

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

THE Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada opened its eighth Annual Convention October 22, in the lecture hall of St. James' Methodist Church.

The proceedings opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. J. T. Pitcher, after which the roll-call was read, the following sixty-three delegates answering to their names:—

General Officers.—Mesdames J. Gooderham, President, Toronto; Dr. Wilmott, Recording Secretary, Toronto; Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, Hamilton; Dr. Rosebrugh, Treasurer, Hamilton.

Central Branch.—Mrs. Dr. Williams, President; Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. S. Hooker, Mrs. Dr. Parker, Mrs. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. (Rev.) McCallum, Mrs. R. Brown, Toronto; Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton; Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Cobourg; Mrs. Weldon, Lindsay; Mrs. (Rev.) G. Brown, Gravenhurst; Mrs. Sherin, Lakefield; Mrs. G. L. Hughes, Schomberg; Mrs. Dr. Bascomb, Uxbridge; Mrs. L. Massey, Wallbridge; Mrs. W. Johnson, Belleville; Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford. Alternates—Miss Hawley, Bath; Miss Alexander, Brampton.

New Brunswick and P. E. Island Branch.—Mrs. McMichael, President, St. John, N.B.; Miss Palmer, Corresponding Secretary, St. John; Mrs. Head, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Mrs. C. A. Palmer, St. John; Mrs. Henry Hill, St. Stephen.

Western Branch.—Mrs. Dr. Burns, President, St. Thomas; Mrs. Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary, Galt; Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Langford, London South; Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Clinton; Mrs. Sharp, Brantford; Mrs. Russ, Woodstock; Mrs. Dr. Williams, Ingersoll; Mrs. Hamilton, London; Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Mrs. Cullen, Sarnia; Mrs. Hurlburt, Mitchell; Mrs. Saunby, London; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Kay, Brantford; Mrs. Laird, Hamilton; Mrs. H. W. Brethour, Brantford. Alternates—Mrs. W. Crawford, Hamilton; Miss E. McLean, Goderich.

Eastern Branch.—Mrs. T. G. Williams, Corresponding Secretary, Sault au Recollet; Mrs. McRossie, Mrs. Edwin Chown, Kingston; Mrs. Day, Gananoque; Mrs. Skinner, Ottawa; Mrs. White, Brockville; Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Nichol, Montreal.

Nova Scotia Branch.—Mrs. S. E. Whiston, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Mary Ray, Halifax; Mrs. C. H. Whitman, Pictou.

The minutes of the Executive meetings held during the interim were read.

The reports from the various Branches and separate Auxiliaries were read. The report of the Nova Scotia Branch showed an increase of twenty Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, making in all 46 Auxiliaries and 19 Bands. Members, 931; increase, 320; life members, 46; increase, 5; Mission Band members, 656; increase, 249. The report for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island showed an increase of 13 Auxiliaries, making a total of 41; increase of members, 344; total, 1,012. Number of Mission Bands, increase, 3; total, 11. Increase in New Brunswick members, 125; total, 318; income, 1889, \$2,768.40; increase over last year, \$1,107.69. The report for the Central Branch followed, showing 23 new Auxiliary Branches and 19 new Mission Bands. Total number of Auxiliaries, 72; total number of Bands, 45; total members, 2,084; Mission Band members, 1,277; income, \$6,761.22. The Western Branch had an increase of 17 Auxiliaries, and 6 Mission

Bands. Total 85 Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Total membership, 2,120; increase, 40%. Total Mission Band members, 677; increase, 223. Income, \$6,633.48; increase, \$771.88. The Eastern Branch also had a good year. The increase in the Auxiliaries was 21; total 47. Increase in annual members, 368; total, 1,079. Increase in life members, 14; total 43. Increase in Mission Band members, 95; total, 583. Increase in Mission Bands, 6; total, 17. Income, \$2,945.42; increase, \$567.84.

The meeting then adjourned until afternoon.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates re-assembled at 2.30, and after devotional exercises the Nominating Committee reported the following elections to committees: Memorials—Mesdames Blackstock, Hooker, Bascom, McMichael, Scarff, Cunningham, Torrance, White, Whiston and Williams. Publications—Misses Palmer, Hawley, Kav, and Mesdames Parker, Kendree, Detlor, Saunby, McMechan, Shaw and T. G. Williams. Board of Works—Mesdames Platt, McCallum, Wilson, G. Browne, Bosanko, G. L. Hughes, Johnson, McMaster, Hurd, Hill, C. H. Palmer, McMichael, Jackson, Phelps, Sharpe, Hamilton, Cullen, Forward, Day, Laird, G. Brown, Crawford, Hurlburt, Wright, Whitman, Whiston, and Misses Alexander, McLean and Kay. Missionary candidates—Mesdames Strachan, Sherin, Sutherland, McMichael, Langford, Russ, Nichol, Skinner, Whiston, Whitman, and Miss Palmer. Appropriations—Mesdames Strachan, Rosebrugh, Briggs, R. Brown, McKay, McMichael, Burns, Detlor, Fowl-r, McRossie, T. G. Williams, Whiston, and Misses Kay and Palmer. Publication of reports—Mesdames Cunningham, Burns, Massey, Tyner, McRossie, T. G. Williams, Whiston, and Miss Palmer.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. J. Ross, in the name of the Methodist sisterhood of Montreal, warmly welcomed the delegates to the city and to that beautiful sanctuary. She deemed it an auspicious event that so early in its young life they were permitted to welcome within the courts of that building the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society. They felt that the gathering together of so many of the elect and honorable women in full and earnest consecration to the work of sending the Gospel to their less favored sisters in distant lands was but a fitting addition to the opening services which had already been held. In conclusion she expressed a hope that the delegates' stay might prove a profitable one.

Mrs. Hamilton replied on behalf of the representatives of the Society. They appreciated the cordial welcome the more because of the common source of the love that prompted it, and they accepted it the more readily because they knew it was extended for the sake and in the name of their common Lord. The delegates came from the east and west and from the north and south, and in coming they felt that there were many circumstances which combined to unite them to each other. In conclusion she returned thanks for the cordial and hearty reception accorded the delegates.

The report from the Treasurer showed that the total receipts during the year had been \$39,477.17, including a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$17,170.89; and the disbursements amounted to \$20,234.87, which left a favorable balance of \$19,242.30.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary (Mrs. Strachan) stated that during the past year the work of the Society had extended in a healthy way. After alluding to the work done in Tokyo, Shidzuoka, Kofu, and to educational, French, Indian and Chinese work, all of which showed continued prosperity, it was stated that in looking over the whole field there was abundant cause for thanksgiving and