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Editorial.

NOTICE TO DIRECTORS.—If any of the Directors would like to have mission literature for sale at the Associational Meetings, kindly communicate with Mrs. C. W. King, 318 Earl St., Kingston.

THE CONFERENCE.—We are giving as much space as possible this month to reports of the Ecumenical Conference, hoping thereby to transmit to our readers the impressions received by some of those who were privileged to attend those grand meetings.

NEW MISSIONARIES FOR BOLIVIA.—It is a matter of great satisfaction to us, as it will no doubt be to our readers, that the General Board for Ontario and Quebec, have appointed Rev. Archibald G. Baker, B.A., B.Th., and Miss Bertha Gile, B.A., missionaries to Bolivia. Mr. Baker has been with us in Toronto, for several years, and has taken complete Arts and Theological courses in McMaster University. He goes forth fully equipped for his work and with the love and respect of all who have known him. Miss Gile was one of the most brilliant students in a large and able class, and having had experience in teaching is admirably qualified for educational work in Bolivia. She too, has won a high place in the affectionate regards of Faculty and students, and of many others with whom she has come in contact. A third proposed member of the new contingent is equally worthy of love and esteem; but it will be more appropriate to mention her by name at a later date.

REPORT OF THE BOARD MEETING.

The meeting of the Board of the W. B. F. M. Society was held in the Board Room, Monday, May 7th, at 2 p.m., Mrs. Booker presiding. Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Wm. Craig, Mrs. Goble, Mrs. D. M. Walker, Mrs. Wolfhill and Miss Starr representing the members outside the city.

Miss Buchan and Miss Elliot were authorized to make the necessary arrangements for Miss Selman to go to India early in the autumn, and for Dr. Hulet also as soon as the funds are provided, about \$400 still being required.

Miss Baskerville was granted another year's furlough in consideration of her long term of eleven years in India, and in order that she may devote considerable time to finding out the best educational methods and so be better fitted to carry on her school work in India.

Sixteen Circles and twenty-three Bands have failed to report. Contributions from the Bands are \$100 less than last year. This is a very serious decrease in view of the urgent appeals from our missionaries in India for four new ladies this fall. Notwithstanding the decrease in the Bands the Treasurer reported an increase of \$154.65 in the regular income from May 1899, to May 1900.

The following estimates and special appropriations from May 1st, to Oct 20th, amounting to \$3266.15 were passed.

Miss Folsom	\$250 00
Akidu, travelling and sundries	30 00
Miss Simpson our share Zenana work	370 00
School	350 00
Miss Hatch and work	287 00
Miss Morrow	237 00
Miss Priest and work	349 00
Miss McLeod and work	290 00
Biblewomen	17 50
Grant to Samulcotta Seminary	180 00
Village Schools	165 00

HOME EXPENSES.

Miss Baskerville's furlough allowance	150 00
Miss Selman toward passage	166 60
Salary, Nov. and Dec	83 40
Munshi	12 50

Total regular estimates

\$2,979 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Balances required for Miss Selman's passage	183 40
Special Grant for Village Schools.....	103 75

\$287 15

A. MOYLE, *Rec.-Sec.*

THE RECENT ECUMENICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Conference was the hugest, grandest meeting of the kind ever held,—a fitting crown of the century now closing, so distinguished in many other respects. Other events of world-wide importance will make notable this closing year of the century; but no single assemblage of the year will surpass this in importance and world-wide influence. Here were nearly three thousand Christian teachers and editors, physicians and missionaries, gathered from all the continents and islands of the world; met to consider, not how they might get fame or money or pleasure for themselves, but how, through the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they might better the condition of the world, heal its social and moral disorders, chase away its darkness, and bring in the day of universal righteousness and peace.

From the papers read and the discussions engaged in, it was evident that in this conference there were not a few men and women of marked mental strength and culture. It contained many who had distinguished themselves for their linguistic and literary attainments, who had reduced the unwritten languages of savages to written form, and made valuable contributions to archaeological and ethnological science; men the peers intellectually of many who sit in the British House of Commons, or are members of the British Scientific Association.

But it was chiefly remarkable for the singular devotion of its members to Christ and his cause, and for the patient and heroic way in which this devotion had shown itself. Witness, for example, John G. Paton, the hero of the New Hebrides, who saw his companion murdered, and who, lying upon the ground with his hands bound, and the warclubs of cannibals raised to strike, by sheer fortitude conquered his murderers. Witness how, by his undaunted labors, he has transformed twenty of these great islands, giving to each the home, the school, and the church, and translated the Word of God into twenty-two of their languages.

In comparison with deeds of this kind, the most brilliant exploits of worldings dwarf into petty littleness. If the world be regarded as a stage, on which is being unfolded the drama of human redemption, these saintly, high-souled men and women must be looked upon as the chief actors, under the immediate leadership of Jesus, and taking their orders directly from him.

The work of this conference was too large and multifarious to come under the observation of any individual present. As a whole, it could not be seen at any one time or in any one place; for in varying shapes it stretched itself over ten consecutive days, and carried on its operations in four or five large places at one and the same time. Christian missions were considered from every conceivable standpoint, and under every conceivable aspect. The very names of the topics which were discussed would fill several columns of the LINK, saying nothing of the discussions themselves. The two volumes, now being published (price \$1.00), will contain the whole, and be a very thesaurus of missionary information.

One of the most interesting appendages to the conference was the missionary museum that was opened to the public, in which were exhibited, among a thousand other things, a collection of two hundred grammars and dictionaries, prepared by the various missionaries to tribes and peoples that hitherto have had no literature; pictures of hospitals, dispensaries, homes for lepers, orphan asylums; new methods of sanitation; original copies of the codes, constitutions and reforms, written by these Christian teachers and finally adopted and proclaimed by native rulers. No such display of the victories of Christianity has ever before been made. This has been called the "wonderful century." The exposition in Paris will exhibit its tools and inventions. But man is a thousand times greater than the machine he constructs and the closing century will witness nothing so wonderful as the triumphs of Christianity in the transformation of abominably heathenish communities into Christian churches, beautiful in the garments of holiness.

D. M. W.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.*Dear readers of the Link:*

I have been asked to write for you what seemed to me the characteristic features of the great Conference on Foreign Missions recently held in New York.

First, I am glad after these long years to come in touch again with those associated with my introduction to Foreign Mission work. Now, as then, I should have had nothing to say on this matter had it not been for the practical love for the Master of true-hearted Canadians, linked in service with their sisters from beneath the Stars and Stripes.

I was deeply interested in comparing this Conference with the one in London twelve years ago. This was quite twelve years ahead of that.

To my mind the most outstanding characteristic of all the meetings was an eagerness for co-operation on the part of all who were really workers, whether at home or abroad. Actual work to save souls must lose sight of denominationalism. When workers meet in a hand to hand struggle with the arch-enemy their "isms" all blend in the white flag of "peace on earth and glory to God" This was felt to be true on all sides, and came to the front in a general desire that native churches should come under direct Bible methods, and not follow the Bible as taught by Wesley or Calvin or Luther or any other human understanding.

"Let the native churches be free from our divisions and creeds" was emphasized by many speakers of many beliefs, and hailed with great relief by missionaries who are much perplexed and hindered everywhere by the different interpretations of Scripture given by different creeds, which converts from heathenism find it so hard to reconcile.

Baptists have all to gain and nothing to lose when all creeds give way to the Bible as it is. Three phases of Mission work alluded to by many speakers interested me.

At first the church everywhere prayed "Lord, open the doors!" To-day all doors to all people are open. Then the Church prayed, "Lord, send forth laborers!" To-day the Student Volunteer Movement fills the Christian world with young men and women ready to go. But one prayer is left for the Church now, "Lord open our purses that we may send them!" When that prayer is answered the work is done. The burden rests only now in the willingness of individual Christians to do their part. The heathen are ready, the workers are ready, but "how shall they go, except they be sent?"

Another fact brought forward was that the Women's Societies came into prominence about thirty years ago; the Student Volunteer, and the Young

People's Societies about fifteen years later; these last are directly traceable to the home influence of mothers trained to Mission work.

From a missionaries' standpoint the Conference was delightful because it brought so many of us together. It was a family re-union of missionaries of all climes and grades; and every missionary, in a closer sense than those outside have any conception of, is brother or sister to every other one.

Then it was delightful because Missions, which of necessity is work out of sight, for the most part, came into the search light of an on-looking world, and was found to mean more than the Church at home thought possible; and was a challenge to them to invest more and reap yet greater harvests. Truly "The Lord is there;" and Jehovah Shammah is written broad over all mission fields.

H. M. N. ARMSTRONG.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"And ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

On Saturday afternoon, April 21st, the Conference was opened. Carnegie Hall was crowded.

"Bring forth the royal diadem, and Crown Him Lord of all," was sung by the thousands assembled. An address of welcome followed, which was replied to by delegates from Great Britain, Germany and Australia, Dr. Chamberlain representing the missionaries.

The evening meeting was devoted to the National welcome.

The real business of the Conference began on Monday, 23rd. "Authority and Purpose" was the subject of the morning session. "A Survey of the Fields" occupied the afternoon, meetings being held in nine different churches, and in each of these churches a number of mission fields were considered. This will give some idea of the wonderful advance missionary enterprise has made.

A noticeable feature of the Conference was the many thousands of persons who attended the meetings, morning, afternoon and evening, all intensely interested in the spread of the Gospel of our risen Lord. Looking on these one thought of the great cloud of witnesses" who in their day had been in the fight, and now rest from their labours, and greater

than all the Captain of our salvation, to whom all power is given, and who has promised to be with his people as they carry His message to the ends of the earth.

So many impressive truths were uttered, so much instruction given, that one's mind is almost bewildered and it would be impossible to even tell of the most prominent of them. Christ the authority, Christ the source, and Christ the purpose. The obligation of every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, to carry or send in this generation, the message of salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth, was emphasized. For this we are chosen and for this the Church was established.

Every phase of missionary work was carefully considered: Evangelistic, Educational and Medical. These were considered from every standpoint.

So many meetings were going on at the same time that it was very hard to choose which to attend, and as they continued for twelve days, body and brain became exhausted. It is possible to have too much of even a good thing.

"The women that publish the tidings are a great host." Tuesday 24, and Thursday 26, were the women's days. On Tuesday morning three sectional meetings were held simultaneously in three different churches, and three more in the afternoon of the same day. To the women of Canada was assigned evangelistic work: The Presbyterians taking "Methods of Presenting Christian Truth to Women and Children"; the Methodists "The Work of Native Christians," and the Baptists, "General Public Work on behalf of Women." This last subject was presented in a most interesting and instructive paper by Miss Baskerville. Each paper was followed by a discussion, a very lively one being on a question asked by some English Baptists as to the advisability of women administering the ordinance of baptism to women in the zenanas. It was unanimously decided that not only is it unadvisable, but that it would be in view of the conditions of their reception into the zenanas, dishonorable to do so.

On Tuesday afternoon at the meeting on "Women's Medical Work," quite a little breeze was created by Dr. Grace M. Kimball's paper on the "Legitimate Field of a Medical Missionary." The speaker rather laid stress on medical work, at the expense of evangelistic. The discussion was very refreshing, one medical lady asserting that if she

could not attend to both she would certainly drop her medical work. The power of medicine in opening the way for the Gospel was clearly brought out in all meetings on this subject, as also was the necessity of education not only to all missionaries but to the native Christian workers.

Thursday was the grand day for women. The morning was devoted to reports of the sectional meetings on Tuesday. In the afternoon a great mass meeting of women was held in Carnegie Hall and it was wonderful how well the women were heard in that immense building. A most interesting part of the afternoon programme was the introduction by Mrs. A. J. Gordon, Boston, of lady missionaries of whom there had registered 412. These came forward in groups according to the countries they represented. As they passed across the platform Mrs. Gordon in a few bright sentences mentioned their field of labour and any striking feature of their work. It was a wonderful sight; missionaries from many parts of India, Ceylon, Burmah, China, Japan, Assam, Persia, Corea, Laos and Siam, Syria and Palestine, Turkey, various parts of Africa, West Indies, South America and North America; also several native girls from India, China and Persia.

Carnegie Hall was again crowded in the evening and great enthusiasm was manifested, especially after the able address of Miss Lilavati Singh, B. A., of India, Professor of English Literature, Lucknow College, India. She was finally obliged to come forward and sing a native hymn which she did very sweetly. Miss Singh's subject was "The Results of Higher Education," and certainly she, in her address, did justice to her subject, for it was most polished and her accent perfect.

These women's meetings were grand, certainly none excelled them, they were full of missionary information. Many and eloquent were the addresses, all given in a modest womanly manner. "Upon my handmaids will I pour out in those days of my spirit, and they shall prophecy," seemed to be literally fulfilled.

There was another meeting of great interest, where the speakers were women. This was on Monday, 30th. Miss Abbott, of Bombay, told of the 27,000,000 of widows in India, *14,000 of whom are under four years of age!* and of all they have to suffer. Mrs. Wellington, White most graphically described the pitiable condition of the blind girls in China, until

taken hold of by lady missionaries and taught so that now they print their own Bibles, and many are Bible-women in the hospital.

Miss Corrina Shattuck eloquently portrayed the sorrows of the 3000 orphans after the massacre of the Armenians, and of her school in which they are received and trained for lives of usefulness.

These are only a very few points in these wonderful meetings, where the information given was far more than any ordinary brain could take hold of, yet the interest never seemed to tire.

A pleasing change was an informal reception to Baptists on Friday afternoon, in Calvary (Dr. MacArthur's) church, and a very delightful reception was given on Monday, 30th, in the beautiful rooms at Sherry's, to Britain and her Colonies, and those working in British Colonies, by the British residents. This took more the form of an "At Home."

I cannot close without telling of the meeting in Carnegie Hall on Sunday evening, April 29th, in the interest of famine sufferers in India. Short addresses were given by several missionaries from India who brought out very clearly the causes of famines, the wonderful pains Great Britain takes to prevent them and the foresight with which she handles them. As one speaker (an American) said Great Britain's arrangements for famine are as perfect as the New York fire arrangements. The terrible horrors of the present famine were portrayed and the necessity for other Christian nations to send to the relief of those suffering.

Another point I must mention was the address of Bishop Ridley, Caledonia, B. C., on work among the Indians of the North-West. In a most interesting way he told how for twelve years nobody had been in jail, of their prosperity, of their singing, church building and of the collection at the opening of the new church, amounting to \$1,344 and of their schools, taught by English women of culture.

A meeting of missionaries and officers of the Boards was held on Wednesday, May 2, to consider the practical outcome of the Conference. We may hear from them later. In the mean time let us women, one and all, bestir ourselves, for we are individually as well as collectively, responsible to our Master for our part in "Going into all the world." J. B.

TOKIO has voted an elevated, or as the Japanese name it, an "over-head railway."

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

In trying to convey to others the thoughts expressed and impressions received, it is difficult to know where to begin and where to end. In reading the reports given by those who had the privilege of being present, the reader can form but a slight conception of the great treat we enjoyed, it was indeed a feast of good things, almost too much of a good thing, and it is only as we peruse the various papers in quiet that we can digest them and thus receive a deeper blessing. And here I would urge all to secure for the marvellously small sum of \$1.00 a complete report, it will be of inestimable value to all Christian workers, and I venture to say that after its perusal, no one will be bold enough to cast any doubts on the value of missions. The mission forces were gathered from the land of drought and famine, China, Japan, the Isles where the Southren Cross still shines, the lands of ice and snow. The Dark Continent was fully represented, even that part where the fierce struggle is now going on between stagnation and retrogression, and freedom, progress and a purer form of Christianity, and so far as the writer could judge, the opinion expressed was, Britain must win. Dr. Harry Guinness who is a host in himself, earnestly pleaded for the Regions Beyond, in which is included South America, though no mention was made of the Canadian Baptist Mission in Bolivia. Indeed, I wondered whether it is known outside of our own workers.

The "National Welcome" which opened the greatest Conference the world has ever known, is to many an unknown quantity, as they failed to gain admission, even though armed with a special invitation and ticket for the part of the hall reserved for delegates. The programme, stated President McKinley, would give the address of Welcome, and ex-President Harrison reply, and the Bishop of New York offer the opening prayer, all of which was carried out.

My first inspiration was received from a sermon preached by Dr. Willingham, whom some of our readers had the pleasure of hearing in Toronto a few months ago, taking for his text "Come unto Me," and "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," he led us to see that having accepted the gracious invitation, and thus received a saving knowledge ourselves, it is then, for us to obey the commission and go, there ought to be no opinion to offer as

to our duty, but the devil steps in and says go not. Let us choose whom we will serve, God or the devil.

Another speaker gave two reasons as to why we must preach the Gospel, 1st, fidelity to Christ, the disciples were, on being endued with the Spirit, to be witnesses, in Jerusalem, our own city or town, Judea, our own country, Samaria, meaning those you do not like. The Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans, for us it may be the Jews, and Italians or Chinese in our land and then "to the uttermost parts of the earth."

2nd, Fairness—The forefathers of the great Anglo-Saxon race were Pagans, think of it ye Christian people, the Gospel of Peace was brought to us by St. Augustine and others, and how can we in all fairness refuse to pass it on and so bless others. It is not the question as to whether the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, but whether the churches can be saved if we do not obey the commission. The conference was a proof that many of the brightest Christians have not turned a deaf ear to the "Macedonia cry," and many noble men and women have gone forth "not to be ministered unto but to minister." It is a never to be forgotten sight that our eyes looked upon, as our ears listened to such veterans as Drs. J. G. Paton, Hudson Taylor, Jacob Chamberlain, William Ashmore, and our own Canadian worker, Dr. John McLaurin, tell of their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears, but ever affirming their unalterable belief in the ultimate triumph of the Gospel. Let those of us who "stay by the stuff" not forget these many tried and true workers. Eugene Stock, Esq., of London, ably reviewed the growth of missions during the past century. Dr. Pierson said God had prepared the world and paved the way, by the great discoveries of the mariners' compass, steam engine and the printing press, surely it is true "History without God is mystery." During the first quarter of the century Robert Morrison began work in China, ere its close the promoters of missions realised evangelization and conversion were not convertible terms. During the second period it became apparent that the native Christian must be the means used to evangelize their fellow-countrymen, as the missionary staff was so constantly being depleted by the awful ravages of disease. Before this second quarter had run its course China's door was opened. The third quarter was notable for martyr deaths on the various fields "but the blood of the martyr proved

the seed of the Church," as all know who have read the story of work in Madagascar. Mention was also made of the work done for the Indians of the great North-West, extending to Hudson Bay, and the frozen shores of the North Pacific. It is during the last quarter of the century that the greatest progress has been made, doors opened and work begun before which the battlements of Satan are falling, and the banner of Jehovah being unfurled. Dr. Pentecost likens the work that has been done in the past to the storing of dynamite in the holes drilled under some huge rock, when all is ready, the fuse is applied and a mighty upheaval takes place. So surely will God in His own time, touch by His Spirit the great heathen world, and heathenism with all its abominations will fall. "The work of missions is pre-eminently God's enterprise, it is His means of taking out of the nations a people for Himself."

Space will not permit me to dwell on the many other phases of the work discussed, Literature, Giving, Education, etc., and the Medical Work, which was to me most interesting. The latter division of the work was ably presented by Drs. Howard, Taylor, Geo. E. Post, L. R. Scudder and Drs. Mary Bryan, Grace M. Kimball, and S. E. Johnston, the latter I believe, a Eurasian, who received her training largely in the States, on her return to India she was both physician and nurse, but now has 40 Christian students and nurses in whose charge she left her hospital with its 50 beds, while she attended the Conference. She had received a letter from the English physician in the city, that everything was running smoothly and patients well cared for.

Dr. Grace Kimball, who had been in Turkey, did not approve of combining medical and missionary work, either one, being in her estimation, a sufficient tax on one's strength, this view did not meet with approval. Dr. Carlton felt that by combining the two greater good could be accomplished. Dr. Wilson also believes they go hand in hand, and indeed medical missions is admitted by nearly all to be a great factor in the work of Christianizing the heathen world. In China there is a sorry procession of ignorant quacks, and in the case of a wealthy patient, several will call in a single day, not in mutual consultation, and the patient compelled to swallow a series of disgusting compounds. It was felt necessary that medical schools should be established in every country in order that the natives might be

trained as nurses, compounders and hospital assistants. Is it not true that loving service will fail to alleviate suffering, where skilled service will succeed, and combined, what may they not do?

Dr. Berry described his experience in Japan during an earthquake when 10,000 were killed and 15,000 wounded. While tending the latter a great roar was heard of the on coming of a second shock, the native nurse showed no fear but remained at her post and saved the life of her patient.

Our hearts were saddened as we listened to the great need of medical workers, and I am sure could our young men and women, who are preparing for their life work, but realize the opportunities before them, they would be eager to go forth in the footsteps of our Lord, to carry healing for both body and soul to these needy ones. To many the greatest interest centered round Women's Day, when all the foregoing subjects were most ably discussed. We had a bright example of what Christianity and education coupled with perseverance, has done for a Hindoo, Lilavati Singh, Prof. of English in Lucknow College. She told in her own words how graciously God had brought her to a knowledge of Himself and then permitted her to bear witness to His power to save. We were told how that in order to perfect herself she had seven times read through a History of England, and it is hardly necessary to say we were charmed by her perfect command of English. Does this not prove there is a more exalted way of spending one's time than reading frothy literature or being self-centred and self-seeking. Missions teach us self-denial, hence the importance of early interesting the children. And now we ask why all this wonderful enthusiasm? is it not because these mighty servants of God have not only heard the "Go ye," but also the voice of our crucified and risen Lord "all power is given unto me," and "Lo, I am with you alway."

In closing let me urge upon all to be quick to bear "the still small voice" say "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us," quick to respond. "Here am I, send me."

E. D.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

BY OSCAR H. COOPER, D.D.

One of the most striking things said in the Conference was President Harrison's amendment to Prince Hohenlohe's remedy for the evil tendencies of the times.

The great German Chancellor, speaking recently to a meeting of German scientists, said that the terrific energy of destroying forces in the closing years of the century suggested a return to the age of the Saurians, the mighty monsters which æons ago roamed over the earth annihilating whatever came in their way. The hope for safety, he thought, lay in the advance of science, the growth and diffusion of scholarship.

"I differ with the Chancellor," said the ex-President. "The hope of safety in the future lies in the Christian religion." The thought came to me, as I listened a few feet away, that the hope of the world for the spread of religion, pure and undefiled, lies, under God's providence, in the hearts of the Christians of America.

The high-water mark of the meeting was reached in the addresses of President Strong, of the Rochester Theological Seminary, and of Dr. Ashmore, missionary to China, both Baptist. Perhaps the readers of the *Recorder* may be favored by having the whole of Dr. Strong's masterly address, but I wish to emphasize by quoting the last two paragraphs as they were reported in one of the New York papers. They are as follows:

"The purpose of Foreign Missions is Christ, for all the honor and praise of this world's redemption shall be given to him. At the feet of him who was crowned with thorns shall be cast the crowns of all the saved, from all the continents and all the islands of the sea. Mongolia and Polynesia and Patagonia shall join with Ethiopia in stretching forth their hands with offerings to Christ. A multitude that no man can number shall praise him, of those who have been redeemed from the earth. But why should we limit the praise to the inhabitants of this little sphere? Is it not written that God will sum up all things in Christ; that to principalities and powers in heavenly places shall be made known his manifold wisdom; that in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, as well as on earth and under the earth? May we not believe, with Mark Hopkins, that in the great day of restitution other intelligences will come in long procession from other departments of the universe, great white legions from Sirius and Arcturus and the chambers of the South, to bow the knee and to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?"

"So through the ages one increasing purpose runs. Let our thoughts be widened to take in that purpose and to make it ours. Christ is all in all. As his authority is supreme and universal, so his purpose is supreme and universal also. The prince in the Arabian story took from a walnut-shell a miniature tent, but that tent expanded so as to cover, first himself, then his palace, then his army, and at last his whole kingdom. So Christ's authority and Christ's purpose expand as we reflect upon them, until they take in, not only ourselves, our homes and our country, but the whole world of sinning and suffering men, and

the whole universe of God. I take this great gathering of representatives from all the earth as a sign that the earth has begun to hear the word of the Lord, and is preparing to obey. There is but one authority for Foreign Missions, and that is Christ. There is but one purpose for Foreign Missions, and that is Christ. 'For of Him, and through Him, and unto Him, are all things. To Him be the glory, forever. Amen.'"

John D. Rockefeller was present at many of the meetings. I met him on the day after the venerable and beloved Ashmore had made his soul-stirring speech about the Chinese mission field. "Did you hear Ashmore last night?" asked the multimillionaire. "It was the high-water mark of the Conference." Dr. Ashmore has a beautiful face, and when he speaks I think of "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

Gov. Northen, of Georgia, was a faithful attendant. He belongs to the highest type of the men of our time. His words come from a clear brain fired by a noble heart. These sentences of his thrilled the listening thousands:

"When I say that this is the most remarkable assemblage of men before which I ever stood I recognize with profound concern that I am addressing the assembled Congress of Nations. Assembled to consider some fundamental principle of international law? No. To consider some condition that is to be made the basis of international war? No. A great peace congress of the world to say to the nations in the name of humanity, in the name of God, let there be no more blood, no more slaughter, no more war? No. A congress assembled between all nations to rise up in their power, led by the great God himself, to strike down the colossal crime of ages, the saloon? No. But a congress of nations assembled to proclaim the Gospel of the living God throughout all the earth as the one thing under heaven that shall be the solution of the problems that trouble governments and vex men."

I bring from this tremendous meeting deepened convictions:

1. That orthodox Christianity has not been damaged by the so-called "higher criticism."
2. That the world is hungering and thirsting after true religion.
3. That the twentieth century will behold a mighty advance of the hosts of Immanuel, and the ideals of our faith are gaining deeper and stronger hold of the heart of humanity. God speed the day when the hearts of all men and the counsels of all institutions and nations shall be subject to the law of love as revealed by our Divine Master!—*Western Recorder.*

Work at Home.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON.—The Annual Meeting of the Womens Mission Circles in this Association will be held in Dunnville (D. V.) June 5th. A good program is being prepared. Circles are urged to send delegates names to Mrs. John Slingsby, Dunnville, Ont.

M. WALKER, Dir.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands in this Association will be held at Mt. Brydges (D. V.) on June 5th, commencing at 2 p.m. A good programme is being arranged.

The Circles and Bands are requested to send delegates, furnishing such with brief reports of the year's work; and churches where no society exists are kindly requested to send representatives. It is earnestly desired that those interested make these meetings a special subject of prayer, that God, the Holy Spirit, may be present in power, guiding and controlling all things according to the counsel of His will.

E. PARK, Dir.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of the ladies of this Association will be held in Sherbrooke, on Tuesday, June 12th, at three o'clock p.m.

Names of delegates desiring entertainment should be sent to Mr. F. Therrien, chairman of billeting Com., not later than June 8th.

T. LUCKENS.

WESTERN.—The Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands of the Western Association, will be held with the church at Wheatly, on Tuesday the 13th June, commencing at 11 a.m. The programme in preparation will be of an interesting nature, Circles and Bands are requested to send as many delegates as possible with an account of the year's work, and it is earnestly requested that churches where no Circles exist send representatives.

Trusting that God's presence will be deeply manifested, stimulating to greater energy for the propagating of the Gospel.

J. RITCHIE, Dir.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands will be held at Bracebridge on the afternoon and evening of June 21st. All Circles and Bands are requested to send delegates. Efforts are being made to arrange an interesting and profitable programme.

R. CUMMER, Dir.

{ THE heathen are increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 a year and dying at the rate of 35,000,000.

OXFORD AND BRANT.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands, will be held in Burgessville, on Wednesday, June 6th, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

A programme of addresses and discussions is being prepared by members of the Circles, which will, we feel sure, be of practical help to workers through the year. Our Medical Missionary elect, Dr. Gertrude Hulet, will be present and speak to us, and we hope every one who can, will avail themselves of the privilege of meeting her, and wishing her (God-speed on her way to India. We also hope to have with us Dr. Oliver, a young lady under appointment as missionary of the Presbyterian Board.

Miss Trotter, of Toronto, will speak to us of our Home Mission work.

Will Secretaries of Circles come prepared to give brief reports of any feature of their work that will prove helpful.

We anticipate a profitable meeting, and urge every sister who can to come whether a member of a Circle or not.

LENNIE M. GRAY, *Dir.*

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held in Waterford, on June 12th. Prayer and praise service from 2 to 2:30 p.m. The following ladies have consented to be present and deliver addresses: Our Conventional 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hutchinson, Brantford, subject, Home Missions; Our General Band Sec., Miss Tapscott, Toronto, Band Work; Dr. Gertrude Hulet, Norwich, Foreign Work, topic, "Our Love for the Brethren," 1 John 3, 14; Mrs. (Dr.) Barbour, St. George, Foreign Missions, and Miss Ida Ryerse, Simcoe, *Link and Visitor*. Pastors will please announce these sessions from their pulpits.

MARY E. DAVIS, *Director.*

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

WESTOVER.—Our Circle has thirteen members at present on the roll, we have just added two new ones to our list but as there are three non-resident, it just leaves us ten to work and plan out of nearly thirty women members. We have contributed to Home Missions \$14, to Foreign \$12, to Leper \$5, also \$16 to keep a Biblewoman on Mr. Walker's field.

We had Miss Baskerville (returned missionary) in December of last year to give us an address. The first lady missionary we ever had to speak to us on behalf of that grand and noble work. It was just the outpouring of a heart in touch with the Master and His work. For about one hour she carried the large audience to India and in humility and love appealed to the Christian women for larger sympathy for their sisters in that dark country, and the duty of Christians toward man was never more earnestly presented in this community. Her appeal resulted in a very generous offering. Truly it was good to listen to one whose heart was burning with zeal for her work. As has been our usual custom to hold a missionary tea once a year in some members home, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robertson, whole-heartedly came forward and offered theirs to be used for the uplifting of Christ's cause, which we gladly accepted using it for a double purpose. As our pastor Mr. Frost had just commenced his work among us, we decided it would be a grand opportunity for pastor and people to get acquainted, also

have our tea and thus accomplish a great deal. The Circle provided a plain tea at which a silver collection was taken amounting to \$8. A great deal of the success is due to our host and hostess in their untiring efforts to make it an evening that any Christian might say it was good to be there. We had a short programme, pastor gave a short address, speaking principally to young people on taking a high ideal in life, which was very much appreciated by both old and young. Miss Sara Jamieson gave one of her choice readings also Miss Lulu Jamieson and Miss Sadie Nicol gave some very appropriate music. Some of the brethren gave us advice, one brother telling a little story which when summed up meant put your shoulder to the wheel and lift, and the burden was overcome.

TORONTO, WALKER ROAD.—My Band work has been to me a great delight. I hope during the year that seeds have been sown that in years to come will spring up and grow, bearing much fruit for the Master. This year we have been a working Band. The girls have made a large number of garments and small useful articles. And the boys made scrap-books, tops, balls, etc., which were taken at Christmas to the "Children's Aid Shelter." Since Christmas the same kind of work has been done, but has not yet been given away. On the last day of March we held our Annual Concert, which was in every way a success. The Sunday School was beautifully decorated with red, white and blue tissue paper chains made by the Band. The Band responds to the roll-call by Scripture texts. In this way a great deal of Scripture has been memorized. Every Saturday some instruction is given while the children work. Once a month no work is done; we call it "Lesson day," and very happy days they have been.

ANNIE P. TROTTER, *President.*

THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Receipts from April 16, to 30th, 1900, to finish the term of the financial year, 1899-1900, for the Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Boston (\$5 for Famine Fund), \$10; Brantford, First Ch. Y. L., \$10; Brooklin, \$2.60; Burford, \$3.18; Caltus, \$3; Claremont, \$10; Dundas, \$5.30; Forest, Thank offering, \$4.15; Grimsby, special, \$5; Hamilton, Wentworth St., \$2.60; Harrow, \$2.35; London, Maitland St for Famine, \$8; Norwich, \$8.50; Pickering, \$5.25; Ridgetown for Famine, \$2.05; Sparta, \$2.40; Simcoe, \$5.50; Simcoe, Y. L., \$3.50; Toronto, Bloor St. Y. W. Aux., collected by Miss Mary Howell, for Leper Hospital, \$2.55; Toronto, Beverley St., \$14.47. Total, \$113.40.

FROM BANDS.—Brooklin, 90c; Bardville for Tatapudi Ramaswami, \$4.25; Chatham for Sampara Devadasu, \$10; Claremont for Bonu Jennie, \$17; Guelph, Trinity Ch. to buy lamps for church in Bivia, \$10; Houghton, First, \$1.70; Lobo, \$4; Norwood, \$2; Norwich, \$4; Peterboro,

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK.

Murray St., Baby Band, \$1.36; Simcoe, 4.60; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$7. Total, \$66.70.

FROM SUNDRIES—St. Thomas, Junior Y. P. S. C. E. for Mantada David, \$10; Toronto, Moulton College Y. W. C. A., \$5 03; Miss C. J. Elliot for Famine relief, \$25; Mrs. Aaker, for Famine relief, \$5. Total, \$45.03.

REVENUE—Third instalment, from General Board re Canada School Buildings, \$157.24.

Total receipts during the fifteen days. 382 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Treasurer for Extras :

For Famine Relief.	\$47 05
Lepher Hospital.	2 55
Native preacher support (from Walmer Rd. M. C.)	25 00
Bolivia Mission, to buy lamps.	10 00
Total	\$84 60

NOTE.—By request \$25.00 credited with the Sundries in February receipts has been transferred to the credit of Grimsby Mission Circle, increasing the receipts from Circles and decreasing the amount from Sundries.

Total receipts from May 1, 1899 (one year). \$7,557 88
Total disbursements " " " " " " " " " " 7,297 06

The above totals include all the "specials" and "extras" which are not designated for "Medical Lady." Thank-offerings were reported from 84 Circles, 6 Bands, 1 other Organization and two individuals, the amount so noted is \$768.42.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT—"Medical Lady" Fund :

Norwich M.B.	\$4 00
Mrs. Chisholm, Berlin.	5 00
Miss Minnie Pound, Strathcona, Alberta.	5 00
Total	\$14 00
The balance in this fund is.	\$201 01

This sum with what has been promised still needs about \$400 or \$450 more, to enable the Board to send out Dr. Gertrude Hulet this autumn.

THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year, from April 30th, 1899, to April 30th, 1900.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Band.	Other Orga'n.	Total.
Aylmer.	\$ 85 74	\$ 10 00		\$ 95 74
Calton	17 00			17 00
Fingal	1 00			1 00
Gladstone	25 60	4 55		30 15
Lakeshore Calvary	62 35			62 35
Malabide and Bayham	20 00			20 00
New Sarum	15 50	12 25		27 75
Port Burwell	12 40			12 40
Shedden	5 00			5 00
Sparta	13 28			13 28
St. Thomas, Centre St.	70 48		Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 27 00	97 48
Association Collection.				4 70
11 Circles, 3 Bands.	\$381 85	\$20 80	\$27 00	\$380 85

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circles.	Band.	Other Orga'n.	Total.
Acton	\$ 8 80			\$ 8 80
Brantford	27 80	17 10		44 90
Chatham	30 50	2 50		33 00
Erie	4 00			4 00
Gall.	20 05		B. Y. P. U. 17 00	37 05
Georgetown	10 75	5 00		15 75
Guelph, First Ch.	45 42	7 00		52 42
Guelph, Trinity Ch.	27 00	10 00		37 00
Hespeler	22 29			22 29
Hillsburgh	6 80	3 75		10 55
Nisouri, East	5 25			5 25
St. Mary's.	8 05		Girls 14 75 Boys 5 00	28 70
Stratford.	24 00			24 00
Association Collection.				3 25
13 Circles, 3 Bands.	\$201 51	\$65 10	\$17 00	\$346 85

MIDDLESEX AND LAMFORS ASSOCIATION.

Alisa Craig	\$23 25		\$1 75	\$25 00
Alvinston, sisters of the church.				4 21
Becken		\$4 21		4 21
Brocke	38 00			38 00
Bropke and Enslakillon	20 50			20 50
Calvary	19 00			19 00
Courtright and Moore Centre	5 90			5 90
Denfield	14 15			14 15
Forest	9 12			9 12
Lobe		4 00		4 00
London, Adelaide St.	60 45	Y. P. 19 78		119 48
" " Yg Ladies.	24 00	Jr. 6 30		30 30
" Egerton St.	9 00	7 85		16 85
" Maitland St.	29 00	Sr. 25 00		62 27
" South	32 11	23 70		55 81
" Talbot St.	123 84	11 76	Y. P. S. C. E. 13 00	149 00
Marthaville	1 18			1 18
Nisouri, West.	4 00			4 00
Park Hill	1 00			1 00
Petrolia	62 05	15 00		77 05
Plympton	12 00			12 00
Poplar Hill	10 25			10 25
Sarnia	45 50			45 50
" Young Ladies	13 24	3 25		16 49
Sarnia Township.	9 45			9 45
Stratford	21 95			21 95
Wyoming	23 12			23 12
" Young Ladies	6 07	2 00		8 07
Association Collection.				1 72
25 Circles, 13 Bands.	\$614 53	\$153 67	\$16 55	\$765 27

NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Beamsville	\$18 50			\$18 50
Dundas	9 30	\$17 50	Ch'ch. spec. \$7 00	\$34 30
Fonthill	9 00			9 00
Freslon	2 50			2 50
Grimsby	67 50			67 50
HAMILTON—Herklmer St.	5 00			5 00
" James St.	66 15	12 00	W. Bible-clas. 25 00 Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. 12 00	115 15
" Victoria Avenue	10 40	4 00		14 40
" Wentworth St.	9 25			9 25
Port Colborne.	5 50			5 50
St. Catharines—Lyman St.	14 90	2 50		17 10
Wentover	102 14			102 14
Windecker	87 00	4 00		91 00
Association Collection.	3 00			3 00
14 Circles, 6 Bands	\$377 95	\$42 24	\$44 00	\$440 19
Bullock's Corners, special, 1 Band			\$4 60	4 60

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Bloomsburg	\$6 00	\$5 00		\$11 00
Easton	40 00	17 00		57 00
Onondaga	3 80	5 45		9 25
Cultus.	3 00			3 00
DeCoville	8 00	(late)		8 00
Delhi	6 00	17 50		23 50
Forestville		4 50		4 50
Hagersville	4 50	7 00		11 50

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Other Orga'n.	Total.
Wheatley.....	10 10	2 50		12 60
Wilkesport.....	8 76	17 00		20 76
Association Collection.....				3 71
Collections at series of meetings addressed by Miss Baskerville, \$32.78, less \$12.70 expenses.....				20 08
11 Circles. 4 Bands.	\$119 51	\$32 00	\$17 00	\$192 89

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.

Bobesgood.....	\$ 4 70			\$ 4 70
Broom.....	18 80	\$ 8 40		22 20
Claremont.....	29 00	17 00		37 00
Fenelon Falls.....	Lata.			
Goodwood.....	8 00			8 00
Green River.....	2 50			2 50
Lindsay.....	33 18	23 00		56 18
Oshawa.....	5 00			5 00
Pickering.....	10 85			10 85
Port Perry.....	9 75			9 75
Reaboro'.....	5 00	3 20		8 20
Stonerville.....	4 00			4 00
Uxbridge.....	12 00	18 25		30 25
Whitby.....	5 00			5 00
Whitville.....	9 04			9 04
Association Collection.....				4 50
14 Circles. 6 Bands.	\$142 87	\$64 85		\$212 22

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections (other than those credited to Associations).....	\$ 60 71
Interest on Deposit, General Account.....	86 11
Special Deposit.....	4 55
Contributions from individuals.....	107 00
Investment—gift of the late Miss Ellen Davies.....	2 00
W. B. H. and F. M. S. of Manitoba.....	2 00
Refund: 3rd Instalment, from General Board re Cocanada School Buildings.....	157 24
on Acct. Sale of Leaflets, "Historical Sketch".....	1 18
	\$1,703 50

STATEMENT FOR THE GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward, April 30, 1899.....				
New Missionary Fund.....	\$ 132 15			
Special funds not designated.....	350 48			
For regular work.....	1031 23			
				\$2119 84
Amount from Circles.....	5054 67			
" " Bands.....	894 97			
" " Other Organizations.....	218 72			
" " Associations Collections.....	104 43			
" " Miscellaneous Sources.....	1283 04			
				7557 88
				\$9677 72
DISBURSEMENTS.				
By General Treasurer:				
For regular work.....	\$6188 67			
Extras:—Special appropriation for books and tracts.....	150 00			
Zenana Carriage.....	77 00			
On account Miss Morrow's support (the balance of "New Missionary Fund").....	132 13			
Cocanada Bungalow.....	250 00			
For Jopon.....	51 55			
Extra girls, Cocanada.....	50 00			
Miss Priest.....	10 00			
Miss Stovel.....	2 00			
For native preacher's support.....	25 00			
"Deborah," extra Bible-woman.....	8 00			
Famine Relief.....	105 70			
Bolivia Mission.....	20 00			
				\$7116 55
By Miss Baskerville, re Cocanada School buildings, balance of special fund.....	41 48			
By Expense Account.....	106 28			
By Investment Account.....	33 75			
				181 51
Total.....				7297 69
Balance April 30, 1900:				
Special funds.....	657 24			
For regular work.....	1735 42			
				\$2392 66

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT—"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

Balance forward, April 30, 1899.....		\$171 46
From Circles.....	67 00	
" Bands.....	4 00	
" Miscellaneous.....	18 55	
		70 55
		\$251 01
By General Treasurer, for Dr. Pearl Chute's Medical Work.....	\$50 00	
Balance, April 30, 1900.....		201 01
		\$251 01

*NOTE.—The debenture of the Victoria Rolling Stock Company having matured during the year, a registered bond of the Commercial Cable Company for \$1000.00 has been purchased, at a premium of 2½%—\$31.25 and brokerage \$2.50; hence this item of expenditure on account of investment.

No. of Circles heard from, 198.
No. of Bands heard from, 90.

Income available for our regular work..... \$637 96

VIOLET ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
May 3rd, 1900.

JOHN FIRSEBROOK, }
FRED L. RATCLIFF, } Auditors.

U. S. M. U.

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

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.—For the Home Mission work in these Provinces; that the students going forth may be greatly helped, and blessed in winning souls.

AWAKE, THOU THAT SLEEPEST.

Eph. v. 14.

The watch towers gleam; the hills are bright,
The day of Christ appears;
Throw off the languor of the night
And banish all your fears.

Rejoice to-day, lift up your voice,
Proclaim the precious word;
Exhort the nations to rejoice
And serve the coming Lord.

The fields are white, 'tis harvest time,
The reapers—where are they?
The Master comes; O hope sublime,
Awake and watch and pray.

The Bridegroom comes, the King draws near,
Arise, repeat the call;
The Lord is nigh; His voice we hear;
Arouse, ye servants, all.

He comes to fill the earth with joy,
He comes to banish pain;
Arise and enter His employ,
To speed His glorious reign.

ARCHIBALD WHEATON, in *Bap. Miss. Magazine*.

Our Associational gatherings will soon be here. Let us come to them from our closets, in faith, expecting great things, and we shall not be disappointed.

Live the present moment to God, and avoid perplexing yourself about your past or future experience. By giving up yourself to Christ, as you are, and being willing to receive Him now as He is, leaving all the rest to Him, you will out of a thousand temptations by the roots.—*John Fletcher.*

NAHAM GAMZA.

The following strikingly suggestive quaint story from the Talmud was related by a Jewish Rabbi to the children upon a certain occasion during the recent Passover season.

He said, "There was once a man who used to go by the name of Naham Gamza, or as we should say, 'Naham Good, again,' and he was so called because whatever befell him he always said, 'This too is for good.' 'What God does is well done.' He was once on a long and weary pilgrimage, and came to a little village but could get no accommodation; so he retired to the forest, saying, 'Whatever God does is well done.' He had there a lamp, a fowl, and a donkey. He lighted his lamp to guide him, but the wind blew it out, and he was left in darkness. 'Whatever God does is well done,' he said. Next a wild cat came out of the thicket and carried off his bird. 'Whatever God does is well done,' he said again. And then a lion fell upon his donkey and slew it, and again he repeated his faithful saying. On making his way into the village he found that brigands had appeared during the night and had robbed and then killed the few inhabitants. His heart was full of gratitude for his own preservation, and he felt that whilst it had been a great trouble to him to have had to take shelter in the forest during the night, yet in this way he had escaped death; and also that if his lamp had continued shining, or the cock had crowed, or the donkey had brayed, the brigands might have found out his retreat. So Naham Good-again was full of thankfulness and praise."

"Be ye (also) thankful," as for then so now, "Whatever God does is good."—*The Jewish Missionary Herald.*

In those seven epistles to the churches which open the Apocalypse, our Lord uses His imminent coming as a perpetual hope, motive, incentive, and this is enough to make it a sin, if not a crime, to lose sight of it. It was because His coming was ever at hand when trials were to end and triumphs begin, that the Ephesians must bear, have patience, and not faint; the Smyrneses endure the ten days of tribulation; the Pergamones hold fast His name and not deny the faith; the Thyatirians resist Jezebel's seductions; the Sardisians keep up their watch and keep white their garments; the Philadelphians keep the word of His patience, and the Laodiceans abandon lukewarmness for ardour and fervour. This blessed hope is the crown of all hopes, and suggests to us an expectation that will be realized.—*A. T. Pierson.*

Our Southern Baptist brethren expect to go to their Annual Convention free of debt. They will need to receive forty thousand dollars, but expect to receive every dollar of it. The Board has appointed seventeen new missionaries, and fifteen of these have been sent out, to the great strengthening of the work. Last year, eight hundred and forty-five baptisms were reported, and so far twelve hundred during the past months.

Mr. E. P. Coleman, treasurer of the Am. Bap. Miss. Union, is sending about \$1,800 weekly to India for famine relief.

"The Pentecost on the Congo" still continues. Three hundred and thirty-nine converts were baptized at Banga Manteke last year, one hundred and forty at Lukunga, and four hundred and six at Kifwa. What joy in heaven over lost ones in Africa saved for the Kingdom of God! The churches in the Congo mission added forty per cent. to their membership last year.—*Bapt. Miss. Magazine.*

The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

THE EUROPEAN MISSIONS.—Three thousand and ninety-four were baptized in Sweden, two thousand two hundred and twenty-seven in Germany, and one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one in Russia, by our missionaries. The churches in the European missions gave four hundred and nine thousand one hundred and seven dollars to be added to the money we send them for work in Europe.

He that saveth his time from prayer shall lose it. He that loseth his time for communion with God shall find it in blessing.—*Robert Wilder.*

"God writes straight in crooked lines," avers the Portuguese proverb. Let us say so too; for God works all the good pleasure of His will in that man who wills to do the will of God, and lets Him have His own way, and the result is royal. It was so with the Captain of our salvation, who was made perfect through suffering: "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.—*Sel.*

The reunion of man with God and the will of God is what constitutes heaven in this life and heaven in the next.—*Prof. Rendel Harris.*

ST. STEPHEN.—A very pleasant "At Home" was provided by the W. M. A. Society, April 19th, in the vestry of the Union St. Baptist church, and was enjoyed by a large number of ladies. The object of this meeting was to enroll all the women of the church and congregation in the Society, and thus mark the opening of the new century with a great advance in numbers. Over one hundred invitations were sent out enclosing a thank-offering envelope, the contents to

be appropriated to the century fund. A programme was provided, addresses by Mrs. Robinson, president, on the beginning of Woman's Work in the Maritime Provinces, and by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Goucher, on the "needs of the work." Solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Vaughan and Miss Wry, also a quartette by four sisters. The Mission Band was present and greatly enjoyed their treat of ice cream and cake, after which they retired. Then the ladies sat down to a delicious supper which they thoroughly enjoyed. The envelopes were opened and found to contain \$20. One new member was added and several took mite boxes. It is determined by the members that this shall not be the last of the kind. We must use every endeavor to interest others in this cause of missions, in short, as we realize the deep responsibility resting upon us as members of the W. M. A. Society.

Amounts received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. during Quarter ending April 30th, 1900.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Received from Nova Scotia W. M. A. S.	\$341 05	\$227 88	\$ 568 93
" New Brunswick "	338 62	104 14	442 76
" P. E. Island	79 20	37 82	117 02
" Tidings			6 22
" Reports			4 00
			\$1439 44
Dr.			
Paid J. W. Manning, Treas., F. M. B.			\$1490 78
" J. E. Sharpe, " N. W. M.			162 88
" Joseph Richards, " G. L. M.			84 87
" J. B. Titus, " N. E. Com.—H. M.			17 16
" E. M. Sipprell, " N. E. Com.—H. M.			17 16
" A. Cohoon, " H. M., N. S. & P. E. I.			87 45
" Printing Tidings			6 00
" Catalogues, Bor. Lit.			4 00
" Pro. Sec., New Brunswick (postage)			3 00
" Nova Scotia			6 00
" Drafts, postage, &c.			4 41
			\$1829 16

MARY SMITH,
Treas. W. B. M. U.

Amherst, May 2nd, 1900.

FROM OUR AID SOCIETIES.

ACCOUNT OF THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING—W. M. A. S. SESSION.

DEAR SISTERS:—I thought perhaps you would be interested in hearing how we got on with our work at the Quarterly Meeting held recently. As you are aware, these meetings are a new feature in Westmoreland County. When I read that there was to be a Quarterly Meeting at Port Elgin on the 10th inst., I was very anxious to have our societies represented and wrote to some of the parties in charge, asking for a portion of the time for our work. The request was kindly granted by the brethren. So we set out for Port Elgin. On boarding the train at Moncton, I was surprised to see only two delegates, one from Petitodiac and one from Sallabury. At Dorchester we were joined by a brother and together we proceeded to Sackville. Scarcely had we stepped from the car, when the Sackville minister and a judge sprang to meet us with the following greetings: "Didn't you get word?" "Didn't you hear?" "I thought

you knew." "The meeting has been called off." "Port Elgin is all snowed up and half the people are sick and they can't have the meeting." You may imagine how we felt. The Sackville ministers, though, were ready to help and most cordially invited the Quarterly Meeting to stop at Sackville, assuring us of a welcome at the Parsonage. In a few minutes we were all disposed of and word was sent to the neighboring churches to send their delegates to Sackville. The committee in charge very kindly placed the afternoon session on Wednesday at the disposal of the W. M. A. Societies. Owing to the terrible condition of the roads and the fact that a large number knew nothing of the meetings being held in Sackville, there were only a few present. Reports were given from the following societies:—Sackville, Mrs. Daley; Moncton, Mrs. Price; Dorchester, Mrs. Burgess; Pt. de Bute, Miss B. Brownell; Lewisville, Miss F. Clarke. The reports were encouraging. Moncton and Sackville had made special efforts and had held socials. Mrs. Archibald was present at Moncton and a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon was spent. At Sackville the President kindly invited the sisters to the parsonage. A good missionary programme was carried out and a very pleasant time enjoyed by the large number who responded to the invitation. Thank-offerings were given at each place.

Several sisters led in prayer. The County Secretary gave a Bible reading on work. A collection of \$1.70 was taken. The meeting closed by singing "Nearer my God to Thee." We feel very thankful to the kind friends at Sackville for so generously opening their homes and church to us. We had hoped to meet the sisters at Port Elgin, Bayside and Cape Tormentine, but God planned otherwise and it is all right. To the sisters of said societies we would say, "Be not cast down or discouraged." It requires neither grace, wisdom or courage to give up the work. It often requires all three to go on with it. If the Master should give us up as easily as we often give up working for Him, what would become of us? My sisters of the Westmoreland County W. M. A. Societies, press on. The year is nearing a close. Oh, make it a successful one. Famine, death and suffering are stalking through the land. Many have fallen victims to them! God in his wondrous love has protected us in our comfortable homes in fair Westmoreland. Have we nothing to render Him in return for it all? Do our hearts never ache for the starving millions who are dying without Christ? Oh, waste not life in idle vanity! Behold the dying multitude. Hear the Master say, "Give ye them to eat." Oh my sisters, let us with heart and soul respond and say, "Dear Father, we will strive to do Thy will and send the Bread of Life to those who know Thee not." With best wishes. Yours lovingly,
FLOBA CLARKE.

OBITUARY.

On the afternoon of Easter Monday, April 15th, at her home, on Argyle Street, Yarmouth, Miss Harriet S. McGill (Aunt Hattie) came to the close of a

long life, which had been "full of good works," and "entered into the joy of her Lord."

Born in January, 1811, she was probably the oldest woman in the Aid Societies of Nova Scotia, and has been a member since 1870, the year Miss Norris visited Yarmouth and organized a Society in Zion Church. Since that time her interest in our missionaries and their work has been unceasing.

Having been deeply concerned about the salvation of the heathen from her conversion and baptism, at the age of eighteen, during one of the great revivals in the Church at Liverpool, under the ministry of the late Dr. Bill, she was glad of an opportunity to join in the work undertaken by the Aid Societies, in the interests of heathen women and children, proving faithful to the end, even after sight and strength had failed.

Shortly after the organization of Temple Church, Miss McGill transferred her membership to that Church, and took her place in its Aid Society, remaining while life lasted one of its most earnest and prayerful members.

In 1892, as an expression of their love and esteem the Society presented her with a certificate, making her their first Life-member.

She wished the Society to meet in her home in May, that she might have the privilege of joining in the service once more; but when the day appointed came, she was no longer with us. She loved the house of the Lord always, and often, during her last illness, expressed the hope that she might be able again to go to Temple.

The body was taken to the house she had so much loved, the sisters placing flowers on the casket, and after an appropriate service, the singing of her favorite hymn—"How firm a foundation," forming a part—was laid away, earthly service over.

We think of "Aunt Hattie" now as living and rejoicing in the presence of Him "whom not having seen she loved.

Yarmouth, N. S., May 10th, 1900.

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