

We are here for a purpose. We are here to plan greater things for the future and to receive inspirations that will remain with us during the coming year and help us to meet the difficulties of life with a cheerful spirit. Let us look upon each year as a fresh effort, a new campaign to be entered upon with bright hopes and unfaltering purposes.

"Forward! be our watchword,
Step and voices joined,
Seek the things before us—
Not a look behind."

May we go from this convention with renewed strength and greater desire to attain unto perfection in Christian service. "Now unto Him that is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you before the presence of His glory without blemish in exceeding joy—to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, now and forevermore."

Sister Laura Fullerton of Pictou, sang a beautiful solo in a most impressive manner. It is as great a privilege to sing the gospel as to preach it. Angels can do neither.

The paper on Missionary Extension by Sister Myrtle Freeman of Milton, was prepared with great care, and was full of helpful thoughts beautifully expressed.

It was followed by an address full of fire, force and facts, by Bro. W. F. Shaw. There was originality not only in what he said, but in how he said it; and when the meeting was dismissed the remark was frequently heard, "Wasn't that address fine?"

The solo by Sister S. B. Ford was delightful. It had wings to lift us heavenward. What can lift us nearer the golden gates than a sweet song full of gospel truth?

Sister M. B. Ryan's paper on "The Reflex Influence of Missions," evinced careful preparation, and clearly showed the truthfulness of the saying of one of old: "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

This paper was succeeded by an appropriate reading by Bro. J. Barry Allen, who has become almost indispensable at our meetings.

The collection taken at the close of the meeting for foreign missions amounted to about \$22.00.

These greetings, which arrived too late for the meeting, will, we are sure, be read with much interest.

The Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions send greetings to their co-laborers—the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Maritime Provinces.

May our Father's richest blessings attend you in your convention, and may He grant you that success which your labors in the past so well merit.

We feel that we cannot thank you enough for your hearty co-operation with us in the extension of the Master's kingdom in the dark land which is growing so dear to all of us.

Your interest in this work, and the success which has attended the labor of the "Canadian Women's Missionary," impel us to go on. May the spirit of Christ so work in us that all may be done for His glory.

On behalf of the O. C. W. B. M.

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One of the interesting events of Saturday was the coming to the Convention of Rev. John McMillan, minister of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Murray, editor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, with the greetings of the Presbytery of Halifax, which they were appointed to convey. It is to be

regretted that the hour of their coming was unannounced, as many who desired to be present were not in the meeting. They were escorted to the platform by Bros. Shaw and Ford and introduced to the preachers who had taken seats there.

Rev. Mr. McMillan said that, in behalf of the Presbytery, and of the Presbyterians represented in it, and in behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, he wished us God-speed. There are some doctrinal differences between us, but we are fellow-soldiers in the same great fight. It was not his privilege to know much about the Disciples, but in Cleveland last year the Canadian headquarters was in one of our churches and he had the privilege of assisting in the services there, and of sitting down at the Lord's table with the Disciples. He then told us of the great work the Presbyterians are doing in Canada.

Mr. Murray said he was well acquainted with the Disciples, his position as editor making that unavoidable; and he admired their earnestness and progressive spirit. He was glad the spirit of union was growing. He desired to be on the best terms with all denominations, and with none more than the Disciples.

Bro. Ford made an apt and pleasing response. He spoke briefly of the plea the Disciples are making for Christian union, of their rapid advance in recent years, having increased 87 per cent. from 1880 to 1890. While he could not but admire the great work the Presbyterians had done in standing for liberty of conscience, the sacredness of God's word and his name, and their opposition to the desecration of the Lord's day, etc., etc., he hoped that the Disciples would advance so rapidly that they would surpass the Presbyterians and it may be throw their arms around them.

After these pleasant words had been spoken and our visitors had retired, Bro. Ford gave a warm invitation and three came forward and made the good confession. They were baptized in the evening.

SUNDAY.

It has become the habit of very many people to spend the early morning of the Lord's day in quiet slumber; but those who arranged the programme made no provisions for such. They protested against the custom by appointing 7.30 a. m. as the hour for the first meeting. This meeting was under the leadership of Bro. G. D. Weaver, and it was very pleasing to see so many present. Strangers came in and united with us, and spoke words of good cheer.

At 11 o'clock the house was well filled, and Bro. M. B. Ryan preached a sermon of great simplicity and power. His subject was "God's method in salvation," and his text, I Tim. ii. 1-7. He used a chart to throw light on the subject, and since charts can be made so helpful we are surprised that they are not more frequently used. Many will remember the sermon because the chart, which was simple, but striking, outlined it from beginning to end.

Bro. Wm. Murray, assisted by W. A. Barnes, John McDougall, Henry Carson and E. A. Payson, presided at the Lord's table. Without display, but in humble reverence and devout thankfulness, we remembered the Lord's death. We had never before sat down at the same table together, and on earth we shall not again; but the moments were rich in blessing, and we could rejoice that we were all one family, and though we should be separated here we could all meet above.

In the afternoon the Sunday-school of the Halifax church assembled at the usual time, the opening exercises being conducted by the superintendent, Bro. H. L. Wallace. Mrs. Morrison then gave the children an excellent illustrated lesson, using candles of various sizes and degrees of beauty to impress the Saviour's saying, "Ye are the light of the world."

At the conclusion of this very impressive lesson, Bro. T. H. Blenus preached a sermon on "Christianity's Challenge," which we regret we were not permitted to hear owing to another appointment. But we believe that he discussed the subject in that thorough manner in which he is so able to deal with it; and the words of approval which we heard confirm our belief.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson was announced to preach at 8 o'clock. The house was filled as we had never seen it filled before. The sermon was worthy of the occasion, and we know it helped greatly to clear the fog from some minds that had been mystified over spiritual influences. His subject was "The Holy Spirit and His Work," his text being: Rom. viii. 16. Sermons on this and kindred themes were more frequent in former days than now, but we think they are a pressing, present necessity. Our young people, we venture to think, do not understand these vital subjects as well as their fathers did.

It has been the custom in former conventions to take a collection at each of the preaching services on Sunday and divide the amount received among the preachers to help pay their travelling expenses. This year the preachers consented that the money raised should go to diminish the debt on the Halifax meeting house. We are pleased to report that more than \$100 were raised in cash, and about \$200 pledged.

The hour having come to close, Bro. Ford took charge of the meeting and the farewell words were spoken. Bro. Geo. F. Barnes spoke for those who were not preachers. He considered that the meeting had been a great success, and on behalf of the delegates, thanked the brethren in Halifax for the kindness shown them. Bro. H. Murray spoke to the same effect, voicing the sentiments of the preachers. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung and the meeting dispersed.

In closing this report, which we have extended to a great length that those who could not attend the meetings might have a somewhat adequate idea of what was done during the year, and what was planned for the fu-