

Woman's Work.

Eighth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Another year has passed, and we are again assembled in convention. Looking back over "all the way our God has brought us," can we not see how full of mercy and loving kindness it has been? And shall we not unitedly and with earnest heart praise and bless His Holy Name?

We are glad to report the increasing interest manifested by the sisters of the Maritime provinces who co-operate with us in the foreign department of the work. In the increased expenses of this work they are planning to take a large share.

To them we would tender our heartfelt thanks, also to the children of the Mission Bands who have so generously contributed to the work. We would not forget isolated ones and individuals who, by their prayers, sympathy and gifts, have kept in touch with the work.

At last convention, it was decided to affiliate with the Co-operation for Home work. During the year, \$600 has been paid into their treasury, of which sum \$300 was appropriated by them to the Bible school recently opened in Toronto, the remainder went to help needy churches.

In regard to the auxiliaries there are many encouraging features. A number report more interesting meetings than ever before. In several the membership has increased, and one new auxiliary has been formed.

O. C. W. B. M. Day was more generally observed than in former years, the following churches having contributed: Blenheim, Bowmanville, Collingwood, Erin Centre, Erin Village, Hamilton, Kilsyth, Nassagaweya, Owen Sound, Stayner, St. Thomas, Toronto, Walkerton, West Lorne. A number of open meetings were held, giving an opportunity to the churches of better understanding our work.

We regret to report the dropping out of the ranks of one auxiliary. The inability of the leader to attend the meetings has caused the others to disband. While sympathizing with them, we cannot but feel that a greater willingness to be used in the Master's service would have made it possible for another to fill the place. In some anxieties the attendance at the monthly meetings is small, and, while this is often unavoidable on account of distance, we are sorry to say that in some cases no better reason can be given than lack of interest. We feel that we need the help of every woman in the church. We have undertaken a work

both at home and abroad. Surely you will not allow it to fail. If every one, realizing that it is the gracious will of our Redeemer that each disciple of His should have a part in winning the world to Him, would go forward doing "what she could," what a change there would be!

May it not be because of the littleness of our faith that there are among us many unawakened to their responsibility and opportunities?

The report of the Maritime Provinces is as follows:

TO THE ONTARIO C. W. B. M.

DEAR SISTERS: Although we cannot report any very rapid strides that we have made during the past year, yet we can tell of a steadily growing interest in foreign missions, and a larger number of churches contributing to this cause than ever before.

We have one new auxiliary, and one Young People's band doing the same work as an auxiliary.

We now have ten societies, in the following churches: In N. S., Halifax, Milton, Cornwallis, Westport, Southville and Kempt; in N. B., St John and Lord's Cove; in P. E. I., Tignish and East Point.

Several of our churches have not, as yet, organized but show their interest in the work by taking up collections for it. Among these are the following churches and places: In N. S., Shubenacadie, Maitland, Summerville and Lakeville; in N. B., Leonardville, Le Tete, Portland, S. S. and French Village; in P. E. I., New Glasgow, East Point, Montague, Tryon, Eldon, Rildon, Kildare, Charlottetown and Summerside.

At our annual meeting, in September last, a resolution was passed expressing confidence in our missionary, Sister Rioch, and our appreciation of her very earnest and faithful labors; also a resolution that our Christian greetings be sent to the sisters of the Ontario C. W. B. M., expressing to them the great pleasure and profit we find in laboring together with them in this grand work that has been undertaken, and praying that the Lord will continue to bless all our united efforts for the spread of His cause and the salvation of souls.

Trusting that your annual gathering may be one of great blessing to each of you,

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Maritime C. W. B. M.,

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

The amount paid in to our treasury from the sisters of the Maritime Provinces during the year was \$402.

REPORT FROM JAPAN.

2 Kubomachi Otsuka,
Koishikawa Ku, Tokio, Japan,
April 18, 1895.

TO THE ONTARIO AND MARITIME PROVINCES, C. W. B. M.

Dear Sisters: The year has rolled on its golden days till we all are again making preparation for the annual convention. What a happy, joyful year it

has been! In it I have realized more than ever before the joy of being a fellow-worker with you all in the vineyard of our Master, and have learned more of the restfulness there is in putting my whole trust in my Saviour. Truly He has blessed me above all that I could have asked or thought.

Dear sisters, may you have a real, spiritual feast in this your eighth convention. May God's richest blessings be with you in all your efforts for Christ and His church.

The account of my work dating from last year's report to the end of March of the year will not differ materially from last year.

The school on Matsugawa Cho is still a source of great pleasure. The attendance has increased to fifty. There are others who wish to come, but there is really only room for forty.

The Sunday-school has from sixty-seven to seventy in attendance. Since last Christmas I found it absolutely necessary to divide it into classes. O Gin San and O Kura San, whose acquaintance you have already made, are two of the teachers, and right well they do their work.

The only disadvantage in having classes is that it requires more room, and some Sundays, when more than the usual number come, it is really perplexing to know what to do with the scholars. However, I have hopes that some day not very far distant, I may be able to put up a little building that will accommodate all who wish to come. This school is a little more than two years old, and we are beginning to see rich fruits from it. In visiting the parents of the children we found many instances where the children had talked to their parents of Jesus. There were some who wished to know more and came when possible to our meetings; others who found it impossible to attend we visited as often as possible. Am convinced more than ever that the way to reach the people here is through the children.

The woman's meeting has been well attended all year, from six to eight women, besides children, being present at every meeting. We have reaped two souls for the Kingdom from this meeting, and there are others who wish to be Christians but their husbands will not allow them. Still the seed has been sown and God will take care of it.

The school at Yurai cho is the one you remember we found it necessary to move. The new location has not proved satisfactory. The attendance is poor, both in the day and the Sunday schools. The night meeting was closed, as no one came.

Tauamachi school has always been a little model. Here, too, the accommodation is insufficient. The night meeting is encouraging. Have had some inquirers. A woman's meeting, held once a week, was started the beginning of last month. The attendance so far has been very hopeful. Miss Oldham purposes, with funds received from home churches and from her own private means, to build a school and combine Jarai cho and Tana machi schools. The lot has already been secured, and we hope

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