

will have passed. The thought comes to us with force, that every year is an epoch in our history as a society. We count our membership and our funds, and we tell the record over, with a psalm and a prayer. And it passes into the history of missionary work. The story represents the aggregate of efforts of our women and children for our W. M. S., but do we all realize as we are prosecuting this work what it fully means? Do we realize that we are really making missionary history, and not only so, but that we are developing character, stimulating the latent powers of our women in the churches, directly advancing the cause of woman, giving to her her God-given right to an equal part in the world's great work. Every woman that treads along an unbeaten path makes it easier for the next to follow. And so every woman that equips herself for patient work alongside her brother as a medical missionary, as a speaker, or as a teacher, is engraving upon the tablets of progress her right to the place she can fill.

It is sometimes said that women are crowding out men, and that thus is to be accounted for the difficulties that beset us in domestic help. Let us not be hasty; not with the workers, the industrious and the ambitious, but rather with the idlers is the trouble. Let us rejoice in our privileges and help to increase them, to extend them, and above all let each W. M. S. member seek to be imbued with a deep, true love for humanity, and to apprehend the true measure of her accountability before God.

Current Coin.

I AM to be permitted, if only for a little, to identify my person, my words, my prayers, my personal testimony, and my whole heart and life, with the profound verities of this world-saving heathen-dethroning movement of the ages.

GOD gives peace, but we must make room for it. How can it abide when we give place to the uncomfortable thoughts that crowd it out? We find chiefly what we look for in life. The doubting heart finds doubts. Faith walking the same road finds only the goodness of God.

MABIE.—Faith is not asking the Lord for bushels, and setting out a pint measure to catch them.

If thou art blest,

Then let the sunshine of thy gladness rest
On the dark edges of each cloud that lies
Black in thy brothers' skies.

If thou art sad,
Still be thou in thy brothers' gladness glad.

Annual Meeting.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Board of Managers will be held in Dominion Church, Ottawa, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, at half-past two, and continuing in session the three following days. Delegates are requested to purchase return tickets instead of procuring railway certificates as formerly. When the programme is completed a fuller notice will be sent to the *Guardian*.

M. B. WILLMOTT, *Rec. Sec.*

Central Branch.

THE Annual meeting of the Central Branch will be held October 10th, 11th and 12th, commencing at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. An interesting programme has been prepared, and is as follows:

TUESDAY MORNING—A service "In Memoriam," led by Mrs. (Rev.) G. Browne, of Maple, will immediately follow the roll-call.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—Paper on "Auxiliary Work," by Mrs. R. J. Fleming, to be followed by a discussion led by Mrs. Carman. "Topical Conversation," led by Mrs. Dr. Willmott.

TUESDAY EVENING—An address will be delivered by Rev. E. Robson, of British Columbia, one of the earliest missionaries to that country.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—Reports from District Organizers.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—Discussion on departments of work: "Model President," led by Mrs. G. N. Fraser, Nanaimo. "Model Corresponding Secretary," led by Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Warkworth. "Model Recording Secretary," led by Mrs. Carlyle, Peterboro'. "Model Treasurer," led by Mrs. G. Kerr, Toronto. "Literature," led by Miss Ogden, Toronto.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—Miss Munro, one of ladies on furlough from Japan, will speak of the work in that land.

THURSDAY MORNING—Election of officers, and delegates to General Board.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Appointment of organizers. Unfinished business.

R. M. BRIGGS, *Cor. Sec.*

Donations.

OUR General Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, has received the following donations, which are hereby gratefully acknowledged:—George Rountree, Esq., London, Ont., for purchase of magic lantern for missionary work in Tokio, \$80; Mrs. James Gooderham, toward the maintenance of an assistant for Dr. Retta Gifford, \$50; X, Y, Z (N.), \$5; Mrs. H. S. Hewson, Oxford, Nova Scotia, \$10; Bequest from late Mrs. C. W. Hamilton, Bayfield, New Brunswick, per Rev. C. W. Hamilton, \$400.

Convention of the British Columbia Branch.

THE Second Annual Convention of the British Columbia Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in New Westminster, on the 26th, 27th and 28th of August, and was ably presided over by Mrs. (Rev.) Coverdale Watson, who, in her most interesting address, gave the high tone which was maintained throughout the meetings. Japan was well represented by three missionaries who have had long experience in that field of labor, and who are all returning to their work. Miss Cunningham charmed her hearers with accounts of her own work, unconsciously shewing the amount of sacrifice needed in the daily life of a missionary. Miss Wintemute's talk on Japan brought the subject before us in a very clear light, as she showed by statistics how the work is progressing, and spoke of the leadings of the Holy Spirit. And when Mr. Cassidy followed, giving in his interesting way a view of the work and its many branches which made the whole complete; we felt we had indeed been privileged to get such an insight into the beautiful country of Japan, and its great need.

The Chinese Home in Victoria was represented by Mrs. Morrow, who related a most touching little incident in connection with one of the girls there, showing the power of prayer, a detailed account of which we hope to give at some future time.

It was very encouraging, also, to hear from Miss Clarke, who is working faithfully in the Indian School at Chilliwack, that the children are showing signs of improvement; and the Rev. Mr. Tate, who, with his wife, is such an unwearied missionary to the Indians in that place, spoke of the Indian