

essions of faith, we would recommend that all who are in sympathy with this work, as at present conducted, should not relax their efforts in this direction, so that the Board may not only have their sympathy but financial assistance.

9—That this Convention appoint a committee to confer with the P. E. I. brethren, looking to an amalgamation of that province with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in all our efforts in connection with the extension of the work in spreading the gospel in these provinces.

The names of Bros. A. D. M. Boyne, of St. John, and A. J. Ford, of Milton, were added to those in the resolution on obituaries. Bro. Wm. Murray offered up a touching prayer for the families of the departed ones.

There was very evident regret that Bro. W. F. Shaw, who has served the Halifax church so faithfully, feels compelled to return to the United States. We need more men with his consecrated earnestness. He and his wife have greatly endeared themselves to the church in Halifax, and to the members of the other churches that have met them.

The secretary was requested to send greetings to the Ontario brethren when they meet in convention in June, also to the General Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas.

In considering the resolution concerning THE CHRISTIAN, the need of scattering more of our literature was emphasized. Tracts setting forth our position should be plentifully used. And more articles on the first principles of the gospel would tend to make THE CHRISTIAN more useful. It is the only preacher that finds its way into the homes of some of our isolated brethren, and it is the cheapest preacher we have in the provinces.

We are glad the resolution concerning quarterly collections in the Sunday-schools was introduced. The schools can greatly assist in the prosecution of home mission work. We trust that every school will take these collections. It will be good for the school and good for the cause of Christ.

From the heartiness with which the resolution concerning the sympathy and financial support that should be given the Home Mission Board was passed, we may reasonably anticipate an enlarged work during this year. We most earnestly hope that this resolution may result in great good. As \$300 were voted to Halifax and \$240 to Pictou, it will be seen that if we are going to have an evangelist in the field, the Home Mission Board must receive the money from the churches with which to do it.

The convention seemed to be in full sympathy with the resolution concerning union with the P. E. Island churches, and we believe this is a consummation devoutly to be wished. The resolution does not contemplate the abandonment of the Island Association. The union will not affect it; and if it can be brought about we believe we shall see the truth of the old saying, "In union there is strength." The following committee was appointed to confer with the Island churches: C. H. Leonard, George F. Barnes, Jas. S. Flaglor, and H. W. Stewart.

(The resolution thanking the Halifax brethren for their bountiful hospitality was passed at the "farewell meeting" on Sunday evening).

After these resolutions had received the approval of the convention, business was suspended; and Bro. M. B. Ryan preached one of the clearest, kindest, most forcible and most needed sermons that we have heard for some years. His text was Jude 3, and his subject, "Contending for the Faith."

Bro. W. Murray conducted the devotional exercises in the evening. He wanted many to participate, and a goodly number did. He said, in closing the meeting, that we had had a lot of beautiful little sermons. What he wanted was that many should express one thought in a few words.

Following this excellent meeting we had what has come to be regarded as the distinctively home mission meeting. Its prime object is to increase sympathy with and interest in that department of missionary activity. H. W. Stewart sought to show the importance of planting churches in the growing towns of the provinces. These places need "our plea." T. H. Blenus, who has been working as evangelist with us for about eight months, told of some of the difficulties in the way, and the need of greater earnestness and enlarged liberality. H. Murray, who can be the most hopeful man among many, was glad. He told us so in words, but his cheerful face conveyed the message before he spoke. He was glad we had done so well, glad that the churches were being aroused, glad that the contributions had increased, and glad because he thought we were going on to do better things. E. C. Ford and G. D. Weaver told of the work they had done in Pictou, and of the outlook there. J. S. Flaglor made the shortest and most encouraging speech of the evening. His figures showed that Bro. Murray had good ground for his rejoicing. The collection at this meeting for home missions amounted to \$44.00, and we all rejoiced.

#### SATURDAY.

One of the best meetings for prayer and praise during the convention was that led on Saturday morning by Bro. H. A. Devoe. It was a good preparation for the business that was to follow.

The first matter to come before the meeting was the place of the next annual. The location was not decided upon, but the Home Mission Board and H. W. Stewart were appointed a committee to confer with the churches and select the place. The place will be named before long.

D. A. Morrison, H. Murray and E. C. Ford were entrusted with the work of preparing the programme for the next meeting. They are also to see about transportation rates.

It was decided that the date of meeting be the same as this year, viz., commencing the Thursday before the second Lord's day in August.

The meetings in the afternoon and evening were in the hands of the sisters. They were a little late in getting started, but they conducted their meetings admirably. They seemed to have their work all arranged and nothing was allowed to throw it into con-

fusion. Sister Annie Collie of Milton conducted the opening religious exercises, which were brief, but full of the spirit of devotion.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Sister H. Beattie of Summerside was appointed to attend to the duties of that office during the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, the report of the secretary was given to the meeting. It gave evidence of the deepening interest being felt in foreign missions. Here is the report, and it merits the careful study of the reader:

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Maritime O. W. B. M.:

DEAR SISTERS—As I present this my annual report, I cannot tell of any rapid growth during the past year; but can report a steadily growing interest, and a larger amount collected for foreign missions than in any previous year. Although the number of societies has not grown as we would wish, yet the number of churches contributing is larger. We have now ten societies in the following churches: In Nova Scotia—Halifax, Milton, Cornwallis, Westport, Southville and Kempt. In New Brunswick—St. John and Lord's Cove. In P. E. Island—Tignish and East Point. In P. E. Island they have formed a young people's mission band instead of auxiliaries, believing that a better work could be accomplished in this way. The following churches and places have also assisted us in our work: in Nova Scotia—Shubenacadie, Maitland, Summerville and Lakeville. In New Brunswick—Leonardville, Letete, North End Sunday-school, St. John, and French Village. In P. E. Island—New Glasgow, East Point, Montague, Tryon, Eldon, Kildow, Kildare, Charlottetown and Summerside.

Your secretary sent greetings to the National Convention at Richmond, as directed, and received a reply which was published in THE CHRISTIAN; also sent greetings to the Ontario O. W. B. M. and a report of work done. The following resolution was passed at their meeting:

*Resolved*, That our sincere thanks be extended to the sisters of the Maritime Provinces for their kindly words of greeting, and their contribution of \$402.00 for the foreign work."

In July, greetings were sent to the P. E. Island convention, and the following reply received:

"Your greeting received, and being read to the convention thus convened at Charlottetown, met with a hearty approval. The convention wished me to reply, assuring you of our sympathy, and promising that we will do what we can to aid you in your noble work."

Several letters have been received from our missionary, Sister Rioch, which have been published in THE CHRISTIAN, thus telling us of her work which has been very successful and gratifying. The Ontario sisters, believing that the Lord is opening up the way for us, have decided to give \$420 00 this year to enlarge the work in Japan, to maintain the training school for Bible women, to keep a helper for Sister Rioch, and to extend the work whenever possible. This will mean an outlay of over \$1,000, including the salary of our missionary, and will call for renewed and continued efforts on our part to raise the amount, or our share of it.

It is with sadness that we mention the death of our beloved Sister Gates. She was one of the first and most faithful of our number, and will be greatly missed at all our meetings. May her memory ever be an inspiration to each one of us, helping us to live as she lived—close to the side of Christ; and to work as she worked—for the salvation of souls. We would like to thank all those who so nobly assisted this work in the past year, for the help they have given, and to ask that on account of the extra expenses of the work they endeavor to give as liberally as possible in the coming year, that our missionary's hands may not be tied for the want of means to carry on her work; and we want to ask those who have never assisted in this work, to do so now. Your help is needed! Will you not give it? Praying that the Lord will continue to bless our united efforts for the extension of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.