

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

Read at Beulah, June 28th, 1930.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: With the passing of the year we are again permitted to meet in our yearly missionary gathering, and to present to you the forty-second annual report of our missionary work.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we would acknowledge, with grateful hearts, the gracious presence of our Heavenly Father, whose blessing has attended every effort put forth in His name, and we would not forget that all that has been accomplished has been through His grace and strength, for without Him we can do nothing.

Our workers in the homeland have for some time felt the urge for more aggressive work, and to this end preparations are being made for the holding of a series of tent meetings, in different localities, during the coming months. As the glad message of a free and full salvation is proclaimed by our faithful and consecrated workers, let us earnestly pray that the result may be a rich ingathering of precious souls for the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

It is a cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father that our missionary work in South Africa has not suffered from interruption, as has been the case in some countries. Reports through our denominational paper have kept us informed as to the progress of the work. Recent letters from our missionaries speak of many encouraging signs, despite the difficulties. The Lord is working in the hearts of the people, and new voices are heard in testimony to deliverance from the darkness of heathenism into the light and liberty of children of God. There are many opportunities for service, yet many hard places. Our missionaries need our prayers; let us remember them daily. The forces of darkness are great, but the Captain of our salvation is able to bring through to victory.

In entering upon the work of the coming year, may we do so with renewed energy and courage, coupled with a stronger faith in the promises of God, who has declared, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." From our societies we have reports as follows:

FORT FAIRFIELD. — Membership, 20. Our society has taken monthly dues and offerings at the regular prayer meetings, at which missionary readings are sometimes given. Amount contributed, \$168.20.

LOWER RIGHTON. — Membership, 30. Our society has only held two meetings during the past year. We are all anxious to see our missionary work go forward, but it seemed difficult to get together for meetings. However, we expect to hold monthly meetings next year. Contribution, \$37.00.

MILLVILLE. — Membership 10. Our meetings are held monthly. They usually take the form of a short programme, which we feel makes the meeting more interesting and helps to create a greater missionary interest among our people. We feel that much credit is due our president, Mrs. Sabine, who has so faithfully labored with us for the past four years, and the vacancy caused by her leaving will be very hard to fill. Amount contributed, \$55.35.

MONCTON. — Membership 35. We are glad to report that our society is holding its own. Our meetings, at which an interesting programme is given, are well attended. Our offering has increased this year, and we are trusting for a

greater increase in the coming year. Amount contributed, \$118.31.

FREDERICTON. — Membership 46. Our society is in a good condition. Interesting and helpful programmes were prepared for our monthly meetings which were well attended. One of the classes in our Sunday School reports a native worker in South Africa, and another a teacher. Contribution, \$260.15.

WESTCHESTER. — Membership 17. Our society reports a membership of 9, and a contribution of \$11.63.

NEW TUSKET. — We are glad this year to have a society to report. Some years ago we had one, but it was allowed to go down. At the close of the prayer meeting on November 7th, 1929, our present society was organized with a membership of 30. We have held eight meetings during the year. New members have been added, making our present membership 45. Amount raised for missions, \$45.42.

SEAL COVE. — Membership 73. We are glad to report that the interest and attendance have increased during the past year. We hold regular monthly meetings. On two occasions one of our returned missionaries was with us, and was a great source of inspiration and help. Our Sunday School and one of our members each support a native worker in addition to our regular offerings. Total contribution, \$254.44.

WOOD ISLAND. — Though having no organization, regular meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. Much inspiration has been received from our returned missionaries. Amount contributed, \$184.08.

WOODSTOCK. — Membership 40. Regular monthly meetings are held. Amount contributed, \$263.30.

HARTLAND. — Membership 19. Our society has only held their meetings every three months during the past year, but the interest has increased somewhat and we hope to hold monthly meetings during the coming year. Contributions, \$148.83.

NORTH HEAD. — Membership 14. Regular monthly meetings are held, which are fairly well attended. A very good interest in missions is manifested. Amount contributed, \$38.00.

SANDFORD. — Membership 20. Monthly meetings are held and a good interest shown. We have had visits from our returned missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, Miriam and Grace, who gave interesting accounts of the work in Africa. Contribution, \$91.16.

BEALS. — Membership 29. We have not been as prompt with our public meetings as we should have been, due to various reasons, but our interest in missions is still strong. Amount contributed, \$233.65.

ROYALTON. — Membership 18. Our society can report a good interest in our work. Interesting and helpful programmes are prepared for our meetings. Amount contributed, \$26.00.

PORT MAITLAND. — Membership 13. We hold regular monthly meetings, with a good interest. We were glad to have a visit from some of our returned missionaries. Amount raised for missions, \$172.46.

SAINT JOHN. — Membership 25. Although our society is not large, our meetings have been interesting and instructive. We have had several special speakers during the year, including our returned missionary, Rev. Ella Sanders. We

**have a Mission Band in conjunction with our society, under the able leadership of Rev. I. M. Keirstead. We believe the Lord is with us and hope for a larger attendance next year. Amount contributed, \$63.05.**

MARYSVILLE. — Membership 34. Our meetings have been interesting and very well attended. We have added several new members dur-

ing the year, and the interest is good. On account of the cotton mill being closed so much, we have been unable to raise as much for missions as we would have liked. Amount contributed, \$41.40.

GREY'S MILLS. — Membership 25. Our society held nine meetings during the year. A good missionary interest is manifested. We are much encouraged by the letters from our missionaries in South Africa. Contribution, \$58.50.

CALAIS. — Though this church has no organized society, it sends a missionary offering of \$20.20.

VICTORIA. — No organized society, but sends a contribution of \$25.15.

GORDONSVILLE. — Regular monthly meetings are held and \$38.97 was raised for missions.

SALEM. — This church does not report a missionary society, but sends an offering of \$25.00.

UPPER HAINESVILLE. — This church sends a missionary offering of \$3.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. WIGGINS,

Corresponding Secretary.

PRESENTATION

On the evening of June 10th the friends of the congregation at Millville, N. B., gathered at the parsonage and after a pleasant evening together presented us with a purse of money.

Also at Maple Ridge on June 20th the friends there met at the home of Brother and Sister Sandy Blaney and presented us with a purse.

Then at Lower Hainesville on Sunday morning, June 23rd, a table offering was made for us.

We feel very grateful to these people for their very kindly remembrance of us as our expenses have been quite heavy.

We are leaving this field for Marysville and in doing so we pray the blessing of the Lord upon the work and people left behind and upon that of the future under the ministry of Lic. Sewell Hilyard who takes up the work here.

Thank you, friends. The Lord bless you!

L. T. & MRS. SABINE

PEARLS

- Time heals all heartaches.
- Opening Bibles closes jails.
- Pride goeth before destruction.
- On a good bargain think twice.
- The ideal wife seldom marries.
- Religious cloaks freeze the soul.
- Religion is more than a "P. S."
- I make circumstances—Napoleon.
- The king of thieves is Selfishness.
- A good example is the best sermon.
- He that hath an ill name is half hanged.
- Nothing prevents good times like seeking them.

The highest mission is the one heaven assigns us.

It is the fruited tree at which men throw stones.

The bosoms of the wise are the tombs of secrets.

Who worketh ill for another divideth with himself.

Tempers and habits will be mastered early or never.

We refuse to learn some lessons until Providence tears our hearts.—Anon.

"When you have nothing to say, say nothing."