

The church has missionaries in India and China and Japan and Africa, and we rejoice in their success. We are not doing the work but are sending the supplies. We are not at the front but we are "standing by the staff." And if faithful we shall receive our reward.

Sister Riach, our missionary in Japan, sent a letter to the meeting which was read.

H. Murray thought that those present must have been so stirred by the earnest addresses that they would feel like giving all the money they had, and thus have none to take them home again. He showed that many people claim blessings to which they are not entitled. It is those that "go" who can claim the "Lo, I am with you" of Jesus; those who bring the tithes that may expect the blessings to be poured out upon them. The degree of our prosperity will be measured to some extent by our contributions. He told the story of the woman who put a cent into the collection, went home and complained about the poor sermon, and was asked by her child what she could expect for a cent.

The collection was taken up and it amounted to thirty-two dollars, the largest one ever received for foreign missions at our annual meetings; and the Maritime Christian Woman's Board of Missions might well feel like answering in the affirmative the old question, Can women beat men? C. W. B. M.

Bro. Ryan continued his lectures on Saturday evening; the attendance was very large, and the study profitable. A short but interested discussion followed, after which Bro. R. E. Stevens, of Pictou, preached an excellent sermon on Jesus as a man of prayer, illustrating his subject by notable occasions in the Saviour's life, as when he went into the mountain after a hard day's work and remained for hours in prayer, so after the death of John, and also in Gethsemane.

The chairman appointed the following committees: On resolutions, J. W. Bolton, H. A. DeVoe and R. E. Stevens; on place of next meeting, George Fullerton, Henry Carson and J. S. Flaglor. The meeting was then dismissed.

The devotional meeting on Saturday morning was led by John Ford of Milton. At ten o'clock Bro. Ryan took the chair and after the minutes had been read, the committee on Ways and Means reported. The first recommendation—that more prominence be given in THE CHRISTIAN to home mission work—was adopted unanimously. The second—that the apportionment plan be continued—met with a similar reception. The third—that the morning and evening collections of the following Lord's day be for the Building Fund of the Main St. Christian Church, St. John, and that the afternoon collection be for the Home Mission Fund—elicited considerable discussion, Bro. Harding and some others thinking that the distribution of the money should be in the hands of the church at West Gore, the officers of which had decided that all three collections should go to the Main St. Church Building Fund, others were of the opinion that the convention should decide as to the distribution of the money. The recommendation of the committee was then adopted. The fourth recommendation—that monthly collections by the church be one way of raising the apportionments, and that where this is not practicable some one be appointed to solicit personal pledges—was also adopted. The fifth recommendation—that Halifax receive \$200, Pictou \$200, and Main St., St. John \$150—was adopted after being amended so as to give Halifax \$250. The report was then adopted as a whole.

In the afternoon after devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, the committee on resolutions submitted its report in which thanks were tendered the railroads for reduced rates, and the people of West Gore for their kind welcome and bountiful hospitality. A committee consisting of H. W. Stewart, R. E. Stevens, Geo. F. Barnes and the minister of the church with which the next Annual Meeting is to be held—was appointed to arrange a programme for that meeting.

An interesting discussion on Our Literature and the importance of scattering it broadcast then sprung up and led to the appointment of the following committee on literature: Geo. Fullerton, Henry Carson, O. B. Stockford, W. H. Harding and Geo. Manifold. The ministers are honorary members of the committee.

The committee on Place of Next Meeting recommended Leonardville, N. B., and while the claims of Tiverton, N. S., were strongly urged, the committee's recommendation was adopted. The committee on nominations named the following to compose the Home Mission Board, M. B. Ryan, Geo. F. Barnes, J. S. Flaglor, C. H. Leonard and H. W. Stewart. The report was adopted, including the appointment of the last named to the new office of corresponding secretary.

M. B. Ryan then gave his concluding lecture on Galatians, in which he showed the uses of the epistle to-day in controversial matters and for personal spiritual culture.

This was followed by a sermon by J. W. Bolton on Building up Christian Character. He gave a very fine exposition of II Peter 1: 5-7, and his sermon was greatly appreciated by the large congregation. Bro. Bolton is a splendid addition to our ministerial forces in these provinces, and we congratulate the churches at Tiverton and Westport on their good fortune in securing him.

The sisters preferred holding their business session by themselves and we are indebted to the acting secretary for the following report:

The annual business meeting of C. W. B. M. met at West Gore, Sister Carrie Payson, president, presiding.

Meeting opened by singing "Nearer my God to Thee." Sister Ethel McDougall then read Romans xii, followed by prayer by Sister Annie Ford.

The officers for the next year were then elected as follows: President Carrie Payson, Vice-Presidents for N. S., Sisters H. L. Wallace and H. Cole; Vice-Presidents for N. B., Sisters Emma Christie and M. B. Ryan; Vice-Presidents for P. E. I., Sisters H. Beattie and Maggie Stevenson; Secretary, Sister J. S. Flaglor; Treasurer, Sister S. Ford; Supt. of Children's Work, Sister D. A. Morrison.

The minutes of last meeting were then read, followed by treasurer's report of year's work which showed a larger amount of money raised this year than ever before.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M.:

Your Treasurer submits the following report of all monies received and disbursed during the last year.

The total is a little less than last year, through a misunderstanding on the part of one or two of our regular supporters, they having sent their offerings directly, instead of through the Board, it not being applied towards our special work.

In reality the amount raised for foreign missions in Maritime Provinces is larger than before. We can take courage and go on to still greater work.

The receipts are as follows:

Kildare—Young People's Mission Band,	\$23 00
St. John—Ladies' Auxilliary,	\$25 25
" Coburg St. S. S.,	57 95
" Main Street Church, ..	5 00
" Friends,	25 50
	\$118 70
Lord's Cove—Ladies' Auxilliary,	24 00
Westport— do. do.	4 62
Milton— do. do.	\$38 31
do. Concert Fund,	6 00
	39 81
Cornwallis—Ladies' Auxilliary,	17 10
Halifax— do. do.	20 42
Kempt— do. do.	4 00
Tiverton— do. do.	5 75
	Miscellaneous—
Friends in Gulliver's Cove,	\$1 00
do. Kingston,	50
do. Tryon,	2 00
do. Pomeroy,	1 00
do. Windsor,	1 00
do. East Point,	5 50
	11 00
Annual Collection at Halifax,	22 50
	Total, \$285 40
	Nova Scotia, \$98 70
	New Brunswick, 189 70
	Prince Edward Island, 30 00
	Iowa 1 00
Balance on hand, August, 1895,	\$85 07
Grand total, August, 1895,	\$870 47

CASH PAID.

Jan. 1896. A. McLean, for Miss Riach,	\$125 00
May do. do. do.	145 00
Aug. do. do. do.	50 00
Orders and postage for above,	3 41
President, expenses for four years,	5 00
Secretary, do. do. do.	2 00
Treasurer, do. do. do.	85
	Total, \$381 26

Balance on hand, August, 1896, \$39 21

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer.

Report of Secretary of C. W. B. M. was read and accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Sisters,—In presenting this report, I feel that although we have met with some discouragements during the year, yet we have very much for which to thank our heavenly Father.

We have gained one society, the one in the church at Tiverton, and the interest in the work has been widening in several districts, more money, too, has been given for foreign missions in these provinces than ever before, although through a misunderstanding some of it was not sent to our society. Therefore it does not appear to our credit.

Our missionary has been laboring very faithfully, striving to fit those young girls under her care for their great life work. The results of those labors will never be fully known by us. Other missionaries have written us, speaking very highly of her qualifications for the work, and of her consecration to it. She has very many cares and responsibilities, and should continually have our earnest prayers, and our hearty sympathy.

It is very desirable that some one be sent as soon as possible to assist her and become fitted to take up her work, so that she may have an opportunity to rest. Two of the Ontario sisters have offered themselves; but they have given our Maritime sisters a chance to respond to this call should any be found willing.

Dear sisters, you will see that our work is enlarging every year and calling for more support from those at home. Shall we not, remembering all our blessings, be willing to make even more sacrifices in the coming year, that this work may continue to grow and en-

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