

redoubled diligence. As showing the Society's growth, it was stated that the Auxiliaries numbered 300, or an increase of 94; Auxiliary members, 7,173, an increase of 2,038; life members, 390, an increase of 87; total ratable membership, 7,519; Mission Bands, 123, an increase of 38; Mission Band members, 3,511, an increase of 527; amount raised, \$22,941.11; received by General Treasurer, \$21,758.09, an increase of \$2,354.85.

The report was adopted.

The President then delivered her address, in which, after referring to the absence of familiar faces on account of sickness, she alluded to the fact that six years ago the second annual meeting of the Society was held in this city, fourteen delegates being present. Since then the Society's growth had been rapid. Various methods had been adopted to secure the interest and co-operation of all the women in the Church in regard to their duty to the women and children who were yet without a knowledge of the only true God. Much time and thought had been bestowed on the selection and distribution of missionary literature, in which direction very little was done until 1884. At a late date organizers were appointed to the various districts. All the measures had been followed by good results. Having expressed a hope that the new French Methodist Institute would prove a fresh impulse to work in that direction, she said that the success which attended the Society in the past was to be an assurance that more could be achieved in the future. Every member should contribute her proportion of influence and power to the work, and there must be no drones.

Mrs. Green attended as representing the Woman's Board of Missions to extend greetings to the gathering, and a letter was read from Mrs. A. S. Robinson, on behalf of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, conveying greetings to the delegates.

Encouraging reports of the Society's work in Japan were read, after which several notices of motion, etc., were given, and the meeting adjourned until this morning.

THE EVENING RECEPTION.

It was a happy thought on the part of the ladies constituting the city Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada to hold, in the new French Methodist Institute a reception of the delegates attending the annual convention of the Society. But the reception was not confined to the delegates, it extended to all who take an interest in mission work, and that the number who do this was large was amply testified, for after the reception the chapel of the Institute was filled with ladies and gentlemen of all ages, who had journeyed through a chilling east wind to show their sympathy with mission work. The new French Institute was also a fitting place in which to hold the reception, inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Society has a great interest in the success of that undertaking.

The Rev. W. Hall, Principal of the Institute, presided at the meeting, and in extending a cordial welcome to the audience, he mentioned that within the building there were sixty male and forty female students.

Rev. C. Hanson and Mr. G. Bishop, Directors of the Institute, and Mrs. T. G. Williams, also welcomed the delegates and others; and Mrs. Gooderham, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Miss Palmer, New Brunswick, replied on behalf of the delegates; after which Rev. Dr. Sutherland made a few remarks pointing out that they had every reason to be thankful that the Institute had at last been erected.

The Chairman announced that a lady at Ottawa, who desired to be nameless, had donated \$70 to the Institute.

The doxology was then sung, and the pronouncing of the

benediction brought a most pleasant gathering to a close, the audience subsequently partaking of refreshments and inspecting the interior of the beautiful new building.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises having been performed, Mr. Strachan read the report of the Publication Committee, which showed that whilst scarcely so much work had been done as was anticipated, still no small amount of labor had been accomplished. There had been 67,000 leaflets printed during the year, and leaflets from other societies were bought and sold in large numbers. A total of 6,000 prayer cards was issued, and these, undoubtedly, led to great good, as much more was accomplished by prayer than the world dreamed of. Donations to the amount of \$198 had been received to the Library Fund.

The report of the Leaflet Committee stated that there was a favorable balance of \$14.24. A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Wilkes, for the trouble she had taken in connection with the Publication and Leaflet department.

A somewhat amusing letter was read from Miss Cunningham, of the Shidzuoka school, Japan, stating that one of the principal objections to the schools was that they were so "awfully Christian, and that parents insisted upon their children being taught everything western—English, dancing and Christianity. They had heard as much about dancing as about Christianity, and they could not see why the latter should be taught and not the former." The letter also spoke of the conversion of several of the teachers.

Miss Cartmell reported respecting her visits to the Auxiliaries. She had travelled 4,000 miles during the past eighteen months, and had received the most grateful hospitality. Everywhere she found evidence that the work of the Society was being blessed.

The report of the Supply Committee was read by Mrs. Briggs, and it spoke of unexpected kindness and donations in the very moment of extreme need. Gentlemen who had never been asked had given large parcels of clothing; in one instance her house in Toronto was filled with pails, brushes, soft goods, etc., all of which had been sent without asking. She mentioned the case of a wholesale druggist in Toronto, who, asked for two combs, sent two cases of valuable drugs. In one case, when Mrs. Briggs was at her wits' end to know how to fill a large case which she wanted to send to Muskoka, a gentleman who had never been asked supplied the deficiency.

An hour was now devoted to personal testimony, and a solemn and deeply affecting scene ensued. Beginning with the President, almost every lady in the room testified to the joy felt in the service of God, to prayers answered, hopes realized, and great temporal and spiritual blessing through self-denial in the Master's work.

The meeting then adjourned until afternoon.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

On reassembling, the meeting, after devotional exercises, proceeded to receive reports of the Society's work. That on French work stated that during the year there had been many encouraging features. The success attending the work had been so gratifying that the agencies were being gradually extended and increased. The work had become more generally known among the French, and as its results were seen it was more highly appreciated by them. The work of establishing day schools had been taken up wherever an opportunity offered, and there were now three such schools in existence. The committee entered upon the new year with brighter prospects than ever. Recent agitation has created strong animosity against Protestantism in some quarters, and this the committee greatly deplore; but it