

conducted by Mrs. Macmichael, President of the St. John Auxiliary, Mrs. Shenton, President of the Branch, took the chair and addressed the meeting. In heartfelt words she spoke of this grand work of women for women, and lovingly urged all the sisters to stronger efforts for the future. It was immediately moved and seconded and adopted by a rising vote that the thanks of this Society be tendered to Mrs. Shenton for her admirable address. The Corresponding Secretary's report for the year was then read, showing that each Auxiliary has done good, faithful work. The number of Auxiliaries has not increased, for one has ceased to be, and another has come into existence. The monthly meetings have been well kept up; in some cases the list of members has increased, and in the Charlottetown Auxiliary there has been added another life-member. Perhaps it would be well to mention here that this lady joined the Society when it was first organized, and although unable to attend the meetings on account of ill-health, has from the first been laying aside a portion, until at length she was able to send in her \$25, and enroll herself a life-member. Of her it shall be said, "She hath done what she could"—and this not of her abundance. The Treasurer's report was also heard and adopted. The funds for the year amounted to \$629.62. The meeting then adjourned till the afternoon.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon session were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Johnson, President of the Charlottetown Auxiliary. Mrs. Macmichael, in words of cheer and encouragement, gave the address of welcome; and the reply delivered by Mrs. Johnson was fitted to arouse in each one a sense of responsibility to the unenlightened heathen. Reports from the several Auxiliaries were then in order. The one from Sackville, read by Miss Bowser, showed a marked increase in the funds, and decided progress in the work. Mrs. Turner, of Bedeque, was able to tell of faithful deeds accomplished in that place. The interest has been kept up, and nothing has been of greater service than the *MISSIONARY OUTLOOK*, of which fifty copies were taken. In fact, in all of the Auxiliaries this little paper has won many hearts. One lady pronounced it a grand missionary educator. Mrs. J. Eaton then read a report of the Centenary Auxiliary, in which reference was made to the large attendance at the regular meetings, and to the successful public meeting held during the winter. The finances had increased, but all felt the loss of their late President, whose untiring zeal prompted to acts of willingness.

Greetings were then given by representatives from the Baptist and Congregational Churches. Mrs. March told of the commencement of the Baptist Society, and of the hardships that were met and overcome. Her remarks as to the right of women to take part in such a grand cause were truly inspiring. Mrs. Saer gave a short account of the workings of her Society, and closed by wishing the Methodist ladies every success.

In the evening a public meeting was held, and it was gratifying to see a large audience assembled. Rev. W. W. Brewer took the chair, and after singing Rev. Dr. Pope led in prayer. Mrs. Macmichael then gave a short account of the work undertaken by the Society, and mentioned that during the five years of its existence thirty-three thousand dollars has been

raised. Mrs. Shenton read a paper on "Woman's Work for Missions," and strongly pleaded for increased activity. For, indeed, heathen women and children were perishing in darkness, and surely the Christian women of to-day would be held accountable if they neglected their duty in this matter. The Corresponding Secretary's report showed an advance in the work throughout the Branch, yet it was evident that all was not being done that ought to be done. It was possible for each one to lovingly consecrate her all to the Master, and cheerfully give what it was the Lord's will for her to give. Miss Bartlett gave a reading which was in itself good and was besides excellently rendered. A missionary debate was delivered by six young ladies. A resolution was offered to the meeting to do away with missions entirely and keep all the means and workers at home. Four ladies then spoke against this resolution, one pleading for the work among the Indians in the North-West Territory; another for the French work in Quebec; another for the work among Indian girls in British Columbia, and still another for the work in Japan. An amendment was then offered, and after being seconded Mr. Brewer put it to the meeting, and immediately the large audience arose to their feet and in the words of a familiar verse—"Shall we, whose souls are lighted," etc.—testified to their willingness to further the mission cause. This debate was original, having come from the pen of Mrs. Eaton, late President of St. John Auxiliary. Hopes are entertained that it will soon be printed as one of the missionary leaflets. The exercises were varied by sweet songs of praise, for which all that took part deserve credit.

The devotional exercises of Thursday morning's session were conducted by Mrs. C. A. Palmer and Mrs. Shenton. The first business of the morning was a discussion on the change of Constitution, and it was decided that this Branch agrees with the General Board in the change made last year as to the number of Vice-Presidents. The resignation of the Cor. Secretary was then read, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Stewart for her efficient services, expressing regret that she was unable to retain her position. A Nominating Committee was appointed, and in a short time the following officers were elected by ballot:—Mrs. Macmichael, President; Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. C. C. Gardiner, Rec. Secretary; Miss Palmer, Cor.-Secretary; Miss H. Stewart, Treasurer; Mrs. Turner, Auditor. Thanks were tendered to Miss Palmer, late Rec. Secretary, also to Mrs. Shenton, the retiring President, for the able manner in which they had performed their duties. Mrs. Macmichael then took the chair, and in a few well-chosen words thanked the ladies for the honor they had bestowed upon her, and craved their united help in all the undertakings of the Society. Miss Palmer was elected as delegate to the meeting of the General Board, held in Belleville the third week in October, and Mrs. Eaton as alternate. Mrs. March asked that a delegate be sent to the Baptist Woman's Association, in Wolfville, next August. Mrs. Macmichael was elected. An invitation from the Sackville Auxiliary to hold the Branch meeting there next year was accepted. It was moved, and unanimously adopted, that the thanks of this Society