

## PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

In view of the fact that the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church will meet in London next year, it was decided that the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society should accept the invitation to hold their next annual meeting in Montreal.

The Committee on Courtesies submitted votes of thanks to the ladies who entertained the delegates in their homes, to the trustees of the Metropolitan Church, to the press, to all those who assisted during the sittings of the Board, and to the unknown lady who sent a donation of \$141 to the funds of the Society.

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Willmott, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. R. I. Walker were again appointed on the Supply Committee.

The meeting reconsidered the resolution carried at an earlier part of the day's proceedings, authorizing the donation of \$50 each to three Indian girls who are leaving the McDougall Institute, to help them in furnishing their houses. An amusing discussion took place on the matter. It seems one of the girls is to be married to a Christian Indian shortly, and the others are engaged to be married. The Committee, in making the recommendation that the Board should help these girls to furnish their houses in a civilized manner, were moved by a desire to prevent their almost certain lapse into barbarism through the want of the household appliances necessary for civilized life, thus undoing the work accomplished in the school during a five years' course. It was also felt that a fairly well-equipped house in the camp would be a good object-lesson for the other Indians to learn from and to imitate. When the resolution was first presented it was agreed to, but when it was reconsidered some of the ladies feared it would be a dangerous precedent, and that it would be giving a dowry, which would cause strife among the young Indians. It was objected to as placing a premium on their school-girls of marriageable age, which would expose them to the envy of those less fortunate. It was finally agreed to make a grant of \$50 for an outfit to the Indian girl about to be married, and that the other two girls be not so provided, it not being certain when the nuptial knot would be tied in their case.

Mrs. Dr. Williams addressed the Convention on the subject of an Orphanage about to be founded by the Newfoundland Methodist Conference, and moved "That this Society make a grant of three or four hundred dollars toward it, say \$50 a year for each child, being amount donated to other Orphanages, the amount to be paid when the occasion arises. Carried.

The business of the annual meeting having been then finished, the benediction was pronounced and the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BELLEVILLE  
(BRIDGE ST.) WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
SOCIETY.

WE present this Fourth Annual Report with great pleasure, for we have the consciousness that we have kept up with the spirit of the age, which is progress upward and onward; and we are led to render sincere thanks to the Lord, who has so graciously smiled upon us.

Our membership has increased from 75 last year, to 112 this year, and our income from \$96.61 to \$246.06. Last year we had one life member, this year we have three, one of whom, Mrs. W. W. Chown, was made so by her husband, because of his approval of the workings of the General Board, and the other, Mrs. J. G. Frost, as a thank-offering for family mercies. Several donations have been received by the Treasurer during the year, one of \$10 from Mrs. R.

Reid, one of \$20 from Mr. Wm. Vandervoort, an old gentleman, in memory of his two wives, a fitting tribute to them, as well as of his respect for the Woman's Missionary Society; another of \$10, a thank-offering from Mr. J. G. Frost; \$5 from Mrs. Meacham, and \$1 from Mrs. Ezra Mallory, one of those who have resolved to devote a tenth of their income to the Lord. The sale of reports, collections at quarterly meetings, mite money, etc., bring the sum remitted by our Treasurer to \$246.06, as stated above. In addition to this amount, a special subscription of \$17 was made up among the members, and, with a parcel of clothing, was sent last fall to the Supply Committee, to be donated as was thought best, and later still \$11.40 was remitted to the same committee, to aid in the purchase of a sewing machine for the Girls' Home, in Victoria; of this \$5 was given as a thank-offering for that greatest of earthly blessings, continued good health during the year.

We have held eight monthly meetings, with an average attendance of fifteen. Though the time allotted to these meetings has been nearly filled up with business, still they have been times of profit and of renewed faithfulness.

We have also held three Quarterly Union Meetings with the Tabernacle Auxiliary, to which the mission circle of sister churches have been invited, and which have been made interesting by programmes made up of letters from our own missionaries, by selected articles, by original papers, usually on mission work, and music. We are confident that these meetings have done great good, not only spiritually, but intellectually, and have been the means of developing talent that would have remained latent forever but for the quickening impulse of this great cause.

The Bridge Street Auxiliary was organized in March, 1884, during a visit of Dr. and Mrs. Meacham to our city when Japan was the centre of interest to our church, and the school at Tokio, then in its infancy, called forth the sympathies of Canadian Methodists. Mrs. Meacham, the honored mother of our missionary, was made the first president, and ably filled that position, laboring patiently through many discouragements to build up a society, but after two years, feeble health and family affliction led her to resign.

Several causes have contributed to the marked success of our Society during the past year, such as the meeting of the General Board, much enjoyed by our members, and the gracious revival with which our city was blessed in the spring; but we truly believe it is due still more to the Divine approval of the untiring energy of our noble president, the conscientious discharge of duty on the part of the other officers, and the ceaseless activity of some of the members—one of whom, Mrs. Elliott, a little woman with a great heart, deserves honorable mention. Instant in season, and out of season, working for this cause, even when taking her summer outing away from home, she has shown us what one woman with a loving heart and consecrated life can accomplish in this blessed cause, whose speedy and effectual success rests so largely upon our faithfulness.

Our hearts have been stirred lately in regard to the Chinese Girls' Home in Victoria, by an account given us by one of our members, Mrs. J. J. B. Flint, who, with her husband, visited British Columbia during the past summer. She placed before us a very graphic and thrilling word-picture of the Home and its inmates, as well as of the state of the Chinese as she saw them, so that we seem to have a greater interest in them, and they a stronger claim upon our sympathies than before. Mrs. Flint also cited an incident relating to Mr. McDougall's Indians, which, coming from an unprejudiced source, is a beautiful and timely tribute, just now, to the blessed influence of our own missionaries upon these people.

With you all we hope for better things another year, and