

The early morning meeting on Sunday was led by E. A. Payson. The song service before the 11 o'clock meeting was conducted by J. C. B. Appel. The morning sermon was preached by H. Murray, his text being Rom. i, 16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," etc. The text and the sermon were good. He spoke of the power, its source, conditions and result. A good congregation was present. The churches at Main street and Silver Falls united in the service. The collection was given to the Main street church for their building fund. It amounted to \$25.00.

Wm. Murray, assisted by John Peters and W. A. Barnes, presided at the Lord's table. A large company remembered their Lord's death.

Sunday afternoon at 2.30 there was a Sunday-school Rally. The attendance of scholars was considerably increased. After the lesson was briefly considered by the classes, Jas. W. Barnes conducted a conference on Sunday-school work and methods. There were also solos by Miss Florrie Thomas and J. Barry Allen.

Preaching was announced for 3.30 p. m., and W. H. Harding delivered an earnest sermon on "Contending for the Faith." His text was the third verse of the epistle of Jude, "Contend earnestly for the faith," etc. He discussed the faith, the contention and the manner of the contention.

At 7 p. m., there was an obligation service led by L. S. Ford. Afterward E. C. Ford preached most acceptably to a very large congregation on "The Supreme Question—What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Christ?" Matt. xxvii. 22. The collection at this service amounted to \$21.25, and was presented to the church at Nauwigewauk to assist in completing the meeting house they are erecting.

Then came the farewell meeting. The Chairman of the Convention, H. Murray, presided. The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we tender our hearty thanks to the railroads, steamboats and coach lines for courtesies shown to the delegates of this Convention.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our satisfaction and gratification to the brethren and friends of St. John for the cordial welcome, the kindness and hospitality shown to the delegates.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our high appreciation of the labors of our brother, H. W. Stewart, also for the untiring interest he has manifested and the arduous labors he has bestowed upon THE CHRISTIAN while office editor and financial manager of that paper.

*Further Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt regret at his intended departure from our midst, and we know that although absent from us, he will always have a place in our hearts, and that he will be deeply interested in our welfare.

Signed, DR. MURRAY,  
A. HANDSPIKER,  
J. BARRY ALLEN.

Many delegates spoke of their pleasure in being at the Annual in St. John, and spoke appreciative words about the kind treatment they had received. J. C. B. Appel and H. W. Stewart responded for the St. John brethren. The congregation then sang "God be with you till we Meet again," and the Convention of 1899 was over. The Convention of 1900—the last convention of this wonderful century—is to be held with the church at Westport on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in September. Between now and then what possibilities of success!

### C. W. B. M.

The annual business meeting of the Maritime C. W. B. M. was held in St. John, N. B., October, 6, 1899. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. F. B. Richardson, who in the absence of the Secretary, Miss L. N. Jackson, was appointed secretary, *pro tem*.

The President, Miss Carrie Payson, occupied the chair, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Carrie Payson; Vice-presidents for N. B., Mrs. J. S. Flaglor and Mrs. F. B. Richardson; for N. S., Mrs. John Ford and Mrs. Harley Ford; for P. E. I., Mrs. Brunell and Miss Aggie Williams; Secretary, Miss L. N. Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. Susie Ford Stevens; Supt. of Children's Work, Mrs. Morrison.

The following resolutions were received and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we, the sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M., tender our thanks to Bro. H. W. Stewart for the help he has given us through THE CHRISTIAN. We also wish to express to him our appreciation of the ready assistance he has given us ever since our organization. We deeply regret his departure from our midst and feel that our society, as well as the church, will sustain a great loss.

2. *Resolved*, That we send our thanks to Bro. Neil McLeod, of Jamaica, for his assistance in reorganizing Leonardville Auxiliary during his visit to the Provinces in August last.

3. *Resolved*, That we send Christian greetings to National C. W. B. M. assembled in convention in Cincinnati; to Ontario C. W. B. M. meeting in June, 1900, and to P. E. I. Association in July, 1900.

4. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the editors of THE CHRISTIAN for space allowed in the paper.

The following report from the Secretary was read:

*Dear Sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M.:*

A year has rolled its rounds since we met in convention. During the busy months God has blessed us in many ways. What growth in our beloved work have we to show for a whole year's work for Jesus?

In the first part of our missionary year we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Rioch. Owing to the season of the year, stormy weather and other uncontrollable circumstances, she was not able to go to every church, but seventeen were visited, seventeen general, thirteen women's, eleven children's and three lantern meetings—in all 54—were held, and visits made in fifty-six homes of Disciples of Christ. The collections at these

meetings paid all the expenses and gave us \$17.18 besides.

The churches gave Miss Rioch a very cordial welcome and we are grateful to both pastors and people who aided so willingly in making the tour a success. Miss Payson, who accompanied Miss Rioch, also deserves our thanks for the assistance she gave in conducting meetings and arranging the details of the journey. It was a great privilege to meet this one in whom we have been so interested, and we have every reason to be proud of our Canadian missionary, for she is a noble woman, well fitted for her work and truly consecrated to the service of saving souls for Christ.

The number of our Auxiliaries has not increased as we had hoped it would, but we know good work is being done. From Southville comes the message: "We have some enthusiastic workers and are determined, by the grace of God, to do more this year than ever before. God's blessing be upon the sisters permitted to meet in convention." The Secretary of Tiverton society writes, "When I think of whom and what I am working for, it gives me courage. I find our meetings very interesting and helpful. Sister Ford did a good thing when she organized Tiverton Auxiliary." Milton says, "Our number has decreased a little, but we do not feel discouraged, hope to continue our meetings, do the best we can and trust God for a blessing." Halifax Auxiliary has, during the year, lost ten members by removal, but despite this, comes out with one dollar more money raised than last year. Shall we not call Halifax the "Banner Band?" Owing to lack of leaders, Pictou society has not been working, but it is soon to be reorganized. Leonardville has started out afresh after having had new life infused into it by the recent visit of Bro. Neil McLeod, of Jamaica.

C. W. B. M. Day has not been as well observed as its importance demands. Lord's Cove Auxiliary held a public meeting in December, and judging from the programme and collection it was a success. Cornwallis was unable to conduct a public meeting but held an extra session of the auxiliary and used the programme provided for the occasion. It is deeply regretted that no other societies observed the day. We aim to "disseminate missionary intelligence," and this is one of the most efficient means in accomplishing the purpose.

The reports from auxiliaries are as follows:

Name.	No. of Members.	Meetings held.	Tidings taken.	Amt. Contributed	C. W. B. M. Day.
St. John, Coburg St.	29	11	4	\$56 16	Not observ'd
" Main St.	10	1	1	4 35	"
Halifax, .....	16	11	3	13 00	"
Milton, .....	27	9	1	24 10	"
Cornwallis, .....	13	3	1	17 60	Observed.
Lord's Cove, .....	24	10	4	39 05	"
Leonardville, .....	22	3	2	25 00	Not observ'd
Tiverton, .....	11	9	1	12 00	"
Southville, .....	14	10	..	4 15	"
Pictou, .....	..	..	..	75	"
Westport, .....	5	1	1	4 00	"
Total, .....	171	67	17	\$200 70	

The closing of the year with a deficit of \$27 in the funds is a great grief to us. We would ask each sister the question, "Have you given as much as you could and has the offering gone with the resolve to make it