

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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**Woman's Baptist Missionary
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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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

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The object 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 advantaegous (a) support and furnish facilities for work to Christian women recommended by this Union, and designated on such recommendations by the said Board of the Con-

C. S. and J. H. M.

vention as Missionaries, (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.

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

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

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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 usual 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.

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Notices of the meetings of the Union shall be given by notice in the Baptist paper, or in such a 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 recommendations of the Executive Committee made at any annual meeting.

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By-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.

4. 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 in 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 By-Laws

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Soci- eties.

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.

BY-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 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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ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be known as the
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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 Society by paying the sum of _____
A collection shall be taken at each meeting.

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 an Annual report of work done to the Provincial Secretary of her Province, and the Treasurer shall whenever possible forward the funds to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

ARTICLE 7.—Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Society, notice being given of the same at least two weeks before action is taken.

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OFFICERS

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President.

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

Vice-Presidents.

Nova Scotia : Mrs. P. R. Foster, Berwick.

New Brunswick : Mrs. N. C. Scott, St. John.

P. E. I. : Mrs. John Clark, Tyron.

Treasurers.

Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, N. S.

Mrs. Ida Crandall, Chipman, N. B.

Recording Secretary.

Mrs. H. L. Everett, St. John, N. B.

Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. C. H. Martell, Upper Canard, N. S.

Provincial Secretaries.

Miss Amy Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.

Mrs. M. S. Cox, Chipman, N. B.

Mrs. J. E. Spurr, Pownal, P. E. I.

Band Superintendents.

Mrs. P. R. Foster, Berwick, N. S.

Mrs. Brown, North River, P. E. I.

Miss Clark, N. B.

Executive Committee.

FIRST DIVISION : Mrs. J. E. Hopper, Mrs. J. A. Christie, Mrs. Wm. Alwood, Mrs. W. E. Hall, Mrs. H. F. Waring, Mrs. A. T. Dykeman.

SECOND DIVISION : Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Jessie Curry, Miss Emma Hume, Mrs. Lindow, Mrs. Itha Smith.

THIRD DIVISION : Mrs. G. O. Gates, Mrs. C. F. Baker, Mrs. Simms, Mrs. M. W. Brown, Mrs. M. C. Higgins, Mrs. E. M. Sipperell.

FOURTH DIVISION : Mrs. J. F. Kempton, Mrs. M. E. Cowan, Miss Longmaid, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. Allison Smith, Mrs. J. F. Marsters.

Editor of Tidings.

Miss Bessie Harding, Amherst, N. S.

Secretary of Bureau of Literature.

Miss Margaret Wood, Amherst, N. S.

Editor of Column in Messenger and Visitor.

Mrs. J. W. Manning assisted by Mrs. Golding, St. John.

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Mrs. John Nalder, Mrs. Gunn, Miss Harrington, Miss Lewis, Miss Clark, Mrs. J. L. Read.

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OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

HELD IN THE

Baptist Church, Windsor, Aug. 21-23.

The first session opened on Wednesday morning at 9.30 with a prayer service led by Mrs Gunn.

At 10 o'clock the President took the chair and after a hymn had been sung and prayer offered by Mrs. Trefry, of Bridgewater the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the W. B. M. U. was declared open for business.

It was on motion resolved and passed unanimously that Mrs. Gordon, of Boston and Mrs. Boworth, of Boston, and Mrs Massé, of Grande Ligne be invited to seats with us.

The President read the names of the Nominating Committee, Mrs A. F. Brown, P. E. I. ; Mrs. C. H. Martell, N. S. , Mrs. A. T. Dykeman, N. B.

Committee on Resolutions ; Miss Johnston, Mrs. Fownes, Mrs. M. C. Higgins, Mrs. Crandell. Tellers Mrs. Dean, Miss. Yuill, Mrs. Crandell,

The Report of the Treasurer was then read, and on motion adopted.

The report showed that we had begun the year with a balance of \$1098.10. Including this, the total for the a year had been \$9,691.71.

The report of the Treasurer of Mission Band was read:—It shewed a growth and growing interest, \$1431.70 had been the total amount received. Of this \$1289 was for Foreign Missions, and \$142.70 for Home Missions. The report was on motion adopted.

The President requested that all delegates take the front seats, and also that all bring note books and pencils. These could be procured in the ante room.

The report of the Cor. Sec'y. was next called for, and read by Mrs. M. C. Higgins.

On motion resolved that it be read section by section.

The report shewed that progress had been made in all lines during the year. In N. S. five new Societies had been formed ; in N. B. six, and in P.E.I. one making the number of paying societies 246. In N. S. 141 ; in

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N. B. 83 ; in P. E. I. 22. The total number of Bands is 106. In N. S. 51 ; in N. B. 40 ; in P. E. I. 15.

The report regretted that Crusade Day was not more generally observed.

The discussion shewed that among the Societies represented only twenty-one had observed the day. The President urged a more general observance.

The President spoke on the section regarding the observance of Missionary Sunday, and asked those delegates to rise in whose churches missionary sermons had been preached on that day—Seventeen arose.

The column was spoken of with appreciation.

The Link was referred to, and a letter read from Mrs. Newman in which she asked that Agents be appointed for the Link in our Societies.

The clause on Tidings shewed that it was being more and more largely used ; in fact we could not dispense with it.

Brothers and sisters coming in just at this point, it was on motion resolved that they be invited to seats with us.

In our Foreign Fields the work was noted. Never before had our band of Missionaries been so tried. Some had, to return home, and some had been called to the

higher service; Yet God had been all in all. Work at the Stations had been regularly carried on. Sixteen schools had been organized in and around Chicacole, and Miss Archibald hoped to have ten more men to add to the staff during the year.

The Hospital at Chicacole had been re-opened. Miss Silver the new-apothecary was giving good satisfaction. Work among the Savaras had been commenced. The work at all the other stations was referred to and shewn to be progressing. The deaths of our Missionaries was spoken of in touching words.

It was a matter for regret that we had no new missionaries to send out this Autumn. We have the money but no one is ready to fill the vacant places.

The Bureau of Literature had distributed 1056 leaflets 192 were free. 571 mite boxes had been sent out, and five maps sold. Number of books distributed 44. Receipts for the year \$32.42. Expenditure \$39.33. Bal. now on hand \$3.96.

Home Missions shewed an advance on all former years, the receipts having been \$2,022,10.

We have 49 new names on our W.B.M.U. Life Membership list. 32 from N. S. 12 from N. B. and 5 from P.E.I. The amount received from this source was \$1055.25 for F. M. and \$145 for H. M. We have 20 M. B. Life Members; an advance of four on last year.

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A discussion arose as to whether being a Life member relieved from the yearly payment of one dollar.

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1,000 annual reports had been printed at a cost of \$44.60 receipts only \$20.06.

Sum total raised for all purposes had been \$9,661,-71. \$7,830,51 for F. M. \$2,022,10 for H. M.

After discussion on reports the session closed with prayer by Rev. H. H. Saunders.

Wednesday afternoon Session opened with singing and prayer by Mrs. James Gates. Minutes of morning session were read and adopted. Treasurer's report of monies expended was read and adopted.

Reports from the Provincial Secretarie's were next called for. That from P. E. I. shewed the number of societies 22, membership 400. Secretary had written 47 letters, and 36 cards and received 39 letters and 12 cards. There are 15 Bands, with a membership of 300. Five Life members in the Aid Societies; one in the Bands. Report from N. B. shewed also progress. The Societies are 83, membership 1,500. Life members 12. Bands 40, Life members in Bands 3.

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societies, making a total membership 2,694. Three were re-organized Walton, Acadia Mines, and New Minas.

On the clause referring to the Associational meetings Mrs. Smith explained that the executive recommended that two meetings be held one on the first morning of Association for hearing of reports etc, and a platform meeting on Saturday afternoon.

On motion these reports were adopted.

A hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. P. R. Foster.

The President then gave her annual message. Two thoughts were emphasized. First that we bend all our energies during the next three years to have an Aid Society and Mission Band in every church, Second, that we do all in our power to assist in raising the \$50,000 Century Fund.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. A. F. Brown. The changes in Vice Presidents were Mrs. N. C. Scott for N. B. ; Mrs John Clark, Tryon for P. E. I.

On the ballot for President 111 votes were recorded 108 of these for Mrs. Manning, who was then declared re-elected.

In the ballot for Treasurer every vote was for the re-election of Mrs. Smith.

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The resignation of Cor. Sec'y. Mrs. M. C. Higgins through ill health was accepted with much regret. Mrs C. H. Martell was appointed by acclamation to fill her place.

The estimates for the coming year were then read and adopted :

Miss Clark's salary	\$ 500
Helpers and travelling	100
Miss Harrison's Salary	500
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Miss Newcomb's Salary	500
Helpers, school & travelling	100
Miss Blackadar's salary	500
Miss Blackadar Munshi salary and travelling	50
Mr. Morse's Home Salary	800
Books and tracts	100
Home Literature	75
Contingent Fund	250
School at Bobbili	100
Hospital at Chicacole	500
Native Helpers	500
F. M. B. deficit	1450
New Missionaries Salaries	1775
Mabel & Ethel Held	100

It was on motion adopted that \$100 be given to the Japanese work in B. C. That \$100 be given to

Grand Ligne for five years. This to be for the new building and in addition to our usual grant. The Japanese work is also in addition to our usual N. W. grant.

A letter was read from the Cor. Sec'y. of Women's work in the N. W. thanking the Union for past help, and asking a continuance of same.

Session closed with prayer.

Thursday morning a very beautiful and helpful Bible reading on the Holy Spirit, Rom. 8 was given by Mrs. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, and was a fitting prelude to the solemn memorial service which followed. Our "promoted" ones on the Foreign field, and a long list on the Home fields including, Mrs. Morse, of Wolfville ; Mrs. Dr. Sawyer, Mrs. Tufts, Mrs. Henry Harlowe, Mrs. Forsythe were spoken of. A poem in memory of Miss Gray was read by the Authoress Miss Harrington, and a hymn written by Rev. John Clark for this meeting was sung. The Holy Spirit was present, and hearts were filled. At the conclusion of this service, the unfinished business was taken up. A resolution was passed, and ordered to be sent to the Treasurer of the F. M. B. saying that the Union had voted \$1450 to the F. M. Board in order that the deficit on last year might be paid.

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H. M. Board was read by Miss Johnston, and on motion adopted.

Mrs. Grenier gave an interesting account of her work in Digby Co.

Session closed with prayer.

Thursday afternoon the greater part of this session was given to a childrens' service led by Mrs. Foster and Miss Yuill. Short addresses were given by Mrs. A. J. Gordon, Miss Clark, Mr. Morse and Mrs. Nalder. A Band lesson was given by Miss Yuill, a hymn in Telugu sung by Marian Morse who also addressed the children present. At the close business was resumed, and the minutes read, which after correction were adopted.

Miss Yuill and a number of workers spoke of the difficulties and encouragement of our Band work.

It was moved by Mrs. Martell and seconded by Mrs. Smith that Mrs. P. R. Foster be Band Secretary for N. S., Miss Clark for N. B., Mrs Brown for P. E. I.

On motion resolved that Mrs. Alex. Christie of Amherst have charge of programmes for Aid Societies, and Miss Yuill of the Band Lessons.

A helpful discussion on Lessons for Bands and Societies, largely participated in by Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Manning followed.

Mrs. Martell gave notice that she would bring in a resolution at the next annual meeting to change clause 9 of the Constitution.

The Provincial and Band Secretaries were appointed a Com. to change the Constitution with regard to the duties of the Band Secretaries. This is in order to meet the new needs.

At this point the Question Box was opened by Mrs. Smith, and answered by Mrs. Cox. This was a very helpful innovation.

On motion resolved that the Editor of Tidings, and Supt. of Literature be re-appointed to their respective offices.

Mrs. M. C. Higgins read the following resolutions on behalf of the Committee which on motion were adopted and ordered to be read at the Platform meeting in the evening.

Mrs. Smith asked that all copy for Tidings be in hands of the Editor not later than 20th of month.

Session adjourned after prayer by Miss Robinson.

Resolved, that we, as a Union place on record our gratitude to Mrs. Nalder, the President and the sisters of the Windsor Aid Society for their untiring efforts both before, and during the Sessions of this our annual gathering.

We recognize that to these efforts we owe much of the comfort and pleasure which has attended our meetings.

We also tender our sincere thanks to the sisters and friends in Windsor for the hospitality so kindly extended to us.

Resolved that the sincere thanks and high appreciation of the W. B. M. U. Convention be extended to the members of the Windsor Baptist Church Choir for the kindly manner in which they have furnished such inspiring and appropriate music in all our meetings, and we pray that choicest blessings may attend all their efforts to extend Christ's Kingdom in praising His name.

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of the Union be tendered to the young ladies, who have aided us so efficiently, brightly, and unselfishly during all the sessions of our annual meeting. Their services in the Ladies parlor and whenever and wherever any want was expressed have been simply invaluable. We trust this is but their initiation into constant and active missionary work in connection with our Union.

Resolved that the thanks of this Union be tendered to the railroad and steamboat Officials for their courtesy in granting a reduction of rates to the delegates attending the annual meeting.

Resolved that we tender our sincere thanks to the Press of this town for courtesies extended to us and also to the Editor of the Messenger and Visitor for his kindness throughout the year just passed.

Thursday evening was the last of the three public meetings held. It is impossible to report these meetings. For much of the inspiration the Union is indebted to our returned Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Mrs. A. J. Gordon, Mrs. Massé and Mrs. Hatch.

At the close of the public meeting the Consecration service was led by Miss Johnston. Prayer was offered and the following resolution read by Mrs. M. C. Higgins, the audience standing as it was read. Whereas it has pleased our Father in Heaven to "promote to higher service during the past year two of our Missionaries on the Foreign field, and a very large number of our workers in the home land; therefore resolved that we as a Union reaffirm our confidence and trust in our God and Father and as workers together with Him consecrate ourselves anew to this work, asking that in the removal of these sisters we may hear His voice bidding us work while it is called today. Prayer was then offered by Mrs. Gordon, others following. This solemn service closed with Miss Havergal's Consecration Hymn.

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the minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The Treasurer read the following message from Rev. J. W. Manning. "From the depths of our heart of hearts we thank the sisters of the W. B. M. U. for the \$1450 voted by them* for the deficit.

The President announced that an invitation for our next annual meeting had been received from Chipman, N. B.

After singing and prayer with the Benediction the Annual meeting of August 1900 closed to meet with the Aid Society at Chipman, N. B. in August 1901.

List of delegates in back of book.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Beginnings are often crude and uninteresting. It is hard to trace the Bud of Promise in the tightly folded green leaf, but in the light of after days, when the outlets from the tiny stream, have become focused into one grand increasing purpose. Beginnings are of immense value. In presenting to you, our sixteenth annual report, we look back to a small Beginning, which though suggestive of faith and zeal, yet had in it, hardly so much of Promise, as we see to-day. "Be strong and let your heart take courage all ye that hope in the Lord." This is God's message to us, as we review the work of the past year, exchange greetings and look out hopefully into the new and untried future. The year, perhaps, has ended differently from what, we at the beginning, had planned or hoped. Changes in our plans of work have to be thought out and prayerfully considered. All that we would have wrought for God and Humanity has not been brought to a successful issue. But with great gladness of heart, we record, that the hand of our God has been upon us for good. Much interest has been manifested. A deeper enthusiasm prevails. A growing desire, upon

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Throughout the year, meetings of the Executive have been regularly held. Much of earnest thought and prayerful deliberation, has been given to the responsibilities, involved, in the prosecution of our work. The members of the Executive have striven, "Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers but in singleness of heart," to give of their time, thought and most prayerful judgment to advance the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom in the world.

New Societies.

Last Year, we reported 17 new Aid Societies. This Year 5 Societies have been organized in N. S. In N. B., 6. In P. E. I., 1. Mission Bands in N. S., 8. In N. B. 3. We have altogether 254 paying aid societies. In N. S., 149, in N. B., 83, in P. E. I., 22. The total number of Mission Bands is 106, N. S. has 51, N. B. 40, P. E. I. 15.

Crusade Day.

We have to regret, that the Societies observing Crusade Day, do not more generally report in "Our Column." We know there are more, who recognize and individually attest to the beneficial results of the observance of this day, and we want to hear from them. We would especially call the attention of our Sisters to the Request for Prayer in the Morning. If we would be fruitful in the results of our afternoon visiting, wise and winsome, tactful and earnest in approaching others, so as to interest the uninterested, we must not forget, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth liberally and upbraideth not." Prayer in the closet rightly precedes visiting and canvassing in the homes.

Missionary Sunday.

This should have more general and sympathetic recognition. The last Sunday in March has been selected as the day on which Pastors, S. S. Superintendents and Teachers, be asked to especially emphasize our F. M. work, and bring it pre-eminently before people and scholars. This is an opportunity for aggressive work, which none can afford to ignore.

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"I always turn to this, the first thing, when my paper comes," is a frequent appreciative testimony, to the interest and helpfulness of "Our Column." We gain new ideas. The prayer topic, constantly brought before us reminds us of our special need, and that, not by might nor by power but by my Spirit," is the secret of power in our work. Cheery words come to us from time to time. Reports of Missionary addresses, crisp, clear and inspiring are a constant impetus. All this, brought to us through a common means, helps us to realize a common interest and that, in "Union is strength." Our Missionaries are especially kind and thoughtful and their graphic, earnest and touching letters are an unfailing stimulus and inspiration, for which we are very grateful.

Tidings.

Brings its cheery greetings monthly, and is still the brightest and newest little messenger, possible To the delight of all. this little paper was enlarged last year, so as to include more information. Too much can not be said of the worth of our Mission Band Lessons. They are simply invaluable, and our warmest thanks are due those, who have striven so faithfully and efficiently to prepare them each

month. Receipts this year \$36.65. Paid for printing \$35.25. 425 copies are printed and sent out monthly.

Bureau of Literature.

The secretary of this department reports :—

Leaflets distributed during the year 1056, of which 192 were free; Mite Boxes sent out 671; Maps 5; Games sold 1; Number of books distributed 44. Balance on hand at the beginning of the year \$10.87. The receipts have been \$32.42. Expenditure \$39.33, leaving a balance on hand of \$3.96

There is yet much room for improvement, in the use our Sisters are making of our Bureau of Literature. "Next to acquiring good friends" it is said, "The best acquisition is that of good Books." And this is eminently true of the Books and other Literature at our disposal in this Department. May we not urge upon our membership, that they make much more generous use of it, in the coming year. We feel sure, the Secretary will be pleased to be kept more busily employed in furnishing information or distributing Literature.

Missionary Link.

It is by all means desirable, that we should come into frequent touch with the work done by our Sisters of the Upper Provinces. It is equally desirable and necessary, if we would gain a wider knowledge and

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clearer insight into what others are doing, that we could much and more widely than merely, what concerns our own Maritime Work. Many are already interested readers of the Missionary Link, and profit much from the interchange of methods and plans of work. We commend it to all of our Sisters. It is exceedingly bright and readable and an important factor in connection with our work. Our Maritime Department is superintended by Miss A. E. Johnstone, who will gladly receive any items of interest to be reported in the Link.

Foreign Missions.

Never perhaps in the history of our Mission work, has the faith and courage of our devoted Missionaries, been so sorely tried. But we are glad to record, that duties have been met and obstacles overcome with the same unalterable fidelity, that characterized the early Disciples, who "rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer" for the dear Lord's sake. All have been led to realize, as never before, that "God's ways are not our ways." The enervating climate, coupled with over-work, has sapped the strength, and some of our most valued workers after a long period of service, must come Home to rest. Others have been laid aside, for a brief period by severe illness, while upon others, for the first time, the dreaded fever has had its deadly effect.

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Chicacole and Palcondah.

Mrs Archibald's watchful care, kindly oversight and untiring energy and efficiency have been greatly missed on this important field. In speaking of their sense of loss, Miss Clark writes, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves but our sufficiency is of God," are the words that come to me, as I review the Past Year, He knows all our ways, and can make the departure of our loved Missionaries and other difficulties to work together for our good and His Glory."

Work at the station has been carried on as usual. More of the villages in the vicinity of Chicacole, have been visited than ever before. During these tours,

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the women listened gladly. Many evinced a marked interest and a few say they are trusting in the Christ, so patiently and lovingly pointed out to them.

A Forward movement is evidenced by evangelistic school work among the children. 16 schools have been successfully carried on in and around Chicacole. Miss Clark speaks enthusiastically of this work and its promise for the future. All classes have been represented and the average attendance is very encouraging. Many of the children have committed Bible verses and hymns, and can tell the story of Christ quite accurately.

Miss Archibald is rejoicing in the completion of the Examinations and equipment for more efficient service. During this preparatory period, she has not been studying only, but has done valiant service in the line of direct Mission work. All her heart and best efforts have been put into the school work. She writes "You know this year, I expect to have ten more men in training for Sunday School work among the Heathen. I have six now, and they are developing finely and are able to carry on Sunday School almost independently. I love this work among the children.

We are very glad to be able to report the reopening of the hospital at Chicacole. This "child" of Mrs Archibald's faith and prayers has passed through a

trying experience. It was a sore disappointment to all, when, owing to the unsatisfactoriness of the work of the lady Apothecary, the hospital had to be closed. During its short lease of life, in spite of these drawbacks, it has been a great boon to the people. We are hoping it has come to stay this time. Miss DeSilva has been appointed Lady Apothecary. In enumerating her qualifications for the work, Miss Archibald says; "She knows Telugu. She successfully practised her profession in Chicacole. The people all like her. She manifests a desire to work for the Glory of God. The hospital was open July 26. We hope the day is not very far distant, when we shall send out a lady medical missionary to take charge of this important work, and then only can we hope for the best results.

Work has been begun among the Savaras and of the exceeding joy of this, Miss Archibald writes:—The happiest days of my life were spent among the Savaras. For months, we had prayed for a blessing on this and the Lord did bless us." This work is sure to result in rich fruitage in the near future.

Mingled feelings come to us as we attempt to speak of Palcondah. We have waited so long to be able to report a lady Missionary on this "neglected" field. But just as Mr. and Mrs. Hardy had reached this field and the work had been handed over to them,

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God spoke and made known his plans for higher service for Mrs. Hardy, and Palcondah is still without a Lady Missionary. It is well! "He doeth all things right." But "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest, that He send forth labourers into his vineyard."

Bobbili.

Home Again! Mr. and Mrs. Churchill have returned to Bobbili with increased delight in the prospect of resuming their loved work. Bobbili is now "Home" indeed, since this time they were accompanied by their daughter Bessie. Mrs. Churchill speaks in most enthusiastic terms of their joy in reaching India again. We regret however to hear that her health was not fully restored in the Home-land. But after rest and recuperation during the hot season, she hopes to take up work again, with renewed energy.

During Mr. and Mrs. C's absence, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, in company with Miss Harrison had charge of the work in Bobbili. Miss Harrison speaks of the last year, as being one of the best of the three, spent by her in India and leaving the promise of a better one to come. Miss H. has been untiring in every good word and work. Almost the entire Year has been spent on the field. Much time and interest has been given to Bible Study with the High School Boys and also with the Women's Bible Class. But the work of

touring and visiting in the homes has gone on uninterruptedly, sometimes with Promise of Fruitage, at others times causing depression and weary longing for a more earnest hearing. During the interval between Mr. Gullison's leaving the station, and Mr. Churchill's coming, Miss Harrison faithfully gave of her best, for the strengthening of the native christians. They gathered on the veranda every evening for prayer, Bible study, and conference as to the work of the day. The withdrawal of the Gov't grant caused some anxiety in regard to the School work. But the teachers came nobly to the front and by special effort succeeded in earning one hundred rupees more than the previous grant. But more satisfactory than this has been the increasing interest, in the School Prayer-meeting, in which nearly all classes take some part. Seven girls appeared for the Primary Examinations. Before the examinations, one little Brahmin girl said "Before we prayed we were afraid, now we have peace." A lesson of more value, perhaps than any other. All passed successfully.

Miss Harrison speaks of the two months on tour as being the best of the Year. A village of wealthy Dyers gave evidence of interested attention. The women and children literally thronged the Missionary and her helpers and listened with great earnestness.

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Twice during the Year, the Rajah villages were visited with much encouragement. Believers were found in three new villages. One of the believing women had been telling to her friends, "The old, old story." As many of these women could read (a very unusual thing) Miss Harrison sent them a Bible, and other reading matter. And so the year closes with a bright Prospect for the Future.

Bimlipatam.

We regret exceedingly that no report has come from Bimli. This, we know, is owing to the stress and urgency of the sad circumstances, which have claimed so much of Miss Newcombe's time and strength. After a long time of faithful and devoted service, Mr and Mrs Morse have heard the Master's "Come ye apart and rest awhile" and have reluctantly been compelled to lay aside their loved work and seek a renewal of strength in the Homeland. We are both glad and sorry to welcome Mr and Mrs Morse, Home. So glad to see them again and to hear from them directly of how God has so wonderfully lead them and used them during their long period of service in India. And yet our hearts go out to the depleted little Band of workers, who will miss them so sorely and who will feel their loss so keenly. We hope to hear from them, personally, of the "Good hand of our

God" upon the work in Bimli, which will atone for the meagreness of our Report.

During their absence, the work is left in charge of Mr and Mrs Gullison and Miss Newcombe, In one of her letters, Miss Newcombe writes of her joyful realization of God's manifest presence and blessing. "God has done wonderful things in our midst." I fear our temptation, to often, is to look upon the swarming multitudes around us, "without God and without hope in the World," until we lose sight of *what God has done*. We forget to give thanks to Him always for the Christians and to remember their works and labor of love. But we have been compelled to think of what grand manifestations of God's power we have had in our midst. Miss Newcombe speaks of having enjoyed great delight in the conduct of some of the native christians. "The Sunday School is a joy and the preaching of our brother, Somalingam, an inspiration." She has taken a special interest in the School and has had daily Bible ciasses, whenever her other regular work permitted. Our Prayers and spmpathies are with all the workers at Bimlipatam, as elsewhere, during the New Year, upon which we have entered.

Parla-Kimedi. Vizianagram and Tekkali.

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Mrs. Sanford is happy to be in Vizianagram. She writes, "My husband says, there is a large place for me to fill here, and I hope, to some extent by God's help to fill it. Tekkali sadly needs a lady missionary. We hope, the day is not far distant, when we may have Reports of work among the women; from each of these stations.

In Memoriam.

For the first time in the history of our Mission, we stand together with our Missionaries, in the bonds of a more sacred friendship, born of a common sorrow. The shadows have gathered thickly about them and us. We look up through the cloud and pray with united hearts, that we may see "No man save Jesus Only, the Transfigured, the Glorified Christ, and may hear His reassuring Promise, "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know Hereafter."

In Miss Gray, our Mission has lost one of its most valued Helpers, and our Tribute to her memory cannot be too tenderly spoken. One of our Mission-

aries says of her, "Her Passion for souls was unsurpassed." And those, who knew her but slightly bear unfailing witness to the sweet influence of her consecrated life. Her rich spiritual attainments were a constant stimulus to all, who came in contact with her. An atmosphere of prayer surrounded her and her inspiration of a Christian purpose never failed. Toward the sinning and Erring, she manifested a tenderness that was most exquisite and delicate.

Unassuming in manner, unostentatious in all her work, she revealed a simplicity as dignified, as it was pure and beautiful, accompanied with a sincerity, as inspirational, as it was constant. Her joy in reaching India, again, was unbounded. Her letters overflowed with gratitude and with unutterable longing for India's perishing Women. But only a few months in India, and God called her, to Behold the King in his beauty" and to be with the Saviour, whom she loved and longed for, with an intensity beyond all expression.

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And walked in Paradise.”

Mrs J. C. Hardy

“Feelings seem faded when passed into words” and our hearts find weak expression, as we attempt to place on record our sense of loss and bereavement. Mrs Hardy was so glad to reach India, so glad to work for Jesus there and so glad too, to go Home, when the dear Master came for his weary child. The pretty little bride of three short months has been claimed by the heavenly Bridegroom. Very tenderly loving hands robe her in the dainty Bridal dress and strew over her the flowers, she loved in life. And so great was the answering joy in her face, that they call her “The Queen of the May,” and fail to wonder at the spring-time glory, that they see, as for her, the Golden Day is breaking, “In the City of the Blest.” “Flowers are sweeter at the Eventide” and for her, death has no gloom. Miss Gray and Mrs. Hardy have heard the dear Master's call to higher service, “Thy servant shall go a little way over Jordan with the King.” and most gladly they responded, while those who watched, dried their tears and thanked God for the Glimpse of Glory-land, that came to them, as these two, entered the Land, “That is fairer than

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Day." No more tears! "For God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes:" No more heart aches! No more fever! "For He touched her hand and the fever left her." Mrs. Hardy's was a sweet life and the testimony of the Missionaries. "We all loved her," bears evidence to her gentle influence. But "The are sobs heard in the silence, that never break forth into speech." With the stricken husband, so strong in faith and patience, our dear Missionaries, and all the bereaved friends, we sympathize with the sincerity and a purity of a common sorrow. Heaven is coming very near to us, and we rejoice, that

"At the Crystal River's brink
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Let no one say, it would be better, if these had not gone to India. God has his own way of saving souls. "He knows the way, He holds the key and guide us with unerring hand." Miss Gray will have many souls in her crown of rejoicing. Of Mrs. Hardy, we believe the same, won by her death, as surely as by her life. She gave herself to India, as truly, as if longer there. It is the touch of sorrow that makes the whole world kin." We have been bound by ties, that cannot be broken to India and its perishing millions. Two graves speak to us in mute appeal, more

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"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly what he has given,
They live in thought and deed as truly as in his heaven."

Reinforcements.

It is a matter of regret, that up to the present time, there has been no application before the Executive this Year, But the need of a Lady Missionary, to take the place made vacant by Miss Gray's death, is more keenly felt. A Lady Medical Missionary is also sorely needed. Many opportunities to enter homes are created by the Medical work but are lost because of the lack of competent, trained workers to meet the need. It is reported, that one of the most gratifying results of the late Ecumenical Conference was the increased interest in medical mission.

Perhaps, there is no department of missionary work on which God has more conspicuously, set his seal, and more universally blessed. We earnestly hope that there may be real and greater advance in this most blessed work, which so much needs loving and sympathetic hearts and skilful hands and clear heads in dealing with human woe and suffering.

Home Missions.

We are glad, indeed, to report some considerable advance in our Finances in regard to our Home Mission Work. Our thanks are due to our untiring and energetic committee, who have striven so earnestly and faithfully to bring this about. Last Year, our Home Mission Receipts were about \$200. short of the amount appropriated. This Year, our societies have made a more generous and hearty Response to the appeal of the committee and we have a surplus of \$22.10 over and above our appropriation. The Receipts for the Year have been \$2022.10. There is still room, however, for a forward movement in this Department of our work and we are encouraged to hope for still better things in the coming Year.

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Treasury—The sum total of monies raised for all purposes during the year amounts to \$9882.61. Of this amount \$7858.51 is for Foreign Missions and \$2024.10 for Home Missions.

Of the amount reported for Foreign Missions \$1289.00 was received from Mrs. Ada G. Fownes, Treasurer of our Mission Band Receipts. We are exceedingly glad to be able to report an advance in our financial shewing, all along the line.

Ecumenical Conference.

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reference to the great Ecumenical Conference recently held in New York City. Our President Mrs. J. W. Manning, was the valued Representative of our Maritime Union. Amid so much that is worthy of note, we can only voice, what has seemed to us to be the spirit of the Conference, "Thrust in thy sickle and reap ; for the time is come for thee to reap : for the Harvest of the Earth is ripe."

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Report of Provincial Secretary for Nova Scotia.

A review of work done during the year must always have a note of sadness. Hopes are high at the beginning the enthusiasm of the annual gathering leads us to feel that no obstacles will be met ; but what can be overcome in fact, we see progress all along the line. But the days and months pass so quickly, we think we are working. Then comes the review, and we seem to have done nothing and can only say in lowliness of heart :

“I have washed my hands, I have washed my feet,
I have washed my heart and I thought
I will wash in the self-same fountain all
The works that my hands have wrought.”

and surely it will be thus and only this when we stand before the Master to give an account of our stewardship.

Meetings.

Your Secretary has found it impossible to be absent from home long enough to make any lengthened tour among the societies. The need is pressing and

three or four weeks will be given to this work, next month, God willing.

A few days were spent in Cumberland County, and at the Western and Central Associations. The President kindly took charge of the Eastern meetings.

With regard to our meetings at Middleton and Aylesford we can only rejoice and give God thanks, for never, at least since the present Secretary has been in office, have these sessions seemed to have so much of the Holy Spirit and been so fruitful in results. Among the agencies used to this end we note the help given by our brother and sister Morse, and our prayer is that wherever they meet our people, like blessings may attend them.

It is time that we obeyed the old command to "go forward." Old ways and methods must give way to new as God points our way. Heretofore, one afternoon has been deemed sufficient for our woman's meeting at our Associational gatherings. We now feel that this is not sufficient. We have no time for hearing reports nor for interchange of ideas concerning the work. In the Central Association for the last two or three years we have had at the request of the Brethern held our meeting in the Association on Saturday afternoon. While our sessions have been good this plan has commended itself to your Secretary, though it is the

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And again, as was the case, this year we may be liable to have our time cut down to 20 minutes or an hour, as the Committee of arrangements may decide. Therefore in the growing interests and demands of our work it is hoped that you will at this time put our Association gatherings on a solid and advanced foundation. The hour given our Societies at the District meetings has been well occupied ; and good is done.

Statistics.

It is hard to have these correct, as regards the membership, but we have had organized five Aid Societies. Two in the Western, two in the Central, and one in the Eastern Association. The following have also been re-organized with good hope for the future. Dalton and New Minas in the Central, and Acadia Mines in the Eastern Association. This gives us 141 Societies with a membership of 2694.

A number of our Secretaries did not report the number of women in the church, but 6,400 were given with a reported membership of 2,694, we have at the lowest estimate 3,806 women to gather in next year. Any report additions to the membership. Amherst

heads the list with *twelve* gathered in on Crusade Day. We wish more of our societies had reported work on this day.

Public Meetings.

These are growing in favor and in numbers. Some societies report three during the year, others more. These meetings cannot be too firmly insisted upon. The work will not grow without them.

Bands.

These are making grand progress. For some time it seemed that the Junior Union would supplant them, but there is room for both.

We have had during the past year eight bands organized. Five in the Western, two in the Central and one in the Eastern Association.

Our Band Secretary has been working during the year, preparing lessons and wielding her pen.

We regret that she finds it impossible to visit the Bands owing to pressure of other work.

The importance of this work cannot be estimated. Our Bands now number fifty-one with a reported membership of 1757.

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County Secretaries.

These workers are like gold, as good as that metal when you get them, but as scarce and hard to find.

Almost every county is large enough for two Secretaries, to be thoroughly worked.

In Lunenburg County Mrs E. N. Archibald did efficient service and her removal was a great trial.

Mr. Foster being compelled to resign his charge in Arcadia has left Yarmouth without the services of Mrs. Foster and this is a calamity which only those who know her work can appreciate.

Mrs. Brown's removal to New Brunswick has left the office of secretary in Annapolis vacant, and Mrs. Clark, who had just got well into the work in Cumberland has gone to P. E. I.

It seems as though it should be easy to find these workers, but our country places are scattered and the office involves work of no ordinary nature. Mrs. J. L. Read in Kings, Mrs. Gunn, in Colchester, Mrs. Nalder in Hants and Miss Harrington and Miss Lewis in Cape Breton are doing valiant work.

The Link.

Still holds its place among us, but we wish it were

more largely taken. The difficulty seems to lie in the irregularity of its visits. The paper will hold its own with any other of its size and we can only urge upon our sisters that they make trial of it.

The Reports speak well of our Monthly Tidings. "We wonder how we ever got on without it," is often heard.

Our Needs.

seems larger than ever at the close of this year. The blank left among us when Miss Gray and Mrs. Hardy were "promoted" to highest service is hard to fill. We rejoice that they see the face of our King. But oh the need of workers to fill their places, and to fill them now. Oh the need of workers in this homeland to fill the places of the promoted ones from our ranks here.

The Outlook.

is as bright as we choose to make it. If our faith will but take our Master at His word, if our zeal never lets us rest then indeed will the work grow apace, and we shall hasten the coming of our Lord.

Amy E. Johnston,
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Aid Societies in Nova Scotia.

Chelsea reports ten new members for next year.

Westport says the meetings are becoming more interesting since the pastor's wife is infusing new energy into the work. The Secretary adds, "We have met with a serious loss in the death of Mrs. Phœbe Southern as former President of our Society. She always attended the meetings, and by her prayers, and her beautiful Christian character was an example to all. Being dead she yet speaketh."

Weston has only missed one meeting during the year.

Albany is in a fairly prosperous condition, the members seem deeply interested and the meetings are well attended considering that the members are scattered.

Salem has only been organized for eight months. At that time the membership has increased from 8 to 50, and the sum of \$32.10 been raised.

Bass River is afraid The Society will go down unless the reviving influence of God's Holy Spirit is felt

in the hearts of the members. The Secretary asks for prayer that they may not be utterly forsaken.

Foster Settlement asks for prayer:—"That we may grow more in the Spirit of our dear Lord and Master, and that more may be added to our number.

Hantsport is glad to report that the Society is flourishing. More money has been raised than ever before. Miss Annie Jewett has made herself a life member. The sum raised is \$114.70.

Lawrencetown mourns three of its best workers including the Secretary. Others are coming in.

New Tusket writes with renewed vigor and hopefulness. One public meeting has been held and there is good interest.

Digby regrets that more money has not been raised meetings have been well sustained.

Melvorn Square reports one new member, and the promise of several more.

Athol has had four new members. New interest is taken in the meetings.

Billtown reports the meetings interesting. One member has been taken "Home."

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Clarence is holding its own, but wishes some way could be devised to induce the majority of sisters in the Church to join in the work.

Port Clyde, newly organized has only four members, but six contributors who are willing workers.

Middleton reports a larger attendance than in the past. They are praying for new workers in the foreign field.

Lunenburg asks for prayer.

Zion Church has had an increase in average attendance.

Walton has re-organized. They rejoice in their new President. Faithfulness is the record of this society in the past. The meetings ceased for a while, but only from necessity.

Lower Aylesford has made their President a life member, and has held three public meetings. The offerings has increased \$20.00 this year.

New Glasgow has had six new members, but four or five have been taken by death or removal from the town.

Gabarous realizes the necessity of the work and mourns the scarcity of workers.

Bridgewater reports an increased offering.

Temple Yarmouth has several new contributors, and two life members. Two have been promoted to higher service.

Arcadia, a growing interest in the work. One life member.

Prince St. Truro Interest well sustained.

Somerset. One life member, and two new members added.

River Hebert. Meetings well attended. The service held during the quarterly meeting was found very helpful. A thank offering service was held in June, and \$19.30 added to the funds. In answer to prayer the Secretary has been restored to health.

Brookfield. Five of the members have given one cent a day, and one mite box contained more than five dollars.

Clementsvale has one life member. Has held one public meeting.

Chelsea has two new members.

Amherst heads the list in offerings and public meetings. \$212.90 is the total for F. M. and \$133.89 for H. M. Twelve new names were added on Crusade Day, and 42 copies of the Link are taken.

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Greenville has a membership of eighteen, average attendance eight. Two public meetings were held. One sister removed by death.

Guysboro. The interest is good; but the members are still trying to solve the problem, "how to reach all our women' and interest them in the Lord's work."

Lapland. Is still holding up the banner of the Cross.

Immanuel Ch. Truro. The membership has increased by five. Two life members. One public meeting.

Windsor has sent in the sum of \$141.00 and in addition paid the xpenses of their President to the Mlssionary Conference in New York, and also sent a sum of money to Ramabai toward the famine fund.

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Mission Bands in Nova Scotia.

"Earnest Workers" in North West Lunenburg Co. has been doing well this year. The members all take an active interest and well deserve their name.

"Kings Own" of Forbes Point is in connection with the Aid Society. Good interest is shewn.

Centreville, "Sunlight" is carried on also by the Aid Society.

"Little Helpers" of South Brookfield was organized August 1899 with a membership of nine which has increased to thirty-five.

The Band at East Jeddore has 45 members is living and working, and the Schools are always prepared to help.

Jewel Gatherers," Mahone Bay. In July this Band held a very impressive memorial service for our beloved Missionaries who have recently been called higher.

Port Clyde has joined our Ranks. \$3.40 for Home Missions. Glenwood thinks Tidings is a great help. This Band is in grand working order.

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"Helping Hand." At Foster Settlement reports six new members.

Brookfield Band is in connection with the Sunday School, devoting the first Sunday of every month to Missions.

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We welcome the Salem Band organized June 23rd, 1900.

New Minas is also welcomed to our ranks, organized in June with 22 members.

"Search Light" Hantsport was organized November 1899 and is also welcomed among our new members, membership 42.

"Cheerful Givers" River Hebert, has held twenty-four meetings, and two public meetings.

North Church Halifax. Sixteen members of this Band united with the Church during the year.

Dartmouth has made one Life Member, and held one public meeting.

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Cumberland County, Mrs. John Clark, Sec'y.

The report from Cumb. Co. must of necessity be very meagre. Sickness in my home has prevented very much work being done amongst the Societies. Have not been able to visit any. Have written a number of post cards and a few letters, and have tried to help in that way as best I could.

During the past few months have obtained permission from the Pastor's Quarterly Conference to bring our work before the sister's who may attend that gathering, one hour has been given for that purpose.

Our first meeting was held at River Hebert, and was a good one, the societies were not largely represented, some, not at all, but we feel sure, that as our sisters learn more about these meetings, larger delegations will be present, and better work will be done. We think it a step in the right direction.

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S. A. Clark.

Colchester Co. N S, Mrs J M Gunn, Co Sec'y

As we present our annual report for the year just closed, we feel our County is draped in mourning, as we realize God has called two of our Missionaries so dear to our hearts, from their loved work on Earth to a higher service above. We rejoiced to have our sisters, Miss Gray and Mrs. Hardy go forth from our County as our representatives to carry the Gospel to the perishing. Sad and sudden to us was the news of their death. It seemed for a time we were almost paralyzed with the shock, but we feel God makes no mistakes and Jesus Christ says: "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter."

Will Colchester County supply two to take the places of those who have fallen at their post of service?

During the year we have held a public missionary meeting at each of the Quarterly meetings. These meetings have proved to be very helpful and a deeper interest is manifested by both Brethern and Sisters. We feel the Holy Spirit has led us to unite our work with that of the Brethern in the Quarterly meeting.

I have attended each of the Quarterly meetings. Have visited three Aid Societies, 1 Mission Band, addressed fifteen public Missionary meetings, distributed forty-eight Mite Boxes insisting upon the Scriptural use of them.

On July 27th Mrs. C. H. Martell and I visited Acadia Mines and re-organized the Aid Society in that Church.

Mrs. Martell addressed a missionary meeting in Belmont which the sisters of our Aid Society greatly enjoyed.

I may also say I have commenced missionary work among the Indians on the Indian Reserve near Truro, endeavouring to hold a meeting on the Reserve each Sabbath afternoon

We have in Colchester County thirteen Aid Societies and four Mission Bands. Several of our churches are sustaining regular monthly missionary prayer meetings.

Much I had hoped to accomplish during the past year I have been unable to do, but if spared my prospects for work for the coming year are better than they were for the year just closed. Mrs. Gunn.

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Have written to all the Societies except the three most highly favored in regard to help.

From some of these have received very encouraging replies.

Visited only one.

Attended the District meeting at Waterville and Canning. Owing to a misunderstanding we had no service at Waterville. Canning we had a good meeting which I trust was not in vain. Have spoken at three public meetings where I enjoyed the presence of the Master as I tried to hold up His cause.

The most encouraging part of the year's work was the re-organizing of the Society at New Minas which is doing well.

As I look forward to the coming year my prayer is for more time and strength to do better work for the Master.

Mrs. J. L. Read Sec'y.

Cape Breton, Miss Ida Lewis, Sec'y, protem.

I have written the different Societies and Bands hoping and praying that the result might be increased interest in the work. Some encouraging replies were received.

At Margaree the sisters have not been meeting regularly. The distances are very great.

The Quarterly Meetings have not been held for some time owing to the removal of so many Pastors from the Island. We hope that as new Pastors come, these meetings may be continued. We are holding our own and my prayers is, that each member of each Aid Society may be fully awakened to the needs of the perishing.

Report for Yarmouth County.

The year '99-'00 has been one quite full of work. The time occupied by the W. M. A. S. at the Quarterly meetings have been a season of interest and profit. I conducted the meetings at Pleasant Lake and Ohio. At the Ohio meeting at my request, Mrs. M. W. Brown was appointed Pres. of the woman's meeting. This appointment is proving helpful to the work in Yar. Co. as Mrs. Brown is a devout mission worker.

I arranged with the sisters of the Temple A. S. for a meeting on Oct. 10th. to say farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Churchill. We had an interesting meeting, and a good collection.

I organized a Band at Deerfield, Oct. 20th. Visited Milton, Ohio and Zion Aid Societies at their regular meetings. Owing to the many storms during the winter I was unable to visit all the Societies and Bands as I desired; but, I kept in touch with them by correspondence.

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I attended a "Union meeting" of the town Societies at Milton, and one at Zion church, and feel assured those Union meetings will increase the interest. During the year I visited 4 Societies and 4 Bands, spoke at 11 public meetings, organized 1 Band, wrote 22 letters, and 16 cards.

It becomes my duty to resign the office of Sec'y as I have removed from that county, I have learned to love the work and the workers, and pray that God may impress some one to take up the work which I have tried to carry forward. When I took up the work four years since there were 5 Societies and 1 Band, now there are 13 A. S. and 8 Bands.

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

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Prov. Sec'y Report, N. B.

Another year has passed into a memory a reminder that we should "redeem the time."

Aid Societies.

New societies this year, one. Four have given up work, leaving the number of aid societies in N. B. eighty-three. Fifty-three of these reported this year. Many have done good work. More aids report Public Meetings than any previous year. Life members, twelve in N. B.

Meetings.

The usual Associational Meetings were held this year, most of which show a marked increase of interest and power. Miss Clarke, Co. Sec'y, for Westmorland attended the Western N. B. Association in your secretary's place. All who attended those meetings speak very highly of the work done by our sister.

At the Southern the attendance was larger than usual, and the reports, especially from the St. John churches very cheering, showing a marked increase in interest.

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The meetings at the Eastern Association was attended, there was a full attendance, and a good meeting, the sisters being glad to meet their president, many of them for the first time.

Your Secretary would take the present opportunity of thanking the sisters of both the Western and Eastern associations for the very kind letters sent her. They were very cheering.

At all these associational meetings, memorial services for our loved missionaries Miss Gray and Mrs. Hardy were held.

Co. Secretaries.

Mrs. Pearce in Queen's Co., has been permitted to do some work this year. We hope our sister's health will be fully restored.

Of Miss Clarke's work in Westmorland it is needless to write. It is its own monument.

Miss Horseman is doing a good work in Albert.

The need of these offices in N. B. is great. We are glad to be able to state that the names of two ladies, Mrs. J. W. Brown, for Kings Co., N. B. and Mrs. A. W. Fownes, St. John Co, have been recommended to the board for their respective Counties. Surely there are other sisters who would take this work if we only knew where to find them.

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Mission Bands.

Three Bands have been organized this year. Four are dormant, we will hope, not dead, leaving the number as nearly as the writer can gather at about forty. Eighteen only, of these bands have reported to me, this year. Life members for N. B. three.

Other Work.

Your sec'y visited Aid Societies, and spoke at public meetings at Upper Pt. de Bute and at 2nd Grand Lake, in vacation. Letters written 212, Cards 83, packages of leaflets sent 62, Circulars 140.

Tidings, Link and Column in M. and V. All these are helpful. Many societies make special mention of them all especially "Tidings." If we would grow we must add to our knowledge of the work.

Requests.

Your Secretary would most kindly ask each society
 1st, Please notify the Prov. Sec'y when you change your President or Secretary. 2nd, Be especially careful to fill out and return the blank form sent to each Society by Aug't 10th. 3rd, If you have any special message for the Union that you would like to have printed in the Annual please write it on your blank. Short messages only.

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Our Needs.

We need more of the "Spirit of Christ" which is the spirit of Missions. We need the help of every sister in all our churches.

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Respectfully submitted,

Margaret S. Cox,

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Aid Societies, N. B.

Sackville. Has held 21 meetings, 2 socials, 4 Public meetings. Two sisters have been called to higher service. We have been cheered by several new members. Find the Link an invaluable help in our meetings.

St. Stephen. Was visited by Miss DePrazer in September, also by Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, held a thankoffering service in April which was largely attended and very successful. Our meetings have been very interesting, 11 regular and 2 public meetings.

St. George (Upper Fall.) Our interest has never waned. We rejoice that we are engaged in an enterprise so grand, even God's work, winning souls to Himself. Amazed are we, so weak, to be considered worthy.

Germain St. (St. John.) Our society is doing good work. We have added a few members. We have made one Life Member.

Salem. We are holding the fort knowing we shall reap if we faint not.

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McDonald's Corner. struggling on, desiring to have a part in the great work of winning souls to Christ.

Macnaquac. We feel quite encouraged. Have added seven new members.

Jacksonville. We can report our society in a fairly flourishing condition. One sister has made herself a Life Member.

Campbelltown. Has not done as much as the members wished, owing to an epidemic.

Main St. has had a good year. Made one Life Member.

Surrey Valley. Has held 12 monthly meetings and one public meeting. This has been the best year financially we have ever had.

Ludlow. Has only ten members but has started a birthday fund to support a pupil in one of the Mission Schools.

Little River. Trying to do what we can.

Tabernacle, St. John Still living. Has added one new member.

Lower Newcastle. Reports increased interest. Hopes to do more in the coming year.

Cambridge Narrows. Has not forgotten Mark 16:15.

Marysville. Find it helpful to meet together and talk and pray for the work.

Andover. Has just re-organized. Are beginning hopefully.

Jemseg. Has had two public meetings. Our hearts have been saddened by the death of our loved Missionaries.

Carleton, St. John. Has had a good year and hopes the future will be brighter. Has made one Life Member.

Pt. De Bute. Has had good meetings. Tidings is a great help. Are hoping and praying that something may arouse every sister in the church to a sense of her duty in regard to Missions.

Boundary Creek. Is keeping on its way.

McDonald's Pt. Hoping and praying for a deeper interest.

Lower Cambridge. One sister gone home. We are holding on to the work.

Brussels St. St. John. Has held 12 meetings, 4 public meetings all interesting and instructive.

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Till they rouse in the strength of the Lord
And roll the stone away.”

2nd Grand Lake: Has reached the beginning of its *silver* anniversary. Has added another to its roll of life members.

Bayside. Still hoping to reap if we faint not.

Lower Wickham. Praying for a deeper interest.

Salisbury. Has made one life member.

St. George. Sickness in our homes has hindered the work this year.

Mission Bands of N. B.

Lewisville. We try to keep the interest up by meeting from house to house to sew. We have sent a quilt to the hospital at Chicacole and have two more ready.

"Wright Willing Workers," Fredericton. The band held weekly meetings and did some sewing and studied India. Made their Leader a life member of W. B. M. U.

"Lone Star," Hampton Station. During the year we have had good meetings held regularly every two weeks. We also held three public meetings.

"Ida Newcombe," Cromwell's Hill. Still persevering.

Pt deBute. Meet regularly; hope good is being done.

Moncton: Has raised \$78.31. \$35 of which was to support a native teacher in Mrs. Archibald's school.

"Earnest Helpers" St. Martins; Has not been at work very long, organized this year.

Fairfield. Are doing the best we can. In addi-

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"Maud Harrison" Bellisle Creek. Has raised their usual sum. Are working and praying for the success of the cause.

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Reports of County Secretaries N. B.

After being laid aside from public work for two and a half years I was permitted to be present and address the women's meeting held in connection with the N. B. Con. In March was present at the Quarterly Meeting held at Jemseg and took charge of and addressed the woman's meeting, eight Societies out of the twelve in the County were represented. Have held two other public meetings, called mite box openings. Have given away a number of mite boxes, written some letters and cards. But circumstances over which I have no control have prevented me engaging in County work as I would like. I mourn the back of interest shown by so many of our sisters in this county in the carrying out of our Masters Great Commission.

C. A. Pearce, Co. Sec'y, Queens Co.

Report of County Sec'y for Albert.

During past year, visited Societies and addressed public meetings at following places: Hillsborough, Surrey, Harvey, Hopewell Hill and Albert. Also visited societies at Salem, Riverside and Elgin.

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The correspondence with the Societies was kept up. To nearly all I distributed literature on Mission Stations in India.

There have been no new societies added to the list in Albert Co., but I am glad to report that two societies which have not been working during the past year and half are about to take up the broken threads and we pray that their strength may be in Christ. Even in our encouragements we find discouragements. Fears are held that one other society may cease to exist, but trust that the light has not become altogether extinct, and that the sisters may overcome their difficulties and in the end receive the "Well done."

In Albert County we have many reasons to lift up our heads in joyful thanksgiving. I feel that the interest in this great and noble work is deepening, but let us never rest content until every sister, from all over our provinces, may feel that there is a part in the work for each, and may do the work that God places before her.

May I ask the sisters for their prayers for strength to do better service for the Master. Let our united prayers be for the further advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Yours in his work,
Bessie B. Horseman,
Co. Sec'y, Elgin, Albert Co.

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Your Sec'y for Westmorland begs to submit the following report of work done during convention year ending July 30th, 1906. No. of letters written sixty-two, No. of cards, eighteen. Took part in public meetings at Middle Sackville, Lewisville, and Steeves Mt. Also at quarterly meeting at Sackville. Total collection \$9.41.

Have not had the pleasure of organizing any new Society but am very glad to be able to report another Aid Society added to our number in Westmoreland Co. we refer to the Society lately organized at Harper's Brook by Mrs. Gardner (Pastor's wife) we extend a most cordial welcome to these workers and earnestly pray God's blessing on them. May they have entered into the work for life and may each succeeding year see them growing stronger and stronger.

This makes seventeen societies in Westmoreland Co. of these fifteen are steadily working on.

As regards the work in the Co. during the past year I have tried to keep in touch with all the Societies by regularly corresponding with them.

The work has been made a great deal easier and pleasant by the prompt replies which, in nearly every case, I have received. This is a great improvement

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on last year and I most heartily thank the sisters for it. As far as I can judge there has been good work done in the majority of the Societies. Would like to see more interest taken in Mission Bands and hope their number will be increased before another year closes.

Dont neglect the young people, my sisters, but gather them into the fold and the work. Keep your eyes fixed on the Master and strive His will to do so will your interest in Missions become stronger and brighter and may He abundantly bless you all is the earnest prayer of your Co. Sec'y

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Report of Provincial Secretary of P. E. I.

As we review the year's work, while we regret that we have not accomplished more, still we are thankful that we have been enabled to make some progress.

We have 22 societies, the same as last year, while one has been organized, another I fear has ceased to exist. There is a membership of over 400. Nearly all these societies have reported to your secretary three times during the year. These reports show that while a few of our members have been called to the home above, others have been added to the list so that there has been an increase in numbers, also that while a few societies seem to be almost discouraged others have been quickened to greater effort and have held successful public meetings and thank-offering services. There is a deepening interest, a growing desire to do more and better work in the days to come. Evidently the sisters are being led to see more clearly the great need of giving the gospel to the perishing in other lands and their hearts are responding more readily to the Master's call for service in this direction. We be-

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lieve that the visit of Miss DePrazer, who with such clearness told of her conversion and her work, also of the great good being done by our Missionaries in India, did much towards the increase of interest. We are pleased to report as an evidence of this deepened feeling of responsibility, our Societies and Bands have contributed over \$113 more this year than last. Five life members have been made, the most during any year of our history.

Meetings.

One meeting was held at Alexandra in March in connection with the P. E. Island Conference. This was fairly well attended and we hope that it was not without profit. Past work was reviewed and plans laid for the future. Our Associational meeting was well attended but shadowed by the news of the death of two of our Missionaries. As the bereaved friends of the departed and the work these sisters loved and gave their lives for was borne in prayer to the loving Father, the Master, the sympathizing friend seemed to be in our midst and we were comforted and strengthened. We were sorry that none of our returned Missionaries were with us. Their presence would have been an inspiration to all. We hope another year to be helped in this way. Your Secretary has only visited one Society. She recognized the fact that much good

might be done in this way especially among the weaker societies, nevertheless found it impossible because of other imperative duties and illness to do much in this line.

Tidings.

All the societies except one take the Tidings. We find the letters from the Missionaries very helpful in keeping us in touch with the work on the field. There appears to be a falling off in the number of Links taken. This we think to be a move in the wrong direction, since we are greatly helped by knowing what others are doing. We would advise all our societies to take the Link. Have written 47 letters and 36 cards and have received 39 letters and 12 cards.

Needs.

A deeper realization of our high privileges and a stronger sense of our obligations to others. More of the spirit of Christ, less of self.

Mission Bands.

We have 15 Bands with a membership of about 300. All the bands with the exception of one have reported to your Secretary. We have great reason to be encouraged and thankful for the interest manifested and the progress made. Nearly all the bands have studied the lessons given in "Tidings" and have found

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them very helpful and instructive. We have also greatly appreciated the articles written by our Missionaries. A suggested Bible reading would be beneficial to young leaders. Some of our bands have contributed but little, still we feel that the training they are receiving will bear more fruit in this respect in coming years. Quite a number of bands have given successful Missionary concerts and others would like to undertake this work. There is much more to be done in interesting and training the young along Missionary lines. One life member has been made during the year. Amount raised by bands \$146.48. The outlook is encouraging.

Mrs. J. C. Spurr,
Prov. Sec'y, P. E. I.

Reports from P. E. I. Aid Societies.

Alborton. Although few in number and scattered, we are trying to do what we can and praying for God's blessing upon our feeble efforts \$7.85.

Alexandra. Regular monthly meetings well attended. Interest in the millions still in darkness gradually increasing as we know more of their sad state. Home Missions are not forgotten. All our sewing goes to that object \$36.90.

Annandale. Two members called to higher service. Some have moved to another locality makes us weak in numbers. Pray for us. \$9.32.

Bedeque. Our monthly meetings have not been so largely attended nor so regularly held as in other years, owing to unfavorable weather. Held two public meetings. Made one Life Member, Mrs Samuel Bagnall. Four new names added to the membership list. \$51.00

Bonshaw. We regret that for different reasons we have been unable to contribute our usual amount. We hope to do better in future. \$10.00

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Cavendish. Held twelve meetings during the year. Our annual meeting in June was of more than usual interest. Thankoffering at that time amounted to \$30. Made one Life Member, Miss Annie Jackson. \$61.37

Charlottetown. Regular meetings once a month. Much cheered and helped by a visit from Miss DePrazer. Since then the meetings have been better attended. Held one Thankoffering service. \$86.50.

Clyde River. Membership small. Held ten meetings during the year with good attendance. Interest increasing. \$23.00

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~~East~~ East Point. Our society is in a healthy condition. Meetings interesting and well attended. Held on public meeting. On that occasion Mrs. J. E. Robertson gave \$25 to constitute herself a Life Member. \$76.00

Eldon. When weather and roads permit, we meet monthly with good attendance.

Hazelbrook. Nothing unusual to report. Moving steadily forward. Twenty-six members. Twenty-four women in the church. \$41.80

Knutsford. We are only a few and weak but we know the Lord is strong to help. \$6.00

Long Creek. Still holding on our way. \$22.00

Montague. Held no meetings. Number contributors four. \$5.00

Murray River. Much to be thankful for. Society in a good condition. Each member anxious to help \$12.00.

North River. Meetings regularly held. The attendance is not always what we would desire. Held one Thankoffering service. Made one Life Member. Lost one member by death. \$60.00

Springfield. Meetings well attended. Interest growing. \$18.00

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A few are doing what they can. \$13.47.

Tryon. Our society is doing well. Three new
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service. Made one Life Member, Mrs. Thomas Gamble
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Enmore River. We were organized in November.
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Report from P. E. I. Mission Band.

Alberton, "Snowflake." We meet monthly with good attendance. The members seem interested. \$5.00

Alexandra, Evening Star. Our meetings have always been very interesting and instructive. We studied the lessons given in Tidings. In the early part of the year our meetings were interrupted by the illness of the leader, making our collections small \$2.00

Annandale. Number of members 12. One taken away by death. \$2.30

Bedeque, Willing Workers. Our Band though small is still living. Held one public meeting. \$10.00.

Cavendish, "What I Can." Held meetings monthly. Used the lessons given in Tidings. Found them very helpful. \$24.80

Clyde River. We have studied the lessons given in Tidings and found them very interesting. Held one Missionary Concert \$13.00

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East Point. We have held eleven meetings during the year in connection with the S. S. We use Tidings. \$7.90

Hazelbrook, Onward. Members scattered. Difficult to get a large attendance. Meet each month. Study lessons in Tidings. Have a short programme at each meeting. \$3.55

Knutsford, Hardy. The Band is doing well under the care of the Pastor's wife Mrs. A. H. Whitman. \$16.50.

Long Creek. Not heard from.

Montague. Still holding on. \$3.93.

North River. Some of the larger members have dropped out, but the band is in good working order. Held one very successful concert. Made one Life Member. \$27.00.

Tryon, Willing Workers. Small attendance during the winter, but we are holding on our way. \$7.35

Springfield. Interest well sustained. \$19.00

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Eleventh Annual Report of the Committee on Home Missions.

If this report is supposed to contain an account only of the work done by your committee during the year it would be brief indeed. Owing to the absence of one member during the winter and the illness of another, only one meeting has been held. At that meeting all the members were present. It was unanimously decided that we print in the "Column" as well as in "Tidings" a copy of the resolution passed at St. Martins in August 1899. We have regretted our inability to meet during the year and yet would record our gratitude that out of seeming ill, our Father has worked good.

We sympathize deeply with our sister Mrs. Hall, for added to her own severe illness last winter, was the illness of her daughter Minnie, which culminated after weary weeks of suffering in her being called to where "there is no more pain."

No more earnest worker in Home Missions could be found than Mrs. Hall. She has our deepest sym-

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pathy yet, in spite of all, we rejoice that through the "good hand of our God upon us, our appropriations for Home Missions" have not only been raised, but we have a balance on hand of \$24.10. While we rejoice, we would urge that the coming year see every Society giving to this department of our work. For it is true that some of our Societies give nothing whatever to Home Missions and some are so small, and others struggle under such difficulties that it seems almost like imposition to ask for more, and yet, sisters it is not a sorrowful fact that we shut our eyes to the whitening field and open them wide to our temporal needs. Does it mean the same to us as when we first believed that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son?," Do we realize that "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" is just the same now as when our Saviour first uttered it.

Are we living as tho' we believed. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned?" Is the fact less solemn because we regard it more lightly? St. James says: "For if we believe not yet He abideth faithful, He cannot deny Himself.

There are so many calls in connection with our Home Mission Work. Doors open on every side and

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From Grande Ligne we hear the cry. "The half has never yet been told." Old men and youths are eagerly seeking the light. Thousands of homes have been visited, hundreds of copies of the Holy Scriptures have been lent or sold to persons desirous of more light on religious subjects, and a very large number of tracts and a large amount of religious literature distributed.

An earnest worker writes for the encouragement of those who are helping in this work, that on two different occasions last summer after preaching in a French church in one of the cities, a fine stately French Canadian came to shake hands with him and said "You do not know how much we are indebted to you." Fifty years ago you accompanied my mother who was a Catholic to see a very prominent ecclesiastic to St Hyacinthe; it was the means of her conversion and of the whole family to the Gospel. I never meet you without deep emotion and renewed thanks for your ministrations on that occasion. In the Report of last year Sec'y Lafleur states that The Women's H. M. Society of Ontario, Eastern Ont. and Quebec and the W. B. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces have all continued to help us by their sympathy and financial aid.

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Mr. Chas. W. Grenier, our missionary on this field says over 2000 individuals have been visited. Revival services were held for four weeks. Nine were converted. Four baptized. Fourteen R. C's. received the Word of God in their homes and are reading it. The people contributed \$75.00 towards the missionary's salary, sixteen of whom were Romanists.

The Feller Institue at Grande Ligne and the Primary Schools at our various stations, can be made an ever increasing power for moulding the destinies of this people and reaching them with the Gospel Message. Who will come and help us quickly with liberal gifts, in this wonderful opportunity for sowing seed which shall go on bearing fruit all down through the ages.

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If you want to be thoroughly inspired with the way God helps his people who are thoroughly in earnest, read Mr. Tapscott's "History of the work in this place as told in the Baptist Visitor" for April 1900.

Emerson.

Reports, "We are very bnsy holding special services. Congregations good. Bro. MacDonald is with

us, the interest is increasing some are anxious.

Morden

Four have been received for baptism during the month of July. A number of members of other communions are becoming interested inquirers after truth. The rector of the English church baptized a rejoicing believer by immersion, the Baptists kindly giving him the use of their baptistry for the occasion.

West Selkirk.

Has the Rev. Neil E. Hermann of Dartmouth N. laboring with them and are looking for large results.

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Another great day of rejoicing for the Lords elect in Alberta, came to pass a few days since when the Scandinavian Baptist Church in this great North West was organized. Eleven persons were baptised and 22 in all invited into church fellowship. The work is growing with the county which is very rapid.

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A new church has been erected here which numbers now 37 and others joining by letters soon. The building with lots and furniture are worth \$2000 or more. Active work was not commenced on this field until about one year ago, and what has been accom-

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plished in this instance can be repeated more than once in Alberta if we only had the men to work the fields. Think of the West and its vast possibilities for Baptist Principles. Until recently the Alberta Field had only the hope of having a missionary but now their anticipations have been realized in the person of N. J. L. Bergen formerly pastor at Scandinavia. Beginning with one missionary at \$300 they have now 3 at over \$2000 annually while from one church of 13 members they now have three churches with over one hundred.

Our old friend Rev. Isaiah Wallace has been visiting his daughter Mrs. H. G. Mellick and preaching with very great acceptance and with as much power as ever.

Encouraging reports reach us from Calgary, Gains- bow, Birtle, Manitou, Boissevain and other stations.

The church in Calgary feeling the great need in Southern Alberta have been moved to the decision, to become self supporting, and Dec. last wrote the Home Mission Board of Manitoba and North West to this effect. Thus the churches who were but children among us are taking the burdens off the shoulders of the father and will in time aid in the great work of extending the Master's Kingdom in North West Canada.

There are churches at numbers of stations and yet hundreds of our people are scattered through this vast country without that joy and helpfulness which comes by communion and fellowship together as a church body.

If only more of our young men who feel the Lord calling them to preach His Gospel, would see his hand pointing to the West as their field of labor.

"Our Indian Work"

When we remember there are whole reservations in Manitoba and the North West where the Indians are yet in heathenism and following their heathen customs as far as the law of the land permits, we must realize there remaineth therefore a mighty work yet to be done in this branch of our Masters vineyard.

During the quarter ending March 31st Mr. R. N. Sharpe returned from the East and resumed work on the Indian Reserve. Mr. Stovel who has had charge of the work in his absence stated that there had been an increase in the attendance at the services, notwithstanding severe weather and sickness. The work at the different stations is in quite an encouraging condition.

The attendance at school for the month was about 50 and the congregations were good. During the last ten months the collections had amounted to \$36.16.

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Mr Sharpe reports two baptisms and says he is much encouraged by the welcome he receives in his house to house work, and that it is no uncommon thing to meet burdened souls. Mr. Prince and others are faithfully laboring in this cause. Pray for the poor Indian.

Brother Frith of Memorial Church Ottawa gives 4 reasons why we should support Manitoba and North West Missions. Perhaps it will not hurt to run over them in closing.

1st For our own sake—Give and it shall be given unto you.

2nd. For our friends sake—The little churches in the West are largely composed from Ontario and Eastern Provinces.

3rd. For the strangers sake—60,000 foreigners from every nation under the sun have settled in the West.

4th. For Jesus Sake—The Master is leading and opening the doors.

On behalf of the Com. of Board of H. Missions

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Maps	18	"	4.50
Games	35	"	7.00
Photos	2	"	20
Books	50	"	

Stock purchased and received during the year.

Leaflets purchased	2884	value	\$23.86
" received	3403	"	97.67
Mite Boxes	1650	"	12.50
Books	1	"	1.00

Amount sent out

Leaflets	1056 (192 free)	value	\$18.44
Mite Boxes	719	"	5.40
Maps	5 (2 free)	"	1.25
Games	1	"	20

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Treasurer's Report.

Women's Baptist Missionary Union in account with
Mrs. Mary Smith for the year ending July 31st. 1900.

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By balance on hand from last year,	\$1098.10
Amt. received from Nova Scotia, W. M. A. S.	5232.49
" " " New Brunswick W. M. A. S.	2311.22
" " " P. E. Island., W. M. A. S.	643.43
" " " B. Y. P. U. Nova Scotia,	5.00
" " " Donations,	103.50
" " " Tidings,	38.60
" " " Reports,	20.06
Collections, Associations and Annual Mtngs	71.61
Received from Mrs. Fownes, M. B. Treas.	142.70
" " Mrs. Manning, (refund)	25.00

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" Mrs. Manning,		50.00
" Bureau Literature,		22.75
" Printing Annual Reports,		44.60
" Postage " "		7.18
" Printing Tidings,		35.25
" " Leaflets,		3.00
" Pro-Sec-New Brunswick, postage and travelling		24.00
" " " Nova Scotia, " " " "		16.40
" Drafts, discounts and Postage,		19.28
" Stationery,		3.55

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Argyle Head.....	9 65	5 01	14 66
Apple River.....	11 00	1 00	12 00
Amherst Shore.....	9 37	2 78	12 15
Arcadia	16 50	7 80	24 30
Avondale	19 00	17 30	36 30
Athol	14 00	4 00	18 00
Bear River.....	20 95	9 90	30 85
Billtown	52 15	21 80	73 95
Billtown, Lakeville Brh	7 25	11 65	18 90
Brooklyn West.....	
Belmont.....	3 00	2 75	5 75
Bridgetown.....	64 88	23 87	88 75
Berwick.....	64 87	40 75	105 62
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Bridgewater.....	15 25	7 00	22 25

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Boylston	7 50	4 90
Brookfield and F. Glen.	35 65	5 52
Bass River	27 50	4 00
Chester	24 18	3 75
Canard..	67 88	16 75
Clarence.....	37 25	6 75
Canning...	14 85	4 40
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Guysboro.	31 00	1 00	32 00
Greenfield.	14 00	6 00	20 00
Gabus.	10 34	10 34
Granville Centre.	16 65	1 10	17 75
Greenville.	12 15	6 30	18 45
Halifax 1st churc.	154 00	86 00	240 00
Halifax North Ch.	28 00	47 50	175 50
Halifax Tble.	41 62	37 95	79 57
Hantsport.	67 25	5 30	72 55
Hantsport Mt. Den.	14 75	14 75
Hammond Plains.	3 00	3 00
Homeville.	16 65	2 50	19 15
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Indian Harbour.	6 25	..	6 25
Jordan River.	4 25	4 10	8 35
Kentville.	42 00	7 50	49 50
Kingston.	40 80	19 20	60 00
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Lower Aylesford.	63 00	27 00	90 00
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15 75	Liverpool	47 66	12 74	60 40
35 65	Lockhartville	4 00	1 00	5 00
24 25	Lunenburg	20 34	56	20 90
73 31	Lewis Head	2 00	...	2 00
32 00	Little Bras Dor	10 75	12 50	23 25
20 00	Lower Woods Harbor. . . . .	...	....	....
10 34	Little River, Digby Co.	9 37	3 63	13 00
17 75	Lapland,	7 00	....	7 00
18 45	Laconia	10 00	2 80	12 80
240 00	Mount Hanley	12 25	1 50	13 75
175 50	Melvorn Square	94 25	....	94 25
79 57	Mahone Bay	18 00	3 00	21 00
72 55	Mill Village	3 00	.	3 00
14 75	Milton, Queens Co.	76 49	7 66	84 15
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19 15	Margaree	12 00	12 00
77 00	Mabou	1 00	6 00	7 00
....	Milton, Yar. Co.	10 50	2 50	13 00
6 25	Mira Bay	11 00	11 00
8 35	New Germany	30 00	21 50	51 50
49 50	New Albany	12 00	3 00	15 00
60 00	Nictaux	28 65	17 95	46 60
9 50	New Minas	13 21	..	13 21
90 00	New Glasgow	19 55	....	19 55
24 40	New Canada	8 00	....	8 00
49 34	North Sydney	53 50	...	53 50
42 50	New Tuskett	36 00	2 00	38 00

North Temple.....	15 26	2 84	18 10
North Range.....	22 00	1 00	23 00
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New Annan.....	7 00	7 00
Osborne.....	12 13	5 95	18 08
Onslow East.....	6 50	3 25	9 75
Onslow West.....	34 55	1 00	35 55
Oxford.....	14 14	10 50	24 64
Ohio	15 00	2 23	17 23
Overton and Chegoggin.	7 00	1 00	8 00
Pine Grove .. .	34 96	63	35 59
Parrsboro.....	17 75	6 00	23 75
Port Greville.	10 90	12 25	23 15
Pereaux.....	47 00	.....	47 00
Paradise.....	30 00	10 75	40 75
Port Williams.....	20 90	3 10	24 00
Pugwash.....	16 36	1 90	18 26
Port Maltland.....	15 00	15 00
Port Medway.....	6 00	2 00	8 00
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Pleasantville	3 00	3 00
Port Hawksbury.. ..	6 50	6 50
River Hebert.	47 07	22 92	69 99
Spring Hill.....	11 00	8 25	19 25
Summerville	12 76	4 77	17 53
Springfield, Ann. Co....	12 00	7 75	19 75

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...	Shelburn	30 00	2 00	32 00
7 00	Scotch Village	12 00	12 00
18 08	2nd Sable River
9 75	Torbrook	27 45	5 50	32 95
35 55	Truro 1st church	94 90	11 12	106 02
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17 23	Tasket	5 00	2 10	7 10
8 00	Tusket, Galveston Branch	8 50	1 25	9 75
35 59	Tancook	8 40	8 40
23 75	Upper Stewiack	9 20	4 80	14 00
23 15	Westport	21 00	9 10	30 10
47 00	West Jeddore	20 25	1 50	21 75
40 75	Windsor	116 00	25 00	141 00
24 00	Writtenburg	5 50	4 00	9 50
18 26	Wolfville	114 35	81 60	195 95
15 00	Walton . . . . .	....	....	....
8 00	Weymouth	8 50	....	8 50
4 00	Wallace River	9 00	....	9 00
3 00	Woods Harbor . . . . .	....	....	....
6 50	Wilmot	21 80	50	22 30
69 99	Woodville	11 95	1 00	12 95
19 25	Yarmouth 1st Ch.	54 10	24 05	78 15
17 53	Yarmouth Temple Ch	75 85	6 43	82 28
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New Societies Nova Scotia.

	\$ F. M.	\$ H. M.	\$ Total
Goldboro	22 00	2 00	24 00
Hartford	5 00	...	5 00
Port Clyde	6 00	...	6 00
Salem, Branch of Amherst	20 00	7 85	27 85
Five Mile Plains	2 00	...	2 00

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	\$ F. M.	\$ H. M.	Total.
Windsor	5 00	...	5 00

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2nd Dorchester.....	4 00	.	4 00
Doaktown.....	13 50	5 00	18 50
Elgin.....	15 30	4 80	20 10
Fairville.....	24 01	15 53	39 54
Fredericton.....	84 41	42 15	126 56
Florenceville.....	16 50	5 50	22 00
Forest Glen, Tobique R.	100	1 00
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Germantown
Gibson.....	9 75	1 50	11 25
1st Harvey.....	30 54	14 48	45 02
Havelock..	28 00	28 00
1st Hillsboro... ..	70 50	12 24	82 74
1st Hillsboro, Salem B	25 55	6 00	31 55
Hopewell Hill.....	18 50	4 00	22 50
Hampton.. * .....	....	....	....
2nd Hillsboro.....	..	....	....
Hillsdale, Hammond.	6 00	....	6 00
Hopewell Cape....	14 10	....	14 10
Hopewell .....	....	....	....
Jemseg	21 50	....	21 50
Jacksontown .....	..	....	....
Jacksonville.....	29 50	17 05	46 55
2nd Kingsclear.....	6 00	6 00
Ludlow.....	24 00	3 00	27 00
Lower Cambridge... ..	40 00	40 00
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4 00	Lewisville.....	29 50	10 53	40 03
18 50	Macnaquac..	20 00	...	20 00
20 10	Moncton	155 00	54 61	209 61
39 54	McDonalds Point...	11 00	....	11 00
126 56	McDonalds Corner..	26 75	. .	26 75
22 00	McKenzie Corner....	5 00	....	5 00
1 00	Marysville.	4 00	....	4 00
26 50	Midgie.....	....	....	....
....	New Castle Creek....	9 00	...	9 00
11 25	New Castle.....	11 00	2 00	13 00
45 02	Point de Bute.....	20 40	28 85	49 25
28 00	Port Elgin.....	8 80	8 80
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22 50	Pennfield Centre ...	1 00	1 00	2 00
...	Penobscuis.....	10 05	1 00	11 05
...	River Side.....	6 00	6 00
6 00	Rockland .....	....	....	....
12 10	Surrey, Valley Ch...	43 90	6 80	50 70
....	Sackville ..	77	44	121 00
21 50	St. John, Brussels St	31 00	10 77	41 77
....	" " Germain "	146 96	13 39	160 35
46 55	" " Leinster "	47 00	16 15	63 15
6 00	" " Main "	87 00	4 00	91 00
27 00	" " West.	46 50	21 46	67 96
40 00	" " Tabernacle...	6 50	....	6 50
6 00	St. Stephen.....	44 80	21 05	65 85

St. George.....	14 70	....	14 70
1st Springfield.....	12 00	2 00	14 00
1st Salisbury.....	45 65	....	45 65
St. Martins.. ..	24 00	6 00	30 00
St. George, 2nd Falls..	15 00	15 00
Steeves Mountain.....	7 00	...	7 00
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2nd Sheffield.. . . .	4 00	2 00	6 00
1st Studholm.
Upper Gagetown	10 25	75	11
Union Corner.....	16	16
Upper Queensbury.....	....	....	....
Woodstock.....	28 75	16 10	44 85
Woodpoint.....	4 00	..6 08	10 08

New Societies N. B.

Boundary Creek	\$14 00	70 00	\$14 70
East Florenceville.....	2 00	...	2 00
Hartland.....	3 75	00 00	3 75
Up. New Castle or N. B.	5 00	77	82 00
14	10 77	St. John, Brussels St	100
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14 70	Alexandra	28 86	8 04	39 90
14 00	Annandale	5 27	3 00	8 27
45 65	Alberton	6 55	95	7 50
30 00	Bedeque.....	25 00	25 00	50 00
15 00	Belmont.....			...
7 00	Bonshaw.....	10 00		10 00
.....	Belfast.....	8 86	12 14	21 00
6 00	Cavendish.....	44 65	7 75	52 40
11	Charlottetown.....	72 37	19 20	91 57
16	Clyde River.....	11 50	11 50	23 00
.	Dundas.....	5 60	4 00	9 60
44 85	East Point.....	51 00	24 64	75 64
10 08	Hazelbrook.....	26 62	14 93	41 55
	Long Creek.....	20 00	5 00	25 00
	Montague.....	3 00	2 00	5 00
\$14 70	North River.....	45 00	15 00	60 00
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3 75	Summerside.....	6 80	9 12	15 92
\$15 00	Springfield.....	10 00	1 00	11 00
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I " "	Murray River.....	13 00		13 00
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W " "	Enmore River.....	1 00		1 00
T " "	West Devon.....	3 83		3 83
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List of Life Members, 1899-19

- Lockport—S. Maria Chadsey.
Lower Southampton—Miss Violet L. Kirke.
Range Queens Co. N. B.—Mrs. Nathaniel Branscombe
Fitchburg Mass.—Mrs. Elizabeth R. Starr.
St. John Germain St.—Miss Fannie Bowman.
Canard—Mrs. John Baxter.
St. John Main St.—Mrs. George R. Rigby.
Yarmouth Temple Ch.—Mrs. Cereno Kelly.
Yarmouth “ “—Mrs. Joshua Huestis.
Jacksonville—Mrs James Good.
North River—Mrs. Peter Scott.
Onslow West—Mrs. J. Williams.
East Point—Mrs. J. E. Robertson.
Moncton—Mrs. Jane C. Snow.
Halifax North Ch.—Mrs. W. J. Gates.
Truro Immuel Ch.—Mrs. G. O. Gates.
Bridgewater—Mrs. Stephen March.
Hebron (Yar Co.—Mrs. William Patton.
Melvern Square—Mrs. Conley Phinney.
Milton Queens Co.—Mrs. Mary Skinner.
Fredericton—Mrs. J. W. Spurden.
Halifax North Ch.—Mrs. W. J. Gates.
Truro Immuel Ch.—Mrs. T. B. Layton.
Liverpool—Mrs. E. Starratt.
Berwick—Mrs. William Crosscup.
Tryon—Mrs. Thomas Gamble.

Windsor—
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Windsor,—Mrs. A. A. Shaw.
Shelburne—Mrs. E. L. King.
Westchester—Mrs. John Clark.
Hillsboro—Mrs. Townshend.
2nd Chipman —Mrs. John Briggs.
Cavendish—Miss Annie Jackson
Amherst—Mrs. Sarah McCully.
Amherst—Mrs. W. E. Bates.
Yarmouth 1st Ch.—Mrs. Chas. W. Sanders.
Bedeque—Mrs. Samuel Bagnall.
St. John West—Mrs. Robert Hamm.
Surrey—Mrs. L. J. Miles.
Melvern Square—Mrs. B. W. Ward.
Milton Queens Co.—Mrs Edward Kempton.
Halifax 1st Ch.—Mrs. Wm. Holloway.
Somerset—Mrs. R. W. Killam.
North Sydney—Mrs. M. M. Grant.
Hantsport.—Miss Annie Jenett.
Lower Aylesford—Mrs. Josiah Webb.
Torbrook—Mrs. Roberts.
Canard—Mrs. Mahew Beckwith.
Clements Vale—Mrs. L. J. Tingley.
Salisbury—Mrs. J. E. Tiner.

In list of Life Members, Annual Report 1898-99
the name Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson should follow Acadia
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Report of Mission Band Treasurer.

Treas. of Missison Bands report for the year ending July 31st
1900.

Four Treasurer is exceedingly sorry not to be able to give a full detailed statement of monies rec'd, and of work done during the year, but owing to a destructive fire in St. Martins on May 30th 1900 which swept away a large portion of the village including the home of your Treasurer destroying all books, papers &c renders it impossible to give any report but in the briefest form of work done and money rec'd, simply stating monies rec'd and quarterly payments made. Cash box at time of fire was in an iron safe which stood the test of the flames, and I can testify that every dollar rec'd by me was passed over into the proper hands for receiving.

Therefore I beg to submit the following brief report.

	\$ F. M.	\$ H. M.	Total
Rec,d during the year	1290 12	143 70	1433 82
Paid Rev. J. W. Manning, Treas. F. M. Board.			
	\$ F. M.	\$ H. M.	
Nov. 1st 1899	178 00		

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- Yarmouth 1st Ch.—Mrs. V. J. Mode.
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Chipman—Miss Neal Crandell
Great Village—Mrs. O. N. Chipman.
Great Village—Miss Evelyn Chipman
Great Village—Miss Mary Boomer.
Clyde River—Mrs. Hugh McMillan.
St. Martins—Miss Annie L. Vaughan.
St. Martins—Miss Jennie Davis.
Yarmouth 1st Ch.—Miss Bessie Williams.
Yarmouth 1st Ch.—Miss Grace Peterkin.
Dartmouth—Miss Nettie Wallace.
Greenwood—Mrs. J. W. Plumb.
North River—Miss Ella Scott.
Yarmouth 1st Ch.—Miss Nora Cameron.
Yarmouth 1st Ch.—Miss Luella McGill.

NOTICE. As the list of Life Members suffered with other papers at time of fire, we are not quite certain that all the names appear, if any are missing, kindly inform Mrs. Mary Smith Amherst and they will be printed in next years Annual Report.

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President's Address.

The work of the past year as Missionary Societies has been placed before us.

In the Treasurer's Report we have heard the amount of money raised contributed and expended. This has gone on its way to bring light and life to those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. God grant that in the Master's hand these dollars may be multiplied a thousand fold and followed thro' all the days of the coming year by earnest, persistent prayer.

In the Secretaries Reports we have reviewed the home work and our hearts should overflow with gratitude today as we recall our last annual meeting at St. Martins.

How sad and pathetic the situation, to see the black cloud of debt hanging over our Foreign Mission Board and six missionaries asking, yea, even pleading to be sent to India and no money to send them.

We prayed and planned—The spirit's presence and power was manifest, those meetings will never be forgotten by those present, I shall always believe

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The gifts began there to flow into the treasury—\$5.00 \$10.00 \$20.00 these were followed later by the hundreds and thousands that wiped out the debt and with glad hearts sent our missionaries on their way to India. Two of these have entered into rest. "God's purposes are ripening fast unfolding every hour." He is being honored and glorified by those who *die for Him* as well as those who *live for Him*. Let Miss Grey's dying words linger in our ears "God's ways are always best."

The presence of Miss D'Prazer with us last year was like a benediction and the precious influence of her visits among the churches still lives. The past has been a year of peculiar blessing and conscious sense of God's abiding presence and help.

Today new duties and privileges await us. New opportunities and responsibilities are ours.

This closing year of the Century, completes the quarter century of our work among the Telugus and thirty years since our Womans Missionary Societies were organized. What shall we do to celebrate these events? What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us? When we consider what God has wrought in the elevation of women during

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These Women's Missionary Societies are now generally acknowledged as being among the most powerful agents in the Evangelization of the world.

The lowest estimates gives over one million and a half christian women united in this great purpose of bringing Christ to the lost world, contributing annually over 2,600,000 dollars and the money given is but a small part of the good accomplished 150 million of printed pages of missionary literature are annually going into the homes of the people and over one million children are being educated and interested in 'this God given' work of missions.

Then the earnest prayers of consecrated women and the Christ-like spirit developed by this service is worth more to the church at home than all that has been contributed.

How I praised God for there Missionary Societies
 that Woman's day at Ecumenical Conference when
 thousands of women from heathen and christian lands
 joined hearts and hands in a blessed covenant to con-
 sider what God's help to work and pray for the mission.
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blessing has so marvelously accompanied our work, it is only in its infancy. What has been accomplished is only the foretaste of greater things to come and the awful need of this sin cursed earth is only just exposed to our wondering gaze. This century has revealed the utter darkness by letting in the light. This century God has opened doors in all heathen lands and opened the eyes of Christian people to see and their hearts to feel the need and their ears to hear the personal command of Christ "Go ye into all the world." *These are the days of our God given opportunity.*

OPPORTUNITY means responsibility, it also means *importunity*, as though God were beseeching us by every open door, by every weeping eye and breaking heart, to open our hearts filled with the love of God, to stretch forth our hands laden with the bread of life, to open our purses filled with His gifts and worthily meet this glorious opportunity that confronts us every hour of every day.

The Grande Ligne Mission, the ever increasing demands of the North West our own destitute, Home Mission fields as well as the 2,000,000 Telugus are calling to us more loudly than ever before. The broken down missionaries now at home, the new made graves of our fallen sisters in India all speak in loud-

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Two things I want to put plainly and briefly before you as some things we *all* may do. At the Convention last year it was resolved that the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces undertake to raise as a Twentieth Century Fund the sum of \$50,000 to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions

(1) That the time for raising this sum be four years from Aug. 1900.

(2) That there shall be an *In Memoriam Roll* which shall contain the names of those departed ones whom their friends wish to remember in this way by the payment of \$5.00.

(3) That this Roll be substantially bound and preserved for future reference in Acadia College library.

(4) That the Century Fund be an extra independent of all regular contributions to church, or Mission purposes. A thankoffering to the Lord at the beginning of this new century for all His goodness to us as individuals and as a denomination.

Now, my sisters unless the women of our Missionary Societies undertake this work, I feel persuaded it will not be accomplished. Two thirds of our church

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should be appealed to and made to feel that this is something in which they should be interested. Our Mission Bands too must be enthused and led into direct work in this direction and the children in our homes should be told of the successes and triumphs of the past, the conditions and needs of the present, that they may learn to pray and give. A great work confronts us, but a God given privilege, such as will never come to us again. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY! Our children will bear the burdens and reap the rewards of the coming Century. Let us be faithful in laying a sure foundation upon which they may build, in planting the good seed that they may reap a bountiful harvest when we have ceased from our labors and are at rest. Some one may say, but this will not increase our funds as a Society. Perhaps not for the present, but it is not, our grandest and most powerful motive to have a large amount on our balance sheet, but to do the thing that will develop a missionary spirit among our churches and bring the greatest glory to our Master. To enthuse our churches with the spirit of Christ that has taken possession of many of our women and brought success to our W. M. A. S. Thus can we best serve the purpose for which we exist.

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members are women and they represent the missionary element in our churches. Our training for the past thirty years has just fitted us to do this work. Our study of the past history of missions, our God given vision of the condition of the heathen world and the purpose for which we were saved, has fitted us for this grand effort, for such a time as this we were brought into the Kingdom.

To embrace this golden opportunity and lift our mission work into a higher plane by reinforcement and enlargement. HOW CAN WE DO IT?. We can assist our pastors in their efforts to raise the sum apportioned to each church. We may even have to suggest means and urge the matter forward in many ways.

As Teachers in the Sab. Schools we can interest our classes in this great work, for every one in our Sab. Schools from Primary to Senior Bible classes that will bear directly upon our own Societies and that is. By every means in our power we try as a Century offering to the Lord to have a *W. M. A. S. and a Mission Band organized in every church in the Maritime Provinces*. If each member could bring one during the coming year, our membership would be doubled and could this be repeated for two years the thing would be accomplished. We have now 400

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Baptist churches and only 250 W. M. A. S. There are still those who calmly affirm they "have not the slightest interest in missions." God pity and forgive them! Only *love* can win them. It has been said that the two principles of this whole mission work at home and abroad are "loving organization and organized love" and they have in them the secret of all success. When we consider the blessedness of this mission work to ourselves and the great enrichment that has come through it to our own lives we should do all in our power to interest and win others.

If 7000 christian women united as we are in these Societies can accomplish so much what blessed results would follow if the 25,000 women of our churches could be actively engaged in this mission work. It is a startling fact that thousands of our Telugu sisters are living and dying in the dark because so many of our christian women at home are refusing their help in sending them the gospel. Is any one willing to continue to bear this great responsibility?

A century of missions is almost past. Its triumphs have been due to the labors of a few consecrated men and women who have labored faithfully in foreign lands and a few other consecrated givers who have toiled and prayed at home.

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victory because they have not fought in the battle, they have no rightful share in the joys of the harvest because they have not been sowing the precious seed. The *lost opportunity* of a hundred years weighs heavily upon the church of Christ today. But with the light of a new dawn upon our brow, the pathetic and heart rending call of a New Century ringing in our ears we shall lift our heads above the past and face the future with new strength and courage for Jesus leads us on!

These two thoughts are the message I have for you my sisters.

That we embrace our opportunity by assisting in every way we can to raise this Century Fund of \$50,000. That we use every means in our power to organize a W. M. A. S. and Mission Band in every church and induce every woman and girl to become members.

It was Horace the heathen poet who wisely said "*Seize the day.*" It was the Duke of Wellington who said "the secret of success is using every opportunity" and the blessed Master said "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day for the night cometh."

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