

much pleased in having the matter brought before the school, trusting that each one present, young and old, would take an interest in the college. In compliance with Mr. Hunter's request, the pulpit was again occupied in the evening. At the close of the evening service the "Gospel Mission Tent," under the management of a committee of this church was visited and a short evangelical address delivered. According to a local paper, the attendance was estimated at 1,200. Might not a similar plan be followed by more of our city churches? Altogether a very enjoyable day was spent in London.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS COLUMN.

OUR MISSIONARY MEETING.

Two o'clock on the first Thursday in July finds a busy group in the vestry spreading a table for tea, for our nearest neighbour in the branch is coming to visit us, and we must give her a good welcome. Soon all is ready, and we obey the call to the meeting in the church, where twenty-five or thirty ladies are gathered to hear the delegates' reports. A hymn is sung, and our president's voice raised in earnest prayer. Then she reads that ever-beautiful description of the golden city and the river of water of life, by whose side shall walk the redeemed from every nation upon earth. After a few words of welcome to our sister society, she calls upon the delegates to tell their story. In their minds are so many pleasant memories that the difficulty is not so much what to say as what to leave unsaid. They speak of the kindness of Toronto friends; of the gathering of earnest women, filled with zeal for the Master's cause; of the leaders whose very faces helped to strengthen our faith; of the hours of steady work in organizing the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions. They tell of the papers read, the sweet-voiced story of woman's work and the helpful plans for interesting the children; of Mr. Stanley's tale of his work in China, and the opening for Christian women there, and of many other things, and at last sat down, feeling that not half has been told. Then our leader, having seen all from the president's chair in Toronto, tells of it from her point of view. She urges the cultivation of the missionary spirit in the churches, knowing well that it yields abundant fruit in works and gifts. She asks prayer for both home and foreign missions, and reminds us of our pledge with regard to Miss Leyman, our new missionary.

But time flies, and soon our table is surrounded by a happy company. Then a short time is spent in social intercourse. The young mothers compare babies, and older ones smile at the sight, remembering the time when bearded Duncan or matronly Janet was just such a bonny bairn; while the "missionary

cranks" still talk on that subject to all who will listen. Singing and prayer close the meeting, and we go home, resolving to be more earnest in Christ's service.

We think, with pleasure, too, that the same story is being told in many places in Canada, and that prayers are going up from many hearts for the mission work and the newly formed Woman's Board, upon which may God's blessing ever rest! H. W.

Maxville, Ont., July 23, 1887.

HOW TO DO IT.

An American periodical, entitled *Woman's Home Missions*, publishes a paper by Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, showing the necessity of systematic and intelligent work if the meetings of women's missionary societies are to be made profitable. It contains many suggestions which our societies can easily turn to advantage in both foreign and home work. It is entitled "The Literary Committee," and reads as follows:

Every auxiliary must have a standing Literary Committee. As well try to keep house without a cook as to carry a society without this most important factor. Usually three will constitute a committee, not too large for united effort, and large enough to guard against the occasional failure of one or another of its members. They ought to be chosen when the officers are elected, if need be from among the officers, and to hold their places for a year. Some auxiliaries change this committee each quarter, but not many are well enough supplied with competent persons for this service to afford to change so frequently. Besides a good committee will do better to lay out its work for a year, planning the lessons as a series naturally following one another. Lack of definite knowledge is the main cause of the dearth of missionary zeal. We can count upon the fingers of one hand the people in an ordinary church who know much about mission fields and workers. Permanent zeal rests upon knowledge. The ladies of this committee have the privilege of making the women of the church intelligent in regard to the needs of the neglected masses who imperil our country. They have also the opportunity of throwing into the homes of the people facts that will bring large sums into the missionary treasury, and enlist the children in the brigades that are to conquer the world for Christ. There are two points for this committee to make: 1st, To find the mines from which the facts are to be quarried; 2nd, To induce every lady in the church to "lend a hand" at the quarrying. The public library and that of the pastor, and the Cyclopedias that are usually found in well-furnished homes, must be carefully searched. From the Contingent Fund let there be a copy of each paper published by our sister societies. There should, by all means, be also a complete file of our own paper at the disposal of the chairman of the literary