

persed through the programme, all showing progress and increasing interest in the great work. A concise report of the work of the whole Society for the year was read by Mrs. W. W. Chown, and Mrs. Carman's quick wit found ready answers to the queries in the question drawer. Hearty votes of thanks were presented to the Foxboro' ladies for their genial hospitality, and to all who had assisted in the programme, and after a collection of \$9.23 had been taken up, this very interesting Convention closed with the hymn "God be with you till we meet again," and Mrs. Carman pronouncing the benediction.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

THE Bradford District Convention of the Women's Missionary Society held their annual meeting in Aurora on May 26th, presided over by Mrs. W. D. Walker, the District organizer. The morning session was opened by singing and prayer, and most of the ladies repeating passages of Scripture, the number and beauty of these texts making a very helpful and refreshing time to us all. Then followed a piece of choice music by the Misses Joy, of Toronto, after which reports from Mission Bands from Pennville, Belle Ewart, Newmarket and Schomberg, and from Aurora, Newmarket, Newton, Robinson, Schomberg and Kettleby Auxiliaries. A hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung by the Misses Joy, and was much appreciated by all present. A conversation on the best methods of conducting Mission Band and Auxiliary work followed, and among other things spoken of was a meeting where each one who wished to brought as a thank-offering to the Lord an envelope with money enclosed, a text of Scripture, and *no name*. Entertainments of various kinds were favorably spoken of, but the plan of getting children to earn their money or save it by self-denial seemed to be most approved. In the afternoon session reports from the two Aurora Mission Bands, and Alliston and Beeton Auxiliaries, also from the Presbyterian and Disciple Mission Circles of Aurora. A reading by Mrs. Widdifield, of Newmarket, a paper by Mrs. Wallace, of Newmarket, on "Faithfulness in little things," and a paper by Mrs. McDowell, of Aurora, on "Our responsibility," together with a solo by Miss M. Stevenson, a letter of sympathy to Rev. Mr. Savage on the death of his dear wife, the recommending of Miss Roach as organizer instead of Mrs. Walker, who intends to resign, and of Miss Stone, as secretary, occupied about two hours and a half. Then came the most pleasing and unexpected incident of the coming in of a deputation consisting of Rev. H. S. Matthews and Mr. E. J. Davis, M.P.P., bearing the fraternal greetings of the ministers and laymen of the District meeting then in session, and wishing us God speed in our work. Our testimony meeting which followed was a season long to be remembered on account of the presence of the Master.

Our evening session consisted of a public meeting held in the main body of the church—the choir assisting, the pastor in the chair, the organizer giving her report, and short addresses by Rev. Mr. Addison, Rev. Mr. Matthews and Miss Craig, of Pennville, an essay by Mrs. Brown, of Lloydtown, on "Giving," and a piece of missionary music rendered by twelve little girls. I think every one went home more enthused with a missionary spirit, and feeling that it was good to be there. The collections for the day were \$8.35.

MRS. R. McDONALD, *Sec., pro tem.*

UXBRIDGE.—The Second Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, in the Uxbridge District, was opened by devotional exercises, after which reports were read from the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of the district. On the district there are seven Auxiliaries and five Mission Bands, which were represented by between forty

and forty-five delegates. After the reports were read some time was spent in business. A testimony meeting closed the morning session. After the opening services in the afternoon, a feeling address of welcome was read and replied to, followed by greetings from the sister societies of the town. Interesting papers and discussions on Auxiliary and Mission Band work completed the afternoon programme. In the evening able and interesting addresses were delivered by Mrs. Kendry, of Peterboro', and Mrs. Young, of Markham, interspersed with music by the choir and Miss DeGeer. The most pleasing feature of the afternoon session was the report of the District Organizer, Mrs. H. A. Crosby, in reference to the \$80.00 to be raised for the support of two children, one in the Crosby Home, B.C., the other in the proposed Japan Orphanage. \$76.00 of the amount had been raised by special effort of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, and with the collection of the evening meeting the full amount was realized. During the work of the Convention the District Organizer was ably assisted by a Secretary, Miss Hassard, of Vroomanton, who is a graduate of Whitby Ladies' College, and who has offered herself for the Foreign Mission Work.

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION.

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of this great body of returned missionaries met, by the cordial invitation of Dr. Foster, at the Clifton Springs Sanatorium, N.Y., for the third time, from the 8th to the 15th of June.

It was presided over by the Rev. Dr. J. T. Gracey, to whom, more than any other man, the Union owes its existence. About 150 missionaries and workers from foreign lands were present, some of them were over eighty years of age, and had given upwards of half a century of faithful service to the Master in foreign fields. Others, after but short service, had prematurely broken down by malarial fever or torrid heats, and reluctantly returned for rest and recuperation.

The aggregate years represented by the whole company foots up to over two thousand years of actual service away from home and native land.

Thirteen great Churches and denominations were represented in this wonderful gathering, where nothing but the Spirit of Christ in its oneness was manifested.

From sixteen of the great mission fields of the world they came to thrill us with their stories of patient endurance and glorious success.

We could only regret that more Canadians were not present at this unique and most profitable gathering.

Many soul-stirring and practical addresses were given by different missionaries from various lands. For all of them had been realized the fulfilment of the promise of Him, who having said "Go," was with them even unto the ends of the earth.

Among the many papers presented to the Union by the women missionaries several attracted much attention. The papers from Miss Hattie Phinney, of Burma, in reference to successful evangelistic work, and as to the best methods of instructing the Bible women for the faithful discharge of their duties, produced a profound impression. She referred to the natural anxiety of faithful missionaries for success, and the danger of impoverishment of spiritual life by the constant solicitude for others, and stated that this must be guarded against resulting to the missionary's loss by daily study of the Word of God and much private communion alone with God.

Miss Porter, of China, gave a beautiful address on the "Power and influence of women missionaries in the village homes in paganism," and showed the elevating influence which a devoted missionary's life exerts among the natives.