

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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SECOND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The W. M. Society of the Second District met at Knoxford on the 27th of June, at 2 p. m. The day was fine, and the attendance large. The president, Mrs. Johnson, being absent, Mrs. Parker called the meeting to order. After devotional exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The election of the officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mrs. McFarlane, president; Dr. E. C. Secord, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Jones, assistant secretary. The delegates gave interesting reports of their societies. The missionary interest seems to be increasing in the District, and many reported their members to be spiritually uplifted by the monthly prayer-meetings. A letter was read from Chahrabarti Seram, an adopted student; also, a note from Dr. Hamlin, which was as follows:

Kolias' health is not good; he has been spitting blood from his lungs. He is a good, patient boy, and everything is being done for his comfort and health that can be. Chahrabarti is very smart in his studies, is now second in the school, and his younger brother first.

"The little tots (adopted by the band) are well. Pray for them. We hope and pray that the Lord may spare Kolias to the work he loves. The Lord's will be done."

Our returned missionaries, Miss Gamce and Mrs. Sunder, were present. It seemed an inspiration, which we very much enjoyed, to meet the workers from the foreign and home fields. On motion, the meeting was adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. for the public meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING.

It was decided to unite the mission meetings, consequently the Rev. J. N. Barnes occupied the chair and called the meeting to order. The singing and Bible reading were very impressive. The Rev. J. Noble made the opening prayer. The Secretary's report was then read as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Sisters and Brothers,—

We are happy to meet you to-night, on the twenty-third anniversary of the W. F. M. Society. The message we present to you is from the Lord of Hosts, found in Deut. 6:4, "Hear, O Israel. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Love brought the Saviour down to the world that we might live. Love made him poor that we might be heirs with him. Some one has said, "the only real wealth in the world is love, and that never fails, divine or human." Do we love God with all our might? Are we teaching the children placed under our care God's glorious law at all times when we sit in our homes,

when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise up, as we are commanded? If this was really so, our missions would flourish and increase, and the children's bands would multiply. The Lord's treasury would be full, and our wine presses would burst out with new wine. Our report would be the keynote of joy, such joy as makes the angels sing, "O Lord of Hosts, Forgive, Forgive, Our Lack of Love to Thee," and accept our thanks for what thou hast permitted us to do this year in the mission work. From our heart of hearts accept our grateful thanks that onward progress can be reported.

This year we have collected in this District \$495.10, which is \$77.04 more than last year. We have reaped in some degree the harvest from the faithful efforts of Brother Barnes' and Sister Gaunce's work in this District. Rev. J. N. Barnes collected \$60.33, of which \$23.50 was for the support of our native student. Lower Brighton Society consists of twenty-nine members, raised \$50.62, besides money for church purposes. Has a flourishing band, which has contributed towards the Widows' Home. Brookville sent \$1.00. Upper Waterville Society raised \$32.20. Does good work amongst the children. Held a public meeting and entertainment in connection with the Band. It has a membership of twenty-two, an increase of four during the year. Knoxford contributed \$14.78. Rockland \$10.20. East Florenceville \$1.00. Gordonsville \$5.00. Upper Brighton \$7.20. Lakeville \$1.52. Havelock \$1.00. Newburg \$1.41. Mount Pleasant \$10.57. South Wakefield \$3.30. Knowlesville \$10.82. Lindsay \$7.65. Tracey Mills Society contributed \$29.86. Rev. J. N. Barnes collected \$1.86 of it. Has given much less than last year. Windsor Society sent \$11.30—part collected by Rev. J. N. Barnes. Hartland Society has sixteen members, a decrease of three members during the year, who have moved away. Holds its monthly meetings, and is an energetic society. Victoria Corner Society sent \$33.35, of which \$5.00 goes for the support of a native student. Have a membership of sixteen, an increase of four during the year. Have been blessed by the monthly meetings. Pembroke contributed \$17.80. They sent \$5.00 of the money for the native student. Are trying to do what they can. Charleston Society has seven members. Sent \$7.00, and have regular meetings. Third Tier Society contributed \$23.50. Has eight members. Holds its meetings with Upper Waterville. The Connell Society is doing good work. Raised \$26.78, of which \$10.00 is for the support of a native student. Has twenty members. One died during the year. The Society at Woodstock has forty-nine members; collected \$142.56. Has regular meetings and a Band. The society is composed of active workers.

Dear sisters, we talk and dream of the time when we shall do great things for God. "The time is short; if thou wouldst work for God, it must be now." Whether our missionary zeal is only a beautiful sentiment, or one of the great realities of our lives, let our future actions proclaim.

"Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my love, my Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasured store."

Dr. McLeod made a very fine missionary speech. We were favored by a most impressive duett, sung by Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Morgan. The Rev. Mr. Parker spoke on home missions, and of putting ministers' salaries on a better basis, and of the need of funds to do so. Mrs. John Palmer gave a reading on Thanksgiving Ann; Mrs.

Parker represented Ann. It was well rendered. Mrs. Morgan gave a solo, "Faith." After a collection of \$4.02 was taken the meeting was closed by the choir singing, "Far and Near the Fields are Gleaming." We had a good meeting. SEC.

GRAND HARBOR SOCIETY.

I wish to report briefly of our W. M. Society, Grand Harbor, Grand Manan. We have meetings regularly. The interest is good. We held a public thank-offering service in the church June 21st, at 7:30 p. m. Under the management of our president, Mrs. Owen Green, the meeting was conducted as follows: Chorus, by choir, "Awake My Soul." Prayer By Mrs. Foster. Responsive Reading, by President and senior members, "A Call to Praise." Chorus, by choir, "Workers for the Master."

Preparation for Thanksgiving, by Flora Perry.

Acceptable offering By Mabel Dakin. Exhortations and Reasons for Thanksgiving By Carrie Holmes. Duett, by Lydia Brown and Flora Perry, "The Quiet Hour."

Reading, by Sadie Dakin, "Reasons for Thanksgiving as a Society." Chorus, by choir, "Jesus Shall Reign." Responsive reading, Psalm 100.

Responsive reading, by President and senior members, "Bible Rules for Giving."

Offering, by members of Light-Bearers, Hilda Guptill and Vera Guthrie.

Thank offering chorus, by choir, "We Thank Thee, O Our Father."

Reading, by Mrs. J. L. Newton, "Work at Home and Abroad by the Thank Offering."

Duett, by Carrie Holmes and Mary Dakin, "The Saviour."

Responsive scripture reading, by President and members.

Benediction.

Let us, by God's help, be more earnest in the work, to do those things he has commanded us to do, that we may press onward and upward toward each vision of a high and nobler life, for at all times, and in all places, and under all circumstances, we will find God ready to help us. Jesus said to the Jews which believed on him, "If ye continue in my word, ye are my disciples." We must continue, and not grow weary. Let us be faithful reflectors of the light of love and hope which Jesus sheds in our hearts, for with Christ our leader we are sure to win.

Wanted, young feet to follow
Where Jesus leads the way,
Into the fields where harvest
Is rip'ning day by day;
Now, while the breath of morning
Scents all the dewy air
Now, in the fresh sweet dawning,
O follow Jesus there.

Wanted, young hands to labor;
The fields are broad and wide,
The harvest waits the reapers
Around on every side;
None are too poor or lowly,
None are too weak or small,
For in His holy service
The Master needs them all.

Wanted, young ears to listen;
Wanted, young eyes to see;
Wanted, young hearts to answer,
With throb of sympathy;
When on the wild waves sighing
The strange, sad tale is borne
Of lands in darkness lying,
Forsaken and forlorn.

LYDIA K. BROWN,
Secretary.

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