

Rev. Geo. Skinner, said one young man at Woodbridge was half through his medical studies, who intends to offer himself for the work.

Mr. Hill hoped many of our aged friends would remember this worthy society when making bequests in their wills. Report ordered to be printed in *Year Book*.

Rev. W. W. Smith, in moving election of officers, recommended the "weekly offering" system, and "missions in the Sunday school."

The following officers were elected:

*President*—B. W. Robertson, Kingston.

*Vice-President*—S. P. Leet, Montreal.

*Secretary*—Rev. E. M. Hill, 143 Stanley Street, Montreal.

*Treasurer*—Rev. W. T. Gunn, Montreal.

A large and representative General Committee was appointed; including the names of six ladies.

A disposition appearing in the remarks of some of the speakers to criticise the formation of the Woman's Board, Mr. Gunn and Mr. Clarke came to the rescue; the former of whom said, "Brethren, let us double our gifts! and let the women alone! Send in all the criticism you like, since you have made me Treasurer: but send in also the money!"

#### MISS RAWLINGS, OF FOREST,

spoke: She explained how the Woman's Board divided their efforts between the Home and the Foreign work. "And we work among the children. And though there is little at the present, it will pay by and bye! I have visited most of the churches west of Hamilton; and told them *not* to take from Home Missions to give to the Woman's Board. Our great effort is to increase the missionary zeal of the churches. I am going to *organize every church*, and write to every lady in behalf of this cause! And if you don't work up the matter in your churches, I will!" (Applause.)

Rev. Dr. Gundy, President of the London Methodist Conference, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Union.

#### THE TEA.

At six o'clock, the members and delegates, with their entertainers, and the friends of the two churches, with several invited guests, sat down to a well-appointed tea in the Sunday school-room. The pastor, Rev. Robert Aylward, presided in a very happy manner. Nothing could exceed the skill and courtesy with which the ladies managed the repast. Several ministers of the city, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and Church of England, in the order named, made short speeches. All testified brotherliness to the Congregational Union, and special affection for Mr. Aylward: a testimony which must have been exceedingly pleasant and grateful to that brother's friends, and the church.

#### UNITED MISSIONARY MEETING.

The two Missionary Societies had a joint meeting at 8 o'clock. The church was filled. An excellent choir was on duty. The speeches were inspiring. Dr. Cornish presided. After the reading of the report by Mr. Wood, Rev. W. McIntosh, of Yarmouth, N.S., spoke:

Our Nova Scotia people love their country! and the more rugged and rocky, the deeper the love! Yet there *are* as fine and productive farms as in this "Garden of Canada." We feel the need of a Missionary Superintendent. I try to visit all the churches once a year. I get letters—"Come and see us!" Something is to be seen to. We have been trying to raise some money to pay the salary of a Superintendent. Our Christian Endeavor Societies have promised to do something in the matter. Mr. Main's visits to our churches have been a blessing. The *emigration* of our people is terrible! By hundreds, by thousands, by tens of thousands, they are leaving our Provinces! We started a Christian Endeavor of 24 members. In a year, 14 of them were in the United States. Boston pastors write back to me, "We are *glad* to have your sons and daughters. They are the best Christians we have?" We never even get one Congregationalist "by letter!" Now, these are our discouragements. Then, on the other hand, St. John church has had \$4000 debt on it for a very long time; last year they paid \$700 on it, and hope to pay \$2000 during the year. Our church in Yarmouth was burned with lightning; but we have built a beautiful little church of handsome stone; costing \$18,000, and shall only have a debt of \$1800. Let no man think the Maritime people are less cultivated or less intelligent than those here. Let me say that they are equal to you here; and in some respects—for instance, as to *Temperance*, quite ahead of you! Send us three or four good pastors; and in seven or eight years we will be free to "run" all our ecclesiastical machinery without outside help!

Whatever is going to be done in these upper Provinces, *we* are going to stand by our guns! I have nothing to say against a committee to meet and talk with any other committee, but—till the time comes when we can unite with others without giving way to our principles—we shall unite with the Congregational churches of Maine. Our affairs in the Provinces will look up. Ship-building is ended; but our people are going into agriculture and fruit-raising. And we have work *to* do for Christ; and there is work to be done by *us*, or it will not be done at all!

Rev. B. B. Williams, Guelph, was sorry for the withdrawal of the Colonial Missionary Society; but with communities and churches, as with children, a time comes when they must walk alone. How ex-