

was asked by the Woman's Missionary Society to appoint a Missionary Sunday for the benefit of this branch of the work. Yesterday the delegates were a little surprised to hear read a letter from British Columbia which contained the information that the British Columbia Conference had refused to accede to the request. A further report from the British Columbia Conference Special Committee on Missions recommended the establishment of residential schools for Indian children as soon as possible. No action was taken by the Board on this point; but touching the recommendation that the children in Indian homes attend the day schools instead of being taught in the homes, it was agreed that it would be advisable to continue teaching the girls in the homes for the present at any rate.

A letter from Mr. Bond, of Newfoundland, was submitted to the Board. That gentleman wished to bring before them the consideration of the advisability of undertaking a mission work in Palestine. The question was pretty thoroughly discussed, after which a resolution was unanimously carried to the effect that in view of the fact that the General or parent Missionary Society had no mission in the land of Palestine, and, also, in view of the heavy responsibilities that already are assumed by the Woman's Society in other lands, they did not feel able to enter this new field.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION.

The report of the Literature and Publication Committee was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. G. P. McKay, and adopted. During the year 9,000 copies of the letter *Leaflet* had been issued monthly. Five thousand copies of "Ten Reasons Why I Should be a Member of the Woman's Missionary Society," were printed; 3,000 "Duties of Auxiliary Officers," and 10,000 prayer cards. At the meeting of the General Board of Managers a year ago, this committee was authorized to issue a quantity of leaflets for the use of Mission Bands, which was to include an order of exercises for the regular meetings. This had been done and sent out in an attractive form, bearing the name, *Our Quarterly*, containing each quarter a letter, written especially for it, from one of their mission fields, with the addition of such selections bearing on missionary topics as the somewhat limited space would allow. The regular issue of the *Quarterly* had been 2,500. In order to aid in the organization and management of mission bands, a free leaflet had been prepared by a member of the Western Branch, of which 3,000 copies had been printed. Another recommendation was the selection of a new free leaflet for distribution in Auxiliaries, and for the use of Organizers. The thanks of the committee were due to those who from all the Branches had given such efficient help in the preparation of the leaflet matter bearing on the monthly subjects for prayer. The committee had given much thought and prayer to the work and met twenty times during the year.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. McMichael, President of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, read an exceedingly well prepared report of the year, which will be printed in full in the Annual Report.

Mrs. (Dr.) Rosebrugh, Hamilton, Ont., Treasurer, presented her report, showing the year's receipts to have been \$31,698.96; advance over last year, \$6,138.20. This also will appear in full in the Annual Report.

The Corresponding Secretary announced to the Board that the British Columbia Auxiliaries had organized themselves into a Branch, having ten Auxiliaries, 179 annual, and five life-members, and three Mission Bands. A resolution was passed expressing thankfulness for their success, and assur-

ing the British Columbia Branch cordial, loving welcome into the sisterhood of Branches. A resolution was passed providing for representation at the Board by proxy of Branches desiring it.

SUPPLY COMMITTEE REPORT.

The report of the Supply Committee was presented by Mrs. (Dr.) Briggs. That committee had had many evidences of God's blessing during the past year. The gifts of new and second-hand clothing, so liberally supplied by Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, had been carefully distributed and gratefully accepted by the missions to which they were sent. Many boxes of clothing, bedding and other comforts had been sent to the McDougall Orphanage, the Crosby Home, the French Institute, the Chinese Girls' Home and other schools sustained by the Society.

Report of the committee received and adopted by the Board. The Editor of this department presented her report, which was also received and adopted by the Board. It will be given to the readers of the *OUTLOOK* in our next issue.

Saturday forenoon was devoted to the meeting of committees.

MONDAY, 9 A.M.

President in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, President of Central Branch. Minutes read and approved. Memorial Committee report presented by Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Sutherland, Hamilton. We give a brief summary of the recommendations adopted, as the details will be published in the Minutes:—

That delegates to the Board be elected in the proportion of one to every four hundred, instead of two hundred members as formerly. That this Board strongly urge upon all its agents the necessity of stating clearly, definitely and logically, the need and use of special grants. That our department in the *OUTLOOK* be continued, and that a separate paper be not established. That a trained nurse be sent to assist the medical missionary and hospital department at Port Simpon. That the Committee on Indian Work memorialize the Government to have such action taken, if possible, as will enforce the regular attendance of Indian children at the schools. That a central depot be opened at the Wesley Buildings, from which all literature, mite-boxes, etc., may be ordered. That the monthly letter *Leaflet* be enlarged to twelve pages. That a tract, written by Mr. J. Ross, of Montreal, entitled, "Why are we Protestants?" be published. That a large quarterly leaflet be issued for the use of Circles and Bands, instead of the small one for juvenile Bands. That a missionary catechism be published for juvenile Bands, to be prepared by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, Mrs. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, N.B., and Miss Lewis, of Truro, N.S. That ladies writing leaflets or other articles for publication for our Woman's Missionary Society be requested sign their names. That Auxiliary Secretaries be requested to confine their reports to *OUTLOOK* and *Guardian* to the space of five printed lines.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, President of the Eastern Branch. Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, rose and asked permission to move the following resolution:—"Whereas, alcoholic liquors in large quantities are being exported into heathen countries by professedly Christian nations, thus subverting missionary effort, and plunging the natives of uncivilized countries into a state of degradation unknown before they came in contact with commerce and civilization; therefore, resolved, that we hereby acknowledge the sisterly greetings of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that we express our sympathy with them and assure our sisters of our hearty co-operation in their noble efforts to bring about the total