

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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THE SEVENTH DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Aid Society of the Seventh District met at Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, Aug. 15th. There was present a good delegation of sisters, and much interest was manifested in the work. The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. Owen Green of Grand Harbour, who conducted the devotional exercises. After which the Sec. Treasurer's report was read, approved and ordered to be read in the public meeting. The appropriation for literature, five dollars, was continued. The old officers, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Pres., and Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Sec. Treas., were unanimously re-elected. A letter of sympathy was directed to be sent the faithful secretary, Mrs. Hartley.

The evening meeting convened at 8 p. m. Miss Brown of Grand Harbour, in the chair. After singing, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," etc., Scripture reading by the chair, and prayer by Rev. C. T. Phillips, the report of the Sec. Treas. was read and received with deep interest by the audience. The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Greene. The acting secretary called attention to the section relating to the support of a native student, and said that free-will offerings would be called for later in the meeting.

Dr. McLeod gave a very earnest and forceful address on the needs of mission work and the duty of Christian churches in relation to it, which was listened to with marked attention. Rev. Mr. Prosser followed and, in his inimitable way, asked that \$25 be immediately subscribed for the native student's support. This was secured in a very few minutes. So great was the willingness to give that more could have been obtained had we asked for it. After the meeting closed, and during the next day, a number of people expressed to me their willingness to assist had there been further need and opportunity. This has led me to consider whether it is not "the mind of the Lord" that we should increase our free-will offering in the coming year.

Brethren and sisters of the District, can we not plan to enlarge and extend every department of the Master's work in the coming year? May we not claim the promise, "According to your faith be it unto you?"

The Sec.-Treasurer's report is ap-

ended, also letters from India relative to the native worker.

C.R.F.

REPORT.

This report can only be an outline. How little can it represent all the effort that has been made! Of that the Master alone has cognition. Twenty-three years ago, only a few miles from this church, this District Meeting was organized. Some who were active in its organization have been called up higher — been called to their reward; let us who remain be more willing to serve, more anxious to do well our part in the work of winning the world to Christ, remembering that we will not be judged according to our success but according to our faithfulness. The church of to-day has a great aid in the many little missionary societies that are endeavoring to obey the Master's command, "Go ye." And what would we take for the broader views, the wider sympathies, the added knowledge that this work has brought to us. Nothing could buy it from us.

The F. B. church in St. John, Waterloo street, reports a society of 31 members. Have raised \$55.07. In connection with this church and auxiliary is a thoroughly live mission band of forty or more members. They have raised by means of dues and entertainments \$47.00, \$12.00 of which was given to the W. M. S. They have also made a donation to the Home Mission Fund. The best financial report comes from Victoria street church, St. John. This society sends \$113.40 from a membership of 30. This is the largest amount ever sent by any one society in this district. When this amount was handed to the treasurer the request was made that it "should all be used for foreign mission work," and be put to work as soon as possible. Evidently this society means business. Probably all our workers wish that all the auxiliaries were like-minded. Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, is an active up-to-date society with a membership of 39. Holds monthly meetings regularly, and are prospering in the things of the kingdom. They have raised in various ways \$62.64. This society rejoices in the help given it by an enthusiastic mission band of 51 members. The amount raised by the band is \$22.70, making a total of \$85.34. They have already paid to the treasurer of the parent society \$12.50 towards the support of an orphan in India, \$20 was given to Rev. J. N. Barnes on his salary, leaving a balance of \$52.84. The secretary sends a good report of the mission band; we are glad the children are being familiarized with mission work in their childhood. What grand workers they will make in after years! God bless the children.

Seal Cove, Grand Manan, has a small society of six members, sends \$7.56. They also have a "Light Bearers' Society" that sends \$10.00. Twenty-seven Light Bearers ought to shed forth such a bright light that the senior workers could not help seeing the promise given to "a little one" and be encouraged.

North Head, Grand Manan, reports a society with a membership of 19, and have raised \$12.00. They hold regular monthly meetings. White Head Island: The auxiliary in this church has been revived during the past year and sends \$19.00. Has a membership of 17. Holds monthly meetings and was much encouraged by the visits of Rev. J. N. Barnes and Miss Gaunce. They have an active mission band with 34 members, which has already raised \$22.00, \$8.00 of which pays for two shares in Miss Barnes' salary.

Fair Haven, Deer Island, reports an auxiliary organized in 1902 of nine members; they send \$5.50. They hold monthly meetings. They also have a mission

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band of 24 members, which has raised \$18.00, \$15.00 they send for foreign missions. Beaver Harbor reports a society of seven members, and sends \$5.00. They hold monthly meetings. They also have a mission band from which \$4.25 have been received.

West St. John church reports a society of 28 members; they hold monthly meetings and have raised during the past year by means of membership dues, collections, mite-boxes and a donation. Of this amount two members collected from friends outside the society \$5.00, especially for the Widows' Home in Balasore. The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has given to the Woman's Society \$5.00, besides paying \$4.00 for a share in Miss Barnes' salary and \$6.00 for the Orphanage in Balasore, making in all \$15.00 the children have paid for Foreign Missions this year.

Wilson's Beach Society holds meetings "twice a month when possible," and sends \$32.00.

Last year at our annual meeting it was resolved that this district pay the sum of \$25.00 annually towards the education of a native preacher in India. This sum was pledged in that meeting and paid in a very short time. It is our duty now to make another appeal to the friends present for the second appropriation of \$25.00 towards the education of the young man, and this we trust will become a permanent endeavor, as no young man, either in India or America could be fitted for a Christian worker in one or two years. Let us go on in the good work we have begun, remembering that "they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

In the Seventh District are fourteen churches, ten of these churches have auxiliary societies. Our aim is to have a society in each church. The work is advancing — a deeper missionary spirit pervades the entire district. The people "have a mind to work," and the time is not far distant when we will have our hopes realized. The visits of Miss Gaunce and Rev. J. N. Barnes have done very much towards awakening an interest and encouraging the weak. While the Seventh District is the smallest one among the Districts, yet we have faith to believe that in time "the little one will become a thousand."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. A. HARTLEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

MIDNAPORE, India,
July 27, 1903.

MRS. KATHERINE HARTLEY,
Secretary Seventh District
Missionary Society,

DEAR SISTER,—Your letter of May 20 to Dr. A. L. Kennan was forwarded by him to me a few days since. I had on his request assigned you a student — Umesh Chundra Pater. As I understood the request as it came to me through Dr. Kennan, you wished to support a young preacher. By your letter I understand

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you wish to educate a young man. As Umesh graduates from the Bible School this fall, I think I had better assign to you one who is in the first year in the

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