

# W. B. M. U.

## Of The Maritime Provinces.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TONIC FOR SEPTEMBER—"Parla Kimeidy. Prayer continued for Miss Harrison and Special favor during her tours. For heathen wives and husbands of native Christians. Blessings on Christian literature and seed sown beside all waters."

### REPORT OF THE W. B. M. U. CONVENTION, HELD IN FREDERICTON, N.B., AUG. 16th, 17th, 1905.

**C**LOUDS and sunshine greeted the delegates of the W.B.M.U. as they gathered from different points of three Provinces, in the beautiful Baptist Church of the fair City of Fredericton, Wednesday morning, August 16th, 1905.

After registering and receiving badges, Mrs. U. C. Scott led a praise and prayer service for thirty minutes. At 10 a.m. the Pres., Mrs. J. W. Manning opened the Convention. Committees appointed. Delegates present 102.

Prov. Secy's reports. Miss Emma Hume reported for N. S.. In reviewing the year's work, its trials and difficulties, discouragements and failures, we felt like exclaiming "Who is sufficient for these things?"

The hard winter, with its impassable roads, and many alone, in hidden corners, with no stimulus of numbers to inspire and cheer. And yet the city churches were the ones that in their finances most failed. Yes, Nova Scotia failed to give her share of the estimates. Total for last year over 6,000, this year \$5,996.50. Decrease in Aid Society's finances over \$100. Some of the smaller Societies gave the highest contributions per member—Port Greville, Cumb. Co., holding the banner. Amherst still wears her crown. Every Co. Sec.-Treas. sent reports, though one failed to be in time for the annual meeting. Many "blank forms" were withheld for which we were very sorry. Cape Breton reported one new Society at Sidney Mines. Burlington, Pt. Lorne, West End, Halifax, and Caledonia are new. Notwithstanding the decrease, the general note of the reports was, "interest growing and the women of our churches awakening to their solemn responsibilities and opportunities." Perhaps the saddest thing in the record was the

large number of members leaving the ranks of workers here to join the ranks above. Only sad, however, when we remember the aching hearts left to carry forward the work alone, for them, to die is gain.

Mrs. M. S. Cox presented the report for N.B. Our dear sister has been sadly bereaved during the year, but in His strength she triumphed and brought to the Convention her usual strong support and fervent sympathy. May the sisters remember in prayer our consecrated and faithful fellow-worker. She too, reported failure in Aid Society money. Not much, but enough to discourage, unless one's faith rests in God. Total raised this year \$2,734.85. This does not include Mission Bands.

Miss Wadman gave the P. E. Island report which was as usual encouraging and inspiring. A noble little band thus comes to the front every year, giving earnest, untiring and faithful service. Increase in membership and spiritual life marks progress. Two Bands reported nearly all the members converted this year. This is the highest successfulness. For this let us all strive and pray lest while seeking to save the heathen our own perish.

\$702.71 raised by the 22 Aid Societies.

*Wednesday Afternoon.*—Mrs. B. S. Freeman conducted a helpful prayer service, after which Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck, Amherst, gave a very excellent report as Corresponding Secretary.

*Home Department* showed many encouraging features. Executive Board met once a quarter. Home Mission Associational committees gave much help to the work. 2500 leaflets were sent out to Mission Bands. Total shortage of the Home Mission field \$22.02. New Life-members for N.S. 62, N.B. 17, P.E.I. 4. Total 83.

*Foreign Department.*—Bimlipatam, with Miss Newcombe as Missionary, has done splendid work. Miss F. Clarke, associated with her during Mr. and Mrs. Gullison's absence, says, "The