

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

THE above-mentioned Society assembled in Lexington, Kentucky, for their fourteenth annual meeting, June 3rd, and the report of the meeting as furnished in the Society's organ, *The Woman's Missionary Advocate*, is very interesting reading to those engaged in similar work. The Society supports twenty-nine missionaries. The fields of operation are China, Mexico, and Brazil. Only teachers are employed in the Indian Mission. The need for more workers was never so great in this work. The amount raised during the past year from the several Conferences was \$66,448.59; the self-denial and thank-offerings, \$3,159. The membership is 80,963; life members, 1893. One of the most satisfactory reports presented was that of Mrs. F. A. Butler, editor of *The Woman's Missionary Advocate*, the paper established in 1879. It gives the circulation at 13,000, and presents a balance of \$3,156.87 for the year ending May 1st, 1892, (subscription price, 50 cents,) and states that the paper, now become a beautiful magazine, is a vital part of the Society.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE second annual convention of the Goderich District Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in Rattenbury Street Church, Clinton, on Thursday, May 19th. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. Leech, of Goderich. After singing the opening hymn the President read a selection of passages of Scripture bearing on missionary work; then called on Mrs. Hodgins, Clinton, and Mrs. Elford, Holmesville, who lead in prayer. The names of the delegates from the different Auxiliaries were then requested, when Goderich (North St.), Clinton (Rattenbury and Ontario Sts.), Tuckersmith, Holmesville, Brucefield, Dungannon, and Nile, responded to the roll call. Reports were also given from each of these Auxiliaries, showing that missionary zeal was not only growing in the hearts of the members themselves, but its influence was being felt by the ladies of the different churches outside of the Missionary Society, as the addition of new members in most of the reports bore record. The other Auxiliaries of the district, no doubt, would have furnished equally cheering reports, had they not been prevented from attending by the unfavorable weather. After singing another hymn, reports were taken from the Mission Circles, Miss Stokes reporting for Goderich, and Miss Minnie Cantelon for Clinton (Rattenbury St.). Mrs. Andrews, for Ontario St., reported the intention of starting a Mission Band in the near future. The following programme was then given:—Duet, by Misses Andrews and Miller; Paper, "Mission Work in Japan," by Miss Addie Stevenson, Holmesville; Duet, Misses Taylor and Boles; Paper, "Work, or True Servants of Christ," by Mrs. Andrews, Clinton; Solo, Miss Sadie Sibley; Reading, "She hath done what she thought she couldn't," by Miss Bruce, Goderich; Duet, Mrs. Chown and Mrs. Marcey. The President then expressed her pleasure at seeing Mrs. Pentland, the lady evangelist, from Dungannon, present, and called on her to address the Convention. She responded by speaking for a few minutes on the need of entire, personal consecration to Christ on the

part of each member as the only method of successful work. After singing a Consecration Hymn, a few minutes were spent in telling of help and blessing received in the monthly meetings, and in working for their promotion and success. Some valuable hints were also thrown out in regard to more concentrated effort among the ladies of the congregations, such as canvassing each member personally, distribution of "Scattered Helpers," holding a prayer-meeting the week before the Missionary Meeting, also by the personal work of each member of the Auxiliaries. Some members of the sister Society of the Presbyterian Church were present, and extended kindly, Christian greeting to our society, and added interest and profit to the meeting by their practical and instructive suggestions. The Convention, after unanimously reappointing Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. Shilton Vice-President for the ensuing year, closed with the benediction.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING
JUNE, 1892.

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa	\$325 00
Zion Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg	11 30
Balance of bequest of late Mrs. Onyon from Mr. John Turney, executor, per J. J. MacLaren, Esq.	913 41
Grace Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg	101 68
Portage la Prairie "	2 50
Brandon "	15 20
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Branch	706 17
Nova Scotia Branch	836 53
Western "	1,022 08
British Columbia Branch	163 85
Central "	1,750 00
Eastern "	1,104 03
Reports and letters	2 35
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The Treasurer acknowledges with many thanks nine hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$925), less \$11.50 solicitor's expenses, from Mr. John Turney, executor of Mrs. E. Onyon, being balance of her bequest to W. M. S.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee of the W. M. S. was held in Toronto, on June 10th and 11th.

The most important matter before the committee was the report of the joint committee in reference to the plans for the proposed new Indian Institute at Chilliwhack. The joint committee was composed of representatives from the Committee of Consultation and Finance, and from the Executive of the W. M. S. This committee had carefully considered two sets of plans, prepared by Mr. Hooper, of Victoria, each consisting of three buildings, the estimated cost being \$32,700 and \$28,500, and considering this expense far beyond the ability of the two societies, recommended that a sketch be obtained of one building with the necessary accommodation for fifty boys and fifty girls, the entire cost not to exceed \$16,000. This report of the joint committee was accepted.

A communication was received from the Council in Japan requesting that two ladies might be sent to Japan by September, to take the place of those returning home on furlough—Miss Wintemute and Miss Cunningham. A letter was received from Miss Wintemute, who has arrived in Vancouver, in which she very generously offered to return to Japan in December in case the two asked for could not be secured.