

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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AUDITOR.—Mrs. M. Fenwick, Apohaqui, K. Co.

Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Woman's Mission Society met in its twenty-eighth annual session at Tracey Station, Sept. 17th-20th. At the first meeting the Act of Incorporation of the Society was read and the Society was formed by the election of President, Miss Slipp, and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Boyer, under the Act of Incorporation.

Monday, Sept. 19th, 9 a. m.

Board meeting opened with prayer, Scripture lesson and singing.

Mrs. Weyman, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she has received no Indian report from Dr. Given, as they are not yet printed.

Mrs. Sunder was present and spoke very encouragingly of the work in India, as she knows of it from correspondence with the workers there. She also told of the great good done by the Book Room at Balasore, from which many Bibles and tracts are distributed to parts of the country which would not otherwise be reached.

On motion of Mrs. Weyman,—

Resolved, That an appropriation of \$75 be made to the Book Room, Balasore.

Miss Gaunce is taking a course of training in hospital, to be more fully fitted to return to work in India.

On motion of Mrs. G. W. Slipp,—

Resolved, That Miss Gaunce be paid half salary, \$250, for the coming year.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Weyman, read a letter from Miss Dora Doucette, of Knowlesville, in which Miss Doucette offered herself as a missionary in our foreign work. It was then ordered that Miss Doucette, being at Conference, be asked to speak to us at next general meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Secord, M. D.,—

Resolved, That this Board approve of appropriation of \$50 by Second District for support of two native students.

On motion of Mrs. Hartt,—

Resolved, That Rev. J. N. Barnes be engaged as home missionary for coming year, at a salary of \$500, and that he be allowed one month's vacation.

On motion of Mrs. J. S. Smith,—

Resolved, That \$260 be given to the Ujurda work.

Resolved, That \$75 be given to aid Mrs. Mary Phillips in her work in India.

Adjourned.

Monday, 10 a. m.

Opened with singing, Scripture lesson and prayer.

On motion of Mrs. Weyman,—

Resolved, That we adopt the Act of Incorporation.

The Recording Secretary then read the Constitution and Bye-laws, and they were adopted by this Society.

Report of Board meeting was then read and taken up section by section.

On motion of Mrs. Boyer,—

Resolved, That report of Board meeting be adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Hartt, seconded by Mrs. Slipp,—

Resolved, That \$200 be given towards the salary of missionary who has charge of New Brunswick work.

On motion of Mrs. J. W. Clarke,—

Resolved, That \$75 be appropriated to our column in INTELLIGENCER.

Mrs. Smith reported from Literature Committee. They only expended \$6.24 of the \$25 granted them.

Mrs. J. Smith, Miss Fullerton and Mrs. G. W. Slipp and Mrs. C. T. Phillips were appointed on Literature Committee for next year, and were empowered to use balance of money on hand, and if necessary draw on Treasurer for \$18 more.

A Nominating Committee was then appointed—Mrs. J. S. Smith, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. T. T. Mersereau, Mrs. Nobles, and Mrs. Secord, to report Tuesday morning.

Adjourned to meet in public meeting at 2 p. m.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING.

Sept. 19th, 2 p. m.

Meeting opened with singing "Crown Him Lord of All." Scripture lesson 46th Psalm, and prayer by Mrs. J. N. Barnes. Next was an address by President, and solo, "I'll do what you want me to do," by Miss Johnston of Hartland.

Mrs. Weyman, Corresponding Secretary, then gave her report as follows:

Madame President and Sisters.— . . .

My report to-day need only be brief, as I am very pleased to say, we have present with us our beloved missionary, Miss Gaunce, who is home on furlough, and who is now in Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, making further preparation for missionary work; also Mrs. Sunder, formerly Mrs. Boyer, who for so many years was our missionary in India, and when Bro. Boyer was called up higher, so patiently and faithfully carried on the work alone. I am very glad that our sister has now a comfortable home in her native town, where she is caring for and educating her children, four bright girls, two of our beloved Bro. Boyer's and two of Dr. Sunder's. I am very glad that our sisters will speak to you to-day of our work at Ujurda.

Although we have no missionary in the field, the work is being carried on. Bro. Lougher, who has charge of Balasore work, sends encouraging and satisfactory reports of your work at Ujurda. You know at our last annual meeting we arranged for the salary of Mrs. Rae, who was to have the care of Ujurda work, but death visited the mission and Sister Rae was taken to her reward, and

the care of our work in Ujurda has returned to Bro. Lougher. During the year six have been baptized. Notobar Singh, the native pastor, has proved himself capable and worthy of the trust committed to him. Mr. Lougher, speaking of him, when writing, says: "The man who is the pastor and teacher, and most everything else in Ujurda, is here for a day on matters pertaining to his work. I don't know what I should do without Notobar. He is a good disciplinarian, and has a knack of getting the people to do well. His school did well in the government examination, and two of the girls of very poor parents won scholarships for good work, which will bring them in two rupees per month, each for two years, if they go on with their schooling which they are doing." Mr. Lougher adds: "It is a great work to educate and see the development of those who have been low down, and to know that it is the beginning of a better day for not only them, but for others who follow."

The native pastor, writing Miss Gaunce, says: "Thank God we are all well. The spiritual condition of the people is good as far as I know. Six persons among us have been baptized, and three Hindustani families are very desirous to come to our Lord, but the objection is they want some land from us for their support." The native pastor keeps up the church meetings, teaches the school with the help of a pundit, also frequently visits other villages, looks after the missionary property, and usually goes to Singla market, three or four miles away, once a week to preach.

Another missionary, speaking of the work at Ujurda, says: "The reports of the interest manifested by the Hindus are very encouraging. They come to the little room used for meetings, and sit and listen quietly to the gospel story. And the friendly attitude of many who were hostile is a further sign that the Spirit of the Lord is at work here."

Sisters, let us pray more earnestly for the work and workers at Ujurda, giving thanks for what has already been done.

We also made an appropriation last year of \$75 to Mrs. Dr. Phillips' work at Santipore. We have no direct report from carrying on a great work at that station. She has many cares connected with the mission station, also in her domestic life, and we ask you, sisters, to especially remember her in your prayers.

As you know, we have undertaken the running expenses of the Book Room at Balasore, which costs us \$75 per year. This is a most excellent work, as the need of every people is good literature. The reports are very encouraging. Bro. Lougher, writing December 31st, says: "That the Book Room was open every day during the year, and was visited by over 3,000 people, including Hindus, Mohammedans, Bamo-Samay, and also Christians. About 1,500 copies of the gospel were sold, nearly 100 Bibles, and 11,000 other religious books. We have written four new tracts during the year, and distributed 40,000 of these. Two hundred Bibles and nearly 1,500 gospels were presented to educated natives from the Lord Radstock Fund."

We are, also, through the different district societies and Mission Bands, supporting several native students, Bible women, etc. We annually appropriate \$50 (fifty dollars) from the Mission Band money for the support of two little orphan children in India whom we have named Noble and Barnes, after our respected home missionaries.

Home Work.—Our home missionary has been at work during nearly the whole year. The extreme severity of last winter hindered somewhat during the winter months, but Bro. Barnes kept at work remarkably well. Our missionary has not, during the year, visited as many of the churches and districts as formerly, but that was in compliance with the wishes of your Board,

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