

Just here, let me say, that every year the President gives the Union a motto, and this time it is "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

What was done about Home Mission work at Moncton, I must leave for my next letter. But one thing more. Reports were read from some of our Mission Bands this year, and I fancy people were surprised to find how hard our young people were working.

These are only some of the things in which you would be interested in hearing, but my letter is already too long. Just remember, dear young friends, Jesus wants your own hearts as well as your work. J. A. E.

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Report of the Women's Meeting at the Eastern Association of N. S. is unavoidably postponed until our next issue.

The annual Convention of the W. M. A. S. of Cumberland County, was held in the vestry of the Baptist church, Anahorst, July 21st. First meeting at 3 p. m. Much disappointment was felt that so few delegates were present, and that Mrs. Archibald could not be with us. We were glad to see those who did come. The afternoon was very rainy, and our room not so well filled as we had hoped. Mrs. Harding presided. The meeting opened by singing "He Leadeth Me"; the scripture reading and exposition of it were touching, and appealed to our sympathies in the Master's work. Mrs. Harding and Mrs. G. B. Smith joined in prayer. Mrs. C. Christie, County Secretary, read minutes of last Convention, held in Spring Hill, a year ago last March. Mrs. Harding gave address of welcome, the reply to which was omitted, the lady appointed to that being absent. Mrs. Lewis, of Westbrook, told us something of the work at Parrabrook; Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Hunter gave encouraging reports from Spring Hill; Mrs. Wills spoke hopefully of Pugwash, though their number is small, and they find it difficult to sustain a Society. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. H. Logan represented a Branch of Anahorst Society, Salem, where good work is done in keeping up prayer-meetings and interest in missions. Mrs. Houston, Methodist, gave a short account of their work. In common with us they have the difficulty of small numbers at the regular meetings, to contend with. Miss King, Presbyterian, expressed herself glad to be with us, but was not prepared to give report. Mrs. Dimock Archibald made some pleasing remarks on the work in the three different Societies in Tremont Temple Church, Boston. The Secretary gave a very brief report of our own work. Mrs. A. Christie read a selection on "How to hold a meeting of the Auxiliary," which must commend itself to us all. Committees were formed, a hymn sung, and the meeting adjourned till 10 a. m. Wednesday. A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, of which notice was given in *Messenger and Visitor*.

The Wednesday morning meeting was presided over by Mrs. G. B. Smith. After singing and reading of Scripture a few moments were spent in silent supplication for a blessing, followed by prayer by Mrs. Smith. A half hour was given to devotional exercises. The Secretary read minutes of previous meeting. Mrs. C. Christie read

reports from the Societies, some of which were formed lately, so encouraging that we all felt we could join heartily in the Doxology, which was proposed by one of the sisters.

Six Societies had been formed since last Convention, making ten in Cumberland County, with a membership of 288, contributing \$487.57.

Mrs. Archibald's talk of Foreign Mission Work, with its lights and shadows, was stimulating. Some, at least, returned to their homes with strong determination to do more for the cause. Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Dimock Archibald, each made a few remarks on Home Missions.

Mrs. G. B. Smith read an original paper on "Regina," just what was needed at this time to enlighten us, and awaken a keener interest in that field, so weak, yet making such noble efforts to advance the cause of Christ. Mrs. C. Christie offered prayer, the benediction was pronounced, a few minutes spent in conversation and our pleasant meeting closed.

AMELIA E. BLACK.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 12th, 1891.

COURTNOVS. I'm sending you an account of our W. M. A. S. annual meeting, which was held in connection with our Association at Summerside, Monday afternoon, 6th July. Mrs. Clark, Provincial President, presided. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. An address of welcome to our returned missionaries was read by Mrs. Speers of Cavendish. Reports from Societies were then called for, after which Mrs. Bishop of East Point read an excellent paper relating to the needs of the work. We then had the pleasure of listening to Miss Wright, and Mrs. Archibald, give an account of their work in India. We could almost fancy we were with them, looking upon scenes of misery and idol-worship, so vividly did they portray their experiences in that dark land. We feel sure their coming amongst us will incite us to greater earnestness in our efforts to aid in carrying on this great work. Being brought face to face with these dear sisters will make them dearer to us, and the work in this way will seem more real. A paper on "Giving," was read, also a beautiful poem by one of our young sisters.

MARY E. DAVIES.

SCRAPS PICKED UP. The startling news comes that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Japan had stricken infant baptism from its creed, as a "gross innovation" on New Testament teaching and practice. We await further information on the subject. It seems almost too good to be true. Thirty years ago there was not a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, i. e., general organization, in America. Now there are thirty-nine with 25,000 auxiliaries, and an annual income of \$1,730,000. Nine thousand copies of the illustrated Bible, issued in weekly parts, have been sold to Roman Catholics in Italy. One cent annually is given by Christians for each heathen to bring them to Christ. There are 1,000,000,000 heathen, and the annual contributions for foreign missions about \$10,000,000.

"Redemption is Christ's, evangelization is ours."

The baptisms among the Telugus, by missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union, numbered more than 5,000 in five months, and the work goes on. The Missionary Union closed its fiscal year with a deficit of \$61,593.94. But our brethren up there know how to give, and they will bring this amount up before the meet-