

and pupils. As ever, the Bible is taught one-half hour a day, which is bread cast upon the waters, not only to be gathered after many days, but is even now being gathered.

The work among the mothers of these children has always been a real pleasure. The results have not been such as show well in a report, but are none the less lasting for all that. Indeed, the more I see of the home life of these women the more my heart goes out to them. They believe in the Christ and are anxious to obey him in baptism, but are deterred from doing so through fear of husband, father, brother, son, and last, but by no means least, the mother-in-law.

The Sunday-school in connection with the day school is usually divided into three classes, though sometimes there are so many present that it is necessary to teach them in one class, the room being too small to separate them.

The Training School for Bible women, as everything else, has had its fluctuations. In the beginning of the year there were five in attendance. In the fall one graduated and is now doing full Bible work in Akita with Mrs. Steevens. One other left to spend the summer with her people in the southern part of the empire; ill-health has prevented her from returning to continue her studies, but she is doing what she can where she is. Still another was ordered by her heathen brother to stop studying and spend her time in something profitable. Of the two that remain one is teaching and doing Bible work as well as studying; the other is studying the kindergarten system half the day. Right here let me urge some lady who is a kindergartner, and who feels she can give herself to the work in Japan, to come over and help us. It is the work among the children that is lasting.

The girls in the home here are all well and happy and growing in the spiritual life. They passed their examinations creditably.

For two hours every week I have taught English in the English school in connection with the mission in order to get my passport.

Since the beginning of December have conducted Miss Oldham's work as best I could with my already full hands.

Since writing the above one of the girls in the home has become a Christian. From the first time she heard the sweet, old story, some six months ago, she became interested, and has studied faithfully every spare moment she had, asking questions and thinking over the strange things she heard. I feel sure this new jewel in our Saviour's crown will grow brighter and purer as the days of refining go by.

MARY M. RIOCH.

Reports from following auxiliaries were given: Coburg St., St. John; Endeavor Society, St. John; Leonardville, Milton, Halifax, Cornwallis, Tiverton, Westport, Southville and Pictou.

The committee on resolutions reported.

1. *Resolved*, That we, the sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M., express to Sister Flaglor our acknowledgement and appreciation of her labors as secretary, and we deeply regret her resignation. We hope to still have her assistance and advice.

2. *Resolved*, That we express to Sister Rioch our disappointment in not having her with us, and we pray that her health may be speedily restored so as to enable her to visit us in the near future.

3. *Resolved*, That we extend our sympathies to the family of Bro. Josiah Wallace in the affliction through which they have lately been called to pass.

4. *Resolved*; That we send greetings to the National C. W. B. M. convention assembled in Chatanorga in October next.

5. *Resolved*; That we send greetings to the P. E. I. convention in July next.

6. *Resolved*; That we send greetings to the Ontarian convention in June next.

7. *Resolved*; That we tender our thanks to the editor of THE CHRISTIAN for space allowed and assistance given us.

The greetings from the Ontario C. W. B. M. came too late to be read at the meeting, but it is given here.

GREETINGS FROM THE ONTARIO C. W. B. M.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Ontario to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Maritime Provinces—greetings.

DEAR SISTERS,—In this your annual convention we would convey to you our heartfelt wishes that you may be strengthened and uplifted by this meeting together; that the cause of our Master may go forward; that His spirit may guard and direct you in all your deliberations, and that all your efforts may be abundantly blessed by Him who is "all and in all."

We are sorry that it is not possible for our missionary to be with you at this time, but trust that in the near future she may meet you face to face.

On behalf of the Board,

L. V. RIOCH,

Cor. Secretary.

Hamilton Beach, Aug. 12, '98.

It was here explained by Sister Payson, that our children's offerings are sent to the American C. W. B. M. for the India work, and for each sum of \$25 00 sent we have the privilege of having a life membership in that society. It was therefore proposed and carried that we send the names of Mrs. John M. Ford and Mrs. Susie Ford Stevens to receive life memberships this year.

While on furlough Miss Rioch is receiving \$450. We have always raised half her salary, but as the Ontario Board has paid her traveling expenses it was moved and carried that we give \$300 this year toward her support.

The meeting adjourned after singing and prayer.

L. N. JACKSON.

#### AN EXPLODED DELUSION.

"It makes no difference what a man believes, only so he's honest." A Sunday-school teacher of mine once and forever exploded that comforting theory for me. The clay of our college town was proverbial. "Hard as brick" in dry weather, "like putty" when somewhat wet, "slippery as a banana peel" on a muddy crossing, and in the road sometimes "bottomless." The railroad station was in the midst of it. Our teacher had come in on the train one rainy night. Peering into the darkness from the steps of the car, he selected what seemed to be a spot of yellow soil rising above the surrounding mire. Springing to it, he landed—in a pool of water that had caught and reflected the stray gleams of light, and lured him to his disaster. His honest belief that it was *terra firma* did not save him.—*Advance*.

#### A TRIFLE.

Little things show character, and the one who learns to read character needs to observe those trifles which most of us entirely overlook. A story illustrating this truth is told of a shrewd New York merchant named Aymar. He used to receive cargoes of mahogany and logwood which were sold at auction.

On one occasion a cargo was to be sold at Jersey City, and all hands started from the auctioneer's room to cross the ferry. When they were going through the gate, Mr. Aymar noticed one of the largest buyers slip through without paying five cents' fare. He told the auctioneer not to take a bid from that man.

"Why?" said the auctioneer. "I thought he was good."

"So did I," answered Mr. Aymar, "but I have changed my mind, and I will not trust him one dollar."

A few months proved the accuracy of the judgment of Mr. Aymar, for the slippery merchant failed, and did not pay five cents on the dollar.—*Young Peoples' Weekly*.

Mrs. A. S. Hale, of Rochester, N. Y., on the 23rd of June turned over to the Foreign Society \$1,000 on the annuity plan. She had written this amount in her will, but decided not to turn the amount over to the society now and receive the annuity, semi-annually, during her life, and the money will be used at once in buildings on the mission fields. This makes over \$13,000 received on this plan.

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