

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.—"*For an increase of prayer and interest in Mission Work among pastors and church members in the home land. For a blessing among all departments of work during the year, that many be fitted and made willing to fill vacant places in Mission Bands and elsewhere, that the Lord's work may prosper.*"

Report of W.B.M.U. Convention held at Halifax with the First Church, August 17th and 18th, 1904. Proceedings of first day reported by Grace Y. Baker, of Dartmouth, N.S.

FOG and rain greeted the delegates of the W. M. B. U. on the opening day of the Convention, but it could not dampen the spirits or enthusiasm of those who had gathered to carry forward the Master's work. About two hundred delegates responded to their names at roll call, the largest delegation in the history of the Union.

At 10 a.m. our treasurer, Mrs. Smith, took the chair, expressing deep regret at the illness of our beloved president, Mrs. Manning. After singing and prayer, in which our president was specially remembered, the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W.M.B.U. was declared open.

After roll call the reports of the Provincial secretaries were listened to with deep interest. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Cox, the report from New Brunswick was read by Mrs. McIntyre.

This Province reports, "marked success financially, numerically, and we hope spiritually." 56 of the 73 societies have reported, of these, 23 observed Crusade Day. 3 new societies have been formed during the year, 21 life members made and 27 of last year's membership removed by death. Total amount received from aids during the year \$2,797.48 being \$339.15 more than last year. Boundary Creek has the largest average, \$4 57 per member.

At the close of this report, a resolution of gratitude for Mrs. Cox's faithful work, and regret for her absence was passed.

The report from Nova Scotia was particularly enjoyed. 8 new societies have been formed during the year and 60 life members made, this being 22 more than last year. 8 county secretaries reported and 146 of the 166 Aids. 43

members* have gone to their reward. Less LINKS have been taken than last year, but "Tidings" has had a greater circulation. Amount raised during the year \$6,146.67. Special mention was made in this report of Mrs. Joshua Eaton, nee Miss Minnie De Wolfe, who was the first lady missionary from Canada.

From Prince Edward Island we hear of 21 societies who are doing their best to forward the Kingdom. One society has been disbanded during the year, others report few meetings held owing to bad roads and stormy weather. 50 LINKS are taken. 10 public meetings have been held and 4 life members made. Contributions amount to \$719.39. Our treasurer gave to this Province the honour of being the most systematic in remitting funds.

On motion the reports were adopted, the congregation rising and singing from grateful hearts, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The report on literature called forth warm praise for some of the papers of the Union. "Tidings" was particularly mentioned as being invaluable in Aid meetings, especially in country societies. A discussion also took place on how to supply supplemental work to new bands while sending advanced lessons to old ones. A committee was appointed to consider this matter.

At the afternoon devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Pearson, special prayer was offered for disinterested sisters in the churches that they might be quickened and interested.

After the minutes of the morning meeting were read, Mrs. Waring, in behalf of the four societies in Halifax, one of which was formed 34 years ago and one 34 days ago, welcomed