

effect was sent. The report of the Crosby Home, read by Mrs. E. S. Strachan, shows twenty-two inmates, three being taken this year. The receipts were larger than last year's. Communications in reference to the site for a new Home in British Columbia were read and laid over till to-morrow.

Mrs. Tate, of Chilliwack, B.C., read the report of the Coqualeetza Home and School there, which was of an exceedingly hopeful tone. The number of pupils went as high as thirty. The financial statement showed the receipts from the Missionary Society for the past year had been \$2,052.50, and from donations and other sources, \$267.07, making a total of \$2,319.57. The expenditure was \$2,318.23, leaving a balance of \$1.34. Mrs. Tate made a few interesting remarks on the mission work in British Columbia. There were 3,500 Indians there, only half of whom were brought under Christian influence. Since the Missionary Society had commenced operations there, two schools were established at Port Simpson and Chilliwack respectively. It often happens when they had taught the Indians to read and write, they would be met by men with infidel literature. Whiskey was also a terrible influence for evil. Another thing practised by the parents was pressing the heads of infants by a board, thus making them flat on top, whence they derived their name—"Flat Heads." But this treatment has been done away with where the missionaries were. It was hoped to establish more schools in the future. On the whole, the mission situation was promising.

Mrs. Large answered a few questions put relative to work and life in Japan.

The report on the French work was read by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal. Forty-three pupils have attended the new Institute during the first year. The Institute has three teachers. The east and west end schools were thriving. Receipts for the year, \$3,851; expenditure, \$3,349; balance on hand, \$502.

### THIRD DAY.

The reports left over from Wednesday were read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, of Hamilton. The report of the McDougall Orphanage stated that an addition to the home is being built by the Government, which will be of a substantial character and will accommodate forty pupils. It will probably be available by the end of the year. The year's receipts were \$2,410.95, of which the Government had granted \$1,000 and the Woman's Missionary Society \$1,200, the remainder being the results of donations and the sale of farm stock and produce. The expenditures were \$1,887.61; net value of produce raised on the farm, \$478.50; present value of real estate connected with the home, \$3,753.49. A debit of \$1,565.36 remains. The number of pupils at the last annual report was twenty-four. During the year five were discharged and three had absconded, seven had died, leaving in residence at date, nine. The report from the Chinese Home in Victoria set forth the beneficent influence which the institution was gradually gaining over the Chinese residents. The number of inmates was ten; receipts for the year, \$1,525.75; disbursements, \$1,461.65. In regard to the Newfoundland Orphanage, a letter from the President of the Methodist College, St. John's, Newfoundland, was read, explaining the objects and working of the Orphanage and appealing for a regular grant. The institution, which began with three inmates, now shelters twenty orphans, and it is found difficult to pay expenses. The sum of \$14,000 had been bequeathed for the erection of a new building, which would be carried out in the near future. The financial statements of the above reports were referred to the Appropriation Committee. The session then adjourned for committee work.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letters were read from Rev. C. Bryant, President of the British Columbia Conference, and others, in reference to a site for the Crosby School for Girls. These letters almost unanimously expressed a preference for Port Simpson, rather than Bella Bella. It was decided, on motion of Mrs. Dr. Carman, to retain the institution at Port Simpson. Mrs. E. S. Strachan, moved that Rev. T. Crosby be requested to purchase a suitable site for the new home for girls, at as reasonable a price as possible, subject to the approval of the ladies of the Home, the property to be deeded to the Woman's Missionary Society. On motion, this proposition was laid over for further consideration.

An interesting letter was read from Miss J. Cartmell, giving an account of her visit to the schools of other denominations in the North-West. At this juncture, the Treasurer announced having just received from Rev. Mr. Tate, of the Chilliwack (B.C.) school, a letter enclosing a cheque for \$1,000 from the Government.

The report of the Supply Committee, by Mrs. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, showed good work done in this direction.

The editor of the Woman's Missionary Society Department of the OUTLOOK, Mrs. Dr. Parker, presented her annual report, which spoke of the Christian influence of that paper, and the spirit of unity which it tended to promote, reaching the homes of members in every section of the country. Some 6,000 copies of this paper are circulated.

Mrs. Dr. Carman, of Belleville, took charge of the question-box. To the query whether a Branch Meeting had a right to take a memorial sent from an Auxiliary to the Board, the reply was "No." To the query, "Is it not desirable to have a way by which separate Auxiliaries may be represented in the General Board meeting?" it was recommended that, when an Auxiliary is formed outside the limits of Branches, they designate the Branch they wish to be connected with, and elect a delegate to represent them at the annual meeting of the Branch, and this delegate would be eligible for election to the Board. No action was taken on this recommendation.

In connection with the report of the Memorial Committee, Mrs. Dr. Carman moved as follows: "That while we recognize the benefits derived from a large delegation to the Annual Branch Meeting, we must acknowledge that as the Branches now are constituted such delegation is cumbersome and expensive; therefore, resolved, that the Western and Central Branches be territorially rearranged to correspond with the territorial limits of the Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Niagara, Guelph and London Annual Conferences."

It was voted to refer this matter to these Branches to decide.

It being six o'clock, the meeting adjourned.

### EVENING SESSION.

To expedite business, the Board met again in the evening at 7.30.

Mrs. Sutherland read the report of the Memorial Committee.

The Metropolitan Auxiliary asked that a column be provided in the Annual Report, in which would appear the names of and amounts given by special contributors for general or special purposes. This was entertained. The same Auxiliary asked that the time of holding the annual meeting be changed from September and October to April and May. This was not entertained.

A recommendation that, to lighten the work of Corresponding Secretaries, a Mission Band Corresponding Secretary be appointed in each Branch, was adopted.

Miss Wilkes, of Toronto, read the report of the Literature and Publication Committee. Among the changes suggested