

who requested Bro. Barnes to remain a longer time at one place when necessary, as the Board thought more good might be done in that way than by a hasty visit. One pleasing feature of the year's work was the revival at Havelock, Carleton Co., where six persons were baptized, also the organization of a new church in the First District, at Beaconsfield, Victoria Co.

During the year your missionary has travelled 2,142 miles, visited 373 families, held 188 meetings, organized five Mission Bands, and visited 25 Bands. (Mrs. Barnes has also organized fourteen Cradle Rolls). Collected for mission work \$177, besides nearly \$100 for other denominational purposes connected with our work. These statistics do not cover the prayers offered in homes, the heart-to-heart talks with private individuals, the inspiration given to the work by one who daily strives to imitate his Master in going about doing good. We are glad to know that Mrs. Barnes has been able to go with her husband, and, beside having charge of the Cradle Roll work, is helpful in many ways. We are glad to note the increased interest taken in our home mission work.

Literature.—We regret that there has not been as much done in this department of the work as in former years. The efficient chairman of this committee, Sister G. A. Hartley, who for so many years had charge of this work, has removed from the province. The sisters who were associated with Sister Hartley on that committee were new in the work, but we believe good work will be done next year. This is one of the most important departments of the work, and we urgently urge all our sisters to take an interest in this branch of our work, and in every way they can assist our sisters who have charge of it.

Our column in the INTELLIGENCER has appeared every week and has been as helpful as in the past. The reports of our home missionary have been promptly published every month, and have been read with interest by our local societies; but the sisters themselves do not make use of the column, or contribute to it as they should. As I have said before, and believe more fully, if possible, our column is available to us as a society, and we should earnestly strive to make the best use possible of it. No Free Baptist home can afford to do without our denominational paper. Let me emphasize what I have often said before, we cannot estimate its influence for good in our homes, and the lives of our loved ones. Allow me to commend the INTELLIGENCER to our literature department as the best missionary publication we have.

I cannot close this report without referring to the loss our society has sustained by the removal from the province of Mrs. Catherine Hartley. For a quarter of a century our sister has been one of the burden-bearers of our society, and for a number of years was its respected president. In our early history, Sister Hartley did much to systematize the work of our society, and was chairman of the committee that passed the constitution. We pray that the blessing of our Father may be with her and that she may be spared many years to work for the uplifting of fallen humanity.

Respectfully submitted,
N. L. WEYMAN,

Cor. Secretary.

Tracey Station, N. B.,
Sept. 19, 1904.

The Home Secretary, Mrs. Hartt, presented her report:

Beloved President, Sisters and Friends:

Time has carried us onward to another yearly meeting of our society. The work of another year is with the things of the past; its shortcomings and its success are indelibly written, never to be erased, speaking to us in silent language, as silent as it is last-

ing, that a life of faithful service is the only one which will give us pleasure here and happiness hereafter. Most of the home workers have been spared during the year to still continue in the work, for which we praise our Heavenly Father. We live in the Dominion and are governed by its laws. If it were threatened by danger no sacrifice would be too great for us to make. We are also situated in a spiritual realm, subject to the laws of God's kingdom, whose protection and care are ever extended to us. Though we take the wings of the morning and fly to the ends of the earth, the presence of the King still overshadows us. The cattle on a thousand hills are his, all the wealth of nations and individuals are bounties from his hands. Shall we not obey the last great command of the King, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?" And while we recognize the claims of the far-away heathen, and would not slacken our efforts on their behalf, let us remember that our own dear Canada, with its vast area, and incoming population, brings to us a greater responsibility which we should no longer ignore—but arise and go up and possess the good land that lies before us.

The report of the work is as follows:

In the First District three societies are reported, beside a new one at Riley Brook. Lower Perth holds monthly meetings and raised \$10 for home purposes. One Mission Band is reported at Bath. Amount raised, \$42.06.

The Second District has maintained its record in the past. Twenty-one churches have contributed, and 205 members are reported. Nine societies hold meetings. The society at Victoria raised \$200 for home purposes, and the one at Lower Brighton gave \$30 for the same purpose. Amount contributed, \$406.44.

The secretary of the Third District states that Rev. J. N. Barnes has labored with good results. He collected \$17.91 for a native preacher. Eight societies gave \$146.22, being a little more than last year. Three hold meetings and four have Mission Bands. Total amount, \$200.99.

In the Fourth District nine churches contributed. Two societies report Mission Bands, and two hold meetings. Amount raised, \$84.23.

In the Fifth District eight churches contributed. Three societies hold meetings and four have Bands. Total amount given, \$65.38.

In the Sixth District seventeen churches and societies contributed. Prayer-meetings were not reported; we presume, however, there are several. Six societies have Mission Bands. Amount raised, \$246.05, nearly \$100 less than last year. This is doubtless due to the fact that the children's missionary did no work in this district during the year.

Amount raised by Seventh District, \$460.96, making a grand total of \$1,694.65.

As we enter another year, if we would have success, let no one look at difficulties or discouragements. Our great Leader would have us to be earnest and faithful. Let us look to him for renewed consecration and continued help, that we may accomplish the work assigned to us.

Before closing this report, your secretary wishes to refer to a new department of our work, viz., the Cradle Roll. It has been said of us Baptists that we allow our children to drift until, perchance, they come under the influence of a revival and are brought into the church, otherwise they are apt to become nothing religiously. The Cradle Roll is proposed to remedy this evil, by giving the child, when an infant, a certificate of membership upon the payment of a small yearly fee, and have its name enrolled and hung in the church, thus forming a bond between them, and at the age of six years join the Mission Band. There is no greater work comes

to us as a society or a denomination than that of bringing the children to Christ as soon as they come to years of responsibility. The children are a heritage from the Lord. Let us see to it that they are cared for, and then shall our future success be assured.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE HARTT,
Home Secretary.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Vince, submitted the following report:

MRS. VINCE, in account with
W. M. S. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Balance on hand, per Auditor's report, Oct., 1903, \$2,066 20

Received—

Collected by Rev. J. N. Barnes,	22 56
First District, per Mrs. Currie,	42 06
Second District, per Dr. Secord,	508 54
Third District, per Mrs. F. C. Hartley,	201 91
Fourth District, per Miss Mersereau,	84 08
Fifth District, per Miss McRae,	65 38
Sixth District, per Miss Gosline,	245 74
Seventh District, per Mrs. A. C. Smith,	460 96
Interest in Bank of N. S.,	52 12

Total received, \$3,749 55

Expenditures—

Mrs. Mary Phillips' work,	\$100 00
Mrs. Rae's salary,	240 00
Miss Gaunce's work,	260 00
Grant to Book Room,	75 00
Two students adopted by	
Second District,	50 00
Support of two children,	50 00
To help the poor of	
Ujurma,	50 00
Support of orphan Dukkie,	12 00
Share in Miss Barnes' salary,	4 00
Express orders,	15
Missionary literature, and order,	25 12
Column in INTELLIGENCER,	75 00
Rev. J. N. Barnes' salary,	500 00
Miss Gaunce's salary,	200 00

Total expended, \$1,641 27

Balance on hand, 2,108 28

\$3,749 55

Resume:
Balance, October, 1903, \$2,066 20

Received to Sept. 16, 1904, 1,683 35

\$3,749 55

Less expended as above stated, 1,641 27

Leaving balance on hand,

September 16, 1904, \$2,108 28

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