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Notes and Cleanings.

There are between thirty-five and forty medical women in Switzerland, and a number of them recently got together and founded a club of female physicians, which is said to be the first of its kind in Europe.

The longest stretch of railroad bed without the variation of an inch to right or left is in the heart of the Rockies of the Rocky Mountain region, in the Gunnison country; and the stretch exceeds forty-seven miles. It lies high up in the range at an elevation of several thousand feet.

The motor cab is becoming a familiar object in the London streets. The drivers of horse cabs are alarmed and at a meeting of the London Cab Trade Council a resolution was passed protesting against the further licensing of any such vehicles to compete with the cabmen of London.

So delicately accurate are the methods and instruments for recording earthquakes that an earthquake in Japan was recorded at Toronto. Earth tremors are frequent—far more frequent than the ordinary observer realizes. Rarely a day passes without one or more of such tremors.

At the Paris Exposition of 1889 the total space occupied by foreign countries was 98,000 square metres. The management have already received from about a third of the countries that will probably exhibit at the exposition of 1900 applications for space amounting to 218,000 square metres, and it is estimated that when all the applications are in, no less than 450,000 square feet of space will be desired for foreign exhibitors.

Mark Twain's humorous assertion that it is safer to travel than to stay at home, inasmuch as more people die in their beds than on steamers or railway trains, finds ample verification in the annual report, just issued, of the United States Supervising Inspector-General of Steam Vessels. It shows that 650,000,000 passengers carried during the last year on American steamships but forty-six lost their lives through accident.

The Marconi system of wireless telegraphy is being tested by different European governments—the British at Dover, the German at Kiel, and the Italian at Spezia. It has been found at the latter place that messages can be transmitted with ease between the forts on shore and ships a dozen miles away. The instruments have been greatly improved. It required at first an induction coil emitting a spark eighteen inches long to send a message nine miles away; now a spark six inches long is found to be sufficient. The instruments are no longer raised above the surface. Messages have been received in the submerged cabins of armoured ships; obstructions do not, seemingly, hinder the electric waves. The Italian Government purposes an extensive use of the system if it proves successful—not only for military and naval uses, but also for police stations.

Professor Faltz announces that on Nov. 13, 1899, a comet will strike the earth. It is expected to destroy all the population of the globe. Professor Faltz resides in Vienna. He has been in the habit of predicting for some years dire casualties, such as that New York was to disappear under a tidal wave in July or August, 1894, and Florida and California become islands, owing to submarine earthquakes. The Christian Advocate has announced them and noted the events which took place on the dates specified, and if they were marked in any way it was by an entire desolation of anything of a calamitous nature. No person who proposes to lease a house for occupation, or make a contract later than Nov. 13, 1899, need hesitate if everything else is satisfactory. There is one possibility that needs no Faltz, nor even a Daniel, to prophesy, namely, the uncertainty of life: "Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go in to such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. * * * For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

"Rise ye up women that are at ease," Isaiah 32: 9.

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

Twenty-First Annual Meeting

The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Woman's Mission Society was held with the church at Fredericton, on Monday Oct. 11th, at 10 o'clock a. m. President in the chair. Opened by reading of Scripture by President, singing, and prayer by Mrs. Hartt. The roll being called, the following Officers were found to be present: Mrs. A. C. Smith, President; Mrs. William McKinnon, Mrs. Thos. Alexander, Miss Augusta Slipp, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Henry Hartt, Home Secretary; Mrs. D. McLeod Vince, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Fenwick, Auditor.

Board of Managers.—Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. G. F. Atherton, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Mrs. J. W. Clarke, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Mrs. F. C. Hartley, Mrs. R. J. Alexander.

Rev. Mr. Daggett having asked permission, occupied about five minutes in presenting some matters in connection with RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

The Home Secretary read her very interesting report of work done in the Districts. On motion of Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs. Hartley, the report was adopted. The Corresponding Secretary's report was given orally by Mrs. C. W. Weyman. She stated that a written one would be sent for publication. Mrs. Vince, Treasurer, presented her report, stating at the close that the report was not complete, as the returns for First and Third Districts had not been received.

The credentials of Miss DeMerritt, Treasurer of the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society of the United States, and of Mrs. Whitcombe, editor of the 'Missionary Helper,' a delegate from the Maine Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society, having been presented, it was, on motion of Mrs. C. W. Weyman, seconded by Mrs. G. F. Atherton,

RESOLVED, that the credentials be accepted, the sisters invited to seats, and the correspondence considered.

Upon being introduced to the meeting, Mrs. Whitcombe spoke briefly, explaining some matters under discussion, in connection with the publication of which she is editor.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Bloodworth, Mrs. T. S. Vanwart, Mrs. Henry B. Mitchell, Mrs. C. H. Ebbett, Miss Jane Weyman and Mrs. Wm. Peters, to report at 10 a. m. on Tuesday. Adjourned to 10 a. m. on Tuesday 12th Oct.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At 3 p. m. the public meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the power of Jesus' Name" etc; reading of Scriptures, 44th chapter of Isaiah and part of tenth chapter of Romans, and prayer by Mrs. G. A. Hartley. "I gave my life for thee" was sung, after which Mrs. F. C. Hartley read an address of welcome. The President, in her introductory address expressed thanks for the warm welcome given and said, further:

As we review the year we are thankful for the blessings that have come to us and we ought to realize our duty in respect of missions. While we cannot go to India there is an abundance of work within our reach. We all feel grateful that Sister Gaunce has been spared to the church in the field of India. But she needs help, she needs workers to assist. Let all the members pray to God that these workers may be forthcoming.

Mrs. Weyman then gave a synopsis of the work done by Miss Gaunce in India. Mrs. Weyman said that the famine and plague had not materially affected the district where our missions are. Miss Gaunce has charge of the work in the Balasore district, and has carried on her work successfully, and desires to return thanks to this society for the assistance sent. When Sister Boyer returned from India she left all

the work at Ujarda to Sister Gaunce. We support a native teacher there with his wife. They cost us \$100 a year. The three Bible women working under Sister Gaunce do a great deal of earnest work. A family of seven Hindoos there has broken caste and become Christians. She mentioned this because the Hindoos are, as a class, much harder to be reached by missionaries than many of those among whom they labor. Mrs. Weyman reminded her audience that there were 140 million women in India, of whom 100 million could not read. Take all the available Christian missionaries and it would leave 190,000 to every missionary. With these figures before them, she urged greater effort. She then read Miss Gaunce's report, giving details of the work in which she was engaged.

The Home Secretary Mrs. Henry Hartt gave a synopsis of the following report:

MADAM PRESIDENT AND DEAR SISTERS.—Another year, in our history, with its privileges and opportunities, is passed, and it is a solemn thought, that, somewhere in the future we shall each meet its record, "for all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ." Yet how animating and inspiring it is to know that the benefits arising from our feeble efforts, will be felt while endless ages roll. This fact should give us renewed energy and courage for the future. The reports coming in, from some of our Districts, were somewhat limited, but I shall endeavour to give you as best I can an idea of what has been done during the year. I regret to report a deficit of some twenty-seven dollars compared with last year's receipts. This is due, no doubt, to the year being an unusually hard one financially, and not to a lack of interest. There is one improvement, however, I wish to mention, that is, each District Sec. has promptly forwarded her report. When our officers are faithful, the interests of our Societies will surely progress.

FIRST DISTRICT.—The Sec. of this District, who, has served faithfully for years, has moved away. This, of course, has its effect, and the interests have somewhat dwindled. Mrs. Curry, a daughter of Rev. J. Noble, was appointed to fill her place and I have no doubt she will nobly do so. Hence we can look forward hopefully to the future of this District. Death has removed some members, which affects the interest as well as the contributions. Lower Perth maintains regular meetings. The contributions are as follows:—

Lower Perth,	\$16 00
Bath,	6 00
Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Caribou Me.,	1 00
Per mite box,	50
Mrs. D. A. Jenkins, Boston,	1 00
	50

Total \$25 00

SECOND DISTRICT.—The Sec. of this District gives an encouraging report, and says in many societies there is increased interest. At the last annual meeting, which was one of interest, committees were appointed to visit the different societies and organize where needed. She says there is another measure, by which the interests could be made more permanent. It is by reviving our work in Band Societies. For a number of years good work was done in some societies among the children, but of late has been allowed to lapse. It is from the children we expect our recruits of missionaries as well as local workers. Hence the importance of establishing Bands in our Societies. In this District several Societies maintain monthly prayer-meetings. Tracy's Mills we presume continue their regular meetings. Waterville and Third have united together and endeavour to maintain regular prayer-meetings and have been blessed in the effort. Doubtless other societies have done so to some extent, but we have no definite knowledge. Societies contributed as follows:

Woodstock,	\$61 81
Tracy's Mills,	18 45
Pembroke,	5 00
Knoxford,	7 50
Hartland,	11 75
Knowlsville,	7 27
Lower Brighton,	17 60
Rockland,	4 00
Victoria Corner,	10 05
Upper Brighton,	3 00
Third Tier,	8 55
Charleston,	1 65
Gordonville,	2 00
Waterville,	17 08
Connell,	3 50
Summerville,	6 00
Windsor,	2 03
Lindsay,	4 10
Half collection,	1 89

Total \$193 13

THIRD DISTRICT.—This important part of our denominational field contains only five societies. Fredericton society reports twenty-six members, holds regular monthly prayer-meetings, which are largely attended. Held a public meeting last Dec. which was addressed by Mrs. Sunder, a collection of \$15 was taken. They also have a Mission Band in connection. Marysville has twenty-five members and maintains monthly meetings. Keswick

has five members. Contributions are as follows:

Fredericton,	\$36 64
Marysville,	28 90
Keswick,	10 50
Southampton,	5 00
Upper Hainesville,	

Total \$84 04

FOURTH DISTRICT.—This District sends a most encouraging report. In several churches where no societies exist, contributions have been sent, nine churches are represented, which is nearly double the number of last year. The Sec. fails to tell what gave the impetus, but expresses a regret that so many churches fail to contribute. No doubt, all would, if the subject were brought before them. Contributions as follows:

Ft. Jonction,	\$26 90
Blissville,	22 00
Patterson Settlement,	9 98
Clarendon,	2 75
Rusagornish,	6 30
Lincoln,	3 45
Oromocto,	1 53
Gagetown,	1 00
Mill Settlement,	4 10
Miss Annie Smith,	2 00
Half collection at meeting,	5 12

Total \$85 13

FIFTH DISTRICT.—The Sec. of this District reports contributions from ten churches, but the amount is not as large as last year. The business meeting held in time of District Meeting is reported as being largely attended and very interesting.

The amount from the churches is as follows:

Central Hampstead,	\$ 9 40
Narrows,	7 75
Wickham,	3 00
Shannon,	1 00
Jerusalem,	4 00
Greenwich,	1 00
Brown's Flat,	1 00
Johnston,	2 90
Upper Hampstead,	11 00
Carpenter,	3 50
Collection,	2 65

Total \$45 20

SIXTH DISTRICT.—This District is the largest in our denominational field and sends the largest contribution. Many earnest and devoted workers live within this District. The Sec. reports eighteen societies, four of which maintain prayer-meetings. One Mission Band is reported. The societies contribute as follows:

Penobscis,	\$ 10 00
Norton,	12 05
Dover,	6 75
Petitcodiac,	9 75
Sussex,	37 00
Taylor Village,	5 00
Snider Mountain,	3 00
Moncton,	8 50
Apoahqui,	9 55
Lower Ridge,	7 50
Coverdale,	7 10
Cornhill,	19 00
Dutch Valley,	4 20
Midland,	10 50
Millstream Mountain,	5 00
Graves Settlement,	85
Lower Millstream,	17 50
Lower Millstream S. S. Band,	4 25
Received from a friend for work at Ujarda,	25 00

Total \$208 70

SEVENTH DISTRICT.—The work done by the respective societies in this District has been fully reported by the Secretary. One new society at Grand Harbor, numbers ninety, holds monthly meetings. Society at St. John mourns the loss of two faithful members. Three classes in the Sunday school contribute as follows: Infant class, \$4.00; Mrs. D. Miller's class, \$3.00; Mrs. O'Brien's class, \$2.00. The Auxiliary at Carleton, has had an increase in membership, they hold monthly meetings which are interesting and helpful. The missionary committee of the C. E. Society still meets at Mrs. A. C. Smith's. Have contributed twenty-five dollars which pays two years board for a little orphan, left by a native Christian of Ujarda, who was placed in the orphanage by Miss Gaunce. The Sunday-school class taught by Miss Laura Tufts sent Miss Gaunce five dollars for work among the Hindoo children. The Auxiliary at Wilson's Beach has increased in membership. Holds prayer-meetings fortnightly, held one public meeting. The S. S. of Fair Haven sends a contribution. The Sec. expresses a wish that the society formed there a few years ago, would awaken and become a sharer in the good work. The Sec. adds that the interest of the societies of that district are advancing, notwithstanding the contributions are smaller than last year some of their best workers were either hindered by illness themselves or in their families. Contributions as follows:

Grand Harbour,	\$ 17 20
North Head,	17 00
Wilson's Beach, Campobello,	20 00
St. John,	33 00
St. John, North,	13 30
St. John, West,	30 06
Beaver Harbor,	8 75
Fair Haven S. School,	1 50
Collection at annual meeting,	5 28

Total \$146 09

In reviewing the reports, I noticed only a part reported the meetings of District Societies. I understand the President and Secretary of the Third

District were prevented from attending their yearly meeting by sickness, hence there was none. It is at those yearly meetings, that the workers in our local societies get inspiration, and an interest is begotten in the individual churches. And we ought not to be satisfied until every church is represented for even the existence of a church depends to some extent on supporting the F. Mission.

Respectfully submitted
P. A. HARTT
H. Sec.

Oct. 10th 1897.
Mrs. Vince read the Treasurer's report as follows:

Mrs. Vince, Treasurer, in account with the W. M. Society of New Brunswick.

Received.	
1896	
Oct. 6 Balance on hand, per Auditors report,	\$1362 68
Oct. 7 Hibernia society, per Mrs. Scott,	12 00
Dec 16 A C F Soc. Marysville, support of boy,	6 00
1897	
Feb. 16 A C F Soc. Hartland, support of boy,	25 00
Mar 10 Mrs. E. Babcock, Lewiston Maine,	2 00
July 8 2nd Dist. per Mrs. Alexander,	\$189 15
Oct. 7 2nd Dist., per Mrs. Alexander,	\$4 00
July 20 6th Dist. per Mrs. M F McLeod,	208 70
Aug. 16 7th Dist., per Mrs. G A Hartley,	146 10
Sep. 11 A C F Soc. Marysville, support of boy,	12 00
Sep. 25 5th Dist., per Miss S J Carpenter,	45 20
" " Mrs. Elizabeth Cronkite,	5 00
" " Mrs. J. Hazelton,	1 00
" " Mrs. A W Johnston,	1 00
" " Mrs. Jos. McLeod,	1 00
" " Mrs. C. Burt,	1 00
Sep 30 4th Dist., per Miss D Mersereau,	85 13
Interest from June 30 1896, to June 30 1897,	29 43
Oct. 9 1st Dist., per Mrs. Currie,	25 00
" " Mrs. Babcock Lewiston, thank offering,	2 00
" " 3rd D st., per Mrs. F C Hartley,	84 39
Oct. 11 5th Dist., per Miss S J Carpenter,	4 00
" " Sale of constitutions,	25
" " Mrs. George Ebbett,	1 00
" " Collection,	9 36
1896 Collection,	11 70
Total	\$2274 09

Expenditures.

1896	
Nov. 6 Miss Gaunce, salary and work,	\$200 00
" " Girl in India, Hibernia society,	12 00
" " Cost of draft,	53
Oct. 21 T A Lindsay, Orphanage in India,	100 00
" " T A Lindsay, L. Millstream M Band,	3 60
" " Rev. J W Clarke, Home Missions,	50 00
Dec 30 P O Order T L Flood, for Miss Gaunce,	2 73
1897	
Feb. 4 Miss Gaunce, salary and work,	187 19
Feb. 5 Miss J Z Gaunce for Miss Gaunce,	10 08
" " Boy in India, Marysville, A C F Society,	25 00
May 7 Miss Gaunce, salary and work,	200 00
" " Boy in India, Hartland, A C F Society,	25 00
Aug. 13 Miss Gaunce, salary and work,	200 00
Oct. 11 Miss DeMerritt,	15008
" " Mrs. G A Hartley,	100
" " Rev. G A Hartley,	40
" " Mrs Henry Hartt,	3 32
Total	\$1039 53
Bal.	1234 56
	\$2274 09

Rev. Mr. Noble, the home missionary of the society for the past year, in giving his report said he had gone from Beaver Harbor to the Miramichi; to the Tobique and up the Aroostook. He had been kindly received by the people wherever he went on his mission work. Mrs. Gatcombe favored the meeting with a solo, Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters. A thoughtful paper on Systematic Giving written by Miss Lydia Fullerton, of St. John, West, was, because of her absence read by Miss Gertrude Seely, of St. John.

Miss de Merritt, treasurer of the Woman's Mission Society of the F. B. church of the United States, delivered a powerful address. She was glad to feel as much at home here as on the other side of the line. She hoped that there would be a closer union between the two bodies in the States and Canada forming one grand continental church and that the union would take place quickly. Their common inheritances were many. Prof. Anthony had last night beautifully brought out one of them, the law of obedience, that Christ had acted out in His life as an example to us. The last command-

ment Christ gave was the one we had least lived up to. It was: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo I will be with you alway. Why was it? Because we have thrown around the command to repent and be baptized all our personal interests, losing sight of the missionary command to a very great degree. Christ had just laid the foundation of a kingdom that was to last forever and just as He passed away He gave the great command "Go ye into all the world." Passing on she urged all to follow the last command of Christ to go out and preach the gospel to all the earth. The Christian church is called to it, and there is an obligation to follow it out. One of the pleasing features to day is the growing interest in missions. Why, even the newspapers and magazines were growing interested in it. The Cosmopolitan had sent Julian Hawthorne to India and he had written special articles on it. Women like educational work and she felt like Mrs. Smith that auxiliaries were what was wanted in order to carry out the work of missions. The church most successful was the church that had an auxiliary society working with it. To make these auxiliaries very strong it was necessary to do a good deal of public work, to keep their pastor up to the missionary line and to let him see that they were close behind him. She was a believer too in systematic giving as necessary to the success of the church. The growing Christians to-day were those that were living for others, were broadening through their love for humanity. While the choir sang an anthem the collection was taken. Rev. Mr. Swin pronounced the benediction, closing a very successful meeting.

TUESDAY, OCT. 12TH.—Business meeting opened at 10 a. m. with Devotional Exercises, led by Mrs. C. W. Weyman. The 28th, Psalm was read, and several sisters engaged in prayer. Minutes of former meetings were read and approved. The Rules of order were read by President t

On motion of Mrs. G. A. Hartley the visiting delegates Mrs. Whitcomb and Miss DeMerritt were invited to sit with us and to take part in our deliberations. During the session there was considerable discussion as to whether the society should make any change in the channel through which the India remittances are made. The result of the discussion was that it was decided not to make any change. There was also some talk about making the "Helper" the organ of the Society, and the following resolution, moved by Mrs. C. W. Weyman, was adopted:

RESOLVED that we are not prepared to make the "Helper" our organ at present; also resolved that this Society considers the "Helper" an excellent medium for the dissemination of Missionary Intelligence and hereby recommends it to the use of the local Societies.

The report of nominating committee was presented, and, on motion of Mrs. Weyman, was taken up section by section, resulting in the following: Presidents, Mrs. A. C. Smith; Vice-President, 1st Dist. Mrs. Stephen Barker, 2nd Dist. Mrs. L. E. McFarlane, 3rd Dist. Mrs. Wm. McKinnon, 4th Dist. Mrs. Thos. Alexander, 5th Dist. Miss Augusta Slipp, 6th Dist. Mrs. C. W. Weyman, 7th Dist. Mrs. A. C. Smith; Recording Sec. Mrs. Joseph McLeod; Assistant Rec. Sec. Mrs. J. S. Smith; Corresponding Sec. Mrs. C. W. Weyman; Home Sec. Mrs. Henry Hartt; Treasurer, Mrs. D. McLeod Vince; Auditor, Mrs. M. Fenwick.

Board of Managers.—Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. G. F. Atherton, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Mrs. J. W. Clarke, Miss Carpenter, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. E. Dunfield, Mrs. F. C. Hartley, Mrs. R. J. Alexander, Mrs. J. N. Barnes.

Mention was made of the illness of Assistant Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Smith, and much regret was expressed at her absence as well as appreciations of her past services. On motion it was, "Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary is hereby instructed to write her conveying the love and sympathy of the Society here convened."

The auditors report was presented, and on motion, it was adopted. It is as follows:—

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