

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

Read at Beulah, July 1st, 1933

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Another year has passed, and we are again permitted to meet in our annual missionary service, and to present to you the forty-fifth report of our missionary work.

In reviewing the past year, we would humbly and gratefully acknowledge the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, whose blessing has attended every effort put forth in His name, and remember that what has been accomplished has been through His grace and strength, for without Him we can do nothing.

It is a cause for rejoicing, that a goodly number of our churches in the homeland have enjoyed special times of refreshing, and a real revival spirit, the result of which has been the salvation of many precious souls. Our workers have also received calls from new fields, where they found a ready and glad response to the blessed gospel message of full salvation, bringing about the organization of new churches.

A very encouraging feature of our work has been the interest manifested by our noble band of young people. As we have kept in touch with their work in the various churches, in District Conventions, and through their messages in our denominational paper, we have felt to thank God and take courage.

We are also pleased to report the blessing of God upon our work in South Africa. Darkened minds are being enlightened by the power of the Spirit, blind eyes are being opened, and many joyous testimonies are heard to the saving power of the blessed Saviour, whom they have learned to love. The work in the various outposts is very encouraging, with constant calls for prayer and visiting and ministering to the sick and needy. Our missionaries report a splendid band of native workers, who are making real sacrifice for the work of the Lord.

At Altona, God is breaking down anti-European prejudice, which has been such a barrier to the truth of the gospel, and at times almost overwhelming in its poisonous influence, but the dear Lord has kept our workers from discouragement, and they are praising Him for what they are seeing in answer to prayer.

Remembering that circumstances and surroundings are much more difficult than in the homeland, let us earnestly pray that a great awakening and revival may reward the faithful efforts of those who are giving their lives in service and sacrifice that souls may be won for Christ.

As we enter upon the work of another year, may we go forward with increasing faith in the Lord of the harvest, 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:

**Royalton**—Membership, 22. At our monthly meetings we pray especially for the mission cause, and have a short program along missionary lines, followed by a social service. The interest is good, offerings are not large, but we hope next year to give more financial aid. Contribution, \$21.50.

**Gordonsville**—Membership 19. As we read the letters from our foreign missionaries, it seems that we are not at our best, but we hope to do better in the coming year. Contribution, \$34.74.

**Hartland**—Membership 32. Owing to the illness of our President, and extra family cares, we were unable to hold regular monthly meetings, but those we had were very profitable and helpful. Our membership is increasing and the interest seems good. We expect, by God's help, to push the missionary cause in the coming year. Contributions, \$13.00.

**Lower Brighton**—Membership 25. The missionary spirit is good. We have interesting monthly meetings and are hoping for better things in the future, with the additional young people in our church. Amount contributed, \$30.50.

**Woodstock**—Membership 33. The membership of our society is increasing, and the young people are taking more interest. Miss Flora Brown has contributed fifteen dollars, for the support of Peter Shelemba, the society voting ten dollars more. Total contributions, \$82.00.

**Crystal**—We have no organized society, but at the first prayer meeting of each month we take an offering, and sometimes have special programs. All birthday offerings, and the Sunday School offering on the first of each month goes for missions. The Lord has blessed us richly, and since September 1st, 1932, we have received \$44.51. May God continue to bless His people.

**Belvidere**—We have no missionary society but take an offering for missions each month at our prayer meeting, also held one public meeting with readings, recitations and singing along missionary lines. Contributions, \$20.43.

**Fredericton**—Membership 32. We have a very good attendance at our monthly meetings, and an interesting program. Although our offering is not as large as last year, God is still blessing us and we mean to do all we can for the advancement of God's kingdom, by our prayers and offerings, both in the home and foreign fields. One of the classes in our Sunday School supports a native worker. Total contributions, \$132.51.

**Grey's Mills**—Membership 12. Our society has been carried on with much interest throughout the year, and we notice an improvement this spring, and we trust the interest shall continue to increase. Contribution, \$100.00.

**Saint John**—Membership 29. Our missionary meetings are well attended, and interesting programs are carried out. Although the amount raised is small this year, the same interest is manifested, and we believe God is blessing our missionary efforts. Contribution, \$39.28.

**Moncton**—Membership 18. Our society is in a fairly good condition. We are sorry not to have raised more money for this cause but hope to do better next year. We are trusting God who giveth the increase. Contribution, \$60.60.

**Westchester**—Membership 16. Our numbers are small, but interest good. During the past year a quantity of clothing was made and distributed to needy families. A quilt was also made for home missions. Contribution, \$18.02.

**Sandford**—Membership 25. We have good monthly meetings and a good attendance. Committees are appointed to get a program for each month, and God does bless us as we meet in this way. Amount contributed, \$72.26.

**New Tusket**—Membership 44. We are glad

to form a small part of the great missionary work throughout the world. Our society still maintains a good interest although our finances are somewhat lower than last year. We are looking forward to a year of increased effort in this corner of the Lord's work; feeling that the Lord blesses us as we meet together in the interest of missions. Contribution, \$33.00.

**Black's Harbor**—Membership 27. Great interest is shown by all in the missionary work. Our pastor brings a missionary message at each meeting and we often have a short program. We devote one midweek prayer meeting a month to missionary work. Owing to so much night work in the factories here, we have only been able to hold seven meetings this year, but we feel God has been with us and blessed us in all our efforts. May God richly bless all at the Alliance this year. Contribution, \$26.40.

**Jonesport**—Membership 15. We feel that our society has done well this year. Although our offering is not quite as large as last year we believe God will reward our efforts. Contribution, \$23.89.

**Seal Cove**—Membership 43. Monthly meetings are held, with occasional programs. Our society raised \$87.30, and the Sunday School \$100, making a total of \$187.30.

**Fort Fairfield**—Membership 18. Our missionary meetings have been in the form of a prayer meeting. After the payment of dues and freewill offering are taken, the Scripture lesson is read and a short talk given by the President, after which the meeting is given over to testimonies. Contribution, \$104.44.

**Millville**—Membership 6. We hold monthly meetings with a very good attendance and interest. On September 28th Sister Wiggins was with us and gave a very interesting talk on missionary work, which was appreciated by all. At several of our meetings this year we have had recitations, exercises, etc., along missionary lines which helped out greatly. Also Brother Hilyard read several letters from a friend, who is a missionary in China, relating his experiences in mission work. We trust that the Lord will graciously bless you at Beulah this year and that many souls may be saved. Contribution, \$22.94.

**Calais**—Membership 21. Our society was newly organized in January. Interest is good. We have a good president, with a really missionary spirit. We expect better financial results in the future. Contribution, \$23.23.

**Port Maitland**—Membership, 14. We have a strong missionary society. We have interesting programs at our meetings, which are well attended and a good interest shown. The Lord is blessing us. Contribution, \$30.72.

**Beals**—Membership, 32. Our society is doing fairly well. Monthly meetings are held. We miss our president, Mrs. L. H. Simmons, who has been ill for some time. We expect to do better in the future. Contribution, \$32.96.

**Amherst**—Membership, 15. An active interest is taken in our missionary society and our monthly meetings are well attended. A program of songs and readings, along the line of missions, is carried out. We are interested in our missionary work in South Africa, and desire to learn more about it. We enjoy reading the missionary letters in the Highway, and this is always one item in our monthly program. During the past year two of our members have moved away, but we have had the pleasure of adding five new