

BENBROOK.—Circle organized on the evening of June 10th. Officers:—President, Mrs. M. J. Mullock; Secretary, Mrs. J. Brocken; Home Treasurer, Mrs. J. Barlow; Foreign Treasurer, Mrs. J. Gugatt.

MARY WALKER,
Director.

PORT HOPE. The report of the "Gleaners Mission and" of the Baptist Church, for the year ending, May 1st, 1897.

Looking back over the past year, we have much cause for thanksgiving. We have been able to assemble each month in goodly numbers to learn of God's work in heathen lands, while those to whom we have been sending the Gospel have been suffering plague, famine and flood.

We have been specially favored in having with us, at different times, Mr. John Craig, Mr. John E. Davis, and Mrs. Davis, our returned missionaries, who have not only entertained us, but have also taught us many things about the land where

"Every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile."

A review of our roll books shows that we have sixty-seven members, or, five more than in 1896. Of these, 16 are boys, and 57 are girls. The total attendance upon the monthly meetings was five hundred and eleven, or, an average attendance of fifty-one. The smallest attendance was the September meeting, and was twenty-nine. The largest was at the January meeting, and reached the high water-mark of eighty. Strange to say the smallest attendance gave the largest collection, three dollars and forty-four cents (\$3.44), while the largest attendance gave only one dollar and ninety-five cents (\$1.95). The total receipts from collections was from mite boxes and entertainment, \$50.62, or, a grand total of seventy-six dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$76.98).

One of our number, Maggie Wood, was called home during the year; we miss her from our meetings, but we would not recall her, for we are confident that she has gone to be "with Christ, which is far better."

L. H. DAYFOOT, Sec.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "We are laborers together with God."

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Every new departure from an established order is attended with more or less uncertainty. And so when the W. B. M. U., which for thirteen years has held its annual meeting at the same time and place as the Convention, this year sought out a place for itself, there were many to prophesy failure, and those who did not go so far as failure, were, to say the least, uncertain.

Sackville, N.B., was the place chosen. That being on a direct line with St. John, so that any who wished might attend the Convention in the latter place at the close of our session.

There was a little strangeness at first as the train steamed into the station, to see the sisters with their note-books in hand locating first one and then another. But there was no confusion; all was orderly and prompt, and in a very few minutes we were in the hospitable homes which had opened to receive us. About one hundred names of delegates had been sent in; but some were prevented at the last, so that when the roll was called, seventy-six answered to their names. This compared favorably with other years.

The improvements in this new departure were many; among them we notice first, the longer time at the disposal of the Union. Business was more carefully gone into, because no one felt hurried because of some eloquent speaker in the church near by whom many wanted to hear. And for this same reason delegates gave closer attention to matters in hand, and of course voted more intelligently. Then the evening meetings were full of interest. The church was filled on both occasions, and no one felt wearied, even when the clock pointed towards ten.

Of course, some familiar faces were missed, but many were present who had never met with us before, and who could not possibly have gone to St. John. It does seem as though our separate meetings, as years go on, will do much to broaden the work, and gain those "uninterested ones" of whom we hear so often.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Executive was in session from three till five. Estimates were gone into, and work prepared to come before the Union. At five, all adjourned to the Vestry, where tea had been prepared by the good sisters of Sackville, and a pleasant hour or more of social intercourse with old and new friends enjoyed.

In the evening, after the devotional exercises, a Bible reading was given by the Provincial Secretary for Nova Scotia, and after singing by the Choir, the President declared the Fourteenth Annual Session of the W. B. M. U. opened for business.

The first report was that of the Corresponding Secretary, which spoke of progress all along the line, an increased membership, increased interest, and all our obligations fully met.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:

RECEIPTS

By Balance on hand	\$1,477 10
Amount received from N. S.	4,770 94
" " N. B. W. M. U. S.	2,140 56
" " P. E. Island	561 59
Mission Bands, N. S.	657 32
" " N. B.	282 38
" " P. E. I.	70 97
Sunday Schools, N. S.	187 00
" " N. B.	80 84
" " P. E. I.	5 00
Young People's Societies, N. S.	31 75
Donations,	172 30
Annual Reports	30 00
" Tidings "	32 42
Annual Collection	24 83
Collection, N. B. Convention	24 00
" " N. B. W. Association	20 00

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