

audience by Rev. A. J. Garden of Nanticoke, with whom he has been spending the last two months. He said among other things, "All people in this country know there is a Holy Scripture and have heard of Jesus Christ, but in Japan only 40,000 out of 40,000,000 have ever heard the good news. Just 1 Christian to 1,000 heathen. In the year 1854 few could do more than read and write, now in Tokio alone there are 360 grade grammar schools and 103 colleges throughout the country. They have all modern improvements, telephone, electric light, etc., and could they only have the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ now they might soon become Christianized." He closed by uttering these words, "There is no true potency but that of help, nor ambition but ambition to save," and asked all to pray that the "Gospel might have free course and be glorified in Japan." On Wednesday Miss Durand, Queenston contributed a most helpful paper on "How to promote and sustain interest in Missions," Her theme being threefold—"In thought, word and deed." Typewritten copies can be had by application to Sec. Treas. Lit. Com., 211 Jackson St., Hamilton. The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

The following was sent too late for April number by Secretary of Niagara Falls: "It is with unfeigned regret we have to record the passing away on the 13th March of Mr. William Tench, beloved husband of our dear Auxiliary sister, Mrs. W. Tench. To her and her sorrowing family we would extend our heartiest sympathy."

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While other Branches were well represented, it was noted specially that the new Branches, Glanford and Fergus, sent three delegates each. An invitation to Grimsby for the Quarterly Meeting in June was accepted, also one to Georgetown for September. The table of Literature under the charge of the energetic Sec. Treas was well supplied and many sales made besides free distribution of missionary leaflets. Lunch was served in the Guild room each day, the tables being prettily decorated and the wants of all well supplied. After the meeting on Tuesday the visiting delegates were taken by special cars on the Street Railway and the Incline to the top of the mountain. The "At Home" given by St. Mark's Branch in the Public Library building was a great success the room was crowded and the programme excellent. The illustrated lecture on Japan by the Rev J. Cooper Robinson, which closed the proceedings, was thoroughly appreciated. There was hardly standing room, the larger proportion of the audience being children. About 14 coming in from Ancaster. The collections at the meetings amounted to a goodly sum, \$15 being voted to Mr. Robinson and a grant to Mr. Sayeki for return expenses to Japan. (Any further contributions to the object will be thankfully