

and support of its work. The article referred to was simply the personal expression of the Editress, with which article the Executive has no sympathy, and for which it bears no responsibility."

Invitations for the annual meeting of the Board of Managers were received from the Auxiliaries of Dundas Centre, London, and Elm Street, Toronto. As the annual meeting had been held in London last year, the invitation from Elm Street was accepted, and the ladies were requested not to provide luncheon.

Information was received that the Auxiliaries in British Columbia desired to form themselves into a Branch. The Committee expressed its gratification at the extension of our work in British Columbia, and approved of the forming of a Branch there. But the action cannot be confirmed until the annual meeting of the Board of Managers, and therefore no delegate can be received at that meeting.

With a view to increasing interest in, and extending the Society's work in Manitoba, it was decided to request Mrs. Roberts, of Winnipeg, to act as Organizer.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to request the Conferences to appoint one Sunday in the year to be devoted to the interests of our Society, and which shall be known as Woman's Missionary Society Sunday.

M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

#### FROM DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

THE Niagara District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the beautiful new lecture-room of St. Paul Street Church, St. Catharines, on Thursday the 12th ult., continuing for one day only, Mrs. Jackson, of Beamsville, District Organizer, presiding. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance, morning, afternoon and evening, very large, far exceeding the expectations of the ladies who had the matter in hand.

First session opened at 10.40 by singing and reading a portion of Scripture, several ladies following in prayer. After the nomination of Recording Secretary and Secretary of Supplies, the morning was principally occupied in receiving reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, these records bearing testimony to cheerful self-denial and earnest Christian zeal.

Afternoon session opened by singing and prayer, after which Mrs. Jackson followed with the encouraging report that Auxiliaries had been formed in ten of the fourteen appointments of this District—and, at the next May meeting, she hoped to report the remaining four had come into line—and were in thorough working order. Half an hour was given up to consecration and testimony meeting, led by Mrs. Hodgson, of Welland, and Mrs. McCullough, of St. Catharines, which was a time of blessing and great grace. Miss Kennedy, of Tintern, read an interesting paper on "How to Make our Auxiliaries Interesting," giving some good, practical suggestions on preparing for monthly meetings. Mrs. Bridgman, of Smithville, followed with a paper on "The Difficulties Encountered by New Auxiliaries," the principal difficulty being on the part of members, the lack of earnest, Christian effort, and the true spirit of consecration.

Mrs. Brownell, of Welland, then read a deeply interesting and carefully prepared paper on "The Old, Old Story," full of deep thought and earnest appeals, and rich with promises of God's blessing on faithful, untiring Christian workers. Mrs. Gardner, of St. Catharines, gave a synoptical report of the Chatham Convention, also a report of the work of St. Paul's Auxiliary.

Miss Crosthwaite, lately returned missionary from China, was then introduced, and answered a few questions put by

the ladies with regard to the difficulties met with in gaining access to the Zenanas, and the general outlook of the work in that great empire.

At the close of the afternoon session, the ladies of St. Catharines entertained the visitors and representatives to a pleasant and much appreciated tea; when former acquaintances were renewed and old friendships revived.

Promptly at eight o'clock an adjournment was made to the Church; a large attendance greeting Miss Crosthwaite on this her first appearance in the city. After singing and prayer, the chairman, Mr. Tovell, brought forward and introduced Miss Crosthwaite, in the costume of a native Chinese woman, who placed in view of the audience a number of objects brought from China, Mr. Tovell giving an explanation of their manufacture, use, etc.

In her speaking Miss Crosthwaite was listened to throughout with the greatest attention; at times stirring the hearts of her listeners by a recital of the cruel wrongs done to their sisters in China, and again bringing smiles to many faces by relating some amusing incident. The speaker tried to give some idea of the size of this vast empire, and also of the great number of women there who could only be reached by those of her own sex, and closed her address by making an earnest appeal for all to help in this grand work of Christianizing the world. After the thanks of the audience had been presented to the speaker, the meeting closed with prayer.

P. S. BIGGAR, *Rec. Sec.*

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH, February 18th.

#### NOTES FROM THE LONDON DISTRICT.

WE held our Quarterly Meeting on the 9th inst., in the cosy and elegant London South Church. Invitations had been sent to all the Auxiliaries in the District, but owing, we presume, to "the roads," there was only one Auxiliary represented outside the city and suburbs.

The older Auxiliaries of the city are working harmoniously and successfully—finances ahead and membership increasing.

QUEEN'S AVENUE reported having reaped much benefit from a "Crusade day."

DUNDAS CENTRE had established a mid-month meeting for prayer and information, the regular meetings being so full of business that the spiritual side of the work suffers neglect sometimes.

LONDON SOUTH reported the second largest membership in the District, both in Auxiliary and Mission Circle. Well done!

Wellington Street are working faithfully, visiting the congregation and endeavoring to increase interest.

Although there were representatives from London West, we were sorry to miss their accustomed report, whose spiritual tone has so often pervaded our meetings like a benediction.

Arva Auxiliary, though but lately planted, has taken vigorous root and is in a thriving condition.

We were glad to notice several ladies from the Colborne Street Church, and hope that the interest evinced may soon lead to an organization in that progressive congregation.

Our Young Ladies' Circles are holding up their end of the missionary rope.

Queen's Avenue, Dundas Centre and London South reported several new methods of work, of which more anon. The presence of the Ladies' Singing Circle in the choir gallery made the singing a most enjoyable feature of the meeting.

After the reports had been disposed of, the following preamble and resolution were introduced. After some discussion they were adopted, and a committee appointed to confer further, and report at the June Quarterly Meeting: