

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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SECOND DISTRICT BANDS.

Our district has about ten Mission Bands, nearly all of which have been organized or re-organized since Mr. Barnes began his home mission work. The past year they have been doing good work, and, besides learning of the work and the field where our missionaries are laboring, they have sent twenty dollars to help the poor widows at Ujurda.

We people of N. B. are, or should be, more interested in the work at Ujurda than perhaps any other station in India, as you remember our Mr. Boyer was the first to tell that people of a Saviour, and they are so much in need of help.

We thought, as we read the appeal sent to Mrs. Sunder by Mrs. Mary Phillips, how much we might help her in her work with the young people, had we more money. We have a balance of \$3.00 to start another year's work. Let us try to double the amount next year, and we may be able to help Mrs. Phillips with all her branches of work in Santipore. She needs money to carry on her industrial work, money for the kindergarten, money for Sunday-school library, for Bible women, and her schools outside the village. Now I am sure if all the Bands of your district will try we may do great things this coming year, and thus help on the coming of his kingdom.

MARY SLIPP.

Woodstock, Sept. 21.

SEVENTH DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The following are the amounts contributed by the societies of the Seventh District:

Victoria St. Church, St. John, ..	\$113 40
Waterloo St. Church, St. John, ..	55 07
West St. John, ..	65 98
Juniör Endeavor, West St. John, ..	10 00
North Head, Grand Manan, ..	12 00
Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, ..	85 34
Seal Cove, Grand Manan, ..	17 46
White Head, Grand Manan, ..	37 40
Wilson's Beach, Campobello, ..	32 00
Beaver Harbor, ..	9 25
Fair Haven, Deer Island, ..	20 50
Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, ..	4 50
Collected by Rev. J. N. Barnes, ..	29 94
Pledged and paid for native preacher, ..	25 00
Mrs. Barnes, ..	2 00
Mrs. Simpson, Deer Island, ..	50
Col. at Annual Meeting, ..	3 60
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HIS REASON.—An official in one of the largest cities of Japan said to a missionary: "I am not a Christian, nor do I desire to be, but my wife is cross and disagreeable in the home. Because of my position I cannot put her away. Therefore I wish you would ask your wife to go often to see her, and tell her of Christianity and persuade her to become a Christian, for I know from what I have seen that Christian women are gentler and more lovable in their homes than those who are not Christian."

Missionary Meetings Without Dullness.

Some suggested meetings are given below:

A Curio Meeting.—Each member will bring some object from a foreign land, if only a picture. He will exhibit this, and tell something of it. Every community furnishes material in abundance for such a meeting.

A Picture Meeting.—Before the meeting let each member clip significant missionary pictures from the papers, and prepare to explain them while they are being passed from hand to hand.

Missionary Debate.—Of course, this will not be a time for the display of oratory—only an earnest presentation of the case. "Was —'s life a failure or a success?" "Is it advisable to send out unmarried missionaries?" "Should our missionaries engage to any considerable extent in the work of secular education?" "Is it best that missionaries should labor in secular occupations for the support of their missions?"

A One-Field Meeting.—Spend the entire evening considering the work of one field.

A Missionary Picnic.—At a picnic everybody brings something. Place before the members a map of the world, and, pointing to each mission field, call for the items each has brought concerning that field.

A Missionary Tour.—A journey through different missionary lands will afford a good meeting. Appoint a separate guide for each stage of the journey. One speaker will take you across our own country, not forgetting the great home field. A second guide will put you on board ship at San Francisco, and carry you to Hawaii; then another to Japan, another to the Malay Peninsula, and complete your journey with a tour of Siam. Limit each speaker to five minutes.—Mrs. Emma Wing-Thompson, in *Epworth Herald*.

Christan Village in the New Hebrides.

The converts at the mission stations in Malekula have built a Christian village in which they live. All are clothed. They begin and close every day with praise and prayer, and are very happy with each other, giving a daily object-lesson to the heathen of the joy and peace of Christianity. To their village they welcome all new converts, teach them and help to protect them; and if they resolve to live there, all unite and assist in building a new house for them after a given plan on straight streets running parallel with each other, and with streets at right angles. All houses are built on strong wood foundations, wattled and plastered with lime, and whitewashed. The cottages are neat, and are all kept clean—a great contrast to the heathen villages. The village is on a healthy site, bought for the purpose near the mission house, so that they may have the help and advice of the missionary in all difficulties raised by the heathen, and may also help the missionary in his work, and receive his constant teaching and care.—John G. Paton, in *Missionary Review*.

NOTICE.

The Annual Session of the Board of Managers of the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society of New Brunswick will be held at Britannia Hall (near church) at Lower Millstream, Kings Co., N. B., on Friday, October 2nd, 1903, at half-past two of the clock, in the afternoon.
NAOMI L. WEYMAN,
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Apohaqui, K. Co., Sept. 16, 1903.

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THE CHURCH IN JAPAN ...

It is indicative of the classes reached by the gospel in Japan, that not only is the president of the House of Representatives in the imperial parliament also the president of a Protestant theological seminary, but he received 337 out of the 369 votes cast in parliament for the office. Two first-class battleships of the Japanese navy have Christian captains. The Japanese Christians are supporting five missionaries of their own race in Hawaii. The Imperial University of Japan has three pronounced Christian professors in its faculty; and sixty of the students who attended this state institution are members of the Y. M. C. A. at Tokyo.

Mission Notes and News

—A congregation composed of 125 Christian Chinese gave \$2,000 to foreign missionary work in one year.

—The once cruel and almost inhuman Chief Genonimo and a dozen of his warriors were recently received into the Methodist church at Fort Sill.

—During the last famine in India a man in desperation threw himself in front of a railway train. He lost his right arm and leg, but recovered. The missionaries taught him, and he is now a Christian, and his wife helps with the missionary work.

—While the population of India has decreased in the last ten years the Mohammedan population has increased 9 per cent; the Roman Catholics have made a slight gain, and the Protestants have almost doubled.

—There is a Presbyterian mission at Point Barrow, three hundred and fifty miles north of the Arctic Circle, being the most northern mission station on earth, except one, Upernavak, Greenland, being twenty miles further north. At Point Barrow is a Presbyterian missionary and wife, and a government teacher and wife.

—Charles Darwin, the renowned naturalist, visited Terra del Fuego in 1833, at which time he wrote: "The Fuegians are in a more miserable state of barbarism than I ever expected to see any human being." He thought it would be impossible to civilize them. On his second visit, in 1869, he was astonished to find these people, whom he regarded as below domestic animals, had been transformed into Christian men and women. In his surprise, he wrote: "I certainly should have predicted that not all the missionaries in the world could have done what has been done. It is wonderful, and it shames me, as I always prophesied failure." In a letter to the London Missionary Society, enclosing twenty-five pounds for its work, Mr. Darwin said: "I shall feel proud if your committee shall think fit to elect me an honorary member of your society."

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