

A meeting of the County Secretaries was held, which proved of much interest. Of this meeting, our Corresponding Secretary says: "This meeting, which was begun last year, has proved very helpful. Our County Secretaries are brought into touch with each other, and receive many hints and helpful suggestions relative to the work."

The report of Miss Black, Superintendent of our Bureau of Literature, showed that during the last year 676 mite boxes and 1,445 leaflets had been sent out—527 distributed free; \$16.49 had been received from the sale of leaflets and maps. The balance on hand is \$4.20.

The stock in hand at the present includes 2,480 leaflets, 311 mite boxes, 32 maps, 37 games, 6 photographs and 40 books in the Circulating Library. Miss Black has done faithful work in this department, and the Union was grieved when obliged to accept her resignation. A resolution expressive of our regard and appreciation of her services was passed.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read, and after discussion, passed. Each Society was urged to have a Treasurer for Home Missions, and to aim at one dollar per year for Home, as well as for Foreign.

Our Mission Band work was given greater prominence this year. An interesting lesson was taught a number of children by Miss Clark, Secretary for Westmoreland County.

It was resolved that a Superintendent for Mission Bands be appointed in each Province. Miss Lenora Barton was given charge of the work in New Brunswick. Her address is Chipman, Queen's Co., N.B. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island hope soon to fall into line. The officers for the coming year were appointed.

President, Mrs. J. W. Manning; Vice-President for N. S., Mrs. P. R. Foster; Vice-President for N. B., Mrs. W. E. McIntyre; Vice-President for P. E. I., Mrs. M. C. Higgins; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Everett; Provincial Secretaries as before.

Miss Margaret Wood, Amherst, N. S., Superintendent of Bureau of Literature; Miss Bessie Harding, Editor of *Tidings*; Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Golding, Editors of the *Column* in M. & O.; Mrs. M. J. Parker, of River Herbert, N. S., to have charge of the Mission Band Department in *Tidings*.

A chalk talk on the Constitution, which proved inspiring, instructive and amusing, was given by Mrs. Cox, Provincial Secretary for N. B.

As an outcome of this talk, it was resolved and strongly emphasized, that, first, each treasurer when remitting money to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U., be particular to mention the name of place, and if a branch, give the name of church with which connected, and also name of county.

2nd. Each Society was urged to appoint an auditor.

3rd. No Society has a right to alter the Constitution to suit the local Society.

4th. No Aid Society shall send any money raised by the Aid Society to any other treasurer than the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. And no money which is raised by the Aid Society shall be appropriated to any other purpose than those named in the Constitution, viz., Home and Foreign Missions.

The difficulty of making our department in THE LINK as interesting as formerly, now that our missionaries write each month to *Tidings*, was also discussed.

Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Archibald are the only ones on the Foreign Field who write for THE LINK now. The President suggested that we do away with the department. She thought it hardly gave a sufficient idea of the work being done by the W. B. M. U., though the teaching was of an interesting nature.

Miss Johnston said she was glad this discussion had arisen, and showed some of the difficulties in the way. We cannot do without *Tidings*. It is becoming more and more of a necessity to our workers; and the same may be said of the *Column*; yet it hardly seemed desirable to publish the same matter each month in the three different papers. Writer as well as reader lost enthusiasm. No definite conclusion was arrived at.

Miss Johnston was re-appointed Correspondent, which she begged the delegates to remember meant *Correspondent*, and did not mean Editor.

Greetings were received from the Methodist Society in Sackville, and from Ontario, by Mrs. W. H. Porter, of Brantford.

On Wednesday evening a very large audience greeted the delegates. An interesting paper on "Systematic Giving," prepared by Mrs. Robert Christie, River Herbert, was read by Mrs. Alexander Christie, of Amherst.

Miss Gray, who returns to India, addressed the meeting.

Among other things, she said: "In India there are 288 millions of people. We have undertaken to give the Gospel to two millions of these, which is tantamount to saying to other denominations, 'These belong to us.'"

The greatest barrier to work in India is caste. Among them religion is caste, and caste is religion. Instead of thinking the work is slow, the only wonder is that they ever come at all. It is so hard for them to believe in our Saviour.

Their temples are a sink of iniquity. Then their superstition is so great. . . . But there are among them many secret believers, who need your prayers. They believe in Christ, but are so afraid of persecution, they dare not come out.

In India there are 23 millions of widows, children—so many of them.

On the Bimli field there are 250,000, and only one minister among them all; while here, in this land, you will have four or five ministers to a couple of thousand. Do you wonder that they come so slowly?"

Miss Gray asked that, as she turned her steps to India, she might have the most earnest prayers of the Christians here.

Miss Smith then read the appeal which has lately come from our missionaries.

Miss Archibald led in prayer, and addressed us. Her decision for the Foreign field had been no sudden one. Eight years ago her mind was made up to go. Miss Archibald gave an account of the way in which she had been led into the work.

After prayer by Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Foster said a few words of tender farewell to these workers for India.

Mrs. Smith read the appeal from our missionaries.

Our parting hymn, "We all shall meet in Heaven at last," was sung, and closed a most successful evening.

On Thursday morning the Union again met for prayer, at nine o'clock. Some routine business was taken up; after which was held the Delegates' meeting. This is always in connection with the Memorial service held each year for those who have been "promoted" to the higher service during the twelve past months. Resolu-