

which showed they had been very successful during the past year.

The election of Organizers for the coming year then took place. Just here we were very pleasantly surprised by the announcement of the President that a letter would be read from our missionary, Miss Clarke, of Chilliwhack, which gave encouraging accounts of the work done there. Then followed some suggestions for public meetings and the mite-box talk, which was especially helpful and full of timely suggestions, which cannot fail to bring forth abundant fruit in the future.

The report was then heard from the Literature Committee, and adopted. After a discussion as to the best kind of literature to be used in the Auxiliaries, Miss Stewart, of Sackville, read an original paper by Miss Humphrey, entitled, "Our Possessions." Session adjourned to meet this afternoon at 2.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

For one hour devotional exercises were led by our President. The report of Committee on Mode of Work was read, followed by a lively discussion. After some further business, the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session met at 7.30. Usual devotional service led by Mrs. Getchell, of Centreville.

Report from Memorial Committee was then read, showing a careful revision of constitution, by-laws, etc., of the Society.

After the reading of other reports, the delegate from Queen Square Auxiliary, St. John, extended an invitation to the meeting to hold the next Branch Meeting at said place, which was cordially accepted.

The roll being called, the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

This being the last order of business, the Convention was brought to a close in the usual manner.

Thus ended one of the most successful, harmonious and profitable meetings yet held by this Branch, and we all felt that we would return to our homes better equipped for our work, because of the information received; and with a holy enthusiasm to do all within our power for the advancement of the kingdom of the "Prince of Peace."

H. E. VICKERSON.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, was opened in the Queen's Avenue Church, London, Tuesday Oct. 21st.

Mrs. James Gooderham, the President, in the course of her address, dwelt on the success of the missions. The signs of the times indicated that women must take a very prominent part in the education of their own sex. The pressing need for female medical missionaries for India and China was greatly felt. They could not be too thankful for the success which had characterized every department of that work. The President made touching reference to the sorrow recently sustained by Mrs. Large, assuring that lady of the heartfelt sympathy of every member of the Convention.

The Treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, and approved by the Board, showed the receipts for the year to be \$25,560.76, of which \$6,791.46 was received from the Central Conference Branch, \$6,557.90 from the Western, \$3,020.58 from the Eastern, \$3,223.97 from the Nova Scotia, \$3,144 from the New Brunswick and Prince

Edward Island, \$182.32 from the Newfoundland, St. John's East, \$213.81 from Newfoundland, St. John's West. The expenditures were \$23,607.56, with a report that \$3,254.48 more money had been received this year than in 1889, and that \$21,195.50 balance was deposited with the Hamilton Provident and Loan Savings Co.

Kind words of greeting and earnest good wishes were spoken to the delegates by Mrs. Hon. D. Mills, Mrs. B. Tilley and Mrs. Rev. W. Rodgers, representing respectively, the Baptist, Episcopalian and Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Societies.

There was a largely-attended public meeting in the evening, at which a very cordial welcome to the members of the Convention was given by Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Dr. T. G. Williams, of Montreal, replied, dwelling upon the hospitality and kindness with which the delegates had been received by the people of London.

Addresses were given by Rev. George Boyd, pastor of Queen's Avenue Church, and Mrs. Large, widow of the late Rev. T. A. Large, who recently lost his life in Japan. Mrs. Large gave a most interesting description of the manner in which the work is conducted in that important field, and the great measure of success which had attended their efforts. Woman's work in Japan is divided into school and evangelical. During six years 900 pupils had entered three schools, of whom 300 had been converted and 140 baptized. The others were not baptized, because of the parents' refusal. Children have never been baptized without the consent of their parents. Mrs. Large concluded her interesting address by an earnest appeal for the support of the mission work.

SECOND DAY.

The morning's session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Dr. Williams. The report of the Committee on Literature and Publication was read by the Secretary, Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, and adopted. The growing importance of this department of missionary work was self-evident. The report went on to say that a sufficient amount of letter leaflets had been printed monthly to enable the Committee to place one in the hands of each member of an Auxiliary, and one for each Mission Band, a movement that had borne good fruit in arousing greater enthusiasm and zeal. The subject of prayer for each month had been stated on these leaflets, and the prayer card done away with. The monthly issue of letter leaflets averaged 8,300, excepting the months of July and August, when many Auxiliaries held no meetings. Seven thousand copies of "Our Work," four thousand copies of "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," and five thousand copies each of the Corresponding Secretary's Report and "Ten Reasons Why I Should be a Member of the Woman's Missionary Society," had been supplied to Organizers and Auxiliaries. The report recommended that the payments for these be made from the general funds of the Society. It also suggested that all literature, etc., be sent from a central depository and a room secured for that purpose. In concluding, mention was made of kindnesses shown by the managers of the Methodist Book Room.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, referring to the request of the Society for more space in the OUTLOOK, a request that cannot be complied with unless the paper is enlarged. The report of the Committee on Constitution, read by Mrs. Dr. Burns, of St. Thomas, recommended several changes, which were adopted. On motion of Mrs. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. McRossie, verses three, four and five of the first chapter of First Corinthians were selected as a greeting to the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, in convention at Brantford, and a telegram to that