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ANNUAL FOREIGN MISSION MEETING

The annual Foreign Mission Meeting of the Nova Scotia Conference was held at Pubnico Head, N. S., Aug. 29, 1903. The programme was as follows:

Opening hymn; devotional exercises; Recording Secretary's report; President's address; Cor. Secretary's report. Treasurer's report; report received and adopted. Election of officers: Rev. Roscoe Heine, President for ensuing year, introduced by the retiring President, Mrs. Laura A. Potter, who ably filled her office. A letter read from Miss Gaunce (returned missionary) by Mrs. Jeffery. Address by Dr. McLeod, giving an extended account of the F. M. work in N. B. This work was inspiring and heartily appreciated by the attentive audience. Address by Rev. W. E. Thurlow, who eloquently held forth the word of life in the interest of Foreign Missions. Dr. H. M. Ford, of the U.S., gave a stirring address, to the satisfaction of all present. Collection, \$10.00. Music and singing was interspersed throughout the programme. Benediction by Rev. Roscoe Heine. This society has made progress during the year just closed, as shown by Cor. Secretary's report. Clark's Harbour church alone raised over one hundred dollars, and devoted the same to Home and Foreign Missions-\$87.00 to Foreign Missions. There is lack of leadership. Many more auxiliaries ought to be organized to secure systematic work. This yearly gathering enjoyed the presence and helpful words of Rev. Missionary Hamlen of Balasore, India. God bless him in all his ways.

this church may soon see and act differently. Sabbath morning Bro. Perry was when me, and in the afternoon we went to Central Hampstead. There we met with Bro. H. H. Ferguson. In the evening we were at Hibernia, where the meeting was the best of all the day. Hibernia is quite interested in the work; the Mission Band did grand work this year, under the faithful care of the superintendent, Miss Burchill. I could do nothing in Hampstead in Band work, as there are not enough children in the place to organize.

Returning to Gibson, I organized a Mission Band of 12 members, Mrs. Paul, wife of the pastor, has charge of them, and I think they will do well. Then I started for Blissville, where I met with Bro. W. O. Kierstead. Went to Clarendon; visited all day Saturday; had meeting Sabbath morning in the new meeting house, which is a neat little building and reflects great credit on all who have been interested in so good a work. Our young brother has been much blessed in his work there, and is beloved by the people. We had a fine congregation in the morning, and a good. Sabbath school. I organized a Mission Band of 11 members, with good prospects; Mrs. Henry Washburn has the superintendent's office. Had meeting at 3 p. m., at Patterson; had a good talk wth the sister on mission work. In the evening listened to Bro. Kierstead preach a good sermon. Next I started for Stanley. There the mission interest is very low. I visited a number of families. Deacon Jonah has lost his sight, and his wife died a short time ago; he lives with his son, where he is well cared for. Bro: Merrill's wife is very sick and has been for some years, but is very patient. I had meeting Sabbath morning and then started for Bloomfield, but could not reach there on account of the road being blocked with trees. I went next to South Portage, and had a meeting on Wednesday in the Presbyterian church, and it was a blessed meeting indeed; we had a number of testimonies, and at the close some seven or eight men and women rose for prayer. On leaving there I went to Keswick. I met the children of the Mission Band at a picnic; there was quite a sprinkling of men and women also: the children had games, etc., and afterwards refreshments provided by the ladies; in the evening the children met at the home of Mrs. Wellington Shepherd and had candy and nuts, and I had a little talk with them at the close. I attended three meetings on the Sabbath at Keswick, and was pleased to have Bro. Bonnell with me; in the afternoon he went to Kingsley and I to Douglas, and back to Keswick in the evening. This ends the month's work. Summary of work done: Meetings attended, 16; families visited, 63. families prayed with, 45; Bands organized, 2; miles travelled, 357; cash collected, \$42.01.

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BAPTISMS IN INDIA.

Rev. H. R. Murphy, of the India Free Baptist Mission, writes the *Morning Star* of the work at Midnapore. He says:

This week three have been baptized. The first was a young unmarried man, who was baptized Sunday morning here in Midnapore.

On Wednesday I took a run on my bicycle thirty miles south to Kasharee from there five miles on foot across the flooded ricefields brought me to Baba gadia. Here I spent the night with Beduba. The next morning, with him as guide, we set out across the ricefield again, for the village of our new con verts, a young man and his wife. The parents had previously consented to their baptism, but when it became known their relatives and the ever-present Brahmans made such a fuss that they were led to forbid the baptism. But the young people were steadfast. When it became evident that they were going to be baptized anyway, the parents themselves drove them from the house, allowing them to take nothing but a single piece of clothing each. Then they threatened them, should they ever return. The Brahmans were very angry, and I expected trouble, but the fear of white faces is upon these people. The baptism was performed in a creek about one-half mile distant, in the presence of nearly the entire village. The Brahmans began at once to make fun and try to create a laugh, but a respectful invitation to them as the religious men of the village to come to the front, where they could both see and hear, headed off anything further on that line. After a short sermon and scripture reading, the candidates both entered the water and were baptized together. When the relatives saw that the baptism had actually taken place, the women began to cry and scream just as they do on the death of a relative. As there was no place there for the converts to go to, they came away with me to Babagadia. When we had gone about one-half mile, looking back we saw one running across the fields toward us. On coming up we were informed that the father desired them to return. I promised them that should the father himself come to Babagadia for his son and promise not to persecute him in any way, he would return, and so ended that part of the affair. I hope yet to baptize the parents. Of course you know that although they returned to their home, they will not be allowed to eat with even their own parents, or to use the same dishes. The parents will never speak of them as their son or daughter, or in any way recognize their relationship, except it be secretly and in violation of caste.



e	New Business Written,\$	6,082,336.00
y	Increase over 1901,	1,058,935.00
, e	Income,	1,240,890.00
- h	Increase over 1901,	177,249.00
n	Assets as at Dec. 31, 1902,	4,406,329.00
S	Increase over 1901,	633,852.00

MRS. G. M. WILSON. Cor. Sec.

REV. J. N. BARNES' REPORT.

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To the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Mission Society:

Dear Sister-August has been a busy month. Leaving Queens Co., I went to Gibson. I spent the morning of the first Sabbath with Bro. Paul, and the afternoon and evening at Marysville, with Bro. Rideout, preaching morning and afternoon and conducting the prayer meeting in the evening; and it was good to be there, for the Lord came to meet with us. From there I went to Hampstead by boat, and met with Rev. S. J. Perry, who drove me to Jerusalem. Lestended the monthly Conference and the by visiting the sisters to stir up their interest in the mission work, but could do nothing neither with them nor the Mission Band. I was not a little surprised at this. I cannot understand it in this day of such great need. I hope

J. N. BARNES.



A heavy snow storm swept over southern Montana Sunday night. Considerable grain is still standing, and it is probably ruined. The storm covered a wide area. It is reported that two feet of snow fell near Pryot Mountain.

It is the obvious duty of all the churches to agree upon methods for the Christian leavening of the Canadian nation that is to be.—Montreal Witness.

There is a vast difference between being sorry for sin and being sorry you are "caught."