

The usual votes of thanks to pastor, trustees and press and to the citizens for their generous hospitality, were accorded most heartily.

Invitation extended to the delegates to visit the Deaf and Dumb Institute was largely accepted, and none could help feeling how beautifully Christianity developed the influences of its founder in really making the "deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

Among many thoughts and suggestions of the Convention just closed, the words of two delegates linger in our mind with a sweet tenacity. One said: "We are most of us mothers, and in answer to the question, What should we do for our boys? God had given us in His word a very plain indication. In every instance when God had given a great man to do a great work, the mother of that man was the human agency God had employed to prepare him for it."

Another said: "For years she could not see. Two years were spent in the care of an invalid mother, and four years in darkness. While young friends around were pursuing their studies and pleasures she sat in shadow, but God had thus taught her the best lessons of her life, and now in the light she sought to put those lessons into practice."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch of the Women's Missionary Society held their seventh annual meeting in the Methodist Church, St. Stephen.

The first public session opened on Tuesday, September 27th, at 2.30. The President, Mrs. Macmichael, occupied the chair. The prayer service, conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Sprague, of Centenary, St. John, was felt to be a season of rich spiritual blessing. Over fifty delegates were present. The address of the President abounded with expressions of encouragement and exhortation to still more earnest and devoted labor in the future. A paper on "The Model Delegate," was read and discussed. The remainder of the session was spent on committee work. At 8 o'clock the ladies of the congregation gave a reception in the basement of the church.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Henry Hill of St. Stephen, and all who heard it must have felt that it came from a soul filled with love to God and love for all God's people. It was fitly responded to by Miss Wadman, of Bedeque, Prince Edward Island.

Greetings were received from several sister societies, and each kindly replied to by different ladies of the Branch. Music in the form of solos, duets, etc., was interspersed.

Wednesday morning the Treasurer gave her report. Total amount raised during the year, \$4,696.71; showing an increase over last year of \$757.92. The amount sent to General Treasurer, \$4,596.85.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed an addition of fourteen new Auxiliaries, with a loss of two; increase, twelve. The Band Secretary reported three Bands to have ceased work during the year, but twelve new ones organized, making an increase of nine.

We now number 72 Auxiliaries, with 1,463 annual members and 59 life members. Mission Bands, 44; number of members, 1,173; total membership, 2,695. The majority of reports from Auxiliaries were encouraging. The Editor's report of *Palm Branch*, our Band paper, was listened to with interest. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to continue this paper. At the afternoon session reports from Bands were received, also four short papers on "The Model Branch," were read. Some reports of successful District Conventions were also given.

An unusually interesting public meeting was held in the evening. The exercises opened with singing by choir, then an excellent speech by the President. The Treasurer in her brief, bright way submitted her report, and supplemented it with an urgent appeal for yet larger gifts from our treasuries. Our Corresponding Secretary was pleased to report a slight advance along the line of membership, but in an earnestly pathetic and yet reassuring manner, urged all to still more diligent toil until we shall "possess the whole land."

One very interesting feature of the programme was an address on Japan by Miss Cunningham, our returned missionary. Mrs. Wightman, of Harcourt, also gave an able address on China. A solo by Mrs. C. Palmer, of St. John, and music by the choir was all that could be desired. Collection good.

At the Thursday morning session the Committee on Modes of Work for officers presented these recommendations: That all members' fees be collected by the August meeting; that Mission Bands send their yearly report to the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary; that Auxiliary officers meet quarterly to compare their books and get a general insight into the work.

They also recommend that all reports of officers be presented to their Auxiliary before sending to Branch. The Committee on Modes of Works for Auxiliaries brought in the following recommendations: 1st. That each member have a scrap-book from which to cull items of missionary literature for each monthly meeting, the selections to correspond with the prayer subject for the month. 2nd. When difficult to get the members to pray, sentence prayers be adopted; also to keep up the interest members be asked to talk on the prayer subject a few moments. 3rd. To begin the meeting promptly at the hour appointed. 4th. That strong Auxiliaries visit weak ones, and if possible repeat a public meeting in their behalf. 5th. That a committee be appointed to visit irregular members and invite them to the meetings. 6th. That a verse or two of a hymn be sung in the middle of each monthly meeting, and when preparing for public meetings a good hymn be inserted in the programme so that the audience may be able to take part in the exercises. 7th. That each Auxiliary study well the Constitution and By-laws, and that they be read once a year in each Auxiliary, devoting the hour exclusively to them. The Committee on Memorials recommend that the names of girls and Bible-women, with the name of the Auxiliary supporting them, be printed in the report; also that Auxiliary Treasurers send full post-office address to Branch Treasurer; that the subscription for the monthly *Letter Leaflet* be taken at the November meeting; also that the By-laws be printed and a copy sent to each Auxiliary, and when making out the yearly report instead of putting the full name put only the initials. At the afternoon session the Committee on Modes of Work for Mission Bands reported. They recommend that Secretaries of Bands be careful to see that the report of money remitted to Auxiliary Treasurer be the same as that reported to Band Secretary; that Presidents of Auxiliaries having Bands under their care visit them once a quarter; also, if a new Corresponding Secretary be appointed, her address be sent immediately to the Band Secretary, and where practicable the Christmas envelopes be used. Our Corresponding Secretary then commended weak Auxiliaries to the care of stronger ones. This session closed with a consecration service led by Mrs. McKeown, of St. John. It was a season of great refreshing, and the blessings bestowed and accepted were felt to extend through all succeeding sessions of our branch meeting. The public Mission Band meeting was also a success. At 8 o'clock Mrs. J. D. Chipman led in the opening services. Two able papers on Band Work were read, and Miss Smith, editor of our Band