

Creighton, Treasurer. Meetings to be held the first Thursday in each month.

HALIFAX SOUTH.—Could the members of this Auxiliary have foreseen of how much good they would be the medium, they would have organized four years since with less of hesitation. At present there are seventy-four members, twenty-one of whom are life members. We have had the honor of giving two missionaries, who are working faithfully under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. These two, Miss Knight and Miss Cunningham, are both life members of our Auxiliary. We long to carry the banner of the Cross into the midst of the conflict. Our Mission Band, the "Coralline," seconds our efforts nobly. They are branching and spreading, and are greatly increased in membership and funds as they quietly work, coral-like, out of sight. Our total income for this year, including \$213 from the Band, is \$615.17. We have a large and appreciative list of subscribers to the OUTLOOK. Our mite-boxes have done well.

LILLIE SILVER, *Rec. Sec.*

RICHMOND CIRCUIT, N.B.—On the 6th of December, 1886, the ladies of the McKenzie Corner Church organized themselves into an Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church. Though the winter was long and stormy, and the roads often blocked with snow, our regular monthly meetings were enthusiastic and generally well attended. In those meetings our aim has been to enlighten each other on the missionary question. In this we have been very much helped by the OUTLOOK. Indeed, we look forward to it as a pleasant monthly visitor. We raised the sum of \$50, and we expect to do as well, if not better, during the present year. Our officers for the present year are: Mrs. S. Howard, President; Mary Fleming, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. C. W. Dickinson, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. W. V. Benn, Treasurer; Maud Harron, Secretary; Effie Kirkpatrick, Corresponding Secretary.

LONDON SOUTH.—On Thursday afternoon, Sept. 29th, a meeting was held in the lecture hall of the London South Methodist Church, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Missionary Society. The Rev. A. Langford, pastor of the church, presided. The meeting was most enthusiastic, and all seemed to have their hearts in the work. The society was denominated the "London South Auxiliary." Twenty members were enrolled, and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. A. Langford; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Cosford; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Ingram; Recording Secretary, Miss J. Lewis; Corresponding Secretary,

Mrs. G. Wright. Managing Committee, Mesdames Weldon, Westman, Johnston.

S. A. WRIGHT, *Cor. Sec.*

CHARING CROSS.—Our Auxiliary of the W. M. S. was organized in June with 17 members by the Rev. E. E. Scott. In September we held a missionary social, the proceeds of which was \$21.58, and our membership increased to 23. We are using mite-boxes, and 10 copies of the OUTLOOK are taken. We feel encouraged to try to do what we can, knowing that, though it be little, if it be done in the name of the Master, it will be accepted of Him.

LYDIA A. SHEPLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

ONE CHURCH FOR THE MISSION FIELD.

BY MRS. (REV.) J. GRAHAM, EXETER, ONT.

*Read at Annual Meeting of Western Branch, and also General Board.
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"OUR little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be,
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they."

NO religious system, however high its standard or lofty its aim, contains all the truth concerning God; and no system is so darkened and beclouded by error, that the true seeker after the Light and the Right does not at times touch the hem of Truth's garment, yea, sometimes catch a glimpse of her bright face.

I have often wondered why God, in His great mercy, did not make all the doctrines of Christianity so plain that there could be no two beliefs about them; but God, being wiser than man, designed that he should think for himself, that he should be an intelligent worshipper and servant. So he laid the foundation, "Repentance and faith in Christ," and bade man build to His honor and glory.

Through all the years of the Christian era men have been busy multiplying sects and systems, adding doctrine to doctrine, cementing them by rites and ceremonies without number. Some have built comely temples, and some exceeding high; but if it had not been for the foundation which God laid down, the winds of scorn and scepticism would have scattered the wood, hay, and stubble, long since. It must be a serious thought for the mere sectarian, after spending years in trying to prop up the walls of his own special system, and convince all who pass by that it alone is the true church, to know that if it stand not God's test, the fire of His wrath must consume it.

What is the first great truth that God would have His creatures learn? That there is one living and true God, whom we must worship and serve with a perfect heart and a willing mind.

What is the Gospel which Christ commanded His disciples to teach all nations? That Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the world's Saviour from sin; that "whosoever believeth on Him need not perish, but have everlasting life."

It was Jesus who said to the Jew who had surrounded himself with a high wall of ritualism, "They