

*From Mrs. E. Jenkins, President.*

YARMOUTH, N.S., Dec. 17th, 1896.

*On behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of N.S. and N.B. :*

DEAR SISTERS,—We feel that the courtesy extended by the C. C. W. B. M. in sending our beloved sister, Mrs. W. H. Watson Hamilton, Ont., to visit the Woman's Missionary Societies of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, calls for an expression of gratitude from us. Your interest in our welfare has taken a very tangible form, sending one so dearly beloved for her labors in the past, and one so well qualified (by reason of those labors) to do efficient work in the Maritime Provinces. We trust the outlay will prove a rich investment, when the reckoning day comes. Dr. and Mrs. Watson arrived at Fredericton near the middle of August, intending to begin work at Keswick Ridge. Circumstances prevented their visiting the latter place and the work commenced in the old historic church of Sheffield on the bank of the beautiful St. John river. There they received a warm welcome from friends whose kindness will linger long in their memories. Dr. Watson preached on the Sabbath. The Local Secretary writes: "We had a feast on Sunday"—on Monday Mrs. Watson met the ladies and gave us useful and practical advice, counselling us to form a Maritime Board, and take up foreign, as well as home mission work. We enjoyed their visit very much, and hope it will be the means of doing much good. An interesting meeting in the evening with a good collection, closed the work in Sheffield. On Tuesday a trip down the "Rhine of America" in a pouring rain brought them to the City of St. John. There Mrs. Watson extended the greetings of the Woman's Board to a goodly company of ladies gathered in the home of our General Treasurer, (Mrs. C. H. Dearborn) urging the formation of a similar Board, and explaining its work and methods. In the evening, at the vestry, the claims of Foreign Missions were well presented to a large and appreciative audience.

Travelling by rail and stage they reached Economy, N.S. Five churches were visited in this group, Economy, Truro, Noel, Lower Selmah, and Kingsport. Owing to wet weather, bad roads and faulty connections, the work was prosecuted under difficulties; it was, however, faithfully done. Meetings were held in each place, discouraged societies cheered, and new ones formed at Lower Selmah and Noel.

While on the way to form another at Selmah, the boat which conveyed passengers to Kingsport unexpectedly arrived at the wharf, and they were obliged to leave then, the alternative