

Miss Walker, of Toronto, gave a recitation which received the plaudits of the audience.

At the opening of the Thursday morning session, a telegram of greeting was received from the Eastern Branch, now in session at Prescott.

Reports from Mission Bands were listened to with pleasure. The report of the Committee on Memorials was received. We give those accepted by the Convention.

1st. That Section I. Article 5 of the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society be amended to read thus: The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of the Officers of the Board, the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, and delegates from each Branch, in the proportion of one to every four hundred, etc., etc.

2nd. That in the event of any officer of a Branch Meeting failing to be re-elected, she remain a member of that meeting during its continuance.

3rd. Whereas, it will define a disputed ruling and conduce to the efficiency of our service: Therefore, be it resolved, "That every member of our Auxiliaries shall be eligible to election as Branch officers or as Board delegates."

4th. That whereas a new paper published by the Woman's Missionary Society would, in our opinion, separate our interests to a great extent from the General Society, and also believing we reach more people by the present methods of giving information, therefore, we urgently request the Branch meeting not to entertain the motion."

5th. Resolved, "That we memorialize the General Board to provide an outfit for every organizer, consisting of a copy of the Annual Report for each minister in her district, and also a supply of necessary literature."

6th. Resolved, "That a by-law be passed at this meeting to the effect that Organizers and Officers be asked to send in their expenses before September 15th of each year, as the Treasurer of our Branch is obliged to close her books on that date."

The committee on Modes of Work for Auxiliaries, brought in the following recommendation, which, it was resolved to print and distribute to all auxiliaries in Central Branch.

Recommended that we hold a monthly prayer-meeting of an evangelistic nature, at the homes of mothers who are deprived of the means of grace; that it be an established rule, that no collection be taken up at our monthly prayer-meetings, but, where practicable, the mite-box be placed in a conspicuous place. That the subject of prayer be sent with the announcement of the regular auxiliary meeting to the pulpit.

That at each auxiliary meeting a lady be appointed to prepare a five-minute paper on the subject of prayer for the next meeting, to be read and discussed before going to prayer, so that the prayers offered may be pointed and intelligent.

That all auxiliaries be most careful to open and close their meeting punctually at the hour fixed.

That a leaflet committee be appointed each month to call on absent members and tell them about the meetings. Benefit twofold, a reminder to the absent ones, that they are missed, and provides work for others.

That we have a crusade day, invite every woman, emphasize the idea that you are not simply a money-making institution that our aim is to bring our women into sympathy with mission work and to develop the spirit of helpfulness in every department of Christian work and seek to make ourselves a mixed blessing to the Church.

That we call attention to the importance of studying the Annual Report, so as to work intelligently and according to the constitution. When reports are first received, announce that a study will be arranged and perhaps ten questions asked at the next meeting. Let some one prepare,

say ten questions on the contents of report, appropriations, extent of work, constitution and rules of order.

Committee on District Conventions reported as follows: 1st. That the officers consist of the District Organizer as President, by virtue of her office, and a Secretary, to be elected annually at the District Convention.

2nd. That a committee from the Auxiliary where the Convention is held be appointed to co-operate with the officers of the Convention to provide for the programme and the entertainment of the delegates.

3rd. That each Auxiliary in the District be requested to become responsible for some part of the programme, and that auxiliaries of sister churches be invited to attend.

4th. That the District Convention be held at the same time and place as the regular Ministerial District Meeting, wherever practicable.

5. That the District Convention consist of a morning, afternoon, and, when practicable, an evening session.

6th. That wherever the Convention decides to take up special work as a District, the District Organizer be considered Treasurer.

7th. That a report of our work as a whole be prepared, and presented to the ministers and lay delegates assembled.

8th. That an hour be set apart for business, the discussion of questions relating to the Constitution, etc., at the District Convention.

It was resolved that District Organizers be *ex-officio* members of the Branch meeting, and have all the privileges of delegates.

Resolved, That in By-law No. 7 for auxiliaries, all words after "quarterly meetings" be struck out.

Moved and seconded, Whereas the Branch meeting is educative, not legislative, and whereas it is of the utmost importance that all delegates be accorded equal privileges and opportunities, and, as it is impossible that a Nominating Committee can be acquainted with the needs or desires of delegates regarding the several departments of work, therefore, resolved, That it be a by-law of this Branch that delegates be free to make choice of the committees on which they will serve when the committees and meeting places are designated. Carried.

The following report of the Literature Committee was adopted:

1st. The advisability of having a central depot for all literature, including monthly letters, mite-boxes, life-members' certificates, some one to be in charge, thus saving confusion in ordering.

2nd. The enlargement of letter leaflet to twelve or sixteen pages, adding to it a monthly report of work of Supply Committee, showing supplies sent, also those needed; a standing list of leaflets for sale, calling attention to any which might be specially helpful to auxiliaries; increased space for missionary studies; some one in each Auxiliary to solicit subscriptions for letter leaflet, and see to distribution of same.

3rd. Establishment of circulating library or the exchange of missionary literature, thus aiding auxiliaries in procuring items of missionary information.

4th. Condensing Annual Report, omitting list of member's names, also the repetition of General Treasurer's receipts, simplifying statistical reports, thus making report smaller, less expensive and distributing free.

Recommendations of Mission Band Modes of Work Committee:

In order that Band meetings may be made more interesting and efficient, this Committee recommend that the Band work be divided into junior and senior Bands. This Committee feels that the needs of the Band work may necessitate in the near future the division of the work into Mission Circles and Mission Bands, and as this may involve