

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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FIRST DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society of the 1st District met with the church at Riley Brook, July 2, at 1.30 p. m. The meeting opened by the Pres., Mrs. F. C. Bloodsworth. Singing, "Labor On;" reading of the Scripture; prayer offered by Miss T. Witherby. Miss Richardson took the chair during the election of officers. On motion, resolved that all the officers except Riley Brook remain the same as last year.

Reports were received as follows: Arthurette collected \$5.65; Lower Perth holds monthly meetings, has collected \$14.25, besides \$10 for home purposes; Bath collected \$11, Mission Band, \$7.66; collections, \$2.50.

A new society was organized at Riley Brook; Mrs. S. Hayden, President, and Mrs. R. Howard, Secretary.

We hope if our lives are spared to be able to do more in the next year.

MRS. R. D. CURRIE,
 Bath, C. Co. Sec.-Treasurer.

What Some Girls Did for Missions.

A TRUE STORY.

About eighty years ago, people began to be more interested in the heathen—to talk of personal responsibility in carrying glad tidings of salvation, and to raise more means for missions.

At this time a good missionary stood in a church in Hartford, Conn., speaking of the privileges enjoyed in this Christian land, contrasting the darkness of those whose gods were wood and stone.

A little girl, about ten years old, listened attentively. Bright sunshine streamed through the window, played upon the floor, crept up the folds of her dress, touched her hand, even gilded her hair. Over in a corner dark shadows fell; all was gloom. The little child thought with a shudder, "Over there is dark heathen land, here in the sunshine is Christ-land—Christ-land is my home," and she touched lovingly a stray sunbeam falling near her.

The next day this little girl assembled a dozen of her playmates, a Mission Society was formed, and the first question discussed, "How can we little girls earn money, our very own, to send light to little heathen children?"

In those days money was not as plentiful as now, and the first resolution adopted was, "That we get our parents to give to each of us a cent a week to go without sugar, and two cents a week to give up tea." This was accomplished, and a little sum raised, as a beginning. But how to increase the amount. At that time there were no spoons in this

country for winding thread. All kinds of thread came in skeins, and the patience of thrifty housewives was often tried by snarls and knots. The little girls cut pastboard in the form of stars, covered them with white paper, pasted neatly, gilt bindings around, and sold them to many friends for three cents apiece. Their busy little hands made other useful articles for sale, until at last the happy day dawned when it was announced that the treasury contained \$20. This amount yearly would educate a young girl in Ceylon, which they determined to do, and year after year, sent the funds for that purpose. They had the privilege of naming this girl, Louisa Haws, and she became a Christian teacher in that dark land. Afterward they assumed the education in the same country of a young man, whom they named Asahel Nettleton—he also became a Christian teacher.

At this period several years had elapsed since they first met, and the little girls had become young ladies, scattered to other homes, and other duties, but most of them felt the impulse of this society, to the end of life. Their leader married the Rev. Henry Morris, for many years pastor of the Reformed church at Buskirk's Bridge, N. Y., and through years of service, inspired many hearts to renewed Mission effort by her childhood's watch-cry, "What are we doing to dispel the darkness?" She died but recently, over ninety years of age.

On her eighty-fifth birthday this dear old lady sent to a meeting held by a young Mission Band, a short account entitled "How Our Society was Started." Later in the afternoon, her door was opened and a group of young girls entered, laden with thanks and floral offerings. Beautiful callas were piled in her lap, until the dark green leaves touched her cap-strings, and then the pale cheeks flushed, and this is what she said: "Why, my dears, you are flowers yourselves: I am sure you will never forget to send the fragrance of God's truth, and the sunshine of His love to dark heathen lands—scatter the sunbeams, my little living blossoms, scatter the sunbeams." And what of the children? Do you not think, do you not know, that as they stepped out into the winter twilight, homeward bound, they carried with them a sweet, lifelong mission lesson?

And so the sunshine that brightened the old Hartford church has still its mission, and shall have, until the rays of the Sun of Righteousness shall span the whole world, making it the Christ-land.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

—A Japanese pastor recently visited his brother, whom he had not seen for a number of years, and who was a captain in the army. The pastor, with some inward trepidation, presented his brother with a New Testament and urged him to study it. The captain laughed, and, going to a drawer in his desk, he took out a little book which he handed to his evangelistic brother. It was a New Testament, well worn with reading! Neither knew the other's views on religion.

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MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—The report of the Christian Endeavor Society of Japan in its recent national convention, showed a net gain of eleven societies in the year and a total of 126 societies now in the empire.

—Next year the Methodist Episcopal Mission, in India, will celebrate its jubilee. It is proposed to raise a thank-offering of \$200,000, to be devoted specially to the equipment of the several publishing houses.

—It is a cheering sign that the institutions of higher learning in Canada and the United States last year contributed 50 per cent more to the cause of Christian missions than the year before.

—The total number of ordained missionaries in the foreign field is 5,863. Of these, 1,999 are from America, 2,017 are from Great Britain, and 910 are from Germany and the Netherlands. The average number of conversions in the mission is about seventeen to each ordained missionary.

—The roll of British medical missionaries on the active list at the beginning of this year contained 339 names, an increase of eleven over last year; thirty-four new names have been enrolled and twenty-three renewed. The new list has eight more women than its predecessor. The first British medical woman went to India in 1880. There are now 105; they are gaining rapidly on the men.

—The revision of the Sinhalese Bible is one of the greatest tasks in Biblical revision attempted in recent years. The work began in 1885, and has continued uninterruptedly ever since. Eight sessions of the committee are held every year, one every six weeks, lasting for at least four days. The work is now completed to the end of the tenth chapter of Hebrews, and it is expected that the whole Bible will be finished by the end of the year, though not ready for publication for some time later.

—In some senses the Soudan may rightly be considered the neediest mission field in the world, as it is the largest section of the world that yet remains practically unevangelized. Eighty millions of non-Christian people are there, for whose evangelization practically nothing has yet been attempted. Of this population, thirty-five millions are now under the government of Germany and Great Britain. In British Soudan tyranny and the slave trade have received their death-blow, and there is a very wide open door for the Christian missionary. Thanks largely to Lord Cromer, Mohammedan influence no longer bars the way of the Christian missionary into the British Soudan.

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—John F. Clough, thirty years old, was sent to Ongole in 1865, and found only twenty-five converts in the whole Telugu country. Then came a great famine, in the course of which, being a civil engineer, he employed many thousands of the people upon a government canal, preaching Christ to them all the while. The people began to beg for baptism, but he refused it for months until the famine was over. They persisted in coming, however, and on July 3, 1878, after careful examination, 2,222 Telugu Christians were baptized in a single day. Nine thousand were received before the end of the year, and the largest Baptist church in the world was formed in that heathen land. The Pentecost continued. On December 28, 1890, there were baptized at one time 1,671, who proved themselves devout Christians.

NOTICE.

The Third District Woman's Mission Society will meet with the society at Keswick, September 3rd, 1904.

GRACE P. HARTLEY,
 Fredericton, August 18, 1904.

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