The Woman's Missionary Society.

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OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT. - Miss Augusta Slipp, Hampstead, Queens Co.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. - Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Apohaqui, King's County. HOME SECRETARY. - Mrs. H. Hartt, Jacksontown, Carleton County.

TREASURER.-Mrs. D. McLeod Vince, Woodstock, N. B.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the W. M. Society of the Sixth District wes held at Lews Mountain, W. Co., July 11th, 1903. The meeting was opened by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," followed by recitation of Scripture texts by ladies. Prayer by Mrs. Swim, Mrs. Dunfield, Mrs. Weyman and Mrs. French. Reading of minutes of last meeting and Secretary-Treasurer's report. The regular routine of business then followed.

A letter from the former Secretary-Treasurer, who had married during the year, and now resides in Winnipeg, was read. The letter contained the Secretary's resignation and greetings for the sisters. Election of officers followed. Mrs. C. W. Weyman was re-elected President, and Miss Blanche P. Gosline was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Verbal reports of a number of Bands and societies were given by delegates. A discussion then followed as to the best ways and means of conducting Bands and societies to obtain the best possible results.

Resolved, That in the future a collection be taken at the business meetings.

In the evening a public missionary meeting was held, presided over by the chairman of the District, Rev. W. H. Perry. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was read by Miss Blanche P. Gosline. The President gave a short address on behalf of the societies. The ladies regretted very much the absence of our missionary, Miss Gaunce, but were pleased to know she is enjoying a visit with her sister in Winnipeg, whom she had not seen for years. Very interesting addresses were given by Rev. H. H. Ferguson and Rev. Dr. McLeod. By request of the ladies, Rev. Mr. Mc-Neil rendered a very nice solo. The thanks of the Society are due to the choir, who so kindly furnished the music.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report of the year's work is as follows:

Dear Sisters and Friends,—

Again we pause amid the duties of Dife to compare the past and present, and to thank our Heavenly Father for his many blessings. The year has passed so quickly, and brought to us all both joys and sorrows; but the joys have been made to appear brighter by being outlined on the sorrows, just as the rainbow appears brighter when shown against the black clouds. Therefore, let us thank God to-day not only for the brightness, but also for the darkness, beceuse at that time we learn more than at any other our own helplessness and the omnipotent power of God.

Can any one present refrain from lifting to our Father a prayer of thanksgiving, if they but consider for one moment the wonderful privilege he has given us each, of living in a civilized country and among Christian people? Although I have for years been deeply impressed with the difference between the Christian and the heathen, it never before entered my very soul as when a few weeks ago I was privileged to look at some magic lantern views of the people of Macedonia, that land of Paul's labors. First, there were the youths and maidens of that land in their holiday attire. The utter lack of intelligence in the expression of their faces and the look of selfishness made one wonder what would be the use of trying to teach them: but while I thus mused a new scene was on the canvass, and we still gazed upon youths and maidens of the same country, but how different! I 12 Newtown reported that Band wished wish each one of you could have seen those two pictures. In the first were examples of human life in its natural, depraved conditions; in the second that natural life born again of God; in those eyes were seen the fullness of a life of service, an aim and purpose shone in every glance, and intelligence had taken the place of ignorance. Into those hearts had come the peace, such as came to stormy Galilee, when the Master said, "Peace be still." How had this change been wrought? There can be but one answer, "By the love of God shed abroad in their hearts." The gospel of Jesus Christ had been carried to them by faithful missionaries, sent out by people with no larger means than we possess. Many gave their mite and prayer; schools were founded, the boys and girls were taught, and souls were brought to the foot of the cross. As we looked at the pictures, our eyes would wander to a noble form beside them, whose eyes lighted as she, too, gazed on them, and beheld faces grown dear to her by the strongest of ties, that of self-sacrifice, for it was none other than Miss Ellen Stone, whose life for nearly thirty years has been spent for and among that people, and whose companion in captivity was none other than one of the native women, educated in America, or God's land, as they call it, and a type of womanhood as noble, if not more so, than Miss Stone herself.

Though our work in foreign fields is chiefly in India at the present time, still there is just the same change in the lives of the sons and daughters of India as in those of Macedonia, when the Son of Righteousness shines in their lives. The call for knowledge is just as urgent to-day as it ever was, or even more 'so. With our dear Miss Gaunce at home, the work needs more of our thoughts and prayers. Still we know that, while Sister Gaunce has been visiting the Societies and Bands of this district and other districts, she has done much good, and greatly helped the members, and her work this year has been blessed of God. Then, too, our home missionary, Rev. J. N. Barnes, has done good work in strengthening the bulwarks of defence, and awakening the old workers; also enlisting a host of boys and girls for present and future service. Surely God has been blessing the work through the year.

REPORT OF BANDS.

	M	Members.	
I	Anagance Ridge,	21	\$14.00
2	Corn Hill,	27	6.00
	Norton,		2.40
4	Lower Millstream,	11	2.44
5	Moncton,	20	3.15
6	Long Point,	6	1.00
7	North River,	19	1.60
8	Millstream Mt.,		.30
	Dover,		1.06

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this year, \$35.20.	
REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL	S
I Millstream,	\$1.90
2 Corn Hill,	1.10
3 Taylor Village,	15
REPORT OF SOCIETIES.	
Last year 17 Societies report	ed; this
year 16.	
I Sussex,	\$45.00
2 Lower Millstream,	
3 Corn Hill,	20.91
4 Newtown,	
5 Moncton,	13.35
6 Penobsquis,	11.00
7 Midland,	
8 Snider Mountain,	
9 Taylor Village,	
10 Petitcodiac,	

Millstream Mountain, 13 North River, 14 Dover, 15 Coverdale, 12.55 16 Lower Ridge, Collected by Rev. J. N. Barnes, \$58.59 Collected by Societies, 206.47 Collected by Bands, 35.20 Collected from Cradle Roll,.... Collection at District Meeting,..

Apohaqui,

Total amount collected during year,\$306.76 Total amount collected last year, 257.66

And now, friends, though in the future our fields of work will be separated, still we know that we are working for the same purpose, and under the same Captain, and if faithful we will be in the same redeemed throng, and sing the same songs of praise. So may the richest of God's blessings rest on us each, also on the work and workers in all parts of his vineyard. May we all hear the "Well done" at last, when we have become conquerors, yea, more than conquerors, through Christ who strengtheth us, is the prayer of your sister in

ADRIANNA MUSGROVE McNaughton. Secretary-Treasurer. Lewis Mountain, July 11, 1903.

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THE LATEST WAY.—The phonograph has been brought into use in the selection of a pastor. The Hungarian Jews of Chicago, being in need of a pastor, wrote to the chief Rabbi in Hungary to send one able to preach in the Magyar tongue. As it was too expensive to send the man over for a trial trip, the chosen candidate preached into a phonograph some of his discourses in Magyar and in German. When the records reached Chicago he was promptly elected.

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