

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK.

responding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Martell ; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Smith.

At a largely attended evening service, Mrs. Ira Smith gave an earnest address of deep interest on the work that lay at the doors of our Maritime Province women. Mrs. I. C. Archibald spoke, and we heard through her the voice of God calling us to nobler endeavor, and saw through her vision, the light that might come to thousands of our sisters were we but willing to put away selfishness and obey more faithfully the command of our Lord.

Mrs. L. D. Morse, of Bimlipatam, India, pressed the claims of the work with great earnestness and powerfully brought home to us the sense of personal responsibility.

Thursday morning was devoted to Mission Bands, and was marked by an interesting discussion of plans for increasing their usefulness. Mrs. Archibald and Rev. L. D. Morse, addressed a number of the local Bands who were present, on Phases of Child Life in India. The reports on Band work showed marked advance.

In the afternoon an impressive Memorial Service was held, conducted by Mrs. M. S. Cox, of Chipman. After devotional exercises and appropriate music, a poem written in memory of Miss Johnstone, was read by Miss Bertie Webb, and the list of those of the Society who had been called home during the year was given. Many touching references were made and earnest prayers offered for the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of Moncton, whom we were glad to welcome among us, gave an interesting paper on Home Missions, showing the greatness of the field that was being opened up in our Dominion. She spoke of the evils that were keeping step with the material progress ; of the one remedy, and of the part that should be ours in warning against the evil and in developing the good.

After greetings from other societies, that of Ontario being given by Mrs. Hutchinson, the programme of the Mission Band lessons for the coming year, presented by Miss Etta Vuill, was adopted.

Rev. W. P. Stackhouse, of Manitoba, formerly a New Brunswick man, presented the needs of Manitoba.

The last meeting of the Convention was held Thursday evening. The large Auditorium was filled, and the exercises were full of interest. Mrs. Walder, of Windsor, gave an interesting Missionary address.

Miss Flora Clarke, of Moncton, missionary-elect, told of the influence that had led her to mission work. She said good-bye to the officers and members of the Union, with whom she had labored for five years, she implored them to be true to the cause and to follow her with their prayers.

Mrs. W. V. Higgins expressed her thankfulness at being once more fit for service. The thought of rejoining her husband and again engaging in the

work she loved was pleasant, but was accompanied by keen suffering in leaving loved ones behind. We needed lives consecrated to God and continually immersed in prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald also spoke, the latter telling of the Chicacole hospital work and asking aid for its endowment.

A few heartfelt words of farewell were extended by Mrs. Manning to the departing missionaries, after which the meeting closed with a brief consecration service, conducted by Mrs. Martell, and participated in by many of the delegates.

Solos by Mrs. H. R. Hatch, of Wolfville ; Miss Taylor, of New York, and Mrs. Curry, of Fredericton ; at different times during the Convention, added much to the pleasure and the helpfulness of the meetings.

THE correspondent for THE LINK earnestly urges our Provincial Secretaries, Associational Directors and any others who have reports or items that may be of interest to LINK readers, to send them to her address (Mrs. J. Alex. Christie, Amherst, N.S.) We want this department to continue to be one of helpfulness and interest to our Societies as it has been in the past, and so would bespeak the co-operation, the sympathy and prayers of all our sisters.

Very reluctantly has the work been assumed, so keen is the sense of inability, of weakness and of inexperience, and so great the realization of the task of even attempting to follow in the footsteps of our dear Miss Johnstone, who made a success of this as of every other department of her work.

EVELYN R. CHRISTIE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR 1901.

Dear Fellow Workers:—The song of Thanksgiving should fill our hearts and find expression on our lips as we recount the way the Lord has led us during the past year.

Through clouds and darkness He has made His light to shine and His presence felt.

It is truly wonderful how He can supply every need and fill the vacant places and carry on His work while we wonder and adore.

It is well for those who are occupied with any part of a great work to pause occasionally and take a general survey of the whole. No individual can do all the work, but every one has some special part as every workman has in the construction of a building and there is a mutual relation and dependence between the several divisions and the laborers. This is just what we have been doing at our recent Convention in St. John. Viewing the mission work as a whole, every one present must have been impressed with the growth and development of the