

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION, 7½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. C. J. Oram.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, reported as follows :

At this early period in the history of our Foreign Missions, we cannot present any report of actual missionary labor, and its results.

In the good providence of God, our band of pioneer missionaries who left our shores last autumn, reached their destination in due time, and in excellent health, and are now busily engaged in acquiring the languages in which they expect to proclaim the gospel. They should be especially remembered at the present time in the prayers of God's people, that they may be directed by heavenly wisdom in their plans and decisions concerning the location of the missions and the general affairs of the work.

Brother Boggs, who has for the past few months been visiting our churches, is soon to join them. It is a matter of thankfulness, that God has raised up at this stage of the mission, one so well calculated to assist in carrying forward so noble an undertaking. Your Committee regard such a providence as indicative of divine approval.

While your Committee rejoice at the increased interest manifest in this great department of Christian work, they, at the same time notice with regret, that some of our churches are doing nothing whatever for its promotion. And they would seek to impress upon all, the thought, that in His work we must abound yet more and more, and aim at constant enlargement, if we would see anything like gratifying success.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption by every church, of the system of Monthly Concerts of prayer, and collections for Foreign Missions, as the plan best adapted to meet the wants of the case; and your Committee would further recommend, that Mission Bands be organized in every Sabbath School, thereby bringing this department of Christian work constantly before the parents and children, and also educating them in the great principles of benevolence.

T. A. BLACKADAR, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. B. Boggs, Foreign Missionary elect, then, in a very earnest address, presented the claims of the Foreign field, and urged the necessity of consecrating ourselves and all we have more fully than ever in the past to this great work.

Rev. Isa Wallace, General Agent of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, followed in a very stirring speech, showing the work done under the direction of the Home Missionary Union of Nova Scotia, in the past year, giving statistics, which cheered our hearts, and filled us with gratitude to God for such displays of His grace.

Revs. J. H. Hughes, J. Murray (of Hantsport, N. S.), A. W. Bess, W. P. Everett, T. Todd, and G. F. Miles, followed in soul-stirring speeches.