

by Mrs. Newton, of Bervie, and "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," by Mrs. Boomer, of London. But perhaps the most interesting feature of the afternoon was the presence of Miss Emery, the secretary of the W. A. M. A. of the United States, who had come all the way from New York to meet her Canadian sisters of the Diocese of Huron. She gave an interesting address full of practical suggestions to our members. We had also looked forward to having Mrs. Williamson, president of the Toronto Auxiliary, with us, but to the great regret of all she was unable to come.

In the evening a general missionary meeting under the auspices of the W. A. M. A., was held in the same hall. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese in the chair. The Rev. A. D. Downey, rector of Durham, made an earnest speech on Domestic Missions, pleading the cause of our own Indians, who from our civilization have learned many vices, and to whom in return we owe that they should receive from us the teaching of Christ's gospel. Rev. Principal Fowell, of Huron College, made an able speech on Foreign Missions, showing how little had heretofore been done in that portion of the mission field. Miss Emery made another address, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, of Brantford, was also to have spoken, but owing to the lateness of the hour he asked to be excused. This was much regretted, especially as both in 1888 and 1889 he was to have spoken at the Auxiliary missionary meeting and was prevented from doing so. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the speakers, but particularly to Miss Emery. This was moved by Canon Smith and warmly seconded by Rev. W. T. Hill. The collection amounted to \$75, an increase of \$10 over last year.

On Thursday morning a "reception" of delegates and other members of the Auxiliary was held at Bishopstowe when the large drawing-room and hall were crowded to their utmost capacity. Miss Chance, of Tyrconnell, read a very interesting paper on "Indian Gratitude," and gave some details of her own experiences, and as she for twenty-eight years labored among them, and knows all the trials and difficulties as well as the joys and encouragements which fall to the lot of a missionary's wife, all that comes from her has a peculiar force.

Through the medium of the "Question Drawer" Miss Emery gave much information as to the working of the Auxiliary in the States.

In the afternoon a meeting of the delegates and branch presidents was held, when all unfinished business was taken up. The recommendation of the Board of Management, passed at their meeting in October, that each branch outside the city and suburbs should have a representative in London, was lost, a large majority voting against it.

The annual meeting was brought to a close on Friday morning by a meeting of the Bible Union and Prayer held at Bishopstowe, which was

largely attended. Mrs. Baldwin presided. The lesson considered was, "The Great Physician," St. Luke iv., 33-44, and was rendered in a way to make it most instructive and profitable to all present.

We cannot but feel that the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father has been with us during the past year, and trustfully do we look forward to the future. The motto chosen for us by our Bishop is "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God."

JAPAN.

Letter from Rev. J. Cooper Robinson to his sister, who is a member of the Auxiliary :

NAGOYA, Japan, Aug. 9, 1889.

I am glad you have created so much interest in Japan among the ladies of the Auxiliary. Perhaps they would like to help us in our work by sending us some money. I have engaged a man to interpret for me, and to help me in other ways, and will have to pay him \$12 a month. I have rented a house for services, which will cost about \$4 a month. We need an organ very much, and, as yet, I have nothing but my stipend to do all this with, and I may have to ask for a little help. We want another lady to help Mrs. Robinson in the girls' school. I know a young lady who is coming to Japan at her own expense, but wishes to be supported while here. I am trying to get her to come to us. If the Auxiliary would help support a lady here I should be very glad. As our work extends we shall need more money.

In a more recent letter Mr. Robinson says: "On Christmas Day I baptized my first four converts, and a child of one of them."

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Strange, True Stories of Louisiana. By George W. Cable; New York, Charles Scribner's Sons.

When the historians of former generations sought material for their works among kings and nobles and warriors, and were content with a mere recital of the events of the battle field and naval engagements they overlooked, perhaps, the most important, certainly often the most interesting occurrences in the ordinary doings of the masses of the people. When we look through past history now we long to know something of the people, how they lived and what they did. A book like Mr. Cable's "Strange True Stories of Louisiana" is a valuable contribution towards this very end. The early settlement of the different States of the American Union teems with adventures and events which no book of romance can surpass in interest. Such is the case, in a marked degree, perhaps, with Louisiana and the romantic old city of New Orleans. It may not be generally known that not far from this city and about a hundred years ago there was a little town which might be called a Paris in miniature, where French lords