

Massie introduced the subject of District Convention, which he proposed to call in May. The meeting endorsed the proposition, and pledged a hearty co-operation. The quarterly collection was liberal.

W. F. GORDON, *Cor. Sec.*

GRAVENHURST.—Our Band is doing well. We find the new mite-boxes just the thing wanted. They will be the means of increasing the membership greatly. I sent for fifty and had not nearly enough, and have sent for twenty-five more. We are working our Mission Band in two sections, and find it a good plan. The senior portion, young women and a few young men, hold their meeting in connection with our Society of Christian Endeavor, that is, one of the regular meetings is set apart for that purpose. We have a programme arranged for the evening by Missionary Committee of Christian Endeavor. We find the subject for Bible-reading already on topic card of Society. A mission field is chosen; members are asked to gather up material respecting that particular country; during the intervals between meetings, one may be asked to draw a map of the country, then at the meeting, four or five selected ones talk and read on the subject indicated. The last meeting we had was devoted to China, the previous one to Africa. The junior portion of the Band meets after Sunday-school, when the President gives them a talk suited to their years. On Saturday afternoon, part of their number meets for the purpose of sewing at the President's house. This is, perhaps, the most interesting part of our work. We have three quilts on hand, the materials all given; two are to be sent to the Supply Committee, and the third to be given to a poor old blind woman in our town. This poor woman is a happy Christian. But the most beautiful work of all done by these little girls is the regular and frequent visits they make to this woman. Two or three, sometimes four, of them go together, sit with her an hour or more, read to her, and sing hymn after hymn, while the tears run down in streams from the poor old eyes, and her heart is comforted. The girls cry, too—dear, sweet, sympathetic souls—and angels look down on the scene, and Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." What an education in Christ-like work for these dear girls. If you could see the dear little things at their sewing you would smile; some of them are only six, and none of them over thirteen. They are so intent, so eager over their work; beginning with some queer looking stitches, very crooked and far apart, but improving so rapidly, and so anxious to get on. Some of them had no idea of sewing when first we began, but now all can sew neatly. I am very proud of their sewing. One of the mothers said she must give us a bonus for teaching her little daughter, and all are delighted.

MRS. E. D. BROWNE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of this Committee was held in Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th.

CROSBY HOUSE, PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

A communication was received from the Building Committee, stating that a favorable site for the new Home, consisting of two acres of land had been purchased for \$400. The plans for the building, prepared by Mr. Hooper, architect, of Victoria, B.C., were considered and, after some slight changes, were approved. The plans will be submitted to the Government, and an application made for a grant towards the erection of the building, and the support of the Home. It is hoped the new building will be ready to be occupied in the autumn.

JAPAN.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Miss Wintemute, and some extracts from the minutes of the Council in Japan in reference to the proposed new building at Kofu, to assist in which the Board had appropriated \$1,500. The council is of opinion, for various reasons, to urge the Japanese to proceed with the building at once, might hinder the work.

It was resolved,—

"That having heard the action of the Japanese Council in regard to the new building at Kofu, and Miss Wintemute's letter in explanation thereof, we would express our appreciation of their careful consideration of the matter, and their unselfish action, and we hereby agree to leave the whole question to them for decision.

Several communications were received relative to the establishing of an Industrial Orphanage at Kanazawa. On motion, it was decided to publish Mr. Saunby's letter in *Guardian*, *OUTLOOK* and *Wesleyan*, appending the names of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, to whom applications for further information and offers of support may be made; and that when assurances of sufficient funds for the support of the Orphanage for one year are received, the Corresponding Secretary shall have authority to notify the Missionary Council in Japan to proceed.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The applications of several candidates were considered, and Miss Bertha M. Shoults, of Toronto, formerly of Park-hill, and Miss Sarah Spencer, of Woodstock, sister of Mrs. Large, were accepted for the work in Japan. These ladies will accompany Mrs. Large on her return in the summer.

CHINESE WORK.

The request formerly made by Miss Leake, that we send a young lady to Victoria, who could learn the Chinese language, was urged by Miss Cartmell. It was decided that Miss Cartmell should remain, and that we should endeavor to secure as soon as possible, a young lady who will learn the language, and do evangelistic work among the women and children of Chinatown.

Having learned from Dr. Sutherland that the missionaries to be sent to China by the General Society will probably leave about midsummer, and as our Board had resolved to send two ladies at the same time, one of whom shall have a medical education, it was decided to advertise for missionaries. A committee, composed of the Corresponding Secretary and the members of the Executive residing in Toronto, was appointed to consider their applications.

It has long been felt by the Board that it was not wise that donations should be sent direct to our missionaries or institutions, but that all funds should pass regularly through the hands of the Treasurers of the Society, and be entered in their books. As this frequently expressed desire of the Board has not always been regarded, the Secretary was instructed to write the agents of our Society, requesting them not to receive moneys excepting through the regular channels. It was also decided that if any Band desires to support a child in any of our Homes, and sends sufficient for that purpose, it will be so acknowledged in the Annual Report.

It was with feelings of sincere sorrow for its necessity that the following resolution was passed:

"The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society wishes to express its deepest regret over the editorial which appeared in the Woman's Department of the January number of THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, reflecting ungraciously and unjustly upon the ministers of the Church, to whom the Society is so greatly indebted for the extension