

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Sisters.—Nearly four months have closed since our annual meeting, and we remember during that session a number of us pledged ourselves to write for "our column" in the INTELLIGENCER, and I wish at this time to urge upon you the necessity of fulfilling those pledges in the interests of our work. I would say to the sisters of the auxiliaries—do not wait for the officers, and officers do not wait for the workers of the various societies, but write any item of interest that may come to your notice. Those who are most interested in the Mission Bands, write of their work. Perhaps some will write of the foreign work. We should like to hear from every auxiliary and Mission Band in our churches.

Then it was whispered at annual meeting by some sisters, "Shall we send a missionary to our Canadian Northwest?" Would some one interested in this particular direction write of the needs, prospects, etc., etc. We should look upon our column as a family affair, in which we can discuss matters pertaining to our work at home and abroad, ask questions, tell of our encouragements, and of our discouragements, if we think best, and report meetings, etc. Let us take full advantage of it, and I am confident the usefulness of our societies, and of the individual members, will grow thereby.

Very cordially yours,

AUGUSTA SLIPP.

Central Hampstead, Jan. 30, 1904.

REPORT OF REV. J. N. BARNES.

To the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society.

DEAR SISTER.—The flight of time brings us to the end of another month—the first and last to many of the great family of earth, each possessing a precious soul that must live for ever in heaven with God and the blest, or in hell with the lost. Oh how little we seem to understand this, and value the gracious opportunity of saving a soul from death! May our Heavenly Father, by His Holy Spirit, assist us for the time to come, each one of his dear people to do better work for Him and those about us each day we live.

We have not held so many meetings as in other months, on account of the bad weather and roads, but have done what we could. Have visited nearly all the Mission Bands in the Third and Fourth Districts. I could not get many of them together to have meetings, but met with the superintendents and some of the children and helped them what I could and left with them some useful literature. There are 13 Bands in the two Districts named, and we hope the

sisters will do as good work as they did last year with the children. We are not building for time, but for eternity. Much, so very much, depends on our simple trust in Jesus and our faithful effort for the dear children. God bless them with the blessing of eternal life. We will (D.V.) leave for Beaver Harbor where we expect to spend a while. Sisters and brethren, pray for us; we need your prayers so much.

Summary of work for the month:—Meetings, 8; families visited, 35; families prayed with, 16; miles traveled, 268; cash collected for the mission, \$10.91; for the INTELLIGENCER, \$17.00; total, \$27.91.

Your brother,

J. N. BARNES.

Victoria, S. Co., Feb. 1, 1904.

MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—The blood of the martyrs is still the seed of the church. In Chinese missions of A. B. C. F. M., that suffered so severely in the Boxer massacres, there are now 885 more church members than before the persecution began.

—There is great need for Bible women in North China. Calls come from the country districts where the Boxer persecution was worst, asking for some one to teach them, and promising support.

—Under French rule and influence the progress of missions in Madagascar is not so encouraging as under the native rule. Temptations are greater than formerly; whole tribes are still ignorant of the Gospel.

—Rev. J. E. Bear, in the *Christian Observer*, publishes the following startling calculation: "There are said to be 856,000,000 people in pagan lands. A generation passes away in 33 years. Divide this number by 33, we find the death rate per year—35,939,393. Divide this by 365, we get the death rate per day—71,076. This divided by 24 gives the death rate per hour—2,961." Just think of it! Nineteen centuries ago the Lord Jesus commanded those who compose the visible church to go to all nations and preach the gospel to every creature. Have his professed followers obeyed his marching orders? Still 875,000,000 people who have never heard the joyful sound—going down to a Christless eternity at the rate of 50 per minute. Is this not a staggering thought?

—When the Hindu priests of India become converted to Christianity, they generally make successful preachers of the gospel. In the Bastar Field four converted priests are very useful. Rev. C. B. Ward writes: "Five years ago God gave us Bin Bagat, who had been for twelve years a Hindu guru, with something like one hundred disciples scattered about the country. Since then, three other priests have been converted. These men had, as priests, much influence among the people. Many of the converts are disciples of these priests, and others brought under Christian influence by these men. They are not remarkable men, not educated, though they can read, but much of the present awakening is due to the influence and work of these gurus. Three of them we are

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—The First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kan., is held up in *The Advance* as a church which is doing more missionary work than any other one of its size in the country. In response to an appeal for means to erect a school building in Chefoo, China, it contributed \$2,500, the whole amount asked for, and then assumed the support of a missionary at the station. The Woman's Missionary Society of the church took care of the salary of a teacher, and the Young People's Missionary Society of a medical missionary and an evangelist. Individual members of the church assumed the support of twenty helpers, with salaries ranging from \$20 to \$60, and aggregating \$778; and scholarships were provided to the extent of \$213. With other causes assisted by its various societies and organizations, the church is giving \$5,506 to foreign missions. Mindful also of things at home, it has provided three church buildings in the neighborhood of Wichita and is interested in these and two other local missions.

LIVINGSTONE.

Sir Gordon Sprigg, Premier of Cape Colony, S. A., says Dr. David Livingstone, had a better claim to the title of "Empire Builder" than Cecil Rhodes, valuable as were the services rendered by the latter to the empire. In a recent public address at Cape Town, Sir Gordon Sprigg said: "He added tracts untold to the British crown; he opened up trade routes for future streams of commerce; but he put the cornerstone on his splendid achievements when he proclaimed himself the pioneer missionary and declared that all his passion for exploration was secondary to his desire to carry the gospel to those who never heard it. Great as were his achievements as a traveller and explorer, the greatest of all was when he, with unerring certainty, pointed out Lake Nyassa, and Nyassaland, generally as being the best site for the missionary operations of the future."

—IT DEPENDS.—A northern minister was introduced to a colored minister, and inquired after his work. "I preach, sah, on Colonel Gordon's plantation." "How many colored people have you there?" "Well, sah, about one hundred and seventy-five." "And how many have you in the church?" "Dat 'pends, sah, altogether on de time ob year. In the 'vival time dey's all members. In the backsliding time dere's nobody members but Uncle Billy and old Aunt Kate."

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