

Notes from Room 20.

THE Board of Managers has arranged for an amalgamation of *Our Quarterly* and *Palm Branches*, a Mission Band quarterly hitherto published by the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch. The new publication will be issued monthly, under the name of *Palm Branches*, and is the official organ of our Mission Band department. The subscription price is 10 cents a year, beginning with January, 1894, and is directed by the Board to be sent to Miss Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

It was also ordered that the price of the Annual Report remain the same as last year, namely, 5 cents. Will Auxiliaries please forward their orders and remittances to Miss Ogden, *now*, that there may be no delay in sending out the Reports as soon as they are printed?

Will friends ordering goods from Room 20 please remit by money order or bills, and, if they cannot avoid sending stamps, kindly remember *not* to send the three-cent denomination, if smaller or larger can be bought?

The Literature and Publication Committee was authorized to issue a Missionary Calendar for 1894. The arrangement of the printed matter will be changed, but the subjects for prayer and study for the month, and the birthday feature, will be continued. The price will be 15 cents a copy, \$1.80 a dozen. It will be readily seen that it is advantageous to order *now*, as the Calendar, when ready, will be sent out in the order in which remittances were received. Address, Miss Annie L. Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.

Branch Annual Meetings.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BRANCH.

THE Western Branch began its eleventh annual meeting in the Methodist Church, Listowel, at 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3rd, Mrs. Burns, President, in the chair. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. Dr. Fowler, who chose appropriate passages from the Psalms, followed by prayer by two ladies. The roll of delegates gave an attendance at the opening of 110, which was afterwards increased to 114.

The president selected the Nominating Committee, being the three conference organizers. They reported the convention divided into the following committees:—Memorials and Resolutions, Mrs. Dickson (convener); Modes of Work, Mrs. Dr. Fowler (convener); Organizers, Mrs. Scarff (convener); Mission Bands, Miss Dickson (convener); Courtships, Mrs. Dr. Burns, Hamilton (convener).

MEMBERS DECEASED.

A most tender and solemn service in memory of "our promoted members" was led by Mrs. Phelps, of Mount Pleasant. Altogether thirty-two names were given, and, in most cases, some member of the convention was ready with graceful and sympathetic tribute to lives spent in Christian service, sufferings borne patiently, and death welcomed as an entrance to the greater glory. The following are the names, the residence of a few not being given:—Mrs. Fisher, Burlington; Mrs. Tucker, Brantford; Mrs. Dalton; Drs. Dutcher, Burford; Mrs. Colbeck, Mrs. Nott, Miss G. Robinson; Mrs. G. Ritchie, Charing Cross; Mrs. Upper, Ingersoll; Mrs. F. Griffith, South London; Mrs. Dufton, South London; Mrs. Torrance, Milverton; Mrs. Sherwood, St. Catharines; Mrs. Taylor, St. Catharines; Mrs. Bridgeman, Smithville; Mrs. Bartholomew, Vanessa; Mrs. Rev. Ames, Woodstock; Mrs. Towler, Wingham; Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph; Mrs. Porte; Miss Denel, Port Dover; Miss Bethell, Queen's Avenue, London; Mrs. Griffin, Centenary Church, Hamilton; Mrs. Ball, Brantford; Mrs. Hockey, Brantford; Mrs. Cox, Brantford; Mrs. Brown, Nanticoke; Miss Kniffen, Port Dover; Mrs. C. Ross, Niagara Falls

South; Miss Orchard, Niagara Falls South; Mrs. Greenwood, Dundas; Mrs. G. Partlo, Dereham; Mrs. Wilson, Oakland; Mrs. Silverthorne, Cheapside.

The afternoon session was closed with a short address by Mrs. Dickson, London, on "Our French Work, the Difficulty and Discouragement of the Workers, and the Incentives to Continue."

TUESDAY EVENING.

The evening session was addressed by Mrs. E. R. Young, lately returned from the North-west, who gave a very instructive and interesting address on "Our Work Among the Indians."

Mrs. Mason, also a missionary among the Indians at Muncey, gave a very pleasing address.

Mrs. James, of Listowel, read a beautifully worded address of welcome to the visitors, which was replied to by Mrs. Gayfer, of Hamilton.

Mrs. J. Bonnett, on behalf of the Baptist Mission Society, and Mrs. F. Tamblin, on behalf of the Congregational Church Mission Society of Listowel, read addresses of welcome.

There was a large attendance, and the prospect for continued interesting meetings was encouraging.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS.

After devotional exercises led by Mrs. Smith, the balance of the morning's session was taken up with committee work.

At the afternoon session devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Risdon, St. Thomas.

The next order of business taken up was "Memorials and Resolutions." The following resolution was presented by the Dundas Methodist Church, London: *Resolved*, "That we do record our solemn protest against the iniquitous methods used to raise the revenue for the Anglo Indian Government by way of the opium and liquor traffic, believing that the ruling power that makes merchandise out of the vices of its subjects is below the level of a savage nation; and further, we do call upon the English Government to make the pending examinations of Indian military authorities for violation of English law in their cantonment immoralities as searching and severe as possible, and with consequences to the offenders that may deter from such further crimes; also resolved, that we view with regret the weak attitude in the presence of such awful evils of the recent decennial conference held in Bombay, and while we heartily commend the brave men who did their utmost to induce the conference to face and condemn the opium and liquor traffics and the State regulation of vice, we can but feel that the cowardice of a powerful majority has given a blow to the cause of reform in India, and shocked the moral sense of the Christian world; further resolved, that the Board of the W.M.S. be requested to take action in the matter and to forward copies of these or similar resolutions to the English Government and to the head of the Methodist Mission in India."

A similar resolution was presented from South London Auxiliary. Both memorials were accepted.

MEMORIALS.

From the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas:

Resolved, "That any memorial not entertained by the Branch meeting shall not be passed on to the annual Board meeting." Adopted.

Resolved, "That the salary of a missionary returning home on furlough cease with the expiration of their term of service." Rejected.

Resolved, "That the monthly letter *Leaflet* is no longer necessary as a means of information, and that its publication be discontinued." Rejected.

The following notices of motion were read and accepted:

"That mission band corresponding secretaries be made members of the Board of Managers, but not of its Executive."

"That Article 5, Section 1, of the constitution, be amended to include as a member of the General Board of Managers, *ex-officio*, the secretary-treasurer of the literature and publication department." Further, from British Columbia Branch—"That whereas the auxiliaries in this province