

some change in the Constitution and By-laws of the society, it is recommended that suggestions from the members of this Branch be sent to Mrs. Bascom, Branch Corresponding Secretary, for Mission Band work, during the ensuing year, regarding the same.

For the sake of convenience this Committee has divided the work into three general divisions, *i.e.*, devotional, education, and financial.

1st. Devotional—As the object of Mission Bands primarily is “to develop a missionary spirit,” and in order to the furtherance of this aim, we recommend that especial attention be paid to the devotional part of our work. That the members be encouraged to take part in the opening exercises, either by leading in prayer, reading or quoting a passage of Scripture bearing upon the extension of the Gospel, and personal consecration.

2nd. Education—That a permanent interest may be maintained in mission work, it is necessary that there be an intelligent understanding of the needs of this great work. This Committee recommend that facts, illustrations, maps, etc., be as extensively used as possible regarding missionary work carried on in all parts of the world; but the work of our own Church be given a prominent place in order that the members of the bands may be made familiar with the fields occupied, the position and peculiar needs of the same.

Also that some attention be paid to the training of the executive abilities of the members, and would suggest that an interesting and successful mode of doing this would be for the Presidents of bands to hold meetings in the form of an Auxiliary District Convention, Branch meeting, or General Board, thus making the members familiar with the general workings of our Society.

3rd. Financial—As the object of the band work is building for the future rather than for any immediate gain, it is recommended that the young people be encouraged to raise their funds by personal sacrifice or labor instead of by holding socials, entertainments, etc.

Whereas our bands in many places have had considerable trouble to continue their work where Epworth Leagues have been established, and whereas it is feared should this friction continue it will be detrimental to the interests of our Society. This committee recommend that the Central Branch communicate with the Executive of the Epworth League, asking that the holding of a missionary meeting be made obligatory, and where there are Mission Bands or Circles, these meetings be under the control of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Whereas Mission Bands have a Branch Secretary whose especial duty is to further the interests of the Mission Band Work, and

Whereas, this involves considerable correspondence between the Secretary and Bands,

This Committee recommends that a memorial be sent to the General Board asking that Section IV. under “Mission Bands” be amended to provide for a Corresponding Secretary and her duties be designated.

It was moved, seconded and carried, “That the thanks of the Branch meeting be and are hereby tendered to our Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, for the very complete and satisfactory printed report placed in our hands, and that we express this feeling by a rising vote.”

The following ladies were appointed as organizers:—Orangeville, Mrs. Pearson; Peterboro', Mrs. Kendry; Lindsay, Mrs. Broderick; Tamworth, Miss Hawley; Napanee, Mrs. Casey; Uxbridge, Mrs. N. Crosby; Cannington, Mrs. A. R. Campbell; Cobourg, Miss Bennett; Madoc, Mrs. Maybee; Barrie, Mrs. Parker; Bracebridge, Mrs. Betts; Picton, Mrs. Platt; Bowmanville, Miss Tourgee; Brampton, Mrs. A. Langford; Bradford, Mrs. Walker; Belleville, Mrs. Massey; Campbellford, Mrs.

Wilson; Brighton, Mrs. Broad. Also the following ladies as representatives to Conference:—Bay of Quinte, Mrs. Platt; Toronto, Mrs. McRay.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Carman, Belleville; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Treasurer, Miss M. Wilkes, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) Briggs, Toronto; Recording Secretary of Mission Bands, Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge.

Delegates to the General Board Meeting, to be held in the Elm Street Church, Toronto, October 22nd to October 27th inclusive:—Mrs. Langford, Brampton; Mrs. Young, Markham; Mrs. Locke, Peterboro'; Mrs. Platt, Picton; Mrs. Massey, Sidney; Mrs. McKay, Toronto; Miss M. Wilkes, Toronto; Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Warkworth; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. E. Tyner, Toronto; Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto; Mrs. W. W. Ogden, Toronto; Mrs. G. Brown, Maple. Alternates—Mrs. Gundy, Toronto, and Miss McGuffin, Toronto.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at Belleville.  
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#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

THE Nova Scotia Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society has just closed one of its most successful meetings at Halifax in connection with the Brunswick Street Methodist Church. Nearly all the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of Nova Scotia were represented, the total number of officers and delegates present being 54.

The reports from the various Auxiliaries were of a very encouraging nature, nearly all showing an increase in membership, finances and religious zeal.

The President's address was full of loving counsel and words of cheer, which had a double force because of the recent severe illness through which she had passed, and we felt they came from a heart chastened by submission to the Master's will.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed four Auxiliaries, which have ceased to work; but seven new ones organized during the past year, and since then one auxiliary has been organized, and one re-organized. Several Mission Bands have also been organized, numbering six. Annual membership of Auxiliaries, 1,074; life members, 68; an increase over last year of 110 annual and 12 life members. Total membership, including Bands, 2,000; number of Auxiliaries, 47; Mission Bands, 32.

The Treasurer reported total receipts of the year to be \$3,701.80; an increase over last year of \$292.34; \$1,268.64 of the same being contributed by the Mission Bands. Various questions were dealt with by the Committee on Modes of Work. The following were recommended for adoption:—1st. The “Scattered Helper” scheme. 2nd. That Auxiliaries hold their annual meetings not later than the second week in September, and that at such meeting, delegates to the Branch with alternates be elected, pledging themselves to be present at all the sessions of the Branch, and that the names of each be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of Branch, or Secretary of Billeting Committee. The finding of Committee on above were adopted. The following were not recommended:—1st. The resolution of the memorial from the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch concerning the election of delegates to Branch and Board meetings from among the Auxiliary members, etc. Also various suggestions offered by the Publishing Committee were taken up in detail, and the general report that the Branch was quite satisfied with present arrangement was adopted. The question of an independent paper for the Woman's