

out the extra place. But his mother said, "Hold on, son. There have been quite a few strangers around here lately, hungry. Leave the place ready for them if they come." Friends, that is a good idea for us to follow. Let us be sure that, when Jesus comes, there is a place ready for Him in our hearts.

Now, friends, any well-conducted revival may be expected to result in the production of some preachers of the gospel. I would never be satisfied with a meeting at which sinners were converted and Christians sanctified unless there were some preachers or missionaries called. They tell us now that God is not calling men to the ministry, they are going into professions. Ah, friends, the trouble is not in the calling. It is in the hearing. My friends, I should not wonder if God is going to call some of you tonight to give up your aims and ambitions, and enter in His work.

Now, in concluding, I want to hint to you the source of such a refreshing. It does not say "time of refreshing shall come from the heavens." "Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Brother and sister, have you ever tried to understand why Jesus is here in the church? He is not here as a curiosity or a pleasure seeker; that's certain. He is here as a Saviour, to save and redeem sinners. Lo, beloved, a time of refreshing comes with the presence of the Lord. You do not need to carry a sorrow; you do not need to carry a burden, you can lay it all on Jesus. Did you ever hear of a great revival without much preaching, singing, or praying? No, I am sure you have not. No, let us bombard the heavens with songs and prayers.

WHERE IS MOTHER?

A little fellow came running to a neighbor's house and there were tears in his eyes and anxiety on his face as he said:

"Do you know where my mamma is? I came home from school and she is not at home."

A little girl met a friend on the street and said, "I want mamma; have you seen her?"

A tiny tot stood at the window in charge of an older child and, peering out, said, "Why don't mamma come?"

"Where is mother?" shouts the big boy, as he dashes into the house. "Has she fixed that rip in my coat?"

"Where can mother be?" says the big girl who wants her waist all buttoned up behind.

"Where is your mother, children?" asks the husband and father, as he comes in from his work and looks about.

Is it not simply wonderful how many people want mother? Is she not the most important person, the most needed person, the busiest person in all the wide world? If she is not at home how quickly her absence is observed? If she should go to a neighbor's just for a moment she would surely be wanted at home. If she goes out for an evening she is probably called to the phone and told to come home quick, because the baby is sick, or Jack has cut his finger, or Julia has the headache, or pa is lonesome.

Mother has the only hands that can banish the pain, the only voice that will soothe to sleep, the only kiss that will heal the bruise, the only words that settle the disputes. She is the only one who knows where every single thing is kept, and so she is in constant demand.—*Selected.*

"The first foundling asylum was in the arms of Jesus."

THE MISSIONARY CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,— We scarcely know how to express our gratitude to God for his many blessings and for His loving care since we met here one year ago. As we look back to the time of the organization of this General Missionary Society over twenty-five years ago, we can see the hand of God as we have been led, step by step, in aggressive work for the Master in the foreign field. Our hearts are cheered as we receive encouraging reports from our dear missionaries, who put aside their own difficulties and rejoice in the fact that some are turning from a life of heathen darkness and are being taught in the ways of truth. We believe our missionary work has received a great impetus this year by the visits of Brother and Sister Kierstead among our churches. We expect this coming year to see our work go on with renewed interest and to this end we earnestly ask all our societies to co-operate in this grand effort for the salvation of precious souls now in heathen darkness.

Reports of Societies.

Lower Brighton—Number of members, 25; seven public meetings have been held and the interest is good. Amount raised for missions, \$30.—*Jessie Tedlie, Sec.*

St. John—Present membership, 37. The past year has been a good one for our society. We did not organize for the winter's work until November. Our meetings have been well attended. Our president and the programme committee provided excellent programmes for each meeting. There seems to have been a new feeling of interest in our mission work this year and we are looking forward to taking up the regular meetings again in September, with new courage and zeal. We are planning to do more work during the coming year. Our Heavenly Father has been very good to us as a church and society, and we praise Him and take courage. Amount raised, \$200.—*Ella M. McCarthy, Secretary.*

Jonesport—Organized in 1914; membership 23. We are endeavoring to make the missionary spirit prominent in our church work. Quite a number of the boys and girls belong to our society. We have set the membership fee at 5c. a month for all under 16 years. In almost every meeting through the year we have had readings giving valuable information on missionary work, several taking up a sketch of the lives and labors of some of the pioneer missionaries. We always read the letter in the Highway from Bro. and Sister Sanders, and so keep lively our interest in their work and needs.—*M. Ella Slipp, Secretary.*

Sandford—Sandford society was organized in 1890. Number of members, 15. Monthly meetings are held. In October Bro. I. F. Kierstead held a meeting which was very much appreciated by the people. Amount raised for missions this year, \$51.90.—*Miss Martha Thurston, Secretary.*

Beals—This society was organized in August, 1911. It has a membership of 35. Monthly meetings are held; \$128.53 has been raised for foreign missions.—*Mrs. Amy E. Beal, Sec.*

Hartland—This society was organized in 1889. Number of members, 26. Monthly meetings are held. The meetings are made very interesting by good programmes. Amount raised, about \$100.—*Mrs. H. S. Shaw, Sec.*

Millville—The Missionary Society at Millville was organized in 1888. The president of the society is Mrs. E. W. Lester. Five public

meetings have been held during the year. Amount raised for missions, \$23.—*Mrs. Charles Hoyt, Sec.*

Port Maitland—This society was organized in April, 1914. It has a membership of 17. Monthly meetings are held. Amount raised for missions, \$10.—*Mrs. Chas. Adams, Sec.*

Cedar Lake—The Missionary Society at Cedar Lake was organized in April, 1914. The number of members is 25. Nine public meetings have been held during the year. Amount raised for foreign missions, \$24.—*Leila Wetmore, Secretary.*

Grey's Mills—This society was organized in 1909. Present membership, 25. Monthly meetings are held. Amount raised for missions, \$63.00.—*Vera Williams, Sec.*

Fort Fairfield—Reorganized Nov. 9, 1914; president, Mrs. E. Higgins; number of members, 35. Monthly meetings are held. This society having been organized but a short time, has not accomplished as much as the members would wish, but the membership has been doubled and the interest is increasing.—*Miss Alma Slipp, Secretary.*

Woodstock—This society has a membership of 65. Monthly meetings are held; \$266 was raised for missions. As we present our report for the past year, we note with thankfulness to God the increased interest in our missionary work. Our regular monthly meetings have been well attended and a deep interest has been manifested, especially by the different classes of our Sabbath school. We were much pleased to have Brother and Sister Kierstead with us in some of our meetings, and were greatly encouraged by their reports from our foreign work. We also had the pleasure of listening to Sister Ethel Estey, who gave us a most instructive talk on her work in Korea. We are deeply interested in the work of Sister Faith Sanders in Africa, and our Sabbath school has accepted her as our missionary with a salary of one hundred dollars a year. This amount is raised independent of all our other offerings, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing and helping us in this good work. So we feel that this has been one of the best years of our missionary work, and we are greatly encouraged to still keep pressing forward and by our means and prayers help to win precious souls for the Master.—*Mrs. J. E. Jewett, Sec.*

Fredericton—This society was organized in September, 1911. It has a membership of 31. We have had five public meetings this year, which were very interesting and instructive. The Sunday school classes assist in these programmes, and the children are very helpful in the work. We were much pleased and helped in our missionary work by having Bro. and Sister Kierstead with us. Amount raised for foreign missions, \$31.—*Mrs. Edward Horncastle, Sec.*

Wood Island—The missionary work on this Island is carried on by Bro. Eugene Wilcox. Twelve missionary meetings have been held during the year, and \$50 given towards our foreign work. A native worker is also supported.

Seal Cove—Seal Cove society was reorganized in 1906. The present membership is 23. Monthly meetings are held. This society reports good interest in the work, \$60 having been raised for foreign missions.—*Mrs. George Daggett, Sec.*

Moncton—This society was organized in 1889; number of members, 32; monthly meetings are held, which are very interesting and helpful; amount raised for foreign missions, \$104.62.—*Mrs. S. H. Grass, Sec.*