

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Corresponding Secretary of the General Missionary Society.

As we bring before you the sixteenth annual missionary report of our societies for the year ending June, 1904, we feel we have great reason to praise God for the blessings of the past year on our work at home and also in the foreign fields. We regret very much that our beloved corresponding secretary is not with us to report our missionary work and to give us words of help and encouragement, but we feel that we have her prayers, that our faith may be increased and strengthened at this reunion of our Alliance. I am sure that we as a denomination should thank God for our faithful missionaries in South Africa, who have labored so earnestly during the past year. The letters they have sent to be read at this meeting express better than any words of mine the great field that lies open before us. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, South Africa, May 24th, 1904.
Beloved in the Lord.—Greeting! Another year has passed away since last we met together. (For though we are thousands of miles away we meet with you, by the way of the throne.)

It has been a year full of testing but also of steady advance, Praise the Lord! We have felt the touches of famine and understand the meaning of that word as never before. For months have known the loneliness of being in a strange land without a friend. Have lived for eight months in this little house 22 miles from the above named village and since my nurse went home, I have not seen an English speaking woman. Up till one month ago every effort to secure a piece of land on which to plant our station met with flat refusals or complete failure. These long months, though we have been far from idle, have been not a little testing for humanly speaking hard work is much better than weary waiting. So much of the time our way has been hedged in and blackest night has seemed to shut down upon us. Not a ray of light, no path nor opening could we see in the great wall of difficulties before us. But beloved, "God, who always causeth us to triumph" has brought us through every difficulty, made a way where there was none and filled the waiting time with things to our profit. So we look back and say "it has been one of the most victorious years of our lives."

You will remember our not being content to take a small place like Tabamhope, though there we could reach hundreds, but we claimed by faith a large needy field with plenty of room for expansion. Surely God has given more than we asked or thought. Yes, we have asked him for great things in the past and he has granted them. Now we are asking for thousands of souls to be saved in this district within the next few years. Will he do it? "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," comes his answer. Then it is good we continue to ask of him who has given us such liberties. "Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel and his Maker, ask me of things to come concerning my sons and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me." How can we do such a thing? Like the saints of old we are told about in Heb. 11, By faith. O, through faith God can do mighty things for us! We have no might nor power, have no weapon save the word, no good qualities to claim save this little instrument of "faith," but friends, this in the hands of God can subdue kingdoms and turn the world upside down. Our faith has grown by leaps this past year and by his grace, we stand ready to take greater heights and scale new walls of difficulties this coming year. Amen.

Never has our smallness and insufficiency been more apparent to us and only that, we knew God had called and sent us here, and he was able to make us a success for him, have we by his grace been kept from discouragement.

God has so many us so many blessings, answered so sent us, helped us continually and we have been so constantly encouraged and upheld by your prayers and love that we feel we are blessed above many, yes, above most missionaries. We have never been lonely or homesick, never

been discouraged in our work, but supremely happy and willing to do anything, as your representatives, that will further God's kingdom in the salvation of souls.

Beloved, time is so short. There are thousands in Africa we must reach and we must reach them soon. If we fail or falter no one else will save them from Christless graves, for there is absolutely no one else ready to step in and fill our place. (I mean us as a people.) We have undertaken what the world would call a "big thing," for so small a people but I notice all through the history of God's people it has been the small handfuls, the weak things, the nothings who would obey God at all costs, that he has used most to save this perishing world. O what a glorious place is ours to be among such! Our hearts have only praise and thankfulness to bring to you. We have no evil report and are greatly encouraged by the hope of reinforcements so soon. Just as an army going to battle, needs to have a reserve force to help them in some future time, so with us, and tis well they come as soon as possible. Time is needed for them to learn the language before they man a station alone. By that time we shall have (D. V.) new stations ready, as there is an immense room for expansion.

We believe God has great blessings in store for the home work this coming year and are asking him to raise up workers to help you at that end of the line. We are expecting great victory at Beulah and Riverside and are praying God to continue to pour out the Holy Spirit upon the home churches in mighty revivals everywhere. The devil is mighty and sin is rampant, but God is almighty and loves these precious immortal souls, so let us toil on. Pray on, and continue to "trust and obey" our captain who has said "All power is given me in Heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations. . . . And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Yours in His sweet service,
MRS. E. SANDERS.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

WOODSTOCK.—I am glad to be able to report a year of advancement in this branch of our Christian work, and as the call comes from the foreign fields for more workers and so many have responded and are ready to go, we feel as a church that we must double our diligence and be ready not only with our prayers but with the means that the Lord doth give us. Although as a church we have been under heavier expenses than ever before, yet we have raised more for mission work than on any previous year. "To God be all the Glory." In behalf of the society.

MRS. J. E. JEWETT, Rec. Sec'y
BEALS, Maine.—Our missionary society has been recently organized, but it has among its members a number of earnest, aggressive christians. On account of our church being closed during May and June we were not able to hold any public meetings. We have however collected in all our monthly dues and we hope that another year we may be permitted to do some good work on the missionary line.

MRS. A. L. BUBAR, Rec. Sec'y.
SANDFORD, N. S.—This society was organized in 1890, number of members 34. Our missionary meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Although the attendance is not as good as we would like, yet the meetings are very interesting and helpful. Four new members have been added during the year. Only one meeting has been missed during the year, although we have been obliged to postpone several on account of stormy weather. We are glad to say that among those who take part in the meetings the interest is as great as ever and we are looking forward to a successful year.

MRS. GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.
ST. JOHN.—In presenting our annual missionary report we feel to thank the Lord for the privilege of being associated together with Him in the great work. The past year has been one of blessing being one of the most prosperous in our remembrance. Our meetings have been helpful and instructive, an interesting feature being blackboard exercises of missionary work in different countries. The junior and primary classes of our Sunday School continue to collect their own missionary money, thus helping in the work of saving souls.

A. MAUD COLWELL, Rec. Sec'y.
NORTH HEAD, Grand Manan.—At

present the society here is small and on account of sickness and so many members being absent, few meetings have been held, especially in summer. No meetings were held during special services, and after that the absence of president and sickness of Vice-Pres. only one public meeting was held this spring. We hope to do a great deal better work this incoming year, God helping us.

MRS. H. C. ARCHER, Rec. Sec'y.
SEAL COVE, Grand Manan.—This society reports a membership of 12, number of public meetings 4. The help given by the children in these meetings is much appreciated.

MRS. COLIN HARVEY, Rec. Sec'y
HARTLAND.—This society reports a membership of 25. Monthly meetings have been held during the year, which are seasons of great blessing. The interest in missionary work seems to be increasing and we look forward to a year of victory on these lines. The Mission Band in connection with the church writes:—The Hartland Mission Band was organized by Mrs. S. A. Baker, August 1903 with a membership of 20, but since has increased to 43. Besides our weekly meetings we have held four public meetings, two at Victoria Corner and two in our own church at Hartland. With our dues and collections we have raised \$22.27. Last year we sent a box to our missionaries in South Africa and are now preparing another to send by Miss Morgan. Our society has sustained a great loss in the death of Sister Carrie, our organist and most faithful worker.

EDNA SHAW, Pres.
MONCTON.—In presenting our annual missionary report, we feel to thank God, our Heavenly Father, for blessings received. This has been a successful year, four new members have been added to our number. In some of our meetings we have had a programme, in others the usual business, and then opened for testimony. We are encouraged and looking forward to great victory. Praise the dear Lord. The amount raised was \$42.00 which is to go toward foreign missions.

MRS. E. M. TRINGLEY, Rec. Sec'y.
LOWER BRIGHTON.—This society has a membership of 47. It was organized in 1901 and holds monthly meetings. The secretary writes:—"Our society is in a flourishing condition. The meetings during the past year have been both encouraging and entertaining. We will have over fifty dollars for foreign missions this year."

HELEN E. BROOKS, Rec. Sec'y.
ROYALTON.—We attempted holding our meetings on the first prayer meeting evening of each month, but the weather and roads were often so bad on those nights that no meeting of any kind was held. But the interest has been kept alive and \$9.63 contributed and a few small sums by friends. We hope and pray that the work may gain in interest and that more may be accomplished the coming year than the last. Rev. Mr. Miller attended one evening and gave a stirring talk on systematic giving that was helpful and much appreciated.

PORT MAITLAND.—The missionary society from Port Maitland reports a membership of seventeen, with monthly meetings. Our society has only been organized a short time, but our meetings so far have been very interesting and helpful.

MISS IRIS HARDING, Rec. Sec'y.
MILLVILLE.—We re organized our society in October, last, with good interest, we now have a membership of 46, holding monthly meetings. The members are anxious to make this society successful by securing new members and keeping it before the public. Our meetings are all public and we have a very good programme usually. We hope to make a more thorough study of mission work.

MISS GEORGIE JONES, Rec. Sec'y.
CALAIS, ME.—This society was organized in 1900, holds monthly meetings. The secretary writes, Our missionary society is very small in membership and having no pastor with us this year some have lost their interest and dropped out, but the Lord has blessed the effort put forth and our collections have amounted to quite a sum, which is to go to Brother and Sister Sanders in Africa for foreign mission work.

MRS. EDWARD DOYLE, Rec. Sec'y.
MEDUCTIC.—Our society has held no meetings during the year. Most

of the working members have moved away and having been without a pastor the missionary interest is low.

HELEN A. MARSTEN, Rec. Sec'y.
VICTORIA.—This church has no missionary society but send offerings and intend organizing in the near future. We hope to do good work in this coming year.

PENIAC.—This society reports regular monthly meetings with a good interest in the work. It has a membership of fifteen. One public meeting has been held during the year.

MAPLE RIDGE.—Our missionary meeting is well attended. It averages about forty-five there every night. Sometimes we have not many recitations, but most of the time we have a good programme. We have had twelve meetings during the year and raised \$7.97. We hope and trust that there will be better meetings this year. We trust to be successful.

CORA HOYT.
Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. A. BAKER.

MEMORIAL MISSION EXTENSION FUND.

At a final meeting of the mission board at Beulah it was concluded in accord with a request from our missionary Brother Sanders on an ox cart and if possible oxen, six being required, that we should start a fund known as the Memorial Mission Extension Fund. Our friends will remember in establishing a mission station there is much work to be accomplished and as transport is one of the most expensive items our brother feels it would be a great saving to have a waggon and oxen and then as they have a large tract of land now under lease they could do considerable farming which when well under way would aid very much in making the station self supporting.

Now we feel there are friends of the holiness movement and many of our own people who would like to assist in the establishment and equipment of the mission station. We expect the thousand dollars already raised to be sufficient to build a comfortable home and a chapel, but we must not tie the hands of our brother and sister in the effort to establish our first mission station and to get it on the very best footing possible. If the gold fields open there as is expected it is very important that our station be well established and that this work be all completed soon so that our missionaries will be able to give their full attention to the spiritual needs of the field. If we had sufficient means the need for more workers is already before us. Oh that God's people in general saw their privilege of giving back to God what he intrusted them with!

Let us rally now and can we not in one month have sufficient funds to buy a cart and six oxen. The amount needed will be between three and four hundred dollars. Let us give at once as it means more to the mission board to have this now than it will months later, the need is more urgent than I can make you feel in this brief appeal but let us act quick and do it for God's glory. Let us have for our next issue one hundred names ranging in gifts from ten dollars to one. We will not publish any names this issue but wait for the privilege of publishing at least a list of one hundred in our next issue. Pray and give.

M. S. TRAFTON.
MEAN, MEANER, MEANEST.

A man with a big profession and money at interest, and in the bank, and a \$5.00 subscription for his pastors years support.

Meaner, when he only pays half his subscription
Meanest, when he stops his denominational paper so he can add another dollar to his bank account.

That same man will tell you, his all is on the altar, but the fact is, it is his own altar of perfect selfishness, our surprise is that he will waste tears, and the strength to testimony.

Life is continually weighing us in sensitive scales, and telling every one of us precisely what his real weight is, to the last grain of dust.—James Russell Lowell.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BEALS, Maine, July 25th, 1904.

Dear Highway.—We arrived home the 16th and found the church open for Sunday. The small-pox scare has disappeared and so we had the blessed privilege, after being shut up eight weeks, of opening our church for the work of God, July 17. We find the brethren and sisters standing true and only waiting for the opportunity of getting together to praise the Lord. Our young people also are doing grand. Very few of them have weakened any. Last Sunday afternoon we had over 40 testimonies after the sermon, and there is all round us, in every meeting, every indication of abundant life. *Our people are looking forward to the Quarterly Meeting in Sept., beginning the first. We are expecting some strong assistance from other parts of the District, and a time of great refreshing is expected. We are getting our church building fixed up inside, to be ready for those meetings. I want to say to the brethren of the district, ministers and laymen; you are specially invited and expected. The people here will make ready for you and you will get royally entertained. So don't fail to come. Due notice will be given in HIGHWAY.

Well, praise the Lord forever. The Lord is with us, and he is greater than any that can be against us. We open our year's work with every prospect of spiritual blessing. Hallelujah.

My testimony this morning is—that Jesus, my mighty Redeemer, saves me now, cleanses my heart, keeps me by His power and sanctifies me wholly.

A. L. BUBAR.

BEALS, Maine, July 24th, 1904.

Dear readers of the Highway,—As I was here alone, the children all gone to Sunday School, I was thinking I could not give my testimony in meeting today, and perhaps the Lord wanted me to give it to the readers of our dear paper, I don't know what you will think, but sometimes I think God wants me to write for his glory. I want to do something for him and if by writing a few lines I can help to strengthen some brother or sister, I shall be so glad. We are so pleased to see our pastor again. I am passing down the pathway that they say is so long, but I find that the Lord brightens it all along the way and blesses me with peace and joy in my soul. "Hallelujah" that the world can't give and the world can't take away. Bless his name.

Your sister in Christ,

FANNIE M. ALLEY.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

BY ELLA L. LAYSON.

It is inevitable that our innocent little ones must, sooner or later, come in contact with vice, whether we live in a quiet country village or in the crowded city. They cannot always remain at home, neither is it possible to be always with them. Hence, the grave duty devolves upon parents that they instill into the minds of their children a loathing for all that is profane and unclean. Wherever the young people congregate, the danger is always present that they may meet some one who will contaminate them with impure words or suggestions.

But, too often, parents fail to recognize that their little ones are in danger, forgetting that their chief danger lies in their innocence. Children know nothing of sin as sin, and that which may be of great evil appears harmless to them and conveys to them no sense of wrongdoing. Safety does not lie in ignorance of sin.

Knowledge of it and its crushing results is the surest and strongest safeguard. Therefore teach them to despise all that which is base and unclean, and to love the pure and good, to be strong to withstand temptation, and then, wherever they may go, evil cannot harm them for they are fortified against it.

Begin early. Some children of five or six years comprehend as fully as do others at twice their age. It is better that the parent should teach in the beginning, than to undertake to efface foul impressions later.—Home Magazine.

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A sermon may be muddy, not deep.