

Religious Intelligencer.

THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH CHRIST.—Peter

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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Mountaineers in France ascended a height of 22,400 feet. At 20,000 feet they could not speak and oxygen had to be brought to use. Their heads were covered with ice.

Boston is to have a press-the-butter lunch room. Push the proper amount of ivory, and a piece of pie, a dish of baked beans, a bowl of soup what you will—appear as by magic. These are the true days of the Arabian Nights.

Girton is the oldest woman's college in England. It was started in 1869 by five students who determined to try the Cambridge University examinations. At Girton the girls have two rooms each. The fee for the college year, including tuition, board and rent, is \$500.

Modern civilization shows itself most conspicuously, perhaps, in its utilization of what other ages have thrown away. For example, in London, an inventor has presented a new fuel made of Thames mud, street-sweepings, and London sewage. Such fuel costs only \$2 a ton, and burns well.

A man in Hartford left in his will \$10,000 for the purpose of fighting against the Christian faith in immortality. His relatives contest the will on the ground that it is contrary to the public weal, and though usually we deem attempts to break wills a great wrong, we sympathize with this attempt and hope it will succeed.

A scientific man in Rome has just applied his microscope to the long skirts of three young women as they walk in the city streets. He found microbes enough to infect the whole population of China. It may, however, be a comfort to our readers to remember that this army of microbes did not destroy even the three young women.

The thirty-five thousand employees of the Standard Oil Company received for their toil and time and strength, put into their business, just about as much as does Mr. Rockefeller. Rockefeller has much mental shrewdness and business ability, but why should mental strength be the arbiter of right to possession any more than physical strength?

Herr Libermann, a Hebrew officer with the German forces in China, has just rediscovered the tribe of Hebrews native to China who were the first found centuries ago. They constitute a small and dwindling community at Kaif-ngun, the capital of the province of Honan, where the high priests calculate their people have been settled for 2,000 years.

One of the most pathetic of the many pathetic Galveston stories is that of two boys. One was that of a lad twelve years old, clasping in his right arms his little brother four years old. The elder boy's left arm was shattered, and many signs showed that he had been severely injured before death, doubtless trying to shield his little brother.

The war in South Africa will cost Great Britain all in all not less than One Hundred Million Pounds, or say \$500,000,000 of our money. Our American friends will have to pay much more than this huge amount for the luxury of beating Spain, liberating Cuba, and projecting Porto Rico and the Philippine.

The investment will doubtless pay in both cases; and both nations will learn anew the old-time lesson that war is a costly game.

Spain does not appear to have learned the lesson of the hurtful influence upon her people of certain peculiar institutions. In Barcelona recently a new place for bull fights was opened. It is capable of seating 15,000 spectators and just before the initial exhibition it was "solemnly blessed" by a Catholic priest. Although this is said to be contrary to the regulations of the priesthood it indicates the tolerance and furtherance of this demoralizing sport, by the clergy-

men of that church. With human nature as it is, both in Spain and in other countries, we can well understand how strong is the tendency to favor anything which will give diversion and excitement. But if those whose official duty it is to rebuke and, if possible, to overcome this tendency are borne along by it, there is little hope for the future of the people to whom they are a recognized guide.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

"Rise up ye women that are at ease. Isaiah 52: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Fredericton.]

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society met with the church at Hampstead on Monday, October 8, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. President, Mrs. J. S. Smith, in the chair. The hymn "To The Work" was sung with great fervor, followed by the reading of John 14 and prayer by Mrs. Holmes.

The roll was called, when the following members were found to be present:

Mrs. J. S. Smith, President; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hartt, Mrs. Wm. McKinnon, Miss Augusta Slipp, Mrs. C. W. Weyman; Mrs. J. W. Clarke, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. Vince, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Fenwick, Auditor.

Board of Managers: Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Miss J. Weyman, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. E. Dunfield, Mrs. J. N. Barnes.

Rev. J. W. Clark was asked to give a report of the \$150 granted last year to Home Missions. Mr. Clark stated that about \$100 of the amount was expended in 1st District, mostly in aid of Missionary work with the churches on the Tobique. The balance in support of weak pastors.

Rev. Mr. Erb then gave a short but interesting address on Missions. Moved by Mrs. McKinnon, seconded by Mrs. J. N. Barnes, that Mr. Erb become an Honorary Member, which he cheerfully did by paying \$2.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Mrs. C. W. Weyman, was submitted and adopted.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered Rev. Mr. Clarke for his report.

Mrs. Hartt, Home Secretary, read her report, she also spoke feelingly of giving consent for her dear daughter to go as a missionary, though not as our missionary (May we, as Christian workers, not forget to pray for Sister Hartt.)

The money raised in the several Districts during the year are as follows:

First District.....	\$ 24 50
Second District.....	282 17
Third District.....	118 87
Fourth District.....	62 62
Fifth District.....	53 55
Sixth District.....	208 10
Seventh District.....	240 66
Total.....	\$995 38

On motion, the report was adopted. The Treasurer, Mrs. Vince, read her report. Balance on hand, Oct. 10, 1899, \$1018.53. Received during the year, \$2090.51. Expended \$931.00. Balance on hand Oct. 8, 1900, \$1153.11.

On motion, the report was handed to the Auditor.

The report of committee on 'Missionary Intelligencer' was read by Miss Augusta Slipp in absence of Mrs. G. A. Hartley.

DEAR SISTERS:—

Your committee have tried to do the work assigned them to the best of their ability. Correspondence has been held with one or more members in every church and auxiliary. Missionary literature too has been sent into every church in our denomination. We have tried to keep an account of the pages but can only give an approximate number. Our figures show us that 5707 in the form of booklets, tracts and leaflets have been distributed. In almost every case when a packet of literature was sent out a letter accompanied it bearing cheery

and encouraging words. We believe that in this way weak ones have been helped, and good seed sown, which must bring forth an abundant harvest in the near future.

Your committee has expended \$8.50 in missionary literature having a balance on hand of \$4.00. Have received the sum of \$2.00 from the Sixth District as a donation to this fund. We wish other District Societies would do likewise, this would relieve the Parent Society of the necessity of making a grant.

Your committee recognize the importance of placing missionary reading into every family belonging to our denomination and with this end in view request a continuation of support.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. BARNES,
MISS SLIPP,
MRS. HARTLEY, Com.

On motion it was resolved that the report be received and printed in the Missionary Column. The verbal reports of the sisters of the above committee were very satisfactory, and the President hoped the interest would deepen.

Mrs. Peters, as Chairman of "Programme Committee," reported verbally and spoke tenderly on being able to attend this session, and felt it was in answer to prayer that she was present.

The report of Board Meeting of Oct. 6th, was taken up section by section, and adopted. Moved that the matter of Home Missions be laid on the table for further discussion.

The President then appointed the following nominating committee: Mr. J. J. Barnes, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. J. A. White, Mrs. Peleg Smith.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday, October 9, at 10 a. m.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Opened at 3 p. m. on Monday by singing "Far, Far Away." President Mrs. J. S. Smith in the chair. Reading of Scripture by Mrs. A. Slipp—Psalms 2 and 15. Prayer by Mrs. C. T. Phillips. Singing by the choir. Address by the President, as follows:

These annual gatherings might quite properly be termed the parade ground for review. As we look over the events which have transpired the world over during the year, our hearts should be filled with the deepest gratitude, our faith strengthened, and our souls stirred to know that the Lord is so manifestly apparent on "our side."

As a society, our object has been to send the gospel to the far away eastern lands and perhaps at no time since our organization has our attention been called so continuously to those lands as during the past year. There was the dreadful famine in India with all its attendant horror, calling for sympathy and aid, which we are glad to know was so willingly, and we hope generously extended. Then came the call for volunteers for South Africa, for soldiers of the Queen to fight for the flag we all so much love, from all over this fair Canada of ours the responses came so grandly, loyally, and willingly that it must at least have won our admiration. It even came so closely as to touch some of our own members.

Then came the Chinese affair whose atrocities to the missionary workers in that domain makes the heart sick, and we turn away with a sigh. How long, O Lord, how long before these people will learn of thee. With all this unrest among the nation may it not be, that the guiding hand of our God is so manipulating affairs that the wrath of man will yet be made to praise Him, and open more widely the doors, and ensure greater security to the lives of the messengers of salvation, thereby proving quite clearly that, God does move in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. While the call for "soldiers of the Queen" has been so nobly responded to, what about the call for "soldiers of the cross." Has there been any response? We are happy to say, yes! While we have prayed so often for more workers, yet there seemed to be none to answer, that our hearts almost fainting, but to-day we have the glad satisfaction to know that one of our young sisters has heeded the call and has said "here am I send me." It has touched the hearts of some of our members more keenly than was ever anticipated, yet we trust grace will be given them sufficient to say "Thy will be done."

In this great missionary effort our personal work consists very largely in praying and paying. I have already intimated that some success has attended our prayers, and I think the reports of the different secretaries and treasurers will show quite a satisfactory advance along the line of paying. In conclusion what can I say that would even suggest a ray of encouragement to the tired and almost discouraged workers all over our denominational field. Good is the word of the Lord. So I will select one promise from the many contained in that word. "Be not weary in well doing for in due time ye shall reap if ye faint not," hoping it will inspire our hearts so as to prosecute our work with new vigor and greater zeal than ever in our history. As our soldier boys faced the enemy, so bravely endured the hardships of the campaign so willingly, and fought so heroically and carried the flag of our gracious Majesty to such a triumphant success so should we continue to march and fight and if needs be endure hardness as good soldiers of the "King of Kings."

Let us then fresh courage take, and toil on till the Master calls "come home," then how grandly and triumphantly we shall march up the shining way to the strains of heavenly music, and cast our trophies at His feet and "Crown Him Lord of All."

Address of welcome by Miss Augusta Slipp, responded to by Mrs. J. W. Clark, who said:

MADAM PRESIDENT:—

The pleasant duty of responding to the address of welcome has been assigned to me; I feel sure that I express the feelings of every sister present, in saying that we are pleased to greet each other again in our annual meeting.

That we are also pleased to receive and accept the hearty welcome extended to us by the Hampstead Society.

As a Missionary Society we feel that our work is that to which all Christians are called. Christian life is missionary life, and though all are not called to go into heathen lands yet all are called either to go or to send, the message of Christ's love to the millions who are in heathen darkness. All those who have the gospel should take a deep interest in sending it to those who are without it.

May our interest in the missionaries be deepened, and our zeal for the extension of Christ's Kingdom increase as we listen to the reports which will be read at this meeting. May our hearts be poured out in prayer to God for all who are at work in the Master's vineyard and especially for our own dear Miss Gauce.

We believe that God is with us and that the Holy Spirit shall lead us in all our deliberations.

In conclusion, Madam President, allow me to say again that we all highly appreciate the kindly words and cordial welcome given us by our sister in behalf of the Hampstead Society.

Mrs. J. W. CLARKE.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, gave a synopsis of the year's work.

The Home Secretary, Mrs. H. Hartt, read her report.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Vince, submitted her report.

A Recitation, "The Missionary Doll" was given by Lottie Slipp, dressed in native Hindoo costume. Singing by the choir, followed by a helpful address by Rev. C. T. Phillips. Collection was taken by two young ladies. Singing, Doxology. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Erb.

Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 10 a. m.

Meeting for business met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. C. W. Weyman. Sixteen members were present. Minutes of last meeting called for, but Recording Secretary was absent. Miss Augusta Slipp was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Nominating Committee submitted their report as follows:

President, Mrs. J. S. Smith

Vice Presidents:

1st District, Mrs. R. Currie,

2nd " Mrs. H. Hartt,

3rd " Mrs. Wm. McKinnon,

4th " Mr. Taylor Mersereau,

5th " Miss Augusta Slipp,

6th " Mrs. C. W. Weyman,

7th " Mrs. A. C. Smith.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Weyman.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dr. McLeod.

Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Clarke.

Home Secretary, Mrs. H. Hartt.

Treasurer, Mrs. Vince.

Auditor, Mrs. M. Fenwick.

Board of Managers—Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. C. W. Ebbett, Miss J. Weyman, Mrs. L. E. McFarlane, Mrs. E. Dunfield, Mrs. F. C. Hartley, Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Mrs. Dr. Secord, Mrs. J. J. Barnes.

Moved by Miss Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. McKinnon, that the Auditor's report be received.

Moved by Mrs. Weyman, seconded Mrs. Hartt, that the committee on "Mission Literature" stand as last year.

Moved by Mrs. Weyman, seconded by Mrs. Phillips, that the Editor of our Missionary Column remain as at present.

On motion of Mrs. Hartt, resolved that "Programme Committee" for public meeting of 1901 remain.

Resolved that the report of the Board of Managers be adopted.

Moved that the programme of public meeting be printed in INTELLIGENCER, previous to Conference.

Resolved that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to supplement a pastor's salary for Moncton church, providing they secure a pastor for one year.

Moved and seconded that our president extend the thanks of our women to Rev. C. T. Phillips for his address at public meeting.

Resolved, that we as a society regret the absence of our sisters, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, A. C. Smith, Jos. McLeod, F. C. Hartley, and Dr. Secord, and pray God in His love and mercy to so control the circumstances surrounding them that they may be permitted to meet with us next year; and this resolution be published in our column.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the ladies of Hampstead for their kindness and hospitality.

Singing, "Guide me, Oh my Saviour, Guide me" led by Mrs. Paul.

Meeting closed by all the sisters repeating the Lord's Prayer.

MEETING OF BOARD, Oct. 6th, 3 p. m. President in the chair. Prayer was offered by the President, followed by others. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, after which the scripture lesson was read, followed by a few earnest remarks from the President.

The roll was called, showing twelve members present; Mrs. J. S. Smith, President; Mrs. Henry Hartt, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, vice presidents; Mrs. Vince, treasurer; Mrs. Fenwick, Auditor; Board of Managers:—Mrs. Long, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. E. Dunfield, Mrs. J. N. Barnes.

The minutes of previous session were read. The Corresponding Secretary's report was read, also a letter from Miss Gauce, explaining the needs of the work.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Vince, made a verbal report, by request of President she also gave Miss Gauce's Financial Statement to the Board. Considerable discussion followed as to the needs of the work, both in the Home and Foreign fields.

On motion of Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. McKinnon, the sum of \$400 was appropriated as usual for Miss Gauce's salary for the ensuing year.

Moved by Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs. Hartt, that \$200 be granted for work in India, including work at Ujura, Pastor's salary, Bible women, etc.

Then followed a discussion on Home Mission Work.

Moved by Mrs. Vince, seconded by Mrs. McKinnon, that the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Home Missions be asked to instruct us as to the work done in the first district, as the board made a special grant for that work.

After some discussion as to the best means of instructing our people in the needs of the work, it was resolved, that \$25 be appropriated for use of Column in INTELLIGENCER. As the hour of adjournment was near, the matter was laid on the table to be taken up at next meeting.

Resolved, we do now adjourn to meet at 9 a. m. Monday, Oct. 8th.

Monday, Oct. 8th., 9 a. m. President in the chair. Opened with prayer by Mrs. J. N. Barnes. Roll call. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mrs. Hartt, seconded by Mrs. Weyman, that we approve of the Second District adopting an orphan by, and that the \$25 which they gave in addition to their membership fee, be devoted to that purpose and sent by our Treasurer to the one who has charge of the Boys' Orphanage.

Moved by Mrs. J. N. Barnes, seconded by Mrs. Long, that \$50 be granted to the INTELLIGENCER column.

On motion, it was resolved, that all the sisters contribute to the Column.

Adjourned to meet at close of public meeting.

Met at close of public meeting as per adjournment. President in the chair. On motion, resolved that \$200 be granted to Home Mission Board to supplement a pastor's salary on the Tobique for one year, on condition that the pastor is secured.

Moved by Mrs. Weyman, seconded by Mrs. Fenwick, that \$5 be granted for Missionary Intelligencer.

Moved by Mrs. Weyman, seconded by Mrs. McKinnon, that the president's address, also address of welcome by Miss Augusta Slipp and response by Mrs. J. W. Clarke be printed in the Column; also that special mention be made of Mrs. Weyman's verbal report.

Moved we adjourn to meet on Tuesday Oct. 9th., at 9 a. m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9th., 9 a. m. President in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. McKinnon. Roll call found fourteen members present. Business resumed as per adjournment Monday afternoon.

Moved by Mrs. Weyman, seconded by Miss Weyman, that bill for postage be paid to Mrs. G. A. Hartley.

Moved and seconded that \$50 be appropriated to the "Widow's Home," discussed by a number of sisters.

Moved by Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs. McKinnon, that \$25 be given to the Book Room in Balasore.

Discussion on grant to committee on Missionary Intelligencer.

Resolved, That we do now adjourn.

MRS. J. W. CLARKE,
Assistant Recording Secretary.

ABOUT THEATRE-GOING.

Yes, of course, in the estimation of some "up-to-date" church-members this paper is considered "cranky," "narrow," and "behind the times," because it advises against theater-going. However, it is some consolation to the editors to know that in this matter they are in line with many of the most eminent divines—men who are widely known for their great ability and deep spirituality. Among these there is the distinguished Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, who has given out the following timely advice on the important subject: "Don't go—because the atmosphere is essentially materialistic and sensual, and indisposes for prayer and faith. Don't go—because you will contract a habit that will lead you to slide by almost insensible degrees from the purer plays which you begin to the grosser ones toward which every theater tends. Don't go—because the majority of theater-goers are not Christians, and it cannot be expected that those finer shades of morality will be observed with which Christ familiarized us; to sit a silent spectator is to acquiesce in the standard of morals presented on the stage. It is one thing to be obliged to meet such things in daily life; quite another to go to see them as a pastime, and to pay for their performance. Don't go—because you have no right to support a system which is inimical to the virtue of the actors. Not that every actor is necessarily immoral, but that the almost universal confession of those actors and actresses who have become Christians is that life on the stage is not friendly to virtue, but strongly the reverse. You have no right to help to put stumbling-blocks in other people's paths by contributing your money to support such a system. Don't go—because, even if you do not suffer moral taint, your influence and example may lead others to follow in your steps who will not be able to resist the evil influences of the average theater-goer's life, but will drift into the love of the sensational and sensual to the ruin of the nobler qualities of the soul.—The Telescope.