

The Woman's Missionary Society

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REPORT OF REV. J. N. BARNES.

To the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Mission Society:

DEAR SISTER.—I did not get quite through with my work on the Tobique last month, so I remained another week. On the 4th November we went to Birch Ridge and spent three days visiting the people. This place has improved very much in the ten years since I was there. The Church of England has a place of worship there. A meeting house was started some time ago, but it is not yet completed. We have a few people there, but no meetings. We were very kindly received by all the families we visited. Had a meeting on the morning of the Sabbath; there was a good congregation in attendance, and eager to hear the Word of Life. In the evening we had meeting at Saint Almas, at one time known as Black Rock; I spoke on missions. Monday, at the close of the day school, we organized a Mission Band, a promising one, with Sister Lawson, superintendent, and Miss Reed, assistant. May all be much blessed in their new department of work. The next day we went to Arthurette, and Mrs. Barnes organized a Woman's Society of quite a number, with Mrs. T. D. Bell, president. Our next stop was at Tilley; we visited some families also at Rowena. Friday we went to Lower Perth. Had meeting Sabbath morning; were at Upper Kent and had a meeting at three o'clock, and met with Bro. Fenwick in the evening. Left for home Tuesday, as Monday was stormy; were at home three days; Saturday went to Charleston; attended Sabbath school, had meetings at eleven and seven o'clock, also three meetings in the week, and monthly conference; were there another Sabbath, and had four meetings in the week and conference again on the third Sabbath. Bro. C. T. Phillips was with us one evening, and gave us one of his good sermons; also, Bro. Henry Hartt was with us in two Sabbath meetings; Sunday last he preached a most excellent sermon to a crowded house. The meetings here, I believe, been helpful to the church; some who had been away for some time, have returned, and I believe a better condition of things exists than did some weeks ago. I visited nearly every family in the place, and prayed with them, and did what I could to help. I was very cordially received by all. This church has had its dark day, sometimes almost rent asunder, but still it lives, thank God, and I trust it will continue, notwithstanding some prophecy its downfall. God will not give his own into the hands of his enemies; bless his name. I have a little work to do in the First District this week. The first of next week (D. V.) we will start for White Head, Grand Manan, where we expect to spend some two months. We would most earnestly ask the prayers of all the Lord's praying children that our mission may prove a blessing. We hope to be with Rev. A. M. McNitch at Grand Harbor and Seal Cove Sabbath the 18th, and at

White Head Sabbath 25th, Christmas. Summary of work for the month: Families visited, 55; prayed with, 50; meetings attended, 21; Bands organized, 1; Woman's Mission Society, 1; miles travelled, 233; cash for missions, \$12.69; for INTELLIGENCER, \$4.50; literature distributed, 893 pages; tracts in October and November, 150.

J. N. BARNES.

CHRISTIAN PROGRESS IN KOREA.

According to Dr. G. F. Pentecost, who has just returned from the East, Christianity is making more rapid progress in Korea than in any heathen country of the world. No people are more easily reached by the gospel preacher than the Koreans. They readily respond to the preached Word. The testimony of an English missionary is, "I can get thousands to hear the gospel preached. Every time I open my church—which is one of the largest in Korea—I can get from 700 to 1,500 people to attend." There the great instrument of evangelization is preaching. The Koreans are not, as the Chinese, a reading people. The printed Word is a less effective agent of Gospel propagation than the voice of the preacher. In Korea, as in the early days of the Church, the gospel seed has been sown and the Kingdom extended by living witnesses to Christ's power to save. There, as is recorded of the Church in Jerusalem, scattered abroad by the persecution in which Stephen was martyred, those accepting Christ "went everywhere preaching the Word." The evangelizing earnestness of converts largely accounts for the wide and rapid extension of Christianity in this Hermit Empire, opened so recently to Christian missions and missionaries.

ARTHURETTE CRADLE ROLL

- Reginald L. Campbell, February 22nd.
- Edward F. Campbell, September 24th.
- Richard A. Giberson, February 2nd.
- George F. Giberson, February 17th.
- George R. Giberson, August 24th.
- Myrtle Weatherly.
- Paul R. Finnemore, March 3rd.
- Ineg G. Finnemore, February 10th.
- In memory of Geniva A. Bell, January 30th.
- Lewis Grant, December 22nd.
- Harold Campbell, November 4th.

MRS. T. D. BELL.

Mission Notes and News

There is a good Christian woman in Melbourne, Australia, who has given of her money to rescue and educate a child-widow in India. She cannot pronounce the girl's name, but she prays for her all the same, saying, "Dear Lord, bless the wee widow over the seas in far off India. Thou knowest her name, if I do not!" Money given for missions is not complete in value, unless the gift is followed by daily prayer.

The *Christian World* reports that a scheme has been launched by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the establishment of a Methodist Mission at Jerusalem, and a commanding site, costing \$2,400, has been fixed upon. The mission is especially intended to reach

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the thousands of Arabs, who come to Jerusalem from the surrounding country to sell their produce.

The Baptist Missionary Society (England) is having inspiring reports from its stations in the Congo river region. A great celebration at Wathen in July, marked the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the mission. Speakers from different parts of the field and from adjoining fields described what the Gospel has done for them. At the communion service 370 persons partook, of whom the greater number were pagans ten years ago.

A marvel of the Eastern world, whose importance can be overrated, is the awakening now in progress in China. The empire is shaking itself free from the sleep of ages; dissatisfaction with present conditions grows; desire for Western learning is becoming a craze among the educated. Meantime Japanese teachers are being called to take charge of Chinese schools from Peking to the Thibetan frontier. The door is also wide open for an increase of Christian educational enterprises. It will not, however, always remain open. If the Christian Church does not seize the present great opportunity in China, and Buddha, instead of Christ, becomes the ideal which dominates the new thought of China, we shall have to make note sadly once more of the fact that opportunity does not wait for laggards.

Harper's Weekly says that in a single year the Protestant denominations of the world have expended about \$19,000,000 under the superintendence of 1500 missionaries on the field, aside from the staff of secretaries and others at home. The results secured by this money appear to be out of all proportion to the efforts put forth. It is no slight thing to gather a million and a half of communicants out of the communities of India, Africa, Japan, China, and other distant lands; to organize and conduct several thousand schools of every grade; to establish hospitals and dispensaries in lands where medicine has been identified with the crudest superstitions; and to be the medium of dis-

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tribution of large sums of money, and to conduct relief works for those who are stricken with famine and pestilence.

Now that Tibet's isolation seems doomed it becomes the British Bible Society to look after it and print a Bible in the Tibetan sign-words. That Bible is needed to supplant the Tibetan so-called "Bible" which consists of 1,083 books, containing 1,000 pages each. Every volume weighs ten pounds, and forms a package twenty-six inches long, eight inches broad, and eight inches deep. This "Bible" requires a dozen yaks for its transport, and carved wooden blocks from which it is printed need rows of houses, like a city, for their storage. A tribe of Mongels paid 7,000 oxen for a copy of this "Bible." In addition to the Bible there are 225 volumes of commentaries, which are necessary for its understanding. There are also a large collection of the revelations which supplant the Bible.

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