

REPORTS FROM SOCIETIES

Mr. President, Brothers and Sisters:

At the close of another church year we are met together again at Betulah to bring in our reports on the various branches of our church work, to rejoice over the victories that have been ours, and to thank God for all that He has enabled us to accomplish.

When we remember that forty-five years ago the first missionary report was brought to this alliance, and that at each annual meeting since that time there has been a missionary report showing that continual progress is being made, we feel that we are engaged in a worthwhile work, one that God has honored and blessed through the years of prosperity and depression.

After summarizing the contributions from our different churches we are convinced that our people have more than a passing interest in missions, for during the past year when financial conditions have been very little brighter, when family incomes have been barely sufficient for ordinary living, our people have not only given of their means to support the pastors, but have sacrificed to carry on the work of missions. We know that God will more than repay all those who have contributed thus to carry on His work.

Not only have we made financial gains, but during the past year the spirit of revival has reached our churches, and souls have been born into the Kingdom of God.

We believe that the zeal and enthusiasm that our young people are putting into the work, and the increasing growth of their societies have not only been of much blessing in the past but we can look ahead with real courage and faith in God for a prosperous future with such a strong bond of consecrated spiritual young people through which He can work. A goodly number have been called into the gospel ministry, for which we thank God. These young men will not only be a great blessing to our established churches but since many of them have a strong urge to go out and open up new work the evidences show that our work is on the increase.

Our foreign workers continue to push the work in the foreign lands. We sympathize deeply with Brother and Sister McDonald in the sorrow that has come to them. The passing of our talented native worker, Isaiah has also been a great loss but we are trusting in the all-wise Providence of God to raise up another to take his place.

Following are the reports from our societies:  
**JONESPORT**—Membership 21. We are glad to report that our society has increased in numbers, and the finances are also increasing. Contribution \$26.00.

**ST. JOHN**—Membership 29. The programs at our missionary meetings are not only interesting and spiritual, but are instructive, and our hearts have been stirred with an increasing zeal for the cause of missions. Contribution \$27.54.

**MONCTON**—Membership 21. Our missionary meetings are interesting and our membership is increasing. Contribution \$35.69.

**ROYALTON**—Membership 20. At our missionary meetings we open with special prayer for both home and foreign work. Then we have a short program, followed by social service. Interest is good and finances are better than last year for which we thank God. Contribution \$30.63.

**HEAD OF MILLSTREAM**—Membership 8. Our meetings are spiritual and well attended, considering our small membership. The young people make them especially interesting with

their spiritual readings and recitations. We trust God for greater blessings in the coming year. Contribution \$13.05.

**FREDERICTON**—Membership 35. Our missionary meetings are very well attended, a program is given by the children and older members of the society which is appreciated and enjoyed by all. We feel the children are being inspired with a missionary spirit and will grow up from their youth to be real workers for God in missionary work and thus help to advance His Kingdom. Contribution \$239.19.

**PORT MAITLAND**—Membership 14. We have quite a large attendance at our monthly missionary meetings, and good interest is shown. We usually have a program and have special prayer for missions. Contribution \$34.18.

**Millville**—Membership 9. Our meetings are held monthly. After scripture reading and a short talk given by the President the meeting is opened for testimonies which add much to the inspiration of the meeting, an offering then is taken for missions. We trust the Lord for a more prosperous year in mission work. Contribution \$32.35.

**SEAL COVE**—Membership 46. The attendance at our regular monthly meetings is not as large as we would like to see, yet those attending manifest a good interest in missions. New members have been added during the year. Amount contributed \$186.52.

**WOOD'S HARBOUR**—Membership 10. The interest in our missionary meetings is very good. Sister Sanders usually brings a message on the African work or reads a letter from our foreign missionaries. The spiritual state of society is good. The quarterly and present revival services have been a cause of great blessing and strength to us. Contribution \$11.00.

**BELVIDERE**—We have no organized Society but have raised \$32.16 for missions.

**BLACK'S HARBOUR**—Membership 20. We have public meetings once each month. Our Young People's Society contributed \$10.29 to mission work. Total contribution \$28.29.

**CALAIS**—Membership 22. We have had good meetings each month during the year and feel that all our members have a good interest in missions. Contribution \$22.00.

**WOOD ISLAND**—Membership 15. We have a strong interest in missions and endeavour to make our monthly meetings profitable both in prayer and giving. We pray for God's blessing on this good work. Contribution \$38.14.

**GREY'S MILLS**—Membership 15. Much interest has been shown in our missionary meetings. We feel that they are meetings of help to each of us and praise the Lord for all His goodness. Contribution \$99.00.

**CRYSTAL**—We have no organized missionary society but we take an active part in missionary work. The first prayer meeting of every month is set aside for missionary work and an offering is taken, an offering is also taken the following Sunday for missions besides our birthday money. Total contribution \$82.06.

**HARTLAND**—Membership 38. We have endeavored to keep up our missionary work through the entire year. Our meetings have been profitable and interesting. We expect, by the help of the Lord to do better during the coming year. Contribution \$17.00.

**WOODSTOCK**—Membership 33. Our meetings have been very interesting and instructive. We started in February to read "Wganda's White Man of Work". This year we plan to work some of our younger members into office. Total contribution \$121.69.

**SANDFORD**—Membership 14. Our mis-

sionary society continues to progress. We have a good attendance and good services. Our program committee prepares a program each month. Contribution for Home missions \$68.05, Foreign missions \$25.00. Total amount raised \$93.05.

**BEALS**—Membership 28. We have monthly meetings in the interest of our mission work. Contribution \$26.57.

**MARYSVILLE**—Membership 41. Our president, Mrs. L. T. Sabine has taken a great interest in our Society, and the program committee are doing their best to make the meetings interesting and to encourage the missionary spirit. The Sunday School offering once a month is contributed to missions. A great interest has been taken by the children in their mite boxes. We also have a birthday box which goes toward the Auto Fund. We are praying for the blessing of the Lord on the work, that the missionary spirit will continue among our people. Contribution \$169.60.

**VICTORIA**—Membership 10. This society is looking ahead to better days. We have only been organized a short time but have had a few good programs. Our God is helping us each time we meet. His Holy Spirit is near and we continue to pray for our missionaries. Contribution \$6.00.

**NORTH HEAD**—Membership 13. Our Society meets every month, we have a good program which is well attended. We are hoping to see more interest taken in this work in the future. Contribution \$23.04.

**WESTCHESTER**—Membership 16. We meet each month for our missionary meeting. Our numbers are small but a good interest is taken in this work. Considerable home missionary work has been done in our own community during the past year aiding needy families. Contribution \$79.46.

**LOWER BRIGHTON**—Membership 26. Our Society is showing good interest. We have a program of recitations, readings, and music each month which is interesting and helpful. We have very willing workers. Contribution \$37.60.

**NEW TUSKET**—Our Society is maintaining a fair interest, though it has been difficult to meet together during the winter months. We are praying for God's blessing on our missionaries in their great work. Contribution \$31.17.

**FORT FAIRFIELD**—Our Society shows a very good interest in missions. We have 13 paid up members at present. We are trusting that we may do more for missions in the year to come than we ever have before. Contribution \$123.84.

Total number of members 517. Total contributions \$1,606.78.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Corresponding Secretary.

BE NOT RASH

The wise man tells us to "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." Oh, the trouble, sorrow and heartache that might be avoided if we would always heed the words of the wise man. It is a great art in the Christian life to learn to keep still. It is better to say nothing than to speak in a hasty and excited manner, though conditions may seem to justify our emotions. By remaining silent the mind may be collected and the heart lifted to God in secret prayer. Thus you can speak in a subdued manner and with quietness of spirit afterward which will do honor to your holy profession, as well as to the good of others who have injured you, when you speak in the Spirit of Jesus.—Selected.