

miss them in this issue, but there are, no doubt, good reasons.

PRESIDENT MOORE and Mary Dauphinie, of Nova Scotia Conference, have been making valuable history for the Methodist Church in our country. With a high sense of justice, and a courageous use of common sense, unbiassed by prejudice, this progressive presiding officer admitted the duly elected delegate to Conference notwithstanding her sex. This shall be told in honor of President Moore, that he was just, and had the courage of his convictions. Mary Dauphinie was a member of Quarterly Board from which delegates are elected to Conference. A righteous precedent has, we believe, been made, and we hope the Court of Appeal will sustain the ruling. The sex which composes about three-fourths of the church membership, which is largely in excess in Sunday School work, which chiefly develops the financial enterprises, is a large factor in pastoral aid, provides for the furnishing of churches and parsonages to a great extent, which does all the missionary collecting and much of the benevolent work, which operates a thoroughly organized missionary society, and creditably bears the standards of the church in its foreign fields; this sex is certainly worthy of representation in church councils, and we congratulate President Moore on his recognition of the fact, and the Methodist Church of our country on having an officer so valiant. May we, as a Church, go forward in this matter of justice to women, and give to the world a Methodist illustration of equal rights for men and women, worthy the church of Susanna Wesley's son!

Executive Committee.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held in Toronto, beginning on Wednesday, July 5th. There were present Mrs. Gooderham, presiding; Mesdames Carman, Strachan, Thompson, J. A. Williams, T. G. Williams, Burns, Cunningham, Briggs and Willmott.

Since the last meeting of the Committee, one of its members, Mrs. MacCoy, of Halifax, president of the Nova Scotia Branch, has been called to the home above. The president was requested to write the Nova Scotia Branch, expressing the committee's appreciation of Mrs. MacCoy, and deep sympathy with the Branch in the great loss it has sustained. "Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

The Corresponding Secretary read Miss Wintemute's report of work done during her year of furlough. Miss Wintemute travelled 11,736 miles (including 8,525 from Japan), spoke at fifty-eight public meetings, eight auxiliary meetings, eight Sunday-schools, four mission bands, and assisted in ten Japanese entertainments. As a result of these meetings between forty and fifty new members were added, and \$550 realized to the Society, after deducting \$67.90 travelling expenses. Miss Wintemute's resignation was received, and the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

"That Miss Wintemute's report be received and accepted, and that the Secretary write Miss Wintemute of our appreciation of, and satisfaction with, her work during her year of furlough.

"That Miss Wintemute's resignation be accepted, and that we assure her of our prayers for success in her new sphere in life, trusting that the kind Father above, who has so abundantly blessed her labors in our Woman's Missionary Society, may guide and direct her in whatever part of his vineyard she may be called to work."

Miss Cushing's resignation had been received and accepted

by the Council in Japan. Although Miss Cushing had been less than two years in our work, she had proved very efficient, and had endeared herself to her associates. The reasons given for her resignation being satisfactory, the Committee was requested to endorse the action of the Council, which was done.

The applications of missionary candidates were considered. The resignation of Miss Cushing, and the return on furlough of Misses Preston and Monroe, make the sending out of other ladies necessary. Miss Crombie, recommended by the N.B. and P.E.I. Branch, was accepted, and appointed to Japan.

Miss Smith, who was chosen by the Board for Matron at Chilliwhack, has had the entire management, during Miss Sterling's long absence, of her home for destitute children, Hillside Farm, N.S. Miss Sterling having returned, Miss Smith is now at liberty, and will shortly enter upon her duties at Chilliwhack. The work on the new building is being rapidly pushed forward, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy in the autumn. A sewing teacher being needed there, and Miss Clarke having recommended Miss Burpee, it was decided to engage her until the annual meeting.

A letter was read from Miss S. Hart, who has returned home to Nova Scotia, after having given five years of faithful service in the Crosby Home. The Auxiliaries in the eastern branches will have the privilege of securing Miss Hart's services, through the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Carman and Mrs. Willmott were appointed delegates from the committee to the Woman's World's Missionary Congress in Chicago, beginning September 28th.

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

Our French Work.

BEFORE THE VACATION.

A MOST interesting and successful school examination took place at our French Mission Day School on Delisle Street, on June 30. Several ladies of the French School Committee were present, and all were pleased at the excellence of work shown.

As many as ninety children are always in attendance during the winter, but as soon as work offers in the spring, many of these children need to go to work, while others keep the small children while the mothers are at work, so that the number is smaller, but never less than fifty. A steady monthly visiting of the schools is maintained during the session by the ladies entrusted with the work.

Besides these exercises and singing, there were reading in Third Reader, spelling, geography, arithmetic as far as fractions, and very neat specimens of writing, both in the copy-books and on slates, from dictation. Painstaking and hard work, with the blessing from above, have produced these results.

Each child was made happy with a prize book given for excellence in study, or by a large picture card with passage of Scripture beautifully coloured.

The hope of French Protestantism is in the training of the children. Let us pray that more of them may come within reach of our schools.

This school has been taught by Miss Maynard, assisted by Miss Anderson, our efficient Bible-woman, who takes charge of the small children during their three hours' school every morning.

A pleasing feature of the exercises was to see the promptness with which the children rose for prayer at the tap of the bell, and at a second signal every face was covered, and the Lord's Prayer repeated with the utmost reverence. Contrast this with the too common Romanist practice of running over the beads, while the eyes are wandering everywhere. The visitors were much pleased with the prominence given to Scripture study and recitation, and the readiness with which Scripture questions were replied to.

THE various missionary societies sustained by members of the Church of England, make use of versions of the Scriptures in 107 languages, and by far the larger portion are supplied, often free of charge, always below cost price, by the British and Foreign Bible Society.