

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The General Missionary Society of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada, met in annual session at Beulah Camp Ground, Brown's Flat, Kings Co., N.B., on Thursday, June 30th, at 4.45 p. m.

The meeting opened with Pres. C. K. Short in the chair. After prayer Scripture lesson and remarks by the president, Sisters F. H. Hale, Alice W. Goodspeed, M. S. Trafton and Mr. A. L. Bubar, were appointed a nominating committee to suggest officers for coming year.

The nominating committee reported as follows:

- Pres., Mrs. E. Cosman.
- 1st vice, Bro. M. S. Trafton.
- 2nd vice, Mrs. A. H. Trafton.
- 3rd vice, Mrs. Hugh Churchill.
- Rec. Sec., G. B. MacDonald.
- Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. E. Jewett.
- Treas., Bro. C. K. Short.
- Auditor, Bro. S. A. Baker.

On motion, Resolved that report of nominating committee be adopted.

The following were appointed members of the Board of Managers by the President: Bro. B. N. Goodspeed, G. W. MacDonald, W. B. Wiggins, G. B. Trafton and Sister F. H. Hale.

Sisters F. H. Hale, M. S. Trafton and Alice N. Goodspeed were appointed a committee to arrange for a public missionary meeting on Friday evening.

On motion the meeting adjourned to 8.30 a. m. on Friday, July 1st.

Friday, 8.30 a. m.

The meeting opened by singing of the Doxology and prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, that the Board of Managers be requested to bring a statement of business done before Alliance.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet again in public missionary meeting in the evening.

Friday, 8 p. m.

The public missionary meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. G. B. MacDonald. After singing "Throw out the Life Line" the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The corresponding secretary then submitted her report. Its adoption was moved by Sister Hill, seconded by Bro. G. B. Trafton, and unanimously adopted.

The treasurer, Sister E. Cosman then offered her report for previous year, showing a balance of \$103.44 in the Home Mission Fund, and \$372.73 in the Foreign Fund.

The adoption of this report was moved by Bro. B. N. Goodspeed, seconded by Bro. S. A. Baker, in earnest addresses, and unanimously carried.

After singing a hymn the benediction was pronounced by Bro. J. H. Coy, and meeting was adjourned.

Saturday, July 2nd.

The meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. Trafton. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

An address was given by Sister Alice Hammond, a missionary in preparation for foreign work.

Sister F. H. Hale spoke concerning the funds raised for Sister Ethel Estey and Bro. and Sister Saunders.

On motion, Resolved that a subscription list be opened for Sister Alice Hammond.

Addresses were given by Sister Saunders and Bros. Saunders and A. H. Trafton.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

G. B. MACDONALD, Rec. Sec.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF GENERAL MISSION SOCIETY AT BEULAH CAMP GROUND.

Tabernacle, Monday, July 4, '98.

Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. B. N. Goodspeed.

The matter of devising ways and means of sending Bro. and Sister H. C. Saunders to the foreign field as our Missionaries was introduced and discussed.

On motion, Resolved, that this Board appoint one member of each church to act as collectors for money for the purpose of sending Bro. and Sister Saunders to Africa.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of one be appointed to make

such appointments, after conferring with the pastors, and that Sister F. H. Hale be said committee.

On motion meeting adjourned until Tuesday, July 5th at 4 p. m.

Tabernacle, Tuesday July 5, 4 p. m.

This meeting opened with prayer by Bro. G. B. Trafton. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, that the resignation of Sister J. E. Jewett, the present Cor. Sec., be accepted.

On motion, Resolved, that Sister Bertie Tracy fill that office during coming year.

On motion, Resolved, that the collectors appointed in the various churches, bring the subject of foreign Schools before the different Sunday Schools of our denomination in order to interest the children in this important matter.

On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary prepare the minutes of this meeting for publication in the HIGHWAY.

On motion, Resolved, that Sister Hale be requested to communicate with the South African Mission Board.

On motion, Resolved, that meeting adjourn to meet again at the call of the chair.

Prayer by Bro. M. S. Trafton.

G. B. MACDONALD, Rec. Sec.

Additional Alliance Fund.

Geo. Miller, Lower Southampton,	25c.
Israel W. Stairs, " "	25c.
	Total, 50c.

Bedding Acknowledged.

The Camp Ground Committee desires to acknowledge the receipt of two bed spreads from Sister M. H. Miller, of Hartland, Carleton County, N. B.

Aug. 11th., 1898.

Dear Highway,—In your last issue I noticed in the report of the little Hartfield church that it says that the total amount of monies raised was two dollars, which is a great mistake it should have been thirty dollars instead.

J. C.

The Holiness Movement.

This great revival of Holy Ghost religion is belting the earth today. It is God's movement, and it moves in the hearts of all those who are sanctified wholly to him. It moves his people up and out of the mist and fog into the pure light of God, so that the sanctified ones can read their titles clear to mansions in the skies.

In this movement, the holy war is waged against the powers of sin and darkness. God can get through the holiness people to reach the stronghold of the enemies of his kingdom; and he is doing so, to the amazement of all who are not in the great movement. It is God's army on the move, to revolutionize the unsaved world.

Misplaced devotion to the fancied needs of others is universal even among those who have never heard of the new names applied to the principles they put into practice. Sins are condoned which should be denounced; children are indulged to their own undoing; while women, especially, often sacrifice themselves to the whims of others as joyfully as Eastern devotees throw themselves beneath the car wheels of an idol. Mix your altruism as the painter did his colors—with common sense. Bear other people's burdens when you are sure that the result will not be weak spines, weak impulses, lassitude of conscience, and prostration of effort.—Louisa May Dalton.

The reward of faith will be in proportion to the tests which it has successfully endured. The promises of God were enlarged to Abraham after he went from his country and his kindred, not knowing whither he went. They were enlarged again after he offered Isaac upon the altar. So will it be with everyone. As the field of promises enlarges, so will be the blessed reward of the believer when he shall experience in the future the blessed results of his faith in the promises fulfilled to him.

THE DAY OF MIRACLES NOT PAST.

The readers of the HIGHWAY will remember that we published last November 30th, an article in reference to Miss Mary Reed an Ohio school teacher, who went as a Missionary to India and was said to have become infected with leprosy and then gave her life up to the care of the poor lepers, bidding friends and home and native land farewell for ever, as she supposed. Now word comes that she has been cured of leprosy. But we give the following from the North Western Christian Advocate, which we think very interesting:—

TWO MIRACLES—ONE BEING MODERN.

Some years ago it was announced that Miss Mary Reed, a missionary sent out by the Woman's Missionary Society of our church from Ohio and to India, had become tainted by leprosy, that dread disease, the cure of which is included among the exceptional miracles performed by Christ, the Savior of this world. We have the impression that Miss Reed does not know when and how and where she became contaminated, but that she became a leper, and under the most harrowing circumstances, there is no manner of doubt whatever. That dear young lady's case has, from the human standpoint, become one of the most appalling and yet beautiful instances of human devotion of which we have ever heard. It is said that on her revisitation of her home, after she had served in India for some time, the hour came in which she was to return. After taking leave of all others in a manner cordial and sincere, but after all somewhat reserved in the estimation of some of her friends, the moment of special farewell to her own dear mother came in its turn. Loving words were exchanged, but the filial kiss was denied, the daughter telling her mother that for some special reason to be explained later, she could not kiss her. In fact, the young lady had learned that she had become a leper and, therefore, dutifully, but most pathetically abstained from the caress which some day possibly might prove a physical curse. The pathos in this is beyond expression.

Returning to India, Miss Reed was put in charge of lepers in an asylum in North-western India, where her work has been glorious, though its story is enough to break one's heart, by downright stress of its unutterable sympathetic pathos. Her story finally reached the world, and of course came to the ear of her mother. Aid flowed to the leper colony, funds poured in, buildings were erected, and Mary Reed and her charges became the wards of the Christian world.

Now comes the word that Mary Reed has been cured! A military surgeon, an expert, in the service of the British army, and a fully trusted authority on the subject, says that she is cured as surely as that she once was a victim to the awful disease. The original diagnosis is equally trustworthy. The word of the surgeon who declares that the lady is cured is beyond challenge, and he says also that she is cured of indubitable leprosy.

This is wonderful indeed. The theory in her case is that the bacillus that infected her has been extirpated by medicaments recently discovered in the advance of latest medical science. That is to say, just as diphtheria is curable by injections of anti-toxin (a fluid which is procured by injections of diphtheria into the blood serum of a horse), so Miss Reed, in some manner not fully explained, has become a beneficiary of some other medicament, derived in some way as the like result of advance in modern medicine.

It is a double miracle. The first was in the lady's resignation to her dreadful visitation. He who has not read up the facts and ordinary prognosis of leprosy, cannot realize the depths into which that human soul descended when she was told of her awful infection. God's grace made her a happy woman, even in the midst of her afflictions, just as God will comfort and compensate all who flee to him in the midst of their woes. The second miracle is in the fact of her cure. That Miss Reed does not invalidate that which is recorded in the New Testament about the miraculous cure of the leper by him who came to redeem the world from all of its ailments. If mankind has waited

eighteen hundred and ninety-eight years for this deliverance, it is a genuine miracle at the last, even if it comes through human ministries. Ancient biblical miracles are defined as a work or result performed by, or by the authority or consent of, the divine being. God sent his Son to redeem the world and that mission is vindicated as really in the cure of Mary Reed, as in the instance embalmed in the New Testament. God is immanent in the world and accessible by his saints through the prayers of the faithful who have prevailing faith. This modern incident and the ancient instance are consistent, cohesive, the gift of God and confirmative of his gracious word. God made everything and still can do, or cause, or authorize, everything. God's gracious administration is as possible, current and self-consistent to-day as it was when the Red sea parted, or Jesus opened the eyes of the blind. This frank and practical view does not materialize or naturalize, or atheize or dethrone the divine administration. The gospel is natural, consistent, practical, invincible and altogether the very best thing in the world. It is as far removed from ignorant fanaticism as it is from big-headed, egotistic and self confident deism or atheism. God lives and rules, even unto this happy day. Why should not Mary Reed count for as much as blind Bartimeus!

Is Church Organization Right?

The following question was sent in to the Christian Witness: "Is it necessary, according to the Bible that we connect ourselves with a church here below organized by man?"

The answer given by Dr. Steele, may interest some of our readers. It is certainly timely, and convincing to the unprejudiced mind.

Faith in Jesus Christ, such faith as works by love, purifies the heart and overcomes the world is the sole condition of salvation. But this love, purity and victory invariably lead to asceticism, because in union is strength, and because pure Christian love must have not only a divine object, but human objects also. Since the immoral conduct of one person thus associated must damage the reputation of the whole company, it must have the right to exclude him, if it fails to reform him. Hence says Jesus, in Matt. 19:17, "Tell it unto the church, but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man or a publican." Here it is plainly implied that every Christian is to belong to some Church and submit himself to disciplinary rules, one of which is the right to exclude an unworthy member. The maintenance of public worship and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper and the ordination and accrediting of preachers imply an organization, and the duty of every Christian to belong to it. The training of converts implies it also. "And the Lord added to them day by day those who were being saved." (R. V.) Every believer here is supposed to become a member of the Church. The existence of rulers in the Church implies organization and the obligation to submit to their authority, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor." "Know them which are over you in the Lord." Church membership is taken as granted everywhere in the New Testament. Finally, we argue the duty of church-membership from the obligation of every member to do his utmost for the conquest of the world to Christ. When the American republic was in peril more than a million patriots rushed to the battle-field in its defence, not by fighting each man independently, in bush-wacker style, but in organized companies, regiments and divisions under proper commanders. If a Christian wishes to count for a cipher in the world let him stand aloof from the church.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

[For the HIGHWAY by Sister Kelly]

"Could we with ink the ocean fill
Were the whole earth of parchment made
Were every single stick a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor would the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky."

ANON.

Sympathy is the balm of life, without it duty would become a slave's burden, and life itself a cruel taskmaster.

MISSIONARY GLEANINGS.

BY MRS. L. F. HALE

I have long since ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion on a lost world!" I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion upon a lost world and now it is for you to have compassion."—A. J. GORDON.

An impressive moral lies in these words of Pundita Ramabai, now in this country, to secure funds for her work and worthy to take rank with Frances Willard and Lady Somerset: "I have learned that in our country we have many lecturers but few workers. When I felt the impulse to do something for child widows, I received plenty of advice, but no money. Then I went to England, and came afterward to America. I told my friends what I needed. I said I should require \$75,000 to carry on work for ten years. The friends were so kind that I received the \$75,000, and \$8,000 more."

The battle of Bida opened the long closed doors of Hausaland, or the Central Soudan, says the Missionary and thus gave the Christian world access to 15,000,000 of the finest people in Africa, a hundredth part of the world's inhabitants. This country is more accessible than was Uganda, and British Authority insures protection of life. Moreover the Hausas excel in physique and intellect, are famous as traders, have a vernacular with no mean literature, and possess great cities, such a Kano, Sokoto, and Gando. The Church Missionary Society has entered upon the work of evangelization.

Idols Of India.

There are 330,000,000 Hindu gods, and each one has its own special form and its own peculiar power. The chief gods are Brahma, the Creator; Vishnu, the Preserver; Silva, the destroyer. Vishnu, and Silva are found in many different forms as idols to be worshiped in the temples of India. Rich people have idols in their houses for daily worship, and they pay a priest to come every morning to wake up the idols, wash and dress them and offer them food.—Little Missionary.

WAR.

War is a terrible thing. John Sherman was right when he said, "War is hell!" It originated with the devil and his angels. The very thought of it is revolting to every true Christian. The untold suffering of human life is only part of the story. The demoralizing effect of it will be visited upon the third and fourth generations. While prophecy does not warrant the cessation of wars in this age yet we cannot but denounce its principles. To join in with the world in commendations of wars is to betray the principles of peace and righteousness which characterize Christ's kingdom. The religion of Jesus Christ is first pure then peaceable. A nation is made up of individuals' hence the commands of God are as obligatory upon a nation as upon an individual. We are not of this world, our citizenship is in heaven. But we feel especially impressed at this time to speak in reference to the children. If parents who have the responsibility of the rearing of children are to bring them up the way they should go, how necessary it is to instruct them concerning the evils of war. If we fail to do it will not be done, for from every other source they are taught that it is doing God's service to fight for their country. The public schools and even many churches seek to imbue their young minds with the war spirit. But while we cannot expect to produce much immediate effect upon them our instructions will be of use to them in after years. Their young minds cannot understand why we should oppose what the world calls good and great. We can teach to love Jesus and give their hearts to Him, and that will help them to see many things they could not see otherwise.—Pentecostal.

A soul without Christ is as a ship without a rudder; running easily because running with the current, but, for that same reason, every moment running to its doom.