

One of the live factors in the congregation's life for many years has been its Sunday Schools. These are three in number, viz. Riverfield, Norton Creek and Howick. The Schools have been efficient because the staff of officers and teachers has always maintained a high standard and consecrated their lives to this work. The annual S. S. picnic is one of the great events of the year and is assuming greater proportions as the years pass by, the 33rd anniversary being celebrated this year 1915.

The name of the charge was changed in 1912, with the consent of Presbytery, to Riverfield and Howick. It is an ideal rural charge, progressive, loyal, benevolent and missionary, as evidenced by its steady progress, its ever increasing contributions to missions, and, but two months ago, its contribution of \$1000 to the Militia Department of Canada for the purchase of a Lewis machine gun for one of the Canadian regiments now fighting the battles of the Empire in defence of freedom and liberty and honor against the tyranny of Germany's militarism.

#### W. M. S.

One year before the organization of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and seven years before the W. M. S. of Montreal, the women of Georgetown and English River congregations were organized into a society on August 31st, 1875, known as the "Georgetown and English River Women's Missionary Society," auxiliary to the Women's Board of Missions, Montreal, an undenominational organization.

The object of the society was "The Cultivation of the Missionary Spirit among its members and the Collection of Money for Missionary Purposes."

The prayerful consecrated spirit of these ladies took definite form in the first year in the support of a Zenana teacher in India, under the care of the American Board, in a contribution to the Labrador Mission through Zion Church Ladies' Missionary Society of Montreal, and in a gift to French Evangelization through a band of Montreal Ladies interested in this work, which was the nucleus of the W. M. S. of Montreal organized in 1882. In 1883, after a year's deliberation whether to become auxiliary to the W. F. M. S. or the W. M. S., they decided upon the latter, because of its threefold work: Home, Foreign and French Evangelization, a policy now adopted by the United Women's Society of Canada.

It was a source of gratitude and an occasion of thanksgiving when they reached the \$200 mark in a single year. In 1909 the Society was divided into two organizations concurrent with the two pastoral charges. The new society of Riverfield and Howick went forward to greater work in the extension of the Master's Kingdom and soon began to contribute more per annum than did the United Society, having reached \$263 in its palmy year.

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