

## WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Foreign Mission work has attained the goodly age of over 40 years in the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces, and Women's Missionary Societies are almost as old. In Pictou, New Glasgow, Truro, Halifax, and other places there have been for many years Women's F. M. Societies in connection with different congregations, that have done a goodly work. More recently the movement for a larger organization by grouping some of these societies into Presbyterials, has taken place. The first Presbyterial Society was formed in Halifax Presbytery some three or four years ago. Not long after, one was formed in the Presbytery of Pictou, and during the past summer one was organized in Truro, and one in P. E. Island. These Presbyterials are formed partly of some of the older societies and partly of societies newly formed, while some of the older societies and some new ones prefer to do their work by themselves, making the church their only wider organization. The work of these societies, which are to be found in almost every Presbytery of the Church, is a very quiet one, but they have been all these years patiently and lovingly doing a good and noble work. We think it fitting that in connection with the report of the meeting of the larger society which we gladly give in this issue, the work of these other societies should be mentioned, more especially because their work, often done through the congregation, and not found in any church reports, is so seldom noticed or known beyond their own immediate neighborhood.

The societies of the other class, that are grouped in Presbyterials and that take the name of the W. F. M. S. (Eastern Section), are also working with great enthusiasm, some of them, even in the country districts where money is scarce, raising a large amount for missions, showing that woman, last at the cross and first at the sepulchre, whatever way she may prefer to do her work, whether in the congregational or presbyterial society, is never lacking when work is to be done for Christ. The societies in connection with the W. F. M. S. (Eastern Section), held their annual meeting in Sharon Church, Stellarton, October 13th and 14th. A report of this meeting, by one of the delegates, is given below.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. F. M. S., (EASTERN SECTION.)

BY ONE OF THE DELEGATES.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society, Eastern Section, was held at Stellarton, October 13th and 14th.

There was a large attendance of delegates, and they were entertained in truly hospitable manner by the good people of Stellarton.

The meeting opened at 10 a. m. on the 13th, the President, Mrs. Burns, in the chair. The first half-hour was spent in devotional exercises, after which a business committee was appointed to arrange a programme for each session.

Next came the address of welcome, by Mrs. McKay, President of the Pictou Presbyterial, replied to by Mrs. McLean of Great Village, and followed by the President's address, (reviewing the work for the past year,) and a letter of greeting from the W. F. M. S., Western Section, read by Mrs. McPherson.

The reception of reports from the Presbyterials occupied the remainder of the forenoon, and part of the afternoon, sessions, that of Pictou being read by Miss McKay, and that of Halifax by Miss Reynolds.

Two hours were spent at lunch and social intercourse in Fidelity Hall, adjoining the Church, after which the ladies again addressed themselves to their work. The first business of the afternoon was the report of Truro Presbyterial, read by Mrs. Gunn, and as no delegates were present from P. E. Island, Miss Fairbanks gave a report of the formation of that Presbyterial and its auxiliaries. In all there are in connection with the Society, 4 Pres. Societies, 77 Auxiliaries, and 12 Mission bands.

The report of Miss Forrest, treasurer of the Jubilee Fund, was next taken up. It shewed in all \$964.48 collected, with the hope of completing the \$1000.

The death of Miss Archibald, one of the teachers supported by the Society, was brought before the meeting, and a resolution expressive of their sympathy with the bereaved family was placed on their records.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. McDonald of Pictou, shewing a total, including the Jubilee Fund, and the Santo Fund of \$4,755.