

Massey, Wallbridge; Mrs. Platt, Picton; Mrs. Johnson, Belleville; Mrs. Maybee, Foxboro'; Mrs. Hughes, Schomberg; Mrs. McKay, Toronto; Mrs. Morrow, Barrie; Mrs. Sherin, Lakefield, and Mrs. Willmott, Toronto.

An hour was then spent in giving testimony, and at noon the delegates, at the invitation of the ladies of the church, remained for luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On resuming at 2 p.m., the opening services were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Blackstock.

A number of questions that had been put in the previous day were then discussed and answered.

Mrs. William Briggs, the Corresponding Secretary, presented her report. It stated that more interest was being manifested by the women of Methodism in this grand movement than ever before. The reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands all speak of greater zeal and interest. The appointment of district organizers at the last annual meeting was a move in the right direction, as more women are now actively engaged in spreading a knowledge of the work. All the organizers have spared neither time nor trouble in advocating the claims of the Society. The result of these labors is to be seen in the organization of forty-two new Societies during the year, twenty-three Auxiliaries, and nineteen Mission Bands.

Mrs. Massey, of Wallbridge, organized in Trenton, Campbellford, Norham, Warkworth, Norwood, Hastings, Lonsdale, Frankford, Shannonville, and Thomasburg. Mrs. G. D. Platt, of Picton, in Wellington. Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, in Willowdale. Mrs. Maybee, of Foxboro', Auxiliaries in Mount Zion, Queensboro', West Huntingdon, and Mission Bands in Mount Zion, Queensboro', and Philipsville. Mrs. Sherin, of Lakefield, in Baillieboro' and Bensford. Mrs. Willmott, of Toronto, in Eglinton, Stouffville, and a Mission Band in Wesley Church, Toronto. Miss Cartmell organized an Auxiliary in Oshawa and Mission Bands in Oshawa and Newcastle. Mrs. C. Watson organized a Mission Band in Bloor Street Church, Toronto; Mrs. G. Brown a Mission Band at Parry Sound. Mesdames Walker and Hughes, of Schomberg organized an Auxiliary in Aurora. Mission Bands have also been organized in Port Perry, Brighton, Schomberg, Northport, Lindsay, and two in Brampton. Bobcaygeon, Madoc, Stirling, Newburg and Norwood Auxiliaries have been dropped from the list, but a Mission Band in Norwood promises to be very successful. Early in the year Sherbourne Street Auxiliary separated from Berkeley Street, and Berkeley and Parliament Street churches are now known as the Eastern Auxiliary.

There are at present seventy-one Auxiliaries and forty-seven Mission Bands in active operation, with a total Auxiliary membership of 2,214, and Mission Band members 1,085, giving a grand total of 3,298.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Thomas Thompson. It showed total receipts from all sources \$6,720.19, being an increase of \$1,118.19 over the preceding year.

A message was received from the Western Branch, at present in session at Dundas. It contained the following resolution:—

That, in consideration of the expense of sending delegates to Montreal to attend the meeting of the General Board, and the impossibility of obtaining lower railway rates, we as a Branch will waive our right to send a full delegation, as entitled to, provided the Central Branch will do the same.

This was discussed at some length, and on a vote being taken it was decided to send the full number of delegates, as the greater the number of ladies attending, the greater and more spirited would be the interest manifested in the work.

The report of the Memorial Committee was presented by Mrs. Hooker, of Toronto, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Modes of Work was next presented by Mrs. McKay. It suggested some changes in the Constitution, and improved methods of working in the Auxiliaries.

Report from mission fields came next. Mrs. H. A. Crosby of Uxbridge, gave a brief and comprehensive report of the establishment and work of the Crosby Home for Indian girls at Port Simpson, B.C. Mrs. Baskerville, of Brampton, read an interesting sketch of the history of the Church Rescue Home, in Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. Morrow, of Barrie, told of the good work done in the girls' school in Tokyo, Japan, and the great spiritual progress made by the pupils. Mrs. W. Briggs told about the home and school recently established by the Society at Chilliwhack, B.C., where eighteen Indian children are cared for and educated.

An invitation was received from the pastor and trustees of Broadway Tabernacle, inviting the Society to hold its next meeting there.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE CLOSING DAY.

On resuming at 9.30: Mrs. James Godderham in the chair, at the suggestion of Mrs. LeRoy Hooker, the resolution passed yesterday, declining to reduce the delegation to the General Board, was reconsidered. After considerable discussion, during which one delegate pointed out that this reduction could not be legally made, the Branch re-affirmed the decision of yesterday.

The Belleville memorial, proposing to reduce the delegation permanently from one in every one hundred members to one in every two hundred members, was also reconsidered, and was finally rejected.

Mrs. Johnston, of Belleville, read an interesting report of the work done at the McDougall Orphanage, and Mrs. Fraser of Picton presented many encouraging facts in relation to the new girls' school at Shidzuoka, Japan, which has been lately founded by the Society.

Mrs. Bascom introduced a resolution, proposing that the monthly letters from the mission field be printed and sent to each member of the Auxiliary for one cent per month. On recommendation of the Committee on Modes of Work, this was not entertained; and another proposal, that the Dominion Government be petitioned to pass the leaflets through the mails without postage, was referred to the General Board. This Committee also recommended that these monthly letters be read regularly at the Auxiliary meetings; that Juvenile Mission Boards be formed for the training of boys and girls, and that a press superintendent be appointed in each Auxiliary.

Letters of condolence were ordered to be sent to Mrs. Dr. Carman, of Belleville; Mrs. Dr. Williams, of Toronto; and Mrs. Ross, of Montreal.

Mr. Sherrin, of Lakefield, was appointed to represent the Branch at the Bay of Quinte Conference, and Mrs. W. S. Blackstock, of Toronto, at the Toronto Conference.

Mrs. Dr. Briggs read the report of the Supply Committee, which sent clothing to the various mission stations.

The following district organizers were appointed:

Peterboro'—Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Sherrin.

Lindsay—Mrs. Weldon and Mrs. Broderick.

Tamworth and Napanee—Mrs. Casey and Miss Hawley.

Uxbridge and Cannington—Mrs. Bascom and Mrs. Crosby.

Cobourg—Mrs. Maybee.

Belleville—Mrs. Massey.

Bradford—Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Walker.