

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Read at Beulah July 3rd, 1926.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In presenting our thirty-eighth annual missionary report, we would first give expression to our gratitude to God for His goodness in bringing us together again in our yearly missionary gathering.

As we review the work of the past year we recognize, with grateful hearts, the certain blessing of our Heavenly Father upon our efforts to advance His cause in bringing to others the knowledge of a full salvation, not only in the homeland, but also in distant Africa.

Our faithful missionaries have been sowing the precious seed, and the Lord of the harvest has been blessing. Souls for whom they have prayed for years are turning to the Lord. The past year has been one of advancement along all lines. Our workers have been carrying the glad message of salvation into new outposts, and find that there is a deepening hunger upon all classes for God and a revelation of Himself in the knowledge of sins forgiven. Another very encouraging feature of our work is the way the natives in the different sections are doing their best to prepare buildings for services.

We deeply sympathize with our dear Sister Sanders in her bereavement, and our prayers have been that she may have special divine comfort.

We have looked forward to the homecoming of our devoted and much-loved missionary, Sister Faith Sanders, and we take this opportunity of extending to her a cordial Christian welcome to the homeland. We believe her coming will not only benefit her physically, but will also prove a blessing to us as a people.

In entering upon the work of the coming year, may we feel more than ever the need of fervent and importunate prayer for the work and the workers, ever remembering that the supreme duty of all who believe in Jesus is to do His will, and to make Him known unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

From our societies we have reports as follows:

**Fort Fairfield**—We now have 17 members enrolled in our society. We have held 7 public meetings. We have raised more money than last year and are trusting that we shall do still better next year.

**Royalton**—Our meetings are times of blessing on account of the missionary spirit in them. We have a short programme each month. We are looking forward to the coming of Sister Faith Sanders, that we may learn more of the work in Africa and thus our interest will be increased. Our meetings close with a good sharp testimony service. We are praying for guidance that we may be more of a help to the unsaved, also to one another.

**Victoria**—Although our society is not large yet we try to do our best. We have held five public meetings and six of our young people became members at our last meeting. Our pastor, Rev. E. W. Lester, has been a great help in our missionary work.

**Lower Brighton**—Our society is in a good condition with a membership of 34. Six new members have joined during the

year. Our meetings are helpful and interesting and a good interest is shown by both old and young. Five excellent programmes were given during the year. At one meeting we had a temperance programme which we felt was profitable. We are looking forward to greater things in the future.

**Marysville**—On January 15th Rev. I. M. Keirstead assisted us in reorganizing our society. We have a membership of 26, and are expecting our society will grow and the missionary interest continue to deepen. A Mission Band was also organized in January, and the children have a contribution of \$18.00 for missions.

**Moncton**—We are glad indeed to report that the interest in our society has increased during the past year. Our meetings are better attended and are seasons of blessing. We feel to thank the Lord for His blessing upon us and want to be faithful in His service.

**Westchester**—Although our numbers are few yet we enjoy being able to do a little in the Master's service. We planned having a public meeting in November, but owing to the death of Brother Caldwell we decided to wait until later, as Sister Caldwell was our President. Owing to the condition of the roads during the winter we again had to postpone our meeting, but plan to have one at an early date. We are not sending a delegate to Beulah as each member is doing what they can toward the building of our parsonage.

**Port Maitland**—Our society is in a good condition with an increasing interest. We feel encouraged to continue in the good work and do better in the future.

**Jonesport**—Our society has not been able to accomplish what we would have liked to have done during the past year, but the Lord has been blessing us of late and we trust to do better during the coming year.

**Wood Island**—Though not having any organized society the missionary interest is good. A native worker is supported and monthly offerings taken.

**Seal Cove**—This society is in good condition with an increasing interest. It has a membership of 60.

**Fredericton**—We are glad to report that our society is in a good condition, and we feel that we have accomplished a little toward the extension of the Kingdom in Africa. Our meetings have been held quite regularly, only two being omitted. All have been well attended and proved times of inspiration and instruction, for which much credit is due our President, Mrs. Keirstead, and those who assisted with the music. New members have been added at nearly every meeting, and we now have an enrolment of 59. We expect and hope that the coming year will be better than any we have seen.

**North Head**—The missionary work is in a fair condition. Meetings are held monthly with a fair interest. We have special prayer for missions, and usually a short programme in line with the work.

**Perth**—One of the most interesting features of the Church is our missionary society. Young and old attend and a fine interest is shown by all. Our President is very successful in getting everyone to take part in the services, and keeping each meeting from anything that would

have the appearance of worldliness. We expect a bigger and better society for the coming year.

**Grey's Mills**—Public meetings are good. Though very few in number, a good missionary interest is shown. We are much encouraged by the reports from our missionaries and look for better things in future.

**Beals**—Our society is in a fairly good condition. Some of our people are still interested in the missionary work. We trust that we may have a more favorable report next year.

**Woodstock**—Our society is doing quite well. Some of our meetings take the form of a social meeting, praying for missions, also bringing something into the testimonies in reference to the work. We also have some special singing, and recitations by the children. Our meetings are quite interesting whatever form they take.

**Millville**—We hold our meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. We have lost quite a number of our members on account of their moving away, so the amount of money raised is smaller than usual.

**Hartland**—Our meetings have been fairly good during the year. We have had to omit some meetings on account of sickness and special services. Our attendance has been from 15 to 56.

**St. John**—Although our membership has decreased considerably during the past year, yet we are still about our Master's business. The attendance has been fair and the interest good. While we wish we had accomplished more, we thank God for what we have been enabled to do, and take courage for renewed effort in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DOES JESUS KNOW**

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about it. There never was a conspiracy against you, in hell or outside of it, but He knew it, and He will bring all your enemies' plans to nought, and they will be stepping stones for you to mount higher. Read the Book of Daniel, if you do not believe it. It is better to go to school to God, even to His kindergarten, than to trust even in princes.

"He'll take your feet from the mire and clay,

He'll place your feet on the Rock to stay."

He will do better for you than you can do for yourself. Hear the prophet, a man who knew God: "O Lord, undertake for me, I am oppressed!" God is a good undertaker and, when you are so dead to folks that you hand all over to Him, He will undertake for you. Herod said, "I took off the head of James the other day, and after Easter, as it pleases the Jews so, I will take off Peter's head." But God said: "You will not," and He sent one of His angels down to that prison and led Peter out to freedom and usefulness. The Roman Emperor sent John to the penal colony of Rome, where there were no Christians with whom he might hold sweet converse; but Jesus got his attention one day, and he had the greatest revelation ever given to the children of men. God does care, today, for you. Let your widows put their trust in Me; I am the Father of the fatherless. Believe it; cash in on His Word.