

Board, spoke of missions in Ceylon. The following officers elected.—President, Mrs. Jenkins, Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. of Selma, Mrs. Dearborn of St. John, and Mrs. Harvey McL. of Brooklyn, N.S.; Secretary, Miss Ida Barker, and Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Kerr of St. John, Miss Adeline Burpee, of Shelburne was appointed Superintendent of Mission Band; Mrs. B. waite was appointed delegate to the meetings of the C.C.W.B. at Embro, Ont., next June.

Mrs. Currie having mentioned her desire for a cornet for use of the bands of young men who go out to hold meetings in African villages, it was decided to invite the Sunday School to contribute money for the purchase of four cornets, that each of the four bands might have one to help in gathering their congregations. The money for our cornet was, however, contributed in 25 cents subscriptions at the last meeting of the Union, one of the pastors present pledged another. Contributions for the remaining two should be sent to Mrs. Wm. Kerr, McPleasant, St. John, N.B. Mrs. Currie's visit was very highly appreciated and will result in a new interest in foreign work. Meetings were further arranged for her at St. John, Yarmouth and Chebogue.

A Word for Secretaries.

The first thought of one who stops to take account of the duties of the proffered secretaryship she is considering, or of a new position she has just accepted, will be that she is to attend to the minutes of each meeting. Surely in this does lie a fundamental duty toward the Society, but if it is the beginning, by no means the ending of responsibility for the efficient and conscientious secretary. Even in the keeping of minutes does whole or half-hearted devotion to work show itself. Here is an opportunity to make a dry record of facts, or to so clothe the record of the meeting, yet without too much amplifying, that the hearing it shall think, "What a good meeting that was!" "How much I lost in not having been there!" Here, too, is the secretary's option to sit idly enjoying the meeting as it proceeds, trusting to her memory afterwards to supply the necessary for the minutes, or to write down diligently everything as it occurs, making an exact record of every motion made of all important features of the discussion, and of every appointment for individual or committee service. The alert, efficient secretary carries in mind the business of the auxiliary as well as does the president, and is the president's right hand support at all times and to aid her when needed by reminding her of the matters which should be brought before