

to get men who are willing, for Christ's sake, to go to these isolated stations, and care for these few sheep in the wilderness. God grant this sad confession may meet the eye of some earnest young man who will arise in the name of the Lord and wipe away the reproach." To which we respond—Amen!

The Missionary Secretary will be glad to be put in communication with ministers or teachers whose hearts are drawn toward this work. The need is urgent, and does not admit of delay.

## Woman's Work.

"So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.—Ps. cii. 15.

THE Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. at Grimsby Park was largely attended.

The consecration meeting was held in the forenoon, and was spoken of as a most profitable season. We trust it will bear fruit in the addition of consecrated members to our Society.

The afternoon meeting was most interesting, the addresses of Miss Cartmell and Rev. Dr. McDonald giving much pleasure to their hearers, and eliciting general applause. Our Auxiliaries as far as possible will, no doubt, avail themselves of Miss Cartmell's services during the coming season.

The financial returns were also very good—a liberal collection being taken up. Many felt that we might safely and wisely arrange for a two days' meeting or convention next year. The advantages of this plan would be many. Large numbers of women are on the grounds, and many more, brought there by the excursion, who are not connected with us at all, might be reached and interested. Papers on different phases of the work might be submitted and discussion encouraged. Much latent talent would no doubt be developed, and our women would become more accustomed to think and speak "on their feet." Opportunities also could be made for efforts on the part of Mission Bands. In pursuance of this idea, keeping in mind the necessity of constant improvement in the line of missionary knowledge, and methods of work, we suggest that the annual meetings of the Branches take this matter up. And let each Branch be represented next year, bringing its quota of the programme for a two days' convention. The presence of so many people is an opportunity we should improve. We think it would greatly help us also, if it could be so arranged, to invite the co-operation of sister societies in other churches.

THE September Auxiliaries will no doubt begin to plan their fall and winter work. We hope our workers

will return to their homes and missionary work with increased zeal and interest, and strong determination to push the work with vigor and fidelity. As the annual meeting of the Branches takes place in October, it will be in order for the September meetings to prepare any suggestions they may have, in the form of memorials, to be presented to the General Board. As the work enlarges, responsibility increases, and the W. M. S. is no longer a dream, but an actual fact, with every promise of becoming an important factor in the advancement of missionary enterprise. It is very desirable, therefore, that we should aim at making our Executive machinery as perfect as possible, and such as to command the entire confidence of our increasing membership. It is also most important that each member should make herself thoroughly acquainted with our constitution and by-laws, and the correct mode of conducting all business meetings. We were present at a "woman's meeting" once, where, by direction of the President, a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Society was placed in the hand of each member, and the Secretary requested to read the whole aloud, when questions and explanations were in order. No doubt many members of the W. M. S. would be profited by a similar exercise.

THE question is often asked: "How may we increase the interest of our meetings?" Some Auxiliaries arrange a programme for each month. This appears to be a favorite plan with our American sisters, who in many cases hold the meetings at the homes of members alternately, combining a light tea with other features. Whatever plans may be adopted, let us remember above all else to see to it that the missionary character is not dropped, and that the programme shall teach the people the *facts* of Mission work.

LOOKING over our American exchanges, we find "studies" arranged for the monthly meeting. The questions may be given out at one meeting, a certain number to each member, who should read their answers at the following meeting. The "study" may appear to some rather laborious, but will invariably be found to increase the interest and add very largely to the information of the members. The Auxiliary and Mission Band might unite for this purpose, adopting for their subject some mission field: its needs, when opened, its growth, heathen population, Christian population, its schools, by whom controlled, the number of churches represented, the character of its newspapers, the status of its women, its forms of heathenism, its wealth or poverty, character of its priesthood, etc. Or some form of religion might be named as the subject, and information asked as to its origin, growth