

*Twelfth Annual Meeting, C.C.W.B.M.,  
June 2nd and 3rd, 1898.*

Our first experience of meeting west of Toronto was declared to be a decided success. The auxiliaries of the Paris and Hamilton branch responded right royally in the large deputations sent to the meeting. Paris was beautiful in all the freshness of its early days of June. Its hills and valleys and rivers, its charming residences, lawns and parks were a fruitful source of remark and admiration, and will continue to be "a joy forever," often as memory recalls its scenes; also the beautiful church and its decorations in honor of our coming; the bountiful tea provided by the ladies of the Church and thoroughly appreciated by the delegates; the hospitality of its residents and the thoughtful kindness received on every hand.

A delegation of 45 responded to the roll-call. Our young Auxiliaries, Brantford and Scotland, cheered our hearts by the large number of ladies who came as visitors.

Our genial delegate from Winnipeg made us feel that the great city she represented was not so far away as we thought and when she so cordially invited us to meet there next year nothing save the thinness of our pocket-books could induce us to say No.

We were pleased indeed to welcome from the Toronto Branch two new women who are felt to be an acquisition to our band of workers: Mrs. Wookey, whose solos were found to be so helpful, and Mrs. Wood, who gave response to Mrs. Silcox's address of welcome. The prayer hours, led by Miss Dougall and Miss Wickson were helpful and inspiring.

Our programme was full—too full, some one said; there was not room for discussion. We had bright glimpses of the lives of our faithful Missionaries at the front, and of our Missionary Churches at home, as well as the work to be done in the North-West.

What our denomination has done in foreign lands through the L.M.S. and A.B.C.F.M. was well told. The Leper Mission enlisted our sympathies as Mrs. Ross told of its needs.

"Story of the Delegates Return," from the Student-Volunteer Convention at Cleveland reminded us of the use the young people make of what they hear at Conventions. "How to build a Programme" set us all thinking of our failures in the past and suggested improved methods for future use.

The Children's hour was full of interest, the curios from Africa being passed round for their inspection. They listened well while Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Knight addressed them and Miss Cassidy sang "Jesus loves me" in Chinese.