

The following officers were elected by ballot Mrs. (Rev.) Betts, President; Mrs. Watson, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Pendray, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Tate, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Newcombe, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Chapman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Gardner, Treasurer. Thanks were tendered to the retiring officers and ladies of Victoria. Sympathy and regret were expressed at the painful circumstances which compelled Mrs. Wilson to resign the treasurership, which she has so ably filled since the formation of the Branch; but we doubt not her mantle of devoted capability has fallen on the right shoulders.

MRS. ELLEN CHAPMEN, *Cor. Sec.*

### District Doings.

#### ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Woman's Missionary Society of the St. Catharines District held a convention in the Methodist Church, Niagara Falls South, on Tuesday, May 14th. The weather and the walking were very unfavorable, yet many of the delegates were present with hearts aglow with enthusiasm in the cause of missions. The afternoon session opened with singing "I gave my life for Thee," and prayer offered by Mrs. Palmer. After having appointed Miss P. S. Biggar, Secretary; Miss Fanny Biggar, Treasurer; and Miss Tufford, of Tintern, Secretary of Supplies; several reports of Auxiliaries, Circles, and Band work were given, showing increasing activity and zeal in the different departments. There were four excellent papers read by Mrs. Palmer, of Grimsby; Miss Connor, of St. Catharines; Miss Potter, Niagara Falls South; and Miss Biggar, the latter being a paper of Mrs. Wyatt's, who was not present. Each one evinced prayerful thought and research, and would grace the columns of any of our missionary periodicals. Mrs. Green, of Grimsby, who is a fine soloist, added much to the interest of the Convention with her sweet, sympathetic voice and manner. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. E. Russ, presided over the exercises of the evening session. After singing and prayer, Mrs. Steven, of the "China Inland Mission," was introduced, and addressed the audience, giving an exceedingly interesting account of her experience and work among the Chinese women. She corrected the idea that generally obtains among us, that they are so difficult to reach on account of being so old and conservative a nation, and said they were easy of access by women, and often begged the missionaries to stay longer and tell them more of the wonderful gospel of Jesus. And the native Christians are so eager to tell others of their salvation and to send the good news to neighboring districts, as sometimes to deny themselves in every possible way, even when in extreme poverty, that their friends may share in their joys. Truly, "the love of Christ constraineth them," and shall we not learn a lesson from the Chinese Christians? We are persuaded that the instruction and inspiration given by Mrs. Steven was in the power of the Holy Spirit, and falling upon receptive hearts and minds, will lead us to greater devotion in our blessed Master's service.

E. P. LEWIS, *Cor. Sec.*

#### GODERICH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Fifth Annual Convention of the Goderich District Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, was held in Hensall, on Thursday, May 16, the President, Mrs. Leech, presiding. After devotional exercises, reports from the various auxiliaries were given. Goderich, North street; Clinton, Rattenbury and Ontario streets; Seaforth, Holmesville, Varna, Brucefield, Hensall, Dungannon and Nile reporting. Meetings are held regularly, and interest sustained in the society, and awakened in the congregation by holding the general prayer-meeting once a month as a missionary prayer-meeting.

Most of the societies had also sent bales or boxes of clothing and quilts to needy missions. Goderich, North street, and Clinton, Rattenbury street Mission Circles, each reported having raised fifty dollars during the year, also doing home mission work. The North street "Happy Workers," under the management of Mrs. (Rev.) Edge, and the "Wide Awakes," of Rattenbury Street, with Miss L.

Holmes as leader, are keeping the missionary interest thoroughly aroused among the juniors, and developing intelligent earnest workers.

Mrs. (Rev.) Henderson, in a few well-chosen words, extended a kindly greeting and welcome to the convention, from the sister churches of Hensall. Rev. Mr. Edge, on behalf of the District Meeting, then in session, also conveyed to the convention their sympathy and interest with the ladies in their noble work.

Duets were given by Mrs. Wren and Hotham, also Misses Coad and Stoneman. Miss McLeod, of Dungannon, gave a paper on "The Church and her work;" work done unto the Lord is labor glorified, and stamped with the seal that will bring to us the "well done."

The address of Mrs. McMechan, of London, to which the ladies have been looking forward with so much interest, then followed. She opened with a plea for the children. Train them early in the missionary work; help them to learn who were the first missionaries, and what they did. The object of the Mission Bands should be not so much to raise money as to secure knowledge of the great work being done. Every auxiliary should have a library; donations of suitable books might be made. A collection occasionally, or five cent tea, would also aid in purchasing books. Do not allow the spiritual or social part of the meeting to become absorbed by the business. An interesting programme may be given, by illustrating the essays and readings with articles, pictures or drawings of the places described. A president should be a woman who would do nothing that she could get some one else to do for her. We must add our length to the missionary ladder. Our motto—not your money or your life, but your money and your life. Our reward—a broader culture, a wider experience, an over-flowing heart.

After a short consecration meeting, led by Miss Gange, the Convention closed with the benediction.

M. WASHINGTON, *Secy.*

#### WOODSTOCK DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A CONVENTION of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Woodstock District, was held in the Central Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, May 7th. The three sessions were deeply interesting and profitable. Mrs. Briden, of Ingersoll, was elected Secretary. The Organizer for the District presided morning and afternoon, and at the evening session the Rev. J. Pickering, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. Mrs. (Rev.) T. Boyd, of Oxford Centre, led the morning devotional exercises. Every Auxiliary and Mission Circle in the district was well represented and reports given by each showing unwearied efforts to sustain the records of the past, not only in the matter of income, but also in the general interest taken in the work. The Organizer's report showed progress. Eight Auxiliaries and two Mission Circles reported as organized—two Auxiliaries last year and one this. Auxiliary members, 263; Mission Circle members, 67; income of the district, \$425.22; of this amount the Mission Circle raised \$58.98; ten circuits and charges are yet unorganized; women church members in the district about 2,000; of this number 439 are Auxiliary and Mission Circle members. The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Leach, after which Mrs. (Rev.) J. Pickering welcomed the friends in a neat address, gracefully responded to by Mrs. Briden, of Ingersoll. Five-minute readings and music were given by delegates from Auxiliaries and Mission Circles. Mrs. (Rev.) Bowers, of Princeton, took charge of the question drawer. A consecration service led by Mrs. (Rev.) R. Woodsworth, closed the afternoon session. In the evening addresses were given by Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Jackson, of Caledonia, President of the Branch, and the Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., of Brantford, also a recitation by Miss Court, of Ingersoll. Music was furnished by the choir and Miss Case, of London. The ladies of the Central Church entertained the visitors, both at their homes and by a reception given in the church. The usual votes of thanks closed a meeting that will give a greater impetus to missionary work in the Woodstock District. An invitation to meet next year at Currie's Crossing was accepted.

MRS. FLETCHER, *District Organizer.*