

In Memoriam.

MISS L. A. WRITE, a faithful sister has fallen. After many years of sickness she was taken from us. Although in her weakness she was always willing to do her part and lend a helping hand in a time of need. She always seemed so bright and cheerful; even at the last, as she passed away, the sweet smile of love beamed on her countenance. She has been interested in church and mission work for a number of years and once a faithful teacher in the Sabbath School. But her work is finished, and as we journey on behind her, may we hold her in our memory as a shining light on our path, and strive to meet her in that home above and be with Jesus evermore.

Newcastle, May 18th, 1894.

District Doings.

NORWOOD DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A DISTRICT Missionary Convention was held in the Methodist Church in Norwood on Friday, May 18th. There were present members of the Auxiliaries from Warkworth, Campbellford, Hastings, Dartford, Norham and Norwood.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson, District Organizer, presided over the meeting held in the afternoon. After singing and prayer an address of welcome to the delegates was read by Mrs. Beavis, President of the Norwood Auxiliary. Mrs. Granton, of Campbellford, replied. Then followed reports from the Auxiliaries of the district, a paper on "The Present Prospects of our Work in China," by Mrs. Orr, of Hastings, a duet by Mrs. Patterson and Miss B. Scott, and a Question Drawer. This last feature of the programme proved to be very interesting, several of the ladies giving their own experiences in answer to questions asked. In answer to "How shall we interest the women of our Church in Missions?" Miss Monroe spoke of giving the ladies in turn some part to take in the programme, and told an incident about some girl friends of hers who became very much interested in missionary work through the preparation of a missionary dialogue. Mrs. Kendry, of Peterboro', told how her own interest was awakened in the work by attending the Branch meeting and then by studying in order to prepare missionary papers on different topics. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan presided over the evening meeting, and Miss Munroe gave a very interesting address upon the Japanese people and their customs and her work amongst them. She spoke of the religions of the Japanese and dwelt at some length upon her work amongst the girls of her school—holding the close attention of the audience throughout. The members of the Norwood Auxiliary served tea in the school-room after the afternoon meeting, for the visitors and members of their own Auxiliary. This District Convention was in every way a decided success. Those present entered heartily into the proceedings, and we are sure felt inspired and benefited thereby. The evening meeting was well attended, the choir furnished excellent music, and last but not least the collection amounted to \$6.53.

LILY E. FORD, Cor. Sec.

GODERICH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE fourth annual convention of the Goderich District Womans' Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in Rattanbury Street Church, Clinton, on Thursday, May 17th. The meeting was conducted by the President, Mrs. Leech, of Goderich. After devotional exercises, reports from the different auxiliaries were taken, when Goderich, North St.; Clinton, Rattanbury and Ontario Streets; Seaforth, Dunganon, Holmesville, Brucefield and Hensall responded, with most encouraging reports of faithfulness and perseverance in the work, generally followed by success in the increase of numbers, interest and finances. One branch of work that had proved a great help, was conducting the general prayer meeting, once a month or quarter, as a missionary prayer meeting, at the close of which a collection would be taken. Goderich, North Street, and Clinton, Rattanbury Street, Mission Bands gave favorable reports of their numbers and work.

The following programme was then given: Duet, Miss Rippey and Mrs. Coats; paper, "Our Responsibility," Mrs. Smith, Seaforth. The watchword of the Church is obedience, and our work is to bring the world to the obedience of Christ. This is the most responsible of all ages. Success depends on individual effort. Our Society and its work, rightly viewed, is not a burden, but a help to bear other burdens; our every effort, by its reflex influence, brings us blessing and strength. Solo, Mrs. Hoover, after which Mrs. McMechan, of London, organizer for the Western Branch of the Provincial W. M. S., gave an address, which fully verified the ladies' expectations of pleasure, interest and profit.

Mrs. McMechan spoke chiefly on three important points of Auxiliary work, the spiritual, the social, and the work-for-everybody line. She stated that in all moral reforms women have taken the initiation; but this is the age of woman's organizations. The clock of time has struck the woman's hour. To become more spiritual, we must learn by experience the power of prayer, which is the back-bone of the Auxiliary. Answered prayer brings an increase of faith. God can, and does, make even peculiar circumstances answer true prayer. Pray for money, which sometimes gets in the wrong pockets, we should pray it into its proper place, the Lord's treasury. Sentence prayers help the society, and those who take part in them. When you have given your interest you have not done all, you can double your prayers. The W. M. S. gives culture and education to its numbers, a larger heart, a more intelligent brain. Our work is not sacrifice, but privilege; Her description of the degradation, suffering and sorrow of the heathen women could not fail to arouse sympathy in the most unconcerned. She said girl life in heathen countries is the cheapest thing in the dustbin of humanity. Study the Bible and the history of missionary workers. She considered a limited library of missionary books and magazines a necessity in every Auxiliary, three of the best being *Missionary Review of the World*, *Gospel in all Lands*, and *Heathen Woman's Friend*. Distribute leaflets to outsiders. For mission bands she suggested sides chosen, to prepare programmes for alternate meetings and essay contests. On the social side, she urged that every stranger coming to the meeting be warmly welcomed, and every member feel that they were needed to make the meeting a success. In answer to the question, "Is it not better to change officers?" she said, "Yes; but do not change all at once, some one year, some the next, but if you have a really good president, keep her."

After a short missionary consecration meeting, led by Mrs. Elford, of Holmesville, the meeting closed with the Benediction. The next meeting will be held at the same time and place as the Conference district meeting, in May, 1895.

MISS M. WASHINGTON, Sec.

FREDERICTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Fredericton District Convention of the W.M.S. met in the Methodist Church, Jacksonville, N.B., on May 17th. Three sessions were held. The first two sessions were devoted to business, and were presided over by Miss F. E. Palmer, Branch President. The morning session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) Williams, after which reports were read from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. In the afternoon the reading of reports was resumed. Eleven Auxiliaries and five Mission Bands in all were heard from, and the reports on the whole were very encouraging.

Papers on the following subjects, "Why should we be Interested in Missions?" "How to make our Auxiliary Meetings Interesting," and "Work for all to do," were read by Mrs. Caughey, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Jewett, respectively. These papers, as also the questions in the box, answered by Miss Palmer, furnished matter for profitable discussion.

A marked feature of the afternoon session was the consecration service led by Mrs. J. T. Smith. It was a blessed and helpful season. In the evening a public meeting was held, at which Rev. T. L. Williams presided. The programme consisted of music, recitations, a paper entitled "Praying and Giving," by Mrs. Caughey, and addresses by Rev. Mr. Williams and Miss Palmer. Miss Georgie Good presided at the organ. The collection was \$10.50.

M. FLEMING, Secretary.