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Women's Missionary Society Convention.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

The morning session opened at 10 o'clock with devotional exercises, after which helpful and inspiring papers were read by Mr. George Peters, Miss G. Parsons and Mrs. Eudora. The quiet half hour was conducted by Rev. R. J. Power, M. A., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He chose for his subject: "To the Roots." We must get to the roots of the work. During the past few years the call had been for men, money and enthusiasm. We have not got at the roots. There are symptoms of a disease, a disease deep-rooted, which is want of faith. I would bring before you fundamentals of this missionary enterprise. Do we believe that the world needs a Saviour? Doubt on this question will spoil everything. If we are not sure, why waste our time and money? Do we believe the Bible? "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." "The wages of sin is death." Sir Oliver Lodge says that the modern man is not at all troubled about sin. Perhaps that is why they do not believe in Missionary enterprise. Some believe in education as the saviour of the world, others in social service, better homes, better cooking, etc. Social service won't do. Salvation is found in none other than Jesus Christ. Does the Church to-day believe that? That was the faith of the disciples. That is true for all nations. Some believe that this religion is all right for us, but that for foreign countries their own religion is best suited for the climate and customs of the people. What would you think of one missionary for this country and another for India and another for China? Christ is the Redeemer for all. All outside Him are wrong. Have we any responsibility in this matter? What are we going to do about it? You can have nothing to do with it. Turn your back upon it, or you can feel the claims and then satisfy yourself by doing as little as possible. You can listen, and yet deny it, or leave the church or go to a meeting every two months. But this will not do. Your life, your soul, your all must be in it. Only this will be acceptable. Many give less to the support of Missions than the average smoker spends on tobacco, or what a lady spends on her spring hat. St. Paul gives us this message: "He hath committed unto us, the word of reconciliation, the glorious gospel." If the world is to hear this message, it must be through us.

AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, after which followed reports from the District Superintendents, as follows:—Carbonear, Mrs. J. Maddock; Northern, Mrs. J. Peters; for Mrs. Osmond, Western, Mrs. C. Howse; St. John's, Mrs. C. Hutchings. All gave excellent reports. Mrs. Curtis, Honorary President, gave reminiscences of the W. M. S. work twenty-five years ago, and expressed her thanks to the ladies for their great kindness to her during her illness. The delegates were then favored with a beautiful solo: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness," by Miss S. Soper. This was followed by the branch hymn. Mrs. S. Saint, Superintendent of Christian Stewardship, read a paper, with which all were delighted: "A woman and her purse plus prayer, personality, persistence." After this Miss W. Pike sang a solo, "My Task," most effectively. Mrs. E. Joyce, Strangers' Secretary, then gave a most charming talk on the work done in Newfoundland by this department, telling how it had grown since its commencement two years ago. She closed with some helpful suggestions to the members of the society. The Convention was then favored with a reading by Mrs. L. Mews: "My little wild rose," also "I looked for the Master," the latter by special request. Mrs. Lavell then introduced the new study book, written by a Canadian Dr. J. L. Murray, who has wide experience in missionary work. The session closed with the vesper hymn, and benediction by Mrs. Curtis.

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