

WE hope to make the January number specially interesting to our W. M. S. It will be issued before the holidays. We invite short contributions from our workers. Let us hear from you if you have anything that will interest and instruct. We would also be greatly pleased to hear from the missionaries of their labors. Facts from the field are what we all want to hear.

WHAT a sad comment is made by the Rev. J. G. Gregson with regard to the growth of the drink traffic in India: "We found India sober. We shall leave her drunken." Too often the ship that carries the missionaries carries also the stock of avaricious rum-sellers, and their product is the same the wide world over.

THIS department gratefully and cordially extends greetings to our sisters of the W. C. T. U. on the close of another year's successful work "for God and home and country." The President's address was worthy of a statesman, and the business sessions were conducted with true business ability. The public meeting, addressed by Hon. Mr. Foster, will be "pleasantly" remembered for some time to come. God speed the W. C. T. U.

MRS. DR. ROSEBRUGH, Hamilton, presents the following:—

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR LAST QUARTER.

Western Branch	\$1651 61
Central Branch	2299 77
Eastern Branch	901 72
Nova Scotia Branch	798 49
N.B. & P.E.I. Branch	259 78
Newfoundland West Branch	35 50
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Qu'Appelle Branch	6 00
Donations per Rev. C. Bristol	1 00
Donations per Mrs. W.	2 00
	\$6026 37

BRANCHES AND AUXILIARIES.

THE third annual meeting of the N. S. Branch was held at Providence Church, Yarmouth, Oct. 11th and 12th.

The necessary routine business was transacted amid all the comfort with which thoughtful kindness could surround the delegates. The elegant repasts served on the premises not only proved conducive to social enjoyment, but greatly increased the facility for accomplishing work.

The same officers were re-elected, viz: Mrs. S. F. Huestis, President; Mrs. S. E. Whiston, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lillie Silver, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Ray, Treasurer; Miss Temple, Auditor.

The Corresponding Secretary reported 23 auxiliaries and 7 mission bands, being an increase of 18 auxiliaries

and two bands since the organization of the Branch. Number of members, 731; life members, 32. Amount raised, \$2,059.85. We realise the mighty power of God, strengthening our imperfect efforts.

Offerings to the cause of missions have not all been made in coin of the realm. Two have given their lives to the work, and are now laboring in the mission field. Others are offering, and, without doubt, open doors will be found for some of them. Donations of articles useful to the workers, and to their work, are forwarded continually.

Reports of auxiliaries and mission bands disclose glimpses of unostentatious self-denial and persistent energy beyond our hopes and expectations. Greetings from Baptist societies of the city and county, also from the Presbytery of Halifax, afforded mutual pleasure.

The public meeting in the evening was held in the church, the President, Mrs. S. F. Huestis, in the chair. A large and appreciative audience gathered to enjoy the attractive programme. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. L. Killam, of Yarmouth, response by Mrs. T. D. Hart, of Berwick. Both were of a high order of merit. The Corresponding Secretary's report, also an account of the work among the Indian girls at the Crosby Home, were heard with interest. Excellent music by the choir, recitations by the mission bands, with addresses by Rev. Mr. Craig, Mr. Fisher, pastor of Providence Church, and Rev. Mr. Gaetz, President of N. S. Conference, and last, but not least, a collection of \$51.60, all combined to render the occasion a crowning success.

The closing session on the following morning was rich with blessing. With renewed consecration and thankful hearts, the women of Nova Scotia address themselves to the work of the coming year.

L. SILVER, *Rec. Sec.*

HAMILTON.—On Monday afternoon, October 10th, the ladies of Gore Street Church met and organized a woman's auxiliary to the Western Branch. The gathering was a pleasant one, presided over by the pastor, Rev. C. O. Johnson, and if a sample of our monthly meetings to come, will be of great benefit to the Church outside of missionary work. Forty-seven names were enrolled, and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. C. O. Johnson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Olmstead; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Cook; Recording Secretary, Miss Burkholder; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. H. Whipple; Treasurer, Miss Carter; General Committee, Mesdames Richmond, Pottruff, Naylor, Edick, Blythe, Henry.

P. H. WHIPPLE, *Cor. Sec.*