

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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REV. J. N. BARNES' REPORT.

To the Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. Society.

Though the time has come for it, I can scarcely believe that I am to make my last monthly report for this year. It has been a hard year's work, all things considered—my health and the hard winter and bad roads. But God has, in his mercy, brought us through. I know that some of the sisters think I am working too hard, and sometimes I think so myself, but I see so much to do, and so few to do it, that I feel that I would like to do much more than I have been able to do. Now that the year is so near its close, I think I am quite as well as I was last year this time. Some think it must be fine to be driving about the country all the time. Well, perhaps experience would teach them to think a little differently. Permit me to say that neither Mrs. Barnes nor I have any fault to find as to our treatment by the people, for we have been kindly received everywhere, and well treated as your missionary. Sometimes we get very tired, but we love the work, particularly among the children. It affords a blessed opportunity of sowing the good seed in youthful minds, which will some day bring forth much fruit. The promise is, "My word shall not return unto me void," and I believe him. The work, as every other good work, has its discouragements, but we have had much to encourage also. What is before us, we do not know; we can leave that with God, and our sisters.

In the month just closed, Mrs. Barnes and I have visited Marysville, Stanley, Ward Settlement, Cross Creek, Green Hill, Portage, Bloomfield, Hayville, Pleasant Ridge, Gibson, Douglas and Kingsley. The most of the meetings have been well attended, and we ought to do our best to help. Mrs. Barnes has been active in working up the Cradle Roll all the year, and has started twenty or more; she has been with me the most of the year, I may say all the year, and has helped me much.

Summary of work for the month: Families visited, 40; mission meetings, 11; other meetings, 3; miles travelled, 240; cash collected for the mission, \$29.43.

J. N. BARNES.

Gibson, Sept. 1, 1904.

Seventh District Woman's Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of the Seventh District W. M. S. was held at Fair Haven, Deer Island, on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 2.30 p. m. The schoolhouse was filled, a large representation being present from the various auxiliaries. The President, Mrs. A. C. Smith, led the devotional meeting, after which Miss C. Fullerton was appointed secretary pro tem.

The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that \$412 had been collected during the year, one society still to hear from.

The report of the Literature Committee was received, and the appropriation continued.

The meeting, by a standing vote, expressed their appreciation of the services of the retiring secretary-treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, and directed the president to convey the same to her.

The officers elect for the ensuing year are Mrs. A. C. Smith, president, 300 Watson street, St. John (West); Miss C. R. Fullerton, secretary-treasurer, 299 Watson street, St. John (West). After prayer, the meeting adjourned until 8 p. m. for the public meeting in the church.

The public meeting opened with a short song service. Scripture reading by the president and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bonnell. The report of the secretary-treasurer was moved by Mrs. Phillips, and seconded by Mrs. Green, after which Rev. Mr. Phillips addressed the meeting.

The offering for the native worker was solicited by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, and resulted in a subscription list amounting to twenty-nine dollars, after which the meeting adjourned to meet next year at North Roads, Campobello.

C. R. F.

NOTICE.

The first meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of New Brunswick will be held in the Free Baptist Meeting-house, near Tracey Station, in the County of Sunbury, on Saturday, the seventeenth day of September, A. D. 1904, commencing at five of the clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 2nd day of Sept.,

A. D. 1904.

AUGUSTA SLIPP.

NOTICE.

An informal meeting of the Board of Managers of the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society of New Brunswick will be held at the seat of Conference, near Tracey Station, on Friday afternoon, the 16th day of September, commencing at half-past three of the clock. All the members are urgently requested to attend.

At this meeting due notice of other meetings of the Board will be given.

Dated this 9th day of September,

A. D. 1904.

MRS. C. W. WEYMAN,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Received from First District, per Mrs. Currie, \$42 06
 Second District, per Dr. Secord, 506 54
 Fifth District, per Miss McCrea, 65 38
 Sixth District, per Miss Gosline, 245 74

M. A. VINCE,
Treasurer W. M. S.

Woodstock, Sept. 7th, 1904.

CLARENDON CRADLE ROLL.

Stella B. Muir, Marshall Hoyt, Annie A. Hoyt, David B. Muir, Vernon Perkins, Violetta L. Hoyt, Leona Hoyt, Charlie Sinnott, Violetta Johnson, J. Clarence Johnson, Maud E. Ogden, Guy W. Ogden, Stanley J. Ogden, Perley S. Ogden, Sadie L. Kelly, Stella M. Kelly, Robbie L. Kirkpatrick, Ralph G. Kirkpatrick, 5 cents each.

The progress of the gospel in East Central Africa is one of the marvels of modern missions. In the last ten years the converts have increased from less than one hundred to over ten thousand. Neither is their Christianity of the merely nominal type. They are building their own churches and are sending out evangelists among all savage tribes around, and are showing enthusiasm and devotion in many ways.

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THE LITTLE PEOPLE OF AFRICA.

The existence of Pygmies in the heart of Africa used to be doubted, and the tradition treated as mere travellers' tales; but since Stanley's search for Livingstone, missionaries have become aware of the existence, not only of one tribe of little people, but of two. Their home is in the most impenetrable depths of Stanley's Great Forest, near Uganda, and even yet they are hardly reachable by missionary effort. They are the Bambuba and the Batwa (Pygmy) tribes. The Bambuba are the larger and less barbarous race. They are about four feet high, live in wattle huts, and sow maize, beans and potatoes in the rough, uncultivated soil between the trees. A few of these people have come within the influence of the Church of England missionary and his wife at Mboga, beyond the edge of the forest, and recently five of them were baptized. Their smaller neighbors, the Pygmies, are more difficult to reach because they are more timid and even less civilized. They have no homes, nor do they raise any food crops. They wander through the forest, living for a few days at a time in tiny booths of grass, and shooting wild pigs and other animals with bow and arrow; then abandoning this place for another where the game has not yet been killed. Their only civilized art appears to be that of barter; they exchange some of the meat they kill for the grain and potatoes of the Bambuba—when they cannot secure these by stealing. They are excessively shy, and hardly dare venture beyond the shelter of the forest; nevertheless there are seven of these little folk under instruction at the mission station of Mboga, and two of them have already been baptized.—*Lutheran Standard.*

"SIN-SEUNG" OR "HOLY SPIRIT."

On a desolate island in the Yellow Sea there lives a woman by the name of Sin-seung (Holy Spirit). Six years ago the story of the Saviour's death upon the cross reached her ears, and so stirred her soul that she decided to give herself unreservedly to the service of the Master. Her husband, who was bitterly opposed to Christianity, hearing of her decision, became enraged, and told Sin-seung that if she had anything to do with the "Jesus doctrine," he would cast her out of his home and have nothing more to do with her.

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