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If you 'lead the prayer-meeting' LEAD it. Prepare yourself to direct the minds of the brethren into some special and practically spiritual channel of thought. You cannot hurriedly glance at a chapter, throw together a few scattering thoughts and direct a successful meeting. A pastor of several years' experience says he spends almost as much time upon the ten or fifteen minutes' prayer-meeting lecture as upon the Sunday sermon, and the result is that very few of his weekly prayer-meetings pass without a request for prayer or a profession of conversion. And this not in a large city church but in a church where the attendance at prayer meeting does not average over forty. If you are a pastor, your work in directing the meeting does not begin and end with preparation and delivery of the talk. The members are not so faithless so thoughtless. If they could "just happen to think" they would invite their friends to the meeting—would permit their minds a brief respite from business or domestic thoughts and turn them lovingly toward the coming prayer-meeting and cause them to frame helpful words for others. Your business is to use every opportunity to remind them. Direct their thoughts to spiritual things as you meet them. Inquire how their individual departments of the great Christian effort are prospering. Give some brother a special thought which you would like him to say a word upon at the next meeting. You are general superintendent of the spiritual, thoughtful department of your church. You have many details to look after and no business needs the application of thorough system more than yours.

The *Athenæum* says that the Old Testament Company of Revisers has finished its labors. The preface has been finally revised and approved. As the work has to be submitted to Convocation before its issue to the public, it is not very likely to be published before next Easter. We do not see why it is to be submitted to Convocation any more than to the Wesleyan Conference or Autumnal Session of the Congregational or Baptist Union.—*Freeman.*

Pasteur Cretin is not far wrong, we think, when he claims for the Baptist the best position when dealing either with the halting Romanist or the avowed sceptic, or even in meeting the open attacks of the Romish priests, the Pædobaptist being met on sufficiently separate ground, nor is his position well covered by an appeal to the New Testament Scriptures.

The *Rock* says that although the revision of the Old Testament, properly so called, is finished, the book will not be published this year, as it has been announced in some quarters it would be. There is good reason, however, for expecting its appearance early in 1885. In the meantime, it is well not to accept as necessarily truthful any reports as to the alterations which have been made. The revisers have kept their own counsel, as was their duty, and the public must wait as patiently as they may till the results of their work are formally disclosed.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Annual Report of N. S. Central Board W. M. A. Societies.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF N. S. TO THE W. M. A. SOCIETIES WHOM THEY REPRESENT, 1883—1884.

The past year will ever be noted in our history as a Society, it being the time when we began to walk alone, or in other words, to act as Societies on the same basis as our sisters in the United States and the Upper Provinces. The plan thus far has worked well. Money has been sent in to the Treasury as freely as before and appropriations have been made in accordance with the wishes of Societies, or donors, and also to the best judgement of the Central Board guided by the estimates kindly furnished by the Sec. of the For Miss. Board. The Treasurer's account shows that the amount received from all sources is largely in advance of last year. This in itself is encouraging, and taken in connection with the success which has attended the labours of our County Mission Agents warrants us in indulging the hope of still greater success in the future The following ladies have consented to act in this capacity—Mrs. Jos. Kempton, for Lunenburg Co. Mrs. J. T. Eaton, for Annapolis Co. Mrs. P. R. Foster, for Shelburne. Mrs. W. E. Hall, for Digby. Mrs. J. C. Morse, for Digby Neck. Mrs. C. H. Martell, for Colchester. Mrs. G. Botsford Smith, Cumberland. Mainly through the exertions of these sisters twelve new Societies have been formed as follows—at Chester, Chester Basin, Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, East Onslow, Lower Stewiacke, Evergreen, Annapolis Co, Margaretville, Annapolis Co., New Ross, Lun Co., Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., Walton, Hants Co., and Sable River, Shelburne Co. It will be seen by this list that a large portion of our Province is still unprovided for in this way. Hants, Queens, Halifax, Kings, Cape Breton &c., need help from this source. Will not some sisters join this pioneer band, and thus do good service to the noble cause we so much love?

The Central Board is very sorry that so many of the Societies failed to respond to their request to fill in the printed slips sent them during the past quarter. The Secretary is therefore unable to give a full and correct statement of the standing of the Societies. Our paying Societies number 53 this year, and from these, but 30 returns have been received, and of these only 20 were answered *in full*. In these 30 churches alone upwards of two thousand sisters are members, but of this number, we find only 743 giving two cents a week to send the Bread of Life to the perishing millions of heathen; Think of it; Who so poor but they can spare that small sum for *other things*.

Nine Mission Bands have reported themselves, and a good record they give but we should be sorry to know that these are the only ones in our Province, as, from the good work they have done, we see what a power the children hold, and what they may accomplish when deeply interested and wisely directed—this last item perhaps the more important of the two. These nine helpers to our cause alone, report 470 members.

Four life members have been added to the list this year—Mrs. G. Botsford Smith and Mrs. W. D. Corbett, of Amherst, Mrs. C. H. Martell, of Onslow and Miss Jessie E. Chipman, of Bridgetown.

In the spring of this year, a Box of articles for the use of the missionaries was sent from their numerous friends in these Provinces. It was received by them in June, and gave much satisfaction to all concerned.

In October of last year our Missionary, Miss Hammond was married to Rev. I. C. Archibald leaving us without a representative in Telugu. But not for long did this sad state of things continue. The Lord put it into the heart of a young sister to offer herself to fill up the vacancy. Miss Wright came before the N. S. Central Board, was subsequently accepted by For. Miss. Board, and during the past summer has attended the Associations and visited some Societies, thereby creating a deeper interest in Missions, and making for herself hosts of friends who will not forget her when she is far away at her chosen life work. It is much to be regretted that no more time could be employed in this way, as far more interest will attach itself to the letters which may be received from our sister and appear in our papers, from the fact that she was once personally known, if even in so imperfect a manner as merely by a glance of the eye, or grasp of the hand. Soon after Convention this dear sister will leave her home and friends, but your responsibilities in connection with her will still remain. The Central Boards of these three Provinces look to the sisters for the means to sustain the work we have undertaken in their name. But beyond and above this, the Lord expects your prayers as well. See to it that your place in the monthly meeting is filled. Come prepared to give, as well as to receive, a blessing; and if some self-denial is occasioned by this course so much the better. "Two cents a week and a prayer" from each member of our churches, would accomplish more than we think. We say *churches* not societies, for surely each member of the former should also feel it their duty to become of the latter.

Our dear missionary friends, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, with their two children, arrived at their home in May for much needed rest. Their presence has added greatly to the interest of our W. M. A. Meetings at the Associations and elsewhere.

Letters received from Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Archibald give grounds of encouragement that the good seed sown by them in faith and watered by prayer, shall in the Lord's appointed time bring forth good fruit to His glory. Sisters, have you anything to do with this? In closing our Report, we commend the following sentences, taken from a sermon of Rev. J. McLaurin, Missionary to India, to your prayerful consideration.

"Now what do we want of you? We do *not* want your money without your prayers—money without prayer is a poor, hard, soulless thing. Not the few words you utter as you shuffle out of bed in the morning, or the few sleepy words spoken as you roll yourselves in at night. Such prayers do not reach the ceilings of your rooms, but we want the prayers which come from the deepest depths of your hearts—"*the heart's desire.*" We want them so strong and fervent as to project a spiritual atmosphere away across the intervening thousands of miles to India—prayer that we can feel there."

We would still continue to urge upon our sisters and societies, the support of our Missionary paper, the *Missionary Link*. It is readable from the first word to the last, containing a great amount of interesting intelligence from the different stations in India, and at such a reasonable price as to bring it within the reach of all.

M. R. SELDEN,
Sec. C. B of N. S.

Halifax, Aug. 4, 1884.

NOVA SCOTIA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. M. R. SELDEN, *Treasurer.*

Aug. 1, 1883. CR.		
By cash from last year	$3 81	
June 30, 1884.		
By interest from Savings Bank	16 20	
		$20 01
By cash received from Societies	1,066 26	
By donations	346 31	
By Mission Bands and Sabbath Schools	261 66	
By collections	70 46	
		$1,744 69
		$1,764 70
1883. DR.		
To Postage	$ 6 19	
" Stationery	1 65	
" Miss Wright, donations	6 00	
" " travelling exp.	23 26	
" " on acct. of outfit	100 00	
" Freight charges on box to India	7 00	
1884.		
To Cash paid Treasurer For. Mis. Board.		
From Mr. A. E. Freeman, Amherst, N. S., to educate a child in India under Mrs. Archibald's care	25 00	
Mission Band Isaac's Harbor, for child under Mrs. Hutchinson's care	20 00	
Mission Band Bridgetown, to support a boy in Mrs. Churchill's School 6 months	9 00	
Mission Band Windsor, for girl in Mrs. Archibald's School	25 00	
Mission Band Chester Basin, towards Mis. Chapel at Chicacole.	20 25	
1st Yarmouth Church S. School and friends	10 60	
To cash balance of $200 for Mis. Chapel at Chicacole	179 75	
From Mission Band North Baptist Church, Halifax, for support of "David"	25 00	
To cash towards passage of Miss Wright to India	500 00	
Mis. Band Granville St. Church, Halifax. for support of "Lizzie."	$25 00	
Mis. Band Windsor, to be sent to Mrs. Archibald in aid of the Gadaba School	32 00	
"Bessie," Truro, for support of "Chinnie," at Bobboli	6 00	
For support of "Harraimah" from 2 Societies, Halifax	25 00	
Mission Band, Salem, Wilmot, for Mrs Archibald to aid in School work	3 00	
Invalid member of Yar. Temple Church, for support of a child in India	15 00	
	$1,064 70	
By balance to next quarter.	700 00	
	$1,764 70	

Examined and found correct.
L. M. SMITH, *Auditor.*

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

List of Societies, which have sent in money to the Central Board during the year, from Aug. 1, 1883, to Aug. 1, 1884:

1. Annapolis	$ 10 00
2. Amherst	72 00
3. Antigonish	8 95
4. Berwick	34 00
5. Bridgetown	10 75
6. Bear River	11 00
7. Biltown	14 25
8. Aylesford	1 00
9. Bridgewater	6 00
10 Canard	30 00
11. Chester	27 00
12 Clarence	30 00
13. Canso	12 00
14. Canning	10 00
15. Dartmouth	18 00
16. Digby	25 50
17. Deerfield	16 00
18. Debert	7 00
19. Freeport	21 75
20. Falmouth	19 00
21. Guysboro	20 00
22. Great Village	19 78
23. Halifax, Granville St. Church	47 00
24. Halifax, North Church	68 70
25. Hillsburg	7 00
26. Hammond's Plains	13 00
27. Indian Harbor	16 50
28. Liverpool, Queens Co.	20 00
29. Lower Stewiacke	8 00
30. Mahone Bay	24 50
31. N. E. Margaree, C. B	14 00
32 Newport	17 50
33. New Germany	41 76
34. North River, Colchester Co.	4 50
35. Melvern Square	30 00
36. Milton, Queens Co	13 00
37. Onslow West	22 37
38. Onslow East	20 25
39. Pine Grove	20 50
40. Pereaux	7 00
41. 1st Ragged Island	16 00
42. Sydney, C. B	13 70
43. Stewiack	6 35
44. Sable River, Shelburne Co.	4 00
45. Torbrook	13 40
46. Tracadie	2 00
47. Truro	59 00
48. Weymouth	15 00
49. Windsor	35 00
50. Wolfville	52 25
51. Westport	10 00
52 Walton	7 00
53. Yarmouth, Temple Church	13 00
	$1,066 26

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM DONATIONS BY THE CENTRAL BOABD FOR THR YEAR ENDING AUG. 1, 1884.

Miss Rachel West, Aylesford	$ 2 00	
To constitute Miss Jessie Chipman of Bridgewater, a Life Member	25 00	
Mr. Reuben Layton, Pugwash	20 00	
Mrs. A. C. Ryerson, Yarmouth	3 80	
Mr. Geo. Arthur, Battersea, Ontario.	2 00	
A friend, Port Medway	5 00	
Proportion of profits of "Mis. Link."	20 86	
Proceeds of a "Sociable" at Sandy Cove	15 00	
Mrs. Albert Hart, Baddeck, C. B.	2 00	
Mrs. R. R. Card, Barnstable, Mass.	3 00	
Mrs. G. Botsford Smith, Amherst, for Life Membership	25 00	
Christmas Tree at Summerville, Hants County	46 80	
Mrs. Burgess' Bank Summerville	3 20	
To constitute Mrs. C. H. Martell, of Onslow, a Life Member	25 00	
Mrs. S. Rawding, Kempt, Queens	1 00	
Forest Glen Knitting Circle	6 00	
From Central Board of N. B. towards exp. of Testimonial to the Queen.	4 00	
Mr. C. E. Freeman, Amherst, N. S. to educate a child in Mrs. Archibald's care	25 00	
Gideon Flick, Holland's Harbor	2 50	
Towards expenses of Testimonial to the Queen from Central Board of P. E. Island	1 00	
Mrs. Wm. Crocker, Kingston	1 00	
Mrs. F. Beattie, do.	1 00	
Mrs. Wills, Pugwash	1 00	
Amount received for Mis. Box to India	$28 75	
" expended and freight	13 60	15 15
Proceeds of a Knitting Circle at Mt. Uniacke Mines		5 00
To constitute Mrs. W. D. Corbett, of Amherst, a Life Member		25 00
Woodville Knitting Circle, a branch of the Billtown Church		18 00
An aged Sister of Nt. Brookfield Ch.		1 00
Mrs. M C Dailey, Brookfield		1 00
A friend to Missions, do.		1 00
Proceeds of an Autograph Quilt from an invalid member of Temple Church, Yarmouth		15 00
Mrs. W. E. Hall, Hillsburg, for Miss Wright's outfit		5 00
Mrs. Thos. Uhlman Deerfield		4 00
Mrs. Calvin Baker, Tremont		1 00
Mrs. John Walsh, Digby		1 00
Mrs. Wilson, Port Hastings		1 00
Mrs. Elisha Bancroft, Round Hill Annapolis Co.		5 00
"Bessie," Truro, for support of Chinnie in Bobboli		6 00
Mrs Lawson, Truro, for travelling expenses of Missionaries elect		1 00
		$346,31

RECEIVED BY CENTRAL BOARD FROM MISSION BANDS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 1, 1884.

Sunday School Class, Bridgetown	$ 1 25
Mission Band, Annapolis	2 25
" Onslow	20 40
Sunday School, Indian Harbor	5 00
Mission Band, Isaac's Harbor, for education of heathen child	20 00
Mission Band, Granville St., Halifax, for support of "Lizzie."	25 00
Mission Band, Bridgetown, to support a boy in Mrs. Churchill's School	9 00
Mission Band, North Church, Halifax, for support of "David"	25 00
Mission Band, Windsor, for support of a little girl in Mrs. Archibald's School	25 00
Mission Band, Windsor, to be sent to Mrs. Archibald in aid of the Gadaba School	32 00
Mission Band, Chester Basin, for purchase of chapel at Chicacole	20 25
To aid Mrs. Hutchinson in school work, Sab. School and friends in 1st Baptist Ch., Yarmouth	10 60
Mis. Band, Salem, Wilmot, Annap.	3 00
Infant Class, Temp. Ch., Yarmouth.	2 00
Mission Band, Onslow West	5 63
" Chester Basin	14 00
" Chester	7 28
" Amherst	14 00
" Dartmouth	20 00
	$261,66

COLLECTIONS, &C.

Col. by Mrs. Martell at Cow Bay, C.B	$ 6 00
" Mrs. T. E. Haukman from 2nd Baptist Church, Weymouth.	6 00
Col. at Public Mis. Meeting, Halifax.	8 06
" W. M. A. Meeting, Hillsburg.	16 54
" " " Nt. Kingston	9 08
" " " Digby	4 67
" " " Clarence	1 06
" " " Wolfville	6 00
" " " Amherst	13 05
	$70 46

For the Christian Messenger.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies, held in Moncton, Aug. 25, 1884.

Mrs. J. E. Hopper, President of the Central Board of New Brunswick, occupied the chair. After the reading of the scriptures, prayer was offered Mrs. J. W. Manning and Mrs. John March.

Mrs. M. W. Williams, of Wolfville, was then introduced to the meeting and in a very clear and interesting manner, presented the subject of organic Union between the Societies of the three Provinces, and moved the following resolution:—

Whereas, We all feel the necessity of unity in our methods of work, in order that we may retain that oneness of spirit so acceptable in the sight of Him whose workers we are,

Therefore resolved, That we the members of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island do now form ourselves into one Union.

This was seconded by Mrs. Churchill, and spoken to by the following ladies: Mrs. E. M. Saunders, Mrs. A. E. Killam, Mrs. William Allwood, Mrs. John March, Mrs. G. N. Ballentine, Mrs. J. W. Manning, Mrs. Charles Spurden, Mrs. C. H. Martell, Mrs. J. F. Masters, Mrs. James E. Masters, Mrs. D. F. Higgins, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. P. R. Foster, Mrs. R. H. Emmerson; all speaking in favor but one. The motion was then put and unanimously sustained.

A Constitution was read, and on motion of Mrs. John March, it was received to be taken up section by section for discussion. Such alterations as were thought advisable were made and acted upon, and the Constitution as amended, adopted.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected:

President,—Mrs. M. W. Williams, of Wolfville.

Vice Presidents,—Mrs. J. E. Hopper, New Brunswick; Mrs. Parsons, Nova Scotia; Mrs. A. H. Lavers, P. E. I.

Cor. Sec.—Mrs. John March.

Provincial Secretaries,—Mrs. S. Selden, Mrs S. T. Simms, Mrs. King.

Treasurer,—Mrs. J. W. Manning.

Auditor,—Mrs. Saunders,

Executive Committee,—Mrs. A. H. Randolph, Mrs. Philips, Mrs. J. F. Kempton, Mrs. E. N. Archabald, Mrs. E. B Corey, Mrs. H. B. Crandall, Miss Ada Hooper, Mrs. J. T. Eaton, Mrs. William Allwood, Mrs. J. F. Masters, Mrs. James E. Masters, Miss M. M. Stewart, Miss Lizzie Estey, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Miss Amy Johnston, Mrs. J. W. Weeks, Mrs. John Harding, Miss Barss, Miss Cramp, Mrs. Dr. Sawyer, Mrs. Dr. Higgins, Mrs W. E. Hall, Mrs. C. B. Welton, Mrs. T. H. Porter, Mrs. G. U. Hay, Mrs. G. N. Balentine, Mrs. Robert McCully, Mrs. Dr. Rand, Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. P. R. Foster, Mrs. Moses Cowan, Mrs. George Oulton, Mrs. Prof. Coldwell, Mrs. Jessie Harding, Mrs. Charles Spurden, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Mrs. J. Nalder.

Adjourned to meet August 26th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

August 26th, 1884.

The President, Mrs. M. W. Williams, occupied the chair, the scriptures were read by Mrs. S. Selden, and prayer offered by Mrs. Manning and Mrs. John March.

The Minutes of the last year's meeting was called for, read and approved.

Report from Nova Scotia Societies was read by Mrs. Selden; of P. E. Island, by Mrs. King; and of New Brunswick, by Mrs. March; these together with the Treasurer's reports were adopted.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and some additions made to the executive committee.

On motion it was decided to hold the regular quarterly meetings in St. John.

On motion, resolved, that Life Members of the Aid Societies, should be Life Members of the Union.

Mrs. Manning presented the work for the ensuing year, which had been selected by the Executive Committee from estimates of the Foreign Missionary Board, as follows:

Salary of Missionary lady	$400 00
Boarders	300 00
Native teachers and helpers.	500 00
Traveling expenses outward.	500 00
" " homeward.	500 00
Schools.	325 00
	$2525 00

On motion the report was adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Churchill:

Whereas, The keeping of accounts of Missionary Bands, Sunday Schools, and other specialties entails a great amount of extra labor on the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board,

Therefore resolved, That we request all Mission Bands, Sunday Schools, and private individuals in our Provinces who wish to devote their money to any specific object, on the Foreign field, to send their money direct to the Treasurer of the Union, with the object for which it is donated specified.

This was unanimously adopted.

Miss Wright was then called upon and spoke her farewell to the Sisters.

Miss Hamilton was also called upon and responded.

Mr. Craig one of the Upper Canadian Missionaries was in the meeting, and at the close spoke of the need of Woman's work on the Foreign field, and exhibited photos of missionary group, and of some of their buildings.

Collection was taken, and the meeting closed by singing a verse of the missionary hymn.

M. E. MARCH,
Cor. Sec.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ministerial Education.

Dear Editor,—

Will you please allow me through your columns to call the attention of Pastors and Churches to the resolution just passed at the Convention, to the effect that a collection be taken up in the different Churches on the third Lord's day in September, (Sept. 21st,) towards assisting Maritime students the coming year in McMaster Hall, and also towards paying their travelling expenses to and from Toronto? Last year a number of private individuals, contributed about $260 for this object, and if private individuals will lend their aid this year also, their help will be very thankfully received. Any contributions either from churches or individuals may be sent to Dr. Castle or myself, at Toronto, and they will be duly acknowledged and faithfully appropriated.

D. M. WELTON.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Dear Brethren,—

At the late meeting of Convention held at Moncton, N. B., the following Resolution, moved by Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., was unanimously passed:—

Resolved that the churches of this Convention be requested to take a collection on the third Sunday of September, 1884, for the purpose of aiding Ministerial students in going to Toronto for study in McMaster Hall, the proceeds of such collection to be forwarded to Rev. J. H. Castle, D.D., 401 Sherborn Street, Toronto, Ont.

E. M. KEIRSTEAD,
Sect'y of Convention.

Wolfville, August 30, 1884.

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