

reply was made by Mrs. E. A. Smith of St. John. The remainder of the morning session was occupied by a paper on "Corea as a mission field," which was read by Mrs. Melrose, of St. David's Church, St. John, and was afterwards very fully and carefully discussed.

The afternoon session began at half-past two. Mrs. Robinson, who again occupied the chair, delivered the usual presidential address. She spoke as follows:

*Dear Sisters,*—We have come to another milestone in the history of our Society, and we are now convened for the eighth time. It is our earnest prayer that whatever may be done during the meetings may tend to deepen the true spirit of missions among us. Our Presbyterian Society was organised at Woodstock in 1889, with five Auxiliaries. In the report of 1891 we find that we had increased to 17 Auxiliaries and 10 Mission Bands. That year we remitted \$250.04 to the W. F. M. S. Treasurer at Halifax. In 1896 there were 37 Auxiliaries reported, and 11 Mission Bands, and we remitted \$1,031.94. There has been steady increase both in numbers and in liberality. We cannot, however, feel satisfied until we have an Auxiliary in every congregation in our Presbytery. If we could all realise as we ought the great need of sending the gospel to those who are still in heathen darkness, without hope for the future, our enthusiasm and self-denial for the cause of missions would be vastly greater. In this auspicious year of 1897, when the whole British Empire is celebrating the diamond jubilee of our beloved Queen, it seems fitting that we should make a greater effort than ever before to diffuse that knowledge of the Word of God which our Sovereign says is the true secret of England's greatness.

Never before in the history of the Church have there been such opportunities for mission work. Even the hitherto impenetrable walls of Thibet have been forced and the gospel proclaimed within them. And now the Macedonian cry comes to us from Corea. There is a strong feeling in favour of taking up this work in all our Auxiliaries.

Doors are everywhere opening, and thousands of young men are offering themselves as missionaries; all that is lacking is the means to send them.

The average amount given to missions per church member is fifty cents a year. That is the seventh part of a cent a day for the salvation of a thousand millions of souls in heathen darkness. Will a man rob God? Not until all Christians realise the claims of God upon them in this respect, and set aside a certain proportion of their income for this cause will the evangelization of the world begin in real earnest.

One cause of the lack of interest in missions is owing to the ignorance which prevails concerning the work and its needs.

Those who are holding up the banner of the Cross in heathen lands need our sympathy and our prayers. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

While our Society is a Foreign Missionary one we are, as well, much interested in Home Missions. The mission stations and weak congregations in our own Presbytery claim our help. We have much yet to do at home before we can devote all our attention to the uttermost parts of the earth. May God speed that glorious day when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

Miss Upton, of St. John, presented the Secretary's report. It showed