

What are some of the great difficulties in carrying on of mission work? Indifference, resulting from lack of information as to the needs; covetousness, which ties many pocket books; and the opposition of some to the existing way of doing the work. This does not amount to much, but it exists.

Is it usually better to organize new churches or to try and revive dead ones? The former is the more hopeful. To restore a dead church is almost impossible; but co-operation is to prevent churches dying.

On Monday afternoon, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society met; and the sisters have the honor of conducting one of the very best meetings of the Convention. Owing to the fact that the President and Vice-President for Nova Scotia were not able to be present, and the Vice-President for New Brunswick was very unwell, Sister Flaglor was called to the chair. After devotional exercises the Secretary read her excellent report. (To be published next issue).

The Treasurer's report was then presented, and while it is quite brief, it shows that a good commencement has been made and that greater things may be expected in the near future. Here is the report.

Dear Sisters,—I beg leave to submit this first annual report of the Treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The amounts received during the past year, are as follows:

Collection, Annual, at Westport, . . .	\$10 10
St. John, N. B.,	27 30
Westport, N. S.,	13 72
Riverdale, N. S.,	1 00
Cornwallis, N. S.,	9 45
Maitland, Hants Co., N. S.,	3 00
Somerville, N. S.,	3 00
Milton, N. S.,	32 05
South Range, N. S.,	1 00
Southville, N. S.,	6 00
Montague, P. E. I.,	4 00
Halifax, N. S.,	4 60
Lord's Cove, N. B.,	1 00
Leonardville, N. B.,	1 00
Shubenacadie, N. S.,	9 15

Total, \$126 37

By order of the Board, ninety-four dollars of this sum has been remitted to Miss Jennie Fleming, Treasurer of the Ontario C. W. B. M. The expenses were:

For Secretary,	\$4 00
For Treasurer,	70

Total, \$4 70

Leaving a balance on hand of \$27.67.

SUSIE B. FORD,
Treasurer.

The following are the officers elected for the current year: President, Sister J. M. Ford; Vice-Presidents for Nova Scotia, Sister H. Murray, and Sister Carrie Payson; Vice-Presidents for New Brunswick, Sister J. E. Barnes, and Sister Lena Leonard; Secretary, Sister J. S. Flaglor; Treasurer, Sister Susie Ford.

The constitution of the O. C. W. B. M. was adopted after having made the necessary changes in the name, and inserting that a sum of not less than five cents per month shall be contributed by the members of the auxiliaries. Interesting reports of the work done by the auxiliaries at Westport and Milton were read by Sister Sadie Porter and Sister Annie Collie, respectively.

The following greeting from the Ontario C. W. B. M. was read:

To our dear sisters in Christ, in Convention
at St. John: Greeting.

Being unable to send anyone to personally carry our message to your convention, we Ontario sisters send our greeting in this way, to assure you that our hearts are with you in the work in which you are engaged.

Our prayers ascend to our heavenly Father that you may spend a profitable time together, and plan

wisely for the extension of the Master's kingdom. We feel that we are co-laborers—and what a blessed fellowship that is—*working together* for the Master. Although very few of us have ever met face to face, yet this is a bond strong enough to reach beyond the gates into the Heavenly City. May "you be strong and of a good courage," as you go forward with unwavering faith, planning work for our King. May we all do earnest consecrated work for the Master, remembering that our labors in His name are sure to meet His approval. "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich."

Your sister in Christ,

BELLE SINCLAIR,

Cor. Sec. O. C. W. B. M.

Sister Minnie Rioch, Hamilton, Ontario, whom the Canadian sisters are sending to Japan as their representative, and who is now probably on her way thither, not being able to be present sent her photograph; and it speaks of a loving, loyal and consecrated heart, that knows nothing of selfishness or has no dreams of personal ease. Bro. G. D. Weaver, who is now laboring at Montague, P. E. I., was formerly pastor of the church at Hamilton and consequently is personally acquainted with Sister Rioch. Being present he was requested to tell the sisters something about her qualifications for the work. In every way he regarded her as an eminently suitable person for the work, and altogether worthy of the most liberal support. Her education is excellent; in scripture knowledge she is excelled by few of her years; her fidelity to Christ and His cause is absorbing; and in a desire to save the souls of the perishing she stands among the most earnest. With her photograph she sent a letter to which a proper response was ordered to be sent. (Her letter will be published next issue).

Sisters Carrie Payson, Susie Ford and J. S. Flaglor were appointed to prepare the programme for the next meeting.

The business being completed Sister Graybiel was called upon to address the meeting, which she did at length. She spoke principally of India and the work there. It is half as large as the United States and has nearly five times the population. They are a very religious people for out of the entire population, only 289 are classed as worshipping no god. But their religion does not mean virtue, truth or righteousness.

The work there is hard and slow, but the missionaries have the advantage of being under the protection of Great Britain. She gave illustrations of how she went to work. She one day saw a woman with a fan in her hand cleaning rice, and she called her attention to the passage, "Whose fan is in his hand." Thus she gained attention and enforced a lesson. At another time she came upon an old woman scouring the outside of a brass vessel which was dirty within, and she read to her of those who clean the outside of the cup and platter. She noticed a woman going to a well to draw water, and she told her about the woman of Samaria. The customs in India are much the same as they were in Palestine, and the Hindoes easily understand what to us is at first strange.

These people think that to become a Christian means that you change your customs, food, and clothing. They never have a hearty laugh and many never smile. There is nothing to make them happy. They don't know what home is. They have a house which is simply a place of shelter.

The language is very idiomatic and hard to learn. It took her about eight years and four months to be able to speak as freely as the natives; but she had mastered the book language in a few months.

The address was full of facts and all should be grateful for the information she gave them about the work among the heathen.

At 7.30 p. m., Bro. Cooke conducted the last social and prayer-meeting of the Convention, and all seemed to realize that the closing hour had

come, and under the leader's guide they improved the time.

The last thing on the programme of the Annual Meeting was addresses on Home Missions by the preachers in attendance. And if all did not speak on Home Missions, they nevertheless spoke. When a vote of thanks had been given to the Coburg Street Church for its free hospitality, the benediction was pronounced, and the meeting adjourned to meet on the Thursday before the first Lord's Day in Sept. 1893, at a place which is yet to be selected.

Thus closes a most successful meeting. In every particular it will bear pleasant reflection. The weather was delightful; the attendance was large; the programme was rich; and the business was important. Whoever was not satisfied with the spirit and work of the meeting need never look for satisfaction in future years. For the character of the meeting cannot be greatly improved although the attendance will of course increase. Never before was so much money raised at one of our Annuals for the work of the Lord, never before was there such universal giving, never before did a greater spirit of harmony prevail, never before was such a deep earnestness to advance the cause of Christ manifested, and never before did the delegates go home with as keen an appreciation of their privileges and responsibilities. If all will go to work now, if the delegates will carry to their several congregations the bright light of a divine enthusiasm and seek to impart it to all around them, when we meet in convention in Sept. '93 God will bless us then as He has now, only more abundantly. Work for the spread of the truth, pray for the prosperity of Zion, and your labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the churches of Christ in P. E. I. was held with the church at New Glasgow, beginning on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in July. It was held for the first time in the new house erected last year by the church. My want of knowledge of architectural lore prevents me from giving a description of the house and furniture. It is creditable to the taste and zeal of the church at New Glasgow. When I say that it is beautiful, substantial and commodious, my estimate will be considered moderate by those who have seen it.

The large meeting, which represented all the churches on the Island, showed that a lively interest is taken in the cause of Christ on the Island.

The only visitors whom I noticed from abroad were Bro. David Fullerton of Pictou, Nova Scotia, and Sister Fullerton, his wife. The preachers present were, Elder D. Crawford, who like the Scottish soldier is "always to the fore," O. B. Emery of Charlottetown, W. H. Harding of Summerside, and G. D. Weaver of Montague and East Point. The annual sermon was preached by Bro. G. D. Weaver.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper, presided over by Elder Crawford, was solemn and impressive, and attended by from 250 to 300.

In the evening, Bro. W. H. Harding preached to a large and attentive audience.

On Monday morning, a large and profitable social meeting was held presided over by Elder D. Crawford. The time was occupied in singing, prayers, and addresses by Elders Crawford, O. B. Emery, William Stevenson, G. Stevenson, David Fullerton and W. H. Harding. Bro. Jesso Baker of Tignish, Bro. W. Harris, Bro. James W. Kennedy and Bro. B. Linkletter also took part in the meeting. Though not strictly in order in a social meeting the subject of missionary work was brought up. A slight difference of opinion prevailed, not