	16 00	16 00
Campbelltown	2 50	2 50	5 00
Dorchester.....	12 00	12 00

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4 00	Dawson Settlement....	15 00	15 00
3 75	Douglas Harbor.....	2 00	2 00
5 00	2nd Dorchester.....	29 35	17 65	47 00
5 00	Doaktown.....	7 95	.. ..	7 95
12 75	Fairville.....	12 75	1 00	13 75
6 50	Fredericton.....	84 67	37 79	122 46
3 00	Florenceville.	41 15	2 50	43 65
3 80	Forest Glen, Tob. River..	1 75	.. ..	1 75
4 00	Forest Glen.....	20 40	.. ..	20 40
	Germantown.....	4 00	.. ..	4 00
Total	Gibson.....	19 00	3 50	22 50
21 71	1st Harvey	22 21	10 96	33 17
5 25	Havelock.....	43 75	.. ..	43 75
14 46	Hillsboro 1st... ..	83 02	17 18	100 20
9 28	Hopewell Hill.....	16 50	2 00	18 50
10 00	Hampton.....	4 00	.. ..	4 00
6 00	Hillsboro 2nd.....	9 00	.. ..	9 00
36 50	Hillsdale, Hammond....	5 00	.. ..	5 00
37 70	Hopewell Cape.....	9 90	1 90	11 80
58 01	Jemseg.	12 00	.. ..	12 00
4 00	Jacksontown.....	5 20	1 35	6 55
57 92	Jacksonville	13 75	5 35	19 10
5 00	2nd Kingsclear.....	10 75	.. ..	10 75
12 00	Ludlow	10 00	.. ..	10 00
16 00	Lower Cambridge.....	48 25	.. ..	48 25
5 00	Lewisville.....	24 70	6 69	31 39
12 00	Macnaquac	11 00	.. ..	11 00

Moncton.....	95 00	65 00	160 00
McDonald's Point.....	13 00	.. ..	13 00
McDonald's Corner.....	11 70	.. ..	11 70
McKenzie Corner.....	5 00	8 00	13 00
Maryville.....	21 25	2 36	23 61
New Castle	7 46	.. ..	7 46
Point de Bute.....	34 24	37 20	71 44
Port Elgin.....	11 00	4 00	15 00
Petitcodiac	16 05	.. ..	16 05
Pennlyn Station	11 00	5 00	16 00
Surrey, Valley ch....	18 35	3 71	22 06
Sackville.....	99 60	53 40	153 0
St. John, Brussels St....	8 81	22 49	31 30
" Germain St....	114 43	18 47	132 00
" Leinster St....	51 00	29 00	80 00
" Main St.....	42 20	5 48	47 68
St John, Tabernacle.....	10 00	.. ..	10 00
St Stephen, Union St....	37 40	12 71	50 11
St George, 1st Ch.....	27 84	.. ..	27 84
Salem Branch.....	19 38	.. ..	19 38
Springfield 1st....	19 00	2 00	21 00
Salisbury 1st.....	21 54	1 20	22 74
St Martins....	51 00	5 00	56 00
St George.....	14 00	14 00
Steeves Mountain.....	7 00	7 00
Upper Gagetown.....	12 70	12 70
Union Corner.....	9 00	9 00

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Upper Newcastle Bridge.	13 00	. . .	13 00
Upper Queensbury.....	1 60	1 65	3 25
Woodstock.....	47 70	23 10	70 80

New Societies, New Brunswick.

Pennfield.....	6 78	. . .	6 78
Allison...	1 00	. . .	1 00
Caledonia...	6 00	. . .	6 00
Baltimore.....	17 00	. . .	17 00
Midgie.....	13 50	3 00	16 50
Bayfield.....	3 00	. . .	3 00
Riverside.....	5 00	. . .	5 00
Woodpoint.....	2 00	. . .	2 00
Penobsquis...	5 70	. . .	5 70

Received from W M A S of P E Island

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Alexandra.....	\$25 63	\$2 20	\$27 83
Annandale.....	14 00	4 50	18 50
Alberton.....	11 20	1 43	12 63
Bedeque...	46 60	8 30	54 90
Belmont.....	3 28	. . .	3 28
Bonshaw.....	19 50	8 50	28 00
Cavendish...	26 49	3 00	29 49
Charlottetown.....	51 05	10 70	61 75
Clyde River.....	7 50	7 50	15 00
Dundas.....	5 50	. . .	5 50

East Point	61 55	23 30	84 85
Hazle Brook ..	27 55	10 95	38 50
Knotsford	5 00	...	5 00
Long Creek.....	16 00	2 00	18 00
Montague	2 00	2 00	4 00
North River.....	46 00	14 00	50 00
St. Peters Road....	5 50	...	5 50
Summerside	11 10	11 15	22 25
Springfield	7 00	7 00	14 00
Tryon.....	69 42	26 95	96 37

New Society.

Eldon	13 91	3 00	16 91
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Received from Mission Bands, Nova Scotia.

	\$ F. M.	\$ H. M.	\$ Total.
Arcadia.....	32 61	5 00	37 61
Bridgetown.....	37 09	...	37 09
Belmont....	7 00	...	7 00
Bass River.....	1 10	...	1 00
Centerville, (Anna. Co.)	10 86	...	10 86
Clementsport.	4 25	...	4 25
Chebogue....	27 50	2 50	30 00
De Bert....	11 00	...	11 00
Deep Brook.....	17 00	...	17 00
Farmington.....	5 00	...	5 00
Foster Settlement.....	1 35	...	1 35
Gaspereau.....	6 15	...	6 15

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84 85	Lawrencetown.	35 00	...	35 00
38 50	Lockeport.....	30 00	...	30 00
5 00	Little Glace Bay....	9 15	2 70	11 85
18 00	Jeddore	2 17	...	2 17
4 00	Mahone Bay.....	17 00	...	17 00
50 00	Morristown	7 54	...	7 54
5 50	Meadowvale.....	5 75	...	5 75
22 25	North West.....	7 40	...	7 40
14 00	New Germany	28 50	...	28 50
96 37	North Brookfield....	12 50	12 50	25 00
	Nictaux Falls.....	19 45	...	19 45
16 91	Overton.....	5 50	...	5 50
	Paradise.....	4 82	4 82	9 64
	Port Maitland.....	6 90	6 85	13 75
\$ Total.	Port Greville.....	14 00	...	14 00
37 61	River Hebert.....	27 00	...	27 00
37 09	Rawdon, (South) ..	6 00	...	6 00
7 00	St Margaret's Bay....	4 75	1 91	6 66
1 00	Tremont.....	5 79	...	5 79
10 86	Wolfville.....	21 80	...	21 80
4 25	Yarmouth, 1st Ch....	90 80	...	90 80
30 00	Harmony.....	7 48	...	7 48
11 00				
17 00				
5 00				
1 35				
6 15				
	New Mission Bands, Nova Scotia.			
	Acadia Mines.....	4 80	...	4 80
	Port Hilford	41 12	...	41 12
	Mount Hanley.....	11 31	...	11 31

Greenwood..	11 00	11 00
Dartmouth.....	10 35	10 35
New Tusket	6 36	6 36
Fourchie.....	95	1 90
New Canada.	4 02	4 02
New Glasgow.	10 00	10 00
Canning... ..	6 72	6 72
Argyle.	5 20	5 20

Received From Sunday Schools, Nova Scotia.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Amherst.....	\$100 75	\$40 55	\$141 30
Antigonish	10 07	10 07	10 07
Dartmouth.....	21 31	21 30	42 61
Freeport.	10 00	10 00	10 00
Milton.....	4 32	4 32	4 32
Parrsboro.....	8 32	8 32	8 32
Pugwash	7 31	7 31	7 31
Woodville	1 00	1 00	1 00
Wittenburg	56	56	56
Argyle Head.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Indian Harbor... ..	1 00	1 00	1 00
Salem.....	1 00	1 00	1 00

Received From Young People's Societies, Nova Scotia.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Homeville.....	2 58	4 00	6 58

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11 00	Avonport.....	5 00	5 00
10 35	Centreville, Digby Co....	5 00	5 00
6 36	Port Williams.	2 43	2 43
1 90	Windsor.....	9 50	9 50
4 02	3 Mile Plains..	3 00	3 00
10 00	Guysboro ..	47	47

Recieved from Mission Bands New Brunswick.

		\$F M	\$H M	Total
cotia.	2nd Chipman.....	22 00	.....	22
Total	Fredericton.....	20 00	.....	20 00
\$141 30	1st Hillsboro.....	14 50	.....	14 50
10 07	Middle Sackville.....	19 00	.....	19 00
42 61	Moncton.....	50 00	.....	50 00
10 00	St. John German St.....	50 00	.....	50 00
4 32	Lower Sackville.....	11 25	4 05	15 30
8 32	St John, Brussels St.....	50 00	.....	50 00
7 31	St George.....	7 15	.. ..	7 15
1 00				

New Mission Bands, New Brunswick.

		\$F. M.	\$H. M.	\$Total
6	Bellisle Creek.....	14 00	2 00	16 00
1 00	1st Springfield.....	2 50	.. .	2 50
1 00	Point de Bute.....	4 00	1 00	5 00
1 00	Albert ..	16 39	.. .	16 39
Nova Scotia.	Dorchester.....	..	4 00	4 00
M. Total	Woodstock	26 00	.. .	26 00
6 58				

Cox's Point.....	1 00	1 00
Cumberland Bay.....	5 00	5 00
Newcastle.....	4 20	4 20
The Range.....	8 50	8 50
Cromwell Hill.....	1 00	1 00
St John West.....	3 00	3 00

Received From Sunday Schools, New Brunswick.

	\$F. M.	\$H. M.	Total
Forest Glen.....	72		72
Hopewell Hill... ..	19 00		19 00
Lewisville	86 00		86 00
Forest Glen, (West Co)...	1 10		1 10
Cambridge, Narrows ...	23 21		23 21
Fredericton.....	6 50		6 50

Received From Mission Bands, P. E. Island.

North River.....	\$27 00	\$.. ..	\$27 00
Alberton.....	1 27		1 27
Charlottetown... ..	8 53	4 24	12 77
Central Bedeque.....	5 00		5 00
East Point	8 22		8 22
Tryon.....	14 50	6 50	21 00
Springfield.....	20 00		20 00
Cavendish.....	11 75		11 75
Annandale.....	1 40		1 40
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 Cavendish—Mrs. J. B. Woodland.
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 Amherst—Mrs. Botsford Smith.
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 1884 Amherst—Mrs. W. D. Corbett.
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 St. John, Leinster St.—Mrs. Thomas Hay.
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 Bear River—Mrs. Wm. Hall.
 Dorchester—Mrs. A. R. Emmerson.
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Sydney. Mrs. Laura Crawley.
Chester. Mrs. David Hume.
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Dorchester. Mrs. A. T. Dykeman.
Woodville. Mrs. Ezekiel Parish.
Kingston. Mrs. John Wheelock.
1887 Onslow. Mrs. James McCurdy.
Chester Basin. Mrs. Maynard Borgald.
Berwick. Mrs. E. O. Read.
Middleton. Mrs. J. A. Gates.
Port Medway. An unknown sister.
*St. John, Leinster St. Mrs. James Masters.

- St. John, Leinster St. Mrs. Arthur W. Masters.
 St. George. Mrs. James Kelman.
 St. George. Mrs. Annie Campbell.
 *Halifax, North church. Mrs. J. F. Parsons
 Falmouth. Mrs. Wm. Church.
 Sydney. Mrs. Lydia McQuarrie.
 *Dartmouth. Mrs. W. L. Barss.
 Lake George. Mrs. Aaron Cogswell.
 1888 Albert. Mrs. James Keivor.
 Amherst. Mrs. Jessie Harding.
 Pine Grove. Miss Clara Porter.
 Hillsboro. Mrs. W. Camp.
 Halifax. North church. Mrs. D. Archibald.
 St. John, Brussels St. Mrs. Wm Alwood.
 St. John, Leinster St. Mrs J. R. Hutchenson.
 Hopewell Hill. Miss M. E. Bacon.
 St. John, Leinster St. Miss Hettie Wright.
 St. John, Leinster St. Miss Abbie Gray.
 Mahone Bay. Mrs D. W. Crandall.
 East. Point. Mrs George Bruce
 Billtown. Mrs F. H. Beals.
 *Moncton. Mrs W. B. Hinson.
 Sydney. Miss Rose Weeks.
 1889 West Onslow. Mrs Frank Lorraine.
 Halifax, North church, Mrs David Thompson.
 St. John, Leinster St. Miss Martha Hay.
 St. John, Brussels St. Mrs H. G. Mellick,
 Albert. Mrs John Keever.
 *Albert. Mrs Rufus Tingley.

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- s. Cumberland Bay. Mrs Lydia Burk.
Windsor. Mrs H. Foshay.
- 1890 Milton. Mrs Samuel Smith.
Billtown. Mrs Rufus Sanford.
Hillsboro. Mrs C. T. Wood.
Pine Grove. Miss Jessie Woodberry.
*Frederickton. Mrs Dr. Spurden.
Albert. Mrs Elizabeth Brewster.
New Germany. Ella S. Barss.
St. John, Leinster St. Mrs John L. Shaw.
St. John, Brussels St. Mrs W. J. Stewart.
Point de Bute. Mrs. J. D. Skinner.
West Onslow. Mrs Charles Wetherby.
Cumberland Bay. Mrs Adelia O. Branscombe.
Amherst. Mrs D. F. Quigley.
Portland. Mrs M. E. Cowan.
Springhill. Mrs. A. G. Purdy.
Canning. Mrs. Levi C. Woodworth.
St John, Germain St. Mrs Irene Armstrong.
St. John, Leinster St. Mrs Alfred Seeley.
- 1891 Windsor. Mrs Joseph Fuller.
Cumberland Bay. Mrs Rachel Lewis.
St. John, Main St. Mrs Sydney Welton.
Middleton. Miss Maria Morehouse.
Middleton. Mrs Isaiah Dodge.
Windsor. Mrs Edgar D. Shand.
Gaspereaux. Mrs M. P. Freeman.
Hillsboro. Mrs. John I. Steeves.
Onslow West. Mrs James Stevens.
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- New Westminster. Eleanor J. Mann.
 Halifax, 1st church, Mrs Dr. Saunders.
 Lunenburg. Mrs J. S. Brown.
 Middleton. Mrs E. E. Locke.
 *St. John, Leinster St. Mrs John Steele.
 Cavendish, P. E. I. Mrs J. C. Spurr.
 1892 Westmorland. Mrs John E. Cahill.
 Sackville. Mrs Thomas Todd.
 Truro, Prince St. Mrs Richard Christey.
 Cumberland Bay. Mrs Bessie Miller.
 Germantown. Mrs Hiram Fillmore.
 Hillsboro 1st. Miss Florence C. Steeves.
 Halifax, North church. Mrs Mary Hierlihy.
 Brook Village. Mrs Robert Frizzle.
 West Onslow. Mrs Samuel Hamilton.
 Hillsboro 1st. Mrs Isaiah Steeves.
 Truro, Immanuel church. Mrs William Parker.
 Yarmouth Temple church. Miss Harriet McGill.
 Cambridge, Narrows. Mrs M. P. King.
 Amherst. Mrs T. R. Black.
 Halifax, North ch. Mrs David Ellis.
 Fairville. Mrs L. A. Long.
 Charlottetown. Mrs James Desbrisay.
 Onslow West. Mrs. N. M. King.
 Digby. Mrs Charlotte E. Durkee.
 Windsor. Mrs A. P. Shand.
 Lunenburg. Mrs Corkum.
 Billtown. Miss Lottie Sweet.
 *Middle Sackville. Mrs. J. C. Harper.

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- St. John, Leinster St. Mrs Henry L. Everett.
Canning. Mrs W. C. Vincent.
Sackville. Mrs W. H. Warren.
St. John, Leinster St. Mrs. J. R. Calhoun.
1893 St. Stephen. Mrs John B. Robinson.
Woodstock. Mrs W. W. Hay.
Kingston Village. Mrs John Wheelock.
*Bridgetown. Mrs I. M. Young.
East Florenceville. Mrs. H. A. Hayward.
Gaspereau Forks. Mrs Margaret S. Cox.
West Onslow. Mrs John Gunn.
Yarmouth, Temple ch. Mrs A. S. Murray.
Windsor. Mrs John Nalder.
Barton. Mrs John Smith.
Charlottetown. Mrs John Scott.
Hillsboro. Mrs Alice Carlisle.
Vizianagram, India. Miss Kate MacNeill.
Amherst. Mrs. James Layton.
Amherst. Mrs N. A. Rhodes.
Dartmouth. Mrs W. Eisnor.
Dartmouth. Miss A. E. Johnson.
River Hebert. Mrs Elizabeth Hayes.
Halifax, North church. Mrs James McPherson.
Halifax, North church. Mrs James Dumeresq.
1894 Truro, Prince St. Mrs H. T. Adams.
Cumberland Bay. Amy J. McLean.
West Onslow. Miss F. A. Blair.
Clarence. Miss Abbie E. Parker.
Wolfville. Rev A. Cahoon.

Amherst. Mrs Herbert Pipes.
 River Hebert. Mrs William Porter.
 Amherst. Mrs Burett Ralston.
 Paradise. Mrs R. B. Kinlay.
 Bonshaw. Mrs John McLean.
 Amherst. Mrs Nelson Forest.
 Truro (Prince St) Mrs Wm Faulkner.
 Truro (Prince St) Mrs Nancy Chambers.
 Yarmouth (Temple Ch) Mrs G. R. White.
 East Florenceville. Mrs A. D. Hartley.
 Chipman. Mrs W. L. McIntyre.
 Brooklyn (Ann Co) Miss Bella Skinner.
 Halifax. (1st Ch) Mrs A. C. Chute.
 Bridgetown. Mrs Aaron Cogswell.
 Yarmouth (1st Ch) Mrs Wm H. Gridley.
 Coles Island (2nd Johnstone Ch.) Miss M. A. Perry.
 Windsor. Mrs G. P. Payzant.
 Charlottetown. Mrs M C Davies.
 1895 Truro (1st Church) Mrs Clarke.
 Bear River. Mrs H. H. Chute.
 Halifax (North Ch) Mrs George H. Fielding.
 Cumberland Bay. Mrs Rhoda A. Barton.
 Red Point P. E. I. Miss Hattie M. Robertson.
 Pugwash. Mrs Sylvanus Lowe.
 Sable River. Mrs I. W. Carpenter.
 Dartmouth. Miss Emma Hume.
 Wolfville. Mrs Sophia Harris.
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St John (Leinster St) Mrs E. E. Dailey.
Falmouth. Mrs Joseph Murray.
Truro (Immanuel St) Mrs I. B. Fulton.
Windsor. Miss Mary Sinclair.
Wolfville. Miss Margaret C Barss.
Hantsport. Mrs Edward Davidson.
West Onslow. Mrs Adam Downing.
Barwick. Mrs J. B. Chute.
Halifax (1st Church) Mrs Allison Smith.
Truro (Immanuel St) Mrs Sarah Jane Johnstone.
River Hebert. Mrs J. M. Parker.
Charlottetown. Miss Jessie P. Scott.
1896 Windsor, Mrs Edward Young
Charlottetown, Mrs C. W. Corey.
Lower Canard, Miss Alice L. Eaton.
Range, Queen's Co N. B., Mrs Martha Conner.
Halifax (1st ch), Mrs R I Hart
Onslow West, Mrs John A. Dickson.
Fredricton, Mrs Richards H. Philips.
Antigonish, Mrs C. B. Whidden.
North River Mrs M. C. Higgins.
Onslow West, Mrs J. D. Spiddell.
Acadia Mines, Mrs Frank A. Johnstone.
Digby, Mrs L. B. Gates.
Amherst, Mrs B. F. Gehring
Wolfville, Miss Minnie Fitch.
Lower Aylesford, Mrs William Crocker.

- Greenfield, Col. Co. Mrs Jannet McCabe.
 Halifax, (Tablc. ch.) Mrs Elizabeth Richardson
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 Halifax (Tablc. ch.) Mrs Michael Manuel.
 Tryon, Mrs James Newsom.
 Cumberland Bay, Mr Charles W. Barton.
 Berwick, Mrs D. Simpson
 Halifax (1st ch) Mrs Levi Hart.
 Parla Kimeri (India) Miss Martha Clarke
 Annapolis, Mrs J. G. Coulter White.
 Lawrencetown, Miss Ida Newcombe.
 River Herbert, Mrs Catherine Lowe
 Fredericton, Miss Elizabeth J. Philips
 St John, (Leinster St.) Mrs T. L. Hay
 Montreal, Mrs Mary A. Cramp.
 Newport, Mrs W. W. Rees.
 Hantsport, Mrs Mary Barker.
 1897 Lower Aylesford, Mrs R. E. Gullison.
 Lower Aylesford, Rev. R. E. Gullison.
 Fredricton, Mrs James C. Turner.
 Acadia Mines, Florence Edith Johnson.
 St. Martains, Mrs J. S. Titus.
 Windsor, Mrs William Lewis.
 St. Stephen, Mrs Edward Price.
 Wolfville. Mrs Isaiah Wallace.
 Truro, 1st Ch. Mrs James Page.
 Halifax Tab'le Ch., Mrs G. W. Young
 Windsor, Mrs Otis Redden.
 Hillsboro, Mrs Lavinia Steeves.

- Everett, Mass. Mrs John Rowe.
Nictaux, Mrs Albert Beckwith
North Brookfield, Mrs E C Baker
St John Germain St. Mrs Sarah Blakeslee
North Brookfield. Mrs A. J Leadbetter.
DeBert. Mrs William McCully.
Berwick. Mrs William Skinner.
Central Bedeque. Mrs Joseph Schurman.
Halifax 1st Church. Mrs William Moody.
Sackville. Mrs Amos Ogden.
Canard. Mrs Albert Eaton.
Brookfield Col Co. Mrs J. J. Armstrong.
Truro Immanuel Church. Miss Emily King.
New Germany. Mrs William Caldwell.
Bobbili (Cumberland Bay) Miss Maud Harrison.
Amherst. Mrs J. H. McDonald.
Salem. Mrs Hugh Logan.
Amherst. Mrs M. D. Pride.
St John, Leinster St. Mrs J. F. Masters.
1st Elgin and Forest Glen. Mrs H. H. Saunders.
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Presidents Address

Dear Sisters of the W. B. M. U. :—

Our work for God is like a Mosaic, all the pieces must be brought together to complete the design. Each workers part will be fitted into its proper place and then the master who has patiently watched the days and nights of earnest faithful toil will say "well done" and crown it all with His approving smile. A little boy who was employed in the workshop of a great artist asked the privilege of using the little pieces of glass that fell on the floor. He was given premission and began picking them up and fitting them together. After some years the artist went into the room and found a beautiful mosaic and asked "who has been here and what Master has had his mosaic in my workshop." The boy replied, "O Sir, that is just the bits of glass that I gathered up. It is my piece of work." So my Sisters, we each in our own sphere, the place where God has planted us, have during the past year been using the time, talents and opportunities that God has given us in this great mission enterprise. You have heard the results of these efforts in the Reports of Secretary and Treasurer as far as we can measure re-

sults. Our measuring rod is not deep enough, Eternity alone will reveal all that has been accomplished as well as all that has been neglected. The great day of account is coming. We have assembled more to fit there bits of work together, lay them side by side and from the history of the Women's Baptist Missionary Union for the past year. "What is written is written," may it meet with the approval of the Master as the little boy's mosaic did and bring forth from Him the words, "She hath donewhat she could."

MISSION BAND

We agreed at our last annual meeting that special prominence should be given this year to Mission Band work.

A number of new Bands have been organized and old ones received new impulse for more thorough and aggressive work. The programme and lesson prepared for our Bands in "Tidings" has been a step in the right direction and will if properly used lead to an intelligent understanding of the subject of missions, such as our young people have never had and without which knowledge they cannot become interested or efficient workers in this great cause.

We feel very grateful for the letters received from our missionaries to the young folks during the year, they have been frequent and exceedingly interesting bringing India and its people nearer to us in all their depths of ignorance and idolatry. When shall we come to realize the supreme importance of this mission

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work among the children and young people, educating them in the history of missions and the great needs and opportunities of the present hour?

To begat an interest in missions we must begin as near the cradle as possible. Mothers, sisters, grandmothers here is a work for you.

If we can awaken an interest in mission work in the hearts of our children, their youthful enthusiasm will kindle our duller minds, their quicker step quickens ours. They will lead us whither we never thought to go. Little Mary's lip trembled as she said good bye to the mother who had daintly dressed her for the Mission Band "you never come yourself mama to see what we are doing, some mothers do." Until this moment that mother thought her whole duty performed when she sent her child to the Mission Band. But now her eyes were opened and a new duty was revealed. She left the work planned for that hour and hurried after her child, *She was amply rewarded for her self-denial by what she learned from the children. A child's quick sympathy and unselfishness will often awaken in parents hearts an interest in objects for which before they had cared little.

If we can only help our young people to realize that there is something better for which to labor, to plan, to dream, to live than their own pleasure and personal adornment. Only a few days ago a beautiful young lady asked most seriously. "How can you bear to go to so many missionary meetings?" "Are

they not all alike?" I tried to tell her of 23,000,000 widows in the east most of them children for whom Christ died as well as for her whose lives were one long scene of woe. Of baby girls by the hundred thrown out on the streets or left by the river bank to die. Of 40,000,000 women in Zenanas shut up from birth to death without ever walking God's earth or hearing His voice in singing birds, or swaying trees or babbling brooks. They are denied God's voice in nature as well as in His blessed word. These can be reached with the gospel only by lady missionaries. I just hinted that missionary meetings could never be dull or all alike when we were planning and praying to save these heathen sisters. The expression of her face changed "Oh, if you put it that way" she replied. A little light had entered her mind. Up to this time her whole life had been one of receiving only. She knew not the blessedness of giving.

Let us plead for an awakening among the members of our W. M. A. S. to see and feel the importance of this work among the children in the home as well as the Mission Band and Sabbath School. There are many of our churches where nothing is done to interest or instruct the children in mission work. In the mountain regions of Mexico hundreds of feet above the sea level in places seemingly inaccessible are found caves evidently used as homes for women and children when war made flight from the villages below necessary. In the mortar with which one of these caves was

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cemented hundreds of years ago is the print of a child's hand as fresh and clearly cut as tho' the impression had been made yesterday. God give us wisdom and strength so to train the children that their lives may be given to this great work, that the touch of hand head and heart may defy the ravages of time and endure unto eternity.

Let me ask and try to answer three questions, What are we as women doing for missions? Why are we doing it? How are we doing it? Each questions might profitably occupy all the time at my disposal.

What are we doing? The answer quickly comes. We are holding monthly missionary meetings, offering daily prayer for our work and workers, raising money to send out missionaries to India, to support schools, Bible women and native preachers in order to bring the Telugus to a knowledge of Christ. We are also contributing towards the Grande Ligne and North West Missions, the Indian work and our Home Mission. This we might call our answer on the foreign side. What is the answer on the home or individual side? It is with that we shall deal particularly just now. What is this work doing for our women who are heartily engaged in it giving thought, time, talents and strength to its prosecution and extension? We are furnishing ourselves with one of the finest means of spiritual development that could be employed. We bless the heathens with our prayers and

gifts, but like mercy "it blesses him that gives as well as him that takes." Have you never felt in your own soul an increase of spiritual vigor clearly the result of missionary effort? Have you never felt a widening of your spiritual vision when you have laid aside the busy cares of life for one hour a month to contemplate the world for whom Christ died in its depths of woe and misery? Have you not been lifted heavenward many times during the year when you realized that you were "working together with God" for the redemption of this lost world?

Dr. Pierson has said that God has given his people this mission work not only for the evangelization of the heathen, but for their spiritual development. We sometimes think our mission work means only praying praying and giving let us not forget that these reach upon ourselves and that God in using us for this work has given us a most wonderful aid to spiritual development.

This mission work also forms a bond of love to unite women of all denominations. This tiny seed planted by Miss Norris's hand when under the direction of the Holy Spirit she formed the first W. M. A. S. in Canada has grown into a great tree stretching wide its branches into all christian churches and yielding its fruit for the healing of the nations. The hearts of women are being prepared by heavenly showers to send forth there various rills and rivulets of benevolence and self-sacrifice that the thirsty deserts of heathenism

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might henceforth be watered and become the garden of the Lord. The stream has widened and deepened until now it is a broad river gently and quietly but persistently forcing its way into the darkest places of the earth and will end in the fulfilment of the promise that the "glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Let us thank God that so many of my sisters gathered here are actively engaged in this "Woman's work for women" giving it a first place in their thoughts, time and hearts, asking daily "Lord what wilt thou have me to do"? If any before me are uninterested or unconcerned feeling no personal responsibility in this work let me entreat you now to yield yourself to the call of the Master and unite your strength with ours to bring the knowledge of Christ to our heathen sisters.

Why are we doing this mission work?

Some reply "because I love it and esteem it a great privilege," others, "it is my duty" others, "some one asked me I did not like to refuse," another, "it is expected of me as a pastor or deacon's wife." There is one answer comes that touches the main spring "It is my Saviour's command "Go" and He has redeemed me" "Whose I am and whom I serve." It is my Father's business and requires all His children, all the time, to give all diligence to obey this last command Jesus said "As the Father hath sent me so I send you." Let each one ask herself just now this question and answer truly, "Why am I engaged in this mission

work"? If the command of Christ is the basis that forms our motive we have a foundation that is secure to build upon, nothing can interrupt or cause us to turn aside, neither adversity or prosperity, on the foreign field or at home domestic claims or social pleasures, sickness or health. This motive will prove a grand impelling force to lead us on thro' success or apparent failure. "I had to" is soon exhausted "It was expected of me" will be among the missing. The command of our loving Lord to His loyal child gives to us all an immortal impetus. My sisters rejoice if you by the Holy Spirit's help have grasped this motives so high up in the mount of God that the clouds, storms, disappointments and pleasures of life never move you to slacken your pace. Does your soul hold to this work like the needle to the pole because your purpose is immovable. We must attain to these foundation principles for aggressive, never dying, never withering enthusiasm. If we have this we shall hear no more of languishing W. M. A. S. or dying Mission Bands.

How are we doing this mission work?

You may say this high plain of action just spoken of can only be obtained by the Holy Spirit's help and power. Certainly if we have never sought and found His guidance our work has been in vain, no joy, no success, no reward. This help comes thro' prayer and the study of God's word, not prayer for the heathen alone; but for ourselves, that we may be chosen vessels, fitted and prepared for the Master's use.

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Prayer for our missionaries that a double portion of this spirit may be granted them as they wrestle against the combined hosts of Satan amid the darkness of heathenism. Are we all daily remembering the Prayer Topic so that the missionary prayed for each month may feel assured that hundreds of sisters are bearing them unitedly in the arms of faith and prayer. Let us not only do this mission work prayerful but intelligently. Can we pray effectually or give acceptably to an object we know very little about? A lady not long since was asked if she knew about Zennena work? Oh no, she replied I never find time for fancy work, thinking it was some new stitch in embroidery. Now such ignorance in this age is unpardonable. How many missionary Biographies have you read this year? One read over and over again until you have made the character a study and the facts concerning that particular mission your own is better than one dozen carelessly read to be forgotten the next week. Dr. Gordon read the life of David Brainard once every year, had that not something to do with his great missionary zeal? The stream of missionary literature has life giving properties, it communicates its own vigor to those who will drink from these crystal waters. The history of modern missions as given in the biographies of its missionaries is only a continuation of the "Acts of the apostles" and has the same effect upon those who study it. So frequently have I asked the question what first led you to become interested in missions the

reply has been reading the lives of the three Mr. Judsons. Eternity alone will reveal the good these sainted ones are doing even now. Their works do follow them and the tide of sacred influence flows on. One cannot carefully read and study the life of McKay of Uganda or John Paton without imbibing something of their spirit and being drawn, nearer Christ in his great purpose of saving the world. No person can plead that these books are not within their reach. Our missionary library in Amherst does not have the patronage it should receive. There are books and leaflets that have not been read by many of our sisters and they are suffering the consequence in lack of knowledge and interest in this great work of missions.

Who can estimate the impulse given to missions in the earlier years by the lives of Carey and Judsons, they have not lost their power only the looks have been greatly multiplied in our day and we can have the inspiration of looking at all foreign countries thro' the vision of a Morrison Duff or Hannington. These give to us the power that a telescope or microscope does to the scientist. As we see with them we feel with them, we learn our duty to God and man and finally we come to pray and do with something of their God given enthusiasm and devotion. Let us then not only do our mission work intelligently but aggressively.

The world is moving on very rapidly. Are we conducting our mission meetings just as they were twenty eight years ago when this organization was

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The Lord has given us more souls among the Telegus this year than ever before and we should praise Him for it and go forth with renewed zeal and courage.

At this time all thoughts are occupied with the

war. In these battle fields we women can only watch, weep and pray. Picture in your imagination a scene in Buffalo at the B. Y. P. U. Convention. It was announced that at 12 o'clock the bombardment of Santiago would begin. Dr. Seymour led in prayer, all heads and hearts were bowed before God our only helper. A solemn hush rested on that vast assembly broken only by the sobs of those who had dear ones in that battle whose souls that moment might be going into eternity. Who can tell how much the prayers offered may have effected the victory won? My sisters in this Holy war against sin and Satan in which we are engaged women can stand in the front ranks of the battle and have always been among the bravest of soldiers of the cross. Many have fought and won great victories before us and as a cloud of witnesses they encompass us to night and urge us on in the conflict. We are here, to use a military figure, like a council of war, in which to take account of the field to be won, the opposing forces to be met, the agencies we are to employ, the enlistment that is needed, the equipment we must have, the great command which our captain Jesus Christ has given. We clearly hear the bugle sound that summons us to go forward. Let us each determine with brave and consecrated hearts, by God's help persistently and earnestly to engage in this great campaign of conquest that will end in victory when the world is won to Christ and we shall gather with those redeemed from every nation under Heaven to give glory and praise to Him who has saved us by His grace.

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Work Among Women.

In reviewing the work of the past year it seems that "Praise" should be the key-note, for the Lord has been very good to me and has given me strength to spend the whole year on the plains and very much joy in telling the story of redemption. There have been changes and interruptions, but wherever I am there are those who need the Bread of Life. Still I have a longing to stay in one place long enough to get acquainted with the people and work

I came to Chicacole a year ago as it was impracticable for me to go to Parla Kimedi and began work with the Bible women who had been under Mrs. Archibald's care since Miss Wright's return to Canada. We visited in the town and surrounding villages daily and were much pleased by the attentive way the people listened to the message. For years they have heard as they testify, but they seem to stop there for their faith is too weak to grasp the promises of God and say "All for Jesus." Their question is "How shall we eat if we become christians?" We tell them that if they have

faith in God and are willing to work, He will certainly feed them. Because of the decision reached at Conference as to the re-distribution of our forces, I came to Chicacole and Mrs. Archibald passed the Bible women over to me; there are six in all, three at out-stations and three here in the town. One has not been doing much work since the first of the year as we have given her several little children to care for while their mothers are away studying so that they can support themselves and at the same time be able to help our suffering sisters in this land of superstition where all disease is attributed to demons.

We feel that this woman is better adapted to this work than Bible work. She is, I believe a christian, but not competent to proclaim the gospel. I tell her if she trains these children aright the Lord can bless the work just as much as any other. The other Bible women have all done faithful work and in looking over their monthly reports, I see that during the last six months thousands have heard the gospel.

We meet for Bible study and at present are studying the Book of Acts. Have spent days on the Holy Spirit; we realize he is with us, but we long to have more of His power, and I try to impress the thought that if we have not the power the fault lies in our own hearts, and I think that day by day we are getting

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No touring has been done on this field by the Bible women or myself this year. The women at the out stations send us good reports of their work, I would like very much to visit them and encourage them in their work, for each woman is alone with the exception of her own household. In the mornings I teach Bible classes in the day school. Quite a number of heathen boys attend and seem as much interested in the lessons as our own christian boys.

Just a week ago after going to my room for the night, I heard a noise, and sent a punkah man to see what was wanted. He returned saying three women wished to see me and as they did not dare come in the day time they had come at night. I hurried out, and fater assuring them that there was no man in the house they shyly came in and I had a good talk with them. It was the first time they had developed enough courage to come to the Mission House. One is I trust a christian, but shut up as they are they have hardly the courage to speak or think for themselves. They said I had not been to their house for some time and as they wished to hear more they came to me. We need the faith of Paul to believe that all things are possible. Will you not ask our Father to give us all more faith, and help us to realize that

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and that He will direct our steps daily if we trust Him fully.

“For those who trust Him wholly, find Him wholly true.”

Martha Clark.