

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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Rev. J. N. Barnes' February Report.

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

Dear Sister,—And now I am at the end of another month. I can hardly believe that five months of our denominational year have passed. We began work this month at Wheaton Settlement in the morning, at Lewis' Mountain at three o'clock, and at 2nd Church, North River, in the evening. Monday Mrs. Barnes organized a Woman's Society of fifteen members at the 2nd North River Church, and I organized a Band of thirteen. We went from this to Petitcodiac, and attended a mission meeting with Bro. Abram Perry. Attended a Woman's Mission meeting Wednesday. Thursday evening, the Mission Band at Cornhill and the Band at Anagance Ridge held a concert at Cornhill meeting-house. It was a grand success; the best I have attended. Miss Gaunce was in attendance, and gave a fine address. I am sure Bro. Perry has a very promising lot of young people in his congregation. He was in attendance and was much pleased. We had meeting at Lower Ridge Friday evening. The Band there is prospering. We went thence to Penobscis; held one meeting there, and in the evening at Newtown. The Band we organized last winter went out all at once. They have a Band at Newtown; and it is hopeful, I should think, from what I heard of it. I did not have the time to meet with it. Our next meeting was with Bro. H. H. Ferguson at Lower Millstream, Wednesday prayer-meeting; it was a good meeting. We were with him a week and had six meetings. He helped us much in our work. We visited five of his churches, organized three Mission Bands; up to this time they had been collecting some money, but had no organization. We went next to Norton. Attended Sabbath school in the morning, Midland at three o'clock, Norton again in the evening. Organized a Mission Band of fourteen members in the morning and a Woman's Society in the evening. We could not get enough children together at Midland to organize. Our last meeting was at Long Point. Bro. Francis is holding meetings there, and has been for some time. I am pleased to say sinners are coming to Jesus. I attended two meetings with him, and spoke the Word of Life to

the people. I organized a Mission Band the last evening I was with him. I hope he may see many more converted there. The Sixth District is large; it has, I believe, twenty-eight churches. We visited twenty-three of them in six weeks. The district has a good staff of young men for pastors, men that fear God and are working faithfully for him and his cause, and their labors are being blessed with success. The churches have comfortable houses of worship; the interior of the Moncton church is very fine. The most of the pastors are having revival. Each of the seven pastorates has a parsonage, which, I think, no other district has. Some of the churches are interested in mission work, others are not. And this, I am sorry to say, is the case in other districts also. We congratulated ourselves on doing well last year. Well, we did, but did we do what we could? I think most of us will have to acknowledge we did not. Did our Lord mean that the commission to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," should include us of this day? The most of the Christian church will say he did. Well, have we done this? Or, if we cannot go, will we let go? And, if we have no one to let go, will we help go? which we all can do in our measure. Are we willing to do this? If not, are we not disobeying God's positive command? Oh think of the millions that are looking to us for the Word of Life, starving for bread, and we have plenty, and will not send it to them. God have mercy on us, and wake us up to "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

The great need of the day is more believing prayer, as well as more giving. Let us hope that many of God's people will come to the rescue.

Summary of work in February:

Families visited,	34
Mission Bands organized,	4
Woman's Societies organized,	2
Miles travelled,	222
Cash collected,	\$36 45
Pledges,	2 00

J. N. BARNES.



WOODSTOCK SOCIETY.

I was requested by one in the society to send a few lines of report of our work. We held our March meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Vanwart, Monday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Theo. McKinney, read the scripture lesson and gave a very helpful talk on the subject. Nearly every member present offered earnest prayer for our missionary cause at home and abroad; and all felt to thank God for the "showers of blessing" he had so graciously sent to our church, and to pray that he would continue to bless not only our church, but every church and people, for, as we realize that he hath

made of one blood all nations of the earth, our hearts go out in sympathy for those of other lands, who have not the privilege we enjoy in Christian lands. The "other sheep I have," that Christ spoke of, which are not of this fold, they also must be brought in, for there is to be but "one" fold and one shepherd.

The principal business of the day was distributing the lists to the collectors, and we hope when the returns are brought in our society will again be the banner society of the province. You may remember that our District pledged themselves last year to support and help educate another native young man, besides Kalis Chundra Saren. Our auxiliary takes a five-cent collection each month to raise the \$5.00 we agree to pay towards Kalis Chundra Saren, and individual members have pledged \$5.00 to help the other one, whose name we do not know yet.

Our monthly public meeting in the vestry Wednesday night was led by Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Sunder helps so much in the interest of these meetings. She told of "Child Life in India," and had the costumes worn by the girls and boys, and dressed a little girl to show how the sari is put on. She also sang three of the Oriya hymns composed by the natives, and gave the sentiment in English. As she told of the degradation of woman, and what it has produced, of how unwelcome girl babies are, and how often put to death, especially in high-caste families, of them being widows often so early in life, and their cruel usage, how kindness and sympathy are never shown them, their jewels taken away—all because they are supposed to have sinned in some other birth, our hearts were touched; and when the leader asked all who felt to thank God for birth in a Christian land to rise, the whole audience rose to their feet.

Our Mission Band is learning much of our "Corner in India. They are highly privileged in having Mrs. Sunder for superintendent, who is so familiar with the work, and so willingly and gladly teaches them. How much better equipped they will be with the knowledge of the needs of this race, and then with their hearts filled with his Spirit, they will be enabled to do better work than their fathers and mothers have done. The District Superintendent of Mission Bands, Miss Lulu Vince, tells me she has heard from some of the Bands in regard to the money to be raised for the support of the child widows in India. She will be glad to receive the \$2.00 from each Band in the Second District soon, so she can make out the report and forward the amount to the treasurer.

Before closing, I would like to tell our readers of an evening spent in the home of the oldest member of our auxiliary, a home familiar for its hospitality to all of God's servants—our much loved Sister Vanwart. On Tuesday evening, February 24th, the church members and

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