

Mrs. A. Ree, of the Presbyterian W. A. Society, spoke of their work in connection with the mission bands, and in connection with the Trinidad Mission.

Several of the sisters spoke of the Home Mission work and it was unanimously agreed that the collection, amounting to \$7.27, be given towards the debt of which Bro. Cahoon had spoken. The North-West and Grande Ligne Missions, and our responsibility with regard to them, was dwelt upon by several sisters, and with reference to the latter, Mrs. Smith, who had met one of their workers this summer, spoke of one simple way, in which we could aid by sending donations towards furnishing the school building, to Mrs. Miner the Preceptress. Gifts of money or any bright article that will help to make the building more homelike. Surely out of the abundance of the homes here, some might be spared.

Miss Johnstone spoke of the request made by our missionaries, that we remember them in prayer every Saturday evening at the hour of nine, and Mrs. Brown suggested that where there were young people, the mother instead of praying in secret, should kneel with the children and altogether commend the workers and the work to the Father's care.

In discussing our Associational gatherings, it was on motion resolved that, "Each Society belonging to the churches comprising this Eastern Association, appoint one or more delegates to represent them at the next Annual Meeting of the Association." This it was thought would ensure a larger attendance and give greater interest to the work.

One sister spoke of the difficulty of getting members to take part in the meetings, and Mrs. Dykeman added, that she was glad to say that in New Glasgow, every sister was ready and willing to do her share.

The meeting came to a close at 5.30, with prayer and the doxology. Although more than two hours had been spent in this service, it was felt to be none too long, the presence of the Master was felt, and all came away the richer.

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News from the Circles.

At the Eastern Association held in Sherbrooke in June, an Association Society was formed, and it was resolved to hold a meeting early in the Fall. This meeting was held at Dixville, Aug. 21st. The meeting was fairly well attended, and not without profit. Miss Edwards, of Sherbrooke, the President, conducted the meeting.

Reports from the different Circles were read, showing that several had revived and reorganized, and Mission Bands formed. The reports gave much cause for encouragement. A discussion then followed as to the best plan for organizing and conducting Mission Bands. Two points, especially, were dealt with: the need of a thoroughly consecrated leader, able to win and interest children, and the necessity of utilizing the working powers of the children.

The meeting then adjourned, to partake of a bounteous tea kindly provided by the ladies of the Dixville Church.

At 8 p.m. a platform meeting was held. Addresses were given, bearing on the work both at home and abroad, by Messrs. W. L. Palframan, of Barnston; J. Lorimer, of Gregory Plain, Vt.; L. S. Hughson, Coaticook, and J. W. Gregory, Dixville. Special mention must be made of an interesting address by Mrs. Lorimer, of Vermont, respecting the various agencies employed in missionary work, and the need for consecrated effort on the part of every Christian.

Miss Hayes, of Saxton's River College, read with much feeling a piece entitled, "Dying! and no man careth for their souls."

Between the addresses, suitable music for the occasion was well rendered by willing voices. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$6, which sum was placed to the credit of the Dixville Circle.

STRATHROY.—The members of the Home and Foreign Mission Circles in connection with our Church, held a social re-union in the Lecture Room, last Wednesday evening, September 4th, which will long be remembered by those present as a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. After the opening exercises we had a short programme consisting of sacred music and readings, but the address by Mrs. Pearce deserves special mention. The speaker showed the rapid progress made in Foreign Mission work during the past few years, and earnestly besought us to consider the relation which women bear to the work of missions. A New York paper in referring lately to what has been done by Missionary effort on the Dark Continent, says, "Women have certainly borne their share of the trials and privations of pioneer work in that country," and it has ever been so. Women have always taken their place, and done their part in the work of evangelizing the world.

In referring to Home Missions, the speaker said, "We so often give our whole attention and sympathy to the Foreign field, to the exclusion of the work at Home. We may find greater hardships and sufferings, perhaps, than any experienced by those in foreign countries among the missionaries who carry the "light of the gospel of the Son of God" to the darkened ones in our own country. Some vivid pictures were drawn, showing how some true and brave hearts, even in our own Canada, had been over-burdened in the work of caring for the souls of others, and after a vain struggle against want and privation, had gone to their rest. The fact was impressed upon us, that a little help given to weak churches on the Home fields now, meant support for the Foreign work in the near future. Reference was made to a meeting held in London several years ago, to decide as to the possibility of raising a certain sum among the Baptists of this country for the purpose of extending the work in India. Among others present at the meeting was Mr. Bates, whose memory is indeed "blessed." As some appeared unwilling to advance the means necessary, Mr. Bates rose and said, "Brethren, I have given my children to the mission cause. I have saved \$500 against a time when I may need it, but the Lord who has cared for me thus far, can take care of me to the end. He has my children, why should I withhold my money? I give the \$500 to the work in India." It is needless to say, Mr. Bates' noble gift was followed by many other contributions, and so the necessary amount was raised. At the close of the address refreshments were served, after which a collection was taken up. Proceeds, \$3.55, to be applied to the fund for fitting out a box for Grande Ligne.

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New Circles.

DRUMBO.—On Home Mission Sunday a Foreign Mission Circle was organized by Miss Annie Hatch, of Woodstock. Officers:—President, Mrs. J. Pine; Vice-President, Mrs. O. W. Patton; Secretary, Miss J. J. Pine; Treasurer, Miss Susie Curry. Membership at present, 14.