

from dead, but as the light of Jesus spreads the darkness loses its power.

We have everything to be thankful for, and see much work to be done on every hand. One encouraging thing is the increasing desire of the people at the outposts for schools and to build a church to hold both it and meetings in, and seekers are increasing in number.

Some other denominations, near us, seem a bit easy on the beer question, so their members have not given this up, but still carry on with this and other harmful things. But they do not seem to carry the weight and influence they should, for heathen who have come to know them and us say, "When I believe I do not want to believe in my sins like they do, but to belong to your church and leave them."

More and more of our church members are entering the experience of holiness and becoming established in this grace. You will hear the church report and be glad with us for the increase we have had, and sorrow with us that it was not more.

After a Zulu starts, gives himself up as a seeker, it takes some time before he gets really through because he, usually, needs much light and teaching. Then, after he enters the church, he must be well cared for or may grow discouraged; but they develop into good strong Christians and get hungry to go on.

We thank you for your support and prayers and words of encouragement, and pray you may be much helped by Beulah.

Our hearts look up with gratitude to God for what He has done this short year and expect Him to do more this coming one.

There are still many heathen to be reached, numbers of children to be gathered into schools and taught, and many Christians to be led into Perfect Love.

Brethren, pray for us.

Yours in Jesus,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

We, in the homeland, rejoice with our dear missionaries in the fact that, as they have so faithfully held aloft the lamp of life to those who sit in the darkness of heathenism, the Lord has been giving to them gracious tokens of His presence.

As we enter upon the work of the coming year, may we realize more deeply than ever before the need of fervent and effectual prayer for the work and the workers, the result of which shall be a blessed ingathering of precious souls into the kingdom of our Lord, who has said, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

From our societies we have reports as follows:

**Fort Fairfield**—Our society is in good standing, and our members as a whole show a good interest in missions. Although we have not raised as much money as last year, we trust that we shall do better in the coming year. Amount contributed \$86.69.

**Royalton**—We hold regular monthly missionary meetings, with a good attendance and an increasing interest. We also have a social service after the missionary meeting. Amount raised \$43.63.

**Gordonville**—Our society has a membership of 11. Amount raised for missions \$20.00.

**Hartland**—Membership, 22. Our meetings are not as well attended as we would desire, but of late the attendance has increased. Good programs are prepared and several

members have been added to our society this year. We are praying for the success of the mission work. Amount contributed \$138.44.

**Lower Brighton**—Present membership, 36. Although fewer public meetings have been held during the year, a good interest is shown by all. We have a large group of young people and children, who are always ready and willing to help in the programs. At one meeting we had a Temperance and Missionary program, which we believe was profitable. One new member has been added during the year. During the summer and fall months the children had meetings every Sunday evening and raised \$6.25 which they gave toward the support of a native teacher. We are hoping to do more for the Lord in the coming year. Amount of contribution \$50.00.

**Grey's Mills**—Number of members 21. We usually have a number of missionary readings in our meetings and a good missionary spirit is shown. The letters from our missionaries, Sisters Helen and Alice Sterritt, are of great inspiration to us. Sister Faith Sanders visited us during the year and was a wonderful help to us. We are looking for better things in the future. Amount contributed, \$68.00.

**Moncton**—Present membership 29. We are indeed glad to report that the interest in our society has increased during the past year. Our meetings are better attended and are seasons of blessing and refreshing. Amount contributed \$110.12.

**Westchester**—Number of members is 8. Our membership is small at present, several of our two years. We hold regular monthly meetings, members having moved away during the past and try to do a little for the advancement of God's kingdom, believing our labors will not be in vain. Amount raised \$17.78.

**Seal Cove**—We have a very small attendance at our missionary meetings, but those attending seem to be very much interested and to have the work at heart. We are looking forward to the time when more of the professed children of God will take an interest in the mission cause. May God bless those who labour in this branch of His work is our prayer. Amount contributed \$127.56. Present membership 50.

**Wood Island**—Though not having any organized society public meetings are held and the amount of \$111.18 raised for missions.

**Jonesport**—Present membership, 12. Our society is small, was much larger when organized but many have dropped out, so considering the few who are helping to carry on the work I think it is doing well. We are trusting the Lord to send more in that we may see our society grow, and our offerings increase to help carry on His great work. Amount contributed \$24.16.

**Sandford**—Number of members, 15. The blessing of the Lord has been on our missionary meetings during the past year. There is a good interest in the mission work and our attendance is very good. Amount raised \$125.95.

**Fredericton**—Present membership, 48. Our meetings are interesting and very well attended. Several new members have been added during the year. One of the classes in our Sunday School is supporting a native worker and another a native teacher. Our offering is the largest since our society was organized. Amount of contribution, \$277.49.

**Millville**—Present membership, 21. We hold our missionary meetings nearly every month. They are interesting and profitable, and the Lord blesses us as we seek to help further the

missionary cause. The children are a good help in these meetings. Amount raised for missions, \$43.05.

**Marysville**—Membership 31. Although no regular meetings have been held during the year, they send a contribution of \$76.66 for missions.

**North Head**—Number of members, 23. Our society holds regular monthly meetings which are fairly well attended, yet not the interest we would like to see. In addition to our regular offerings, a native worker is supported by one of our members, making our total contribution \$128.15.

**Victoria**—Though we are few in number we enjoy working for the Master. Amount raised for missions \$18.00.

**Port Maitland**—Present membership, 11. The interest is good and we are on the aggressive, and trust that God will bless every effort put forth in the missionary work. Amount contributed \$71.10.

**Beals**—Present membership, 66. Our society is not in as good condition as we would like to see it, but we plan to hold our meetings regularly during the coming year, and do more in the missionary cause. In addition to our offerings through our society, a native worker is supported by our Sunday School, also some of our members support native workers, making our total contribution \$336.42.

**Woodstock**—Present membership, 53. We are glad to report an increasing interest in our missionary meetings. The attendance is good especially among the young people. Our president, Mrs. Mutch, always gives us a helpful talk, which is followed by an interesting program. Sister Faith Sanders' visits have been especially helpful, so we take courage and are looking forward to better times during the coming year. Amount contributed \$312.04.

**Saint John**—Our missionary society has taken a fair interest during the past year, and a number of meetings have been held, in which inspiring and helpful programs were included. We also met to make quilts for Beulah, as a part of our home mission work. We are conscious of the help and blessing of the Lord but have a great longing for a larger ministry during the coming year. Amount contributed \$74.75.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. WIGGINS,

Corresponding Secretary.

MARY JONES' BIBLE

A young Welsh girl, named Mary Jones, dearly loved the Bible, but the only chance she had to read it was by walking two miles to the house of a relative. By hoarding chance pennies until she was sixteen years old, she saved enough to buy a Bible of her own. The price at that time would be \$6.25 in our money. She walked twenty-eight miles along difficult and lonely paths to the only place she knew where Bibles were sold, and found that Mr. Charles, in charge of the place, had sold his last copy. Stirred by her tears, he gave her one which had been laid aside on order of a friend, and Mary Jones happily walked the long miles home. Her story, told by Mr. Charles, was influential in founding the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804, the first national society for the printing and circulation of the Bible.—From "The Bible and Missions," By Helen Barrett Montgomery.