

and Gardner elicited much useful information for workers. Some of the questions could have been answered by the querists referring to the report. At this point Mrs. Burns vacated the chair, Rev. Mr. Ross taking her place. Balloting for officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dickson, London; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Phelps, Mt. Pleasant; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Galt; Corresponding Secretary Mission Bands, Miss Bertha Dickson, London. Representatives to Annual Conferences: London Conference, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; Guelph Conference, Mrs. McMechan, London; Niagara Conference, Mrs. Phelps, Mt. Pleasant.

The scrutineers reported at the evening meeting the following names as elected to attend the General Board meeting in Brantford: Mesdames Jackson, Sutherland, Dickson, Wright, Fowler, Williams, Phelps, Scarff, Mills; alternates, McMechan, Rosebrugh.

The Mission Band evening was most successful and enthusiastic. Several new features were introduced, including a tourist's letter, in which five ladies and gentlemen went on an imaginary journey to China, the object being to impart missionary information in a popular manner. The audience appeared pleased with the efforts made in this direction; Miss Daly, of London, contributed two numbers, one a Chinese melody which "brought down the house."

The Prize Banner given for the largest percentage of increase was awarded to the Band of Grace Church, St. Thomas, Mrs. J. G. Scott, the President, coming forward to receive it at the hands of Mrs. Burns, and replying gracefully.

The usual votes of thanks closed a very successful meeting. The Woodstock friends were most assiduous for the comfort and convenience of the delegates, the interest manifested all through was very cheering, and the influence will, we trust, continue to be a benediction both to hosts and guests during the coming year. Collections to the amount of \$60 were taken up at the three evening sessions.

We would make special mention of the kindness of the pastor, Rev. J. S. Ross, who was in constant attendance, and who gave time and thought to "help those women who laboured, we trust, in the Lord."

ANNIE G. McMECHAN, *Recording Secretary.*

THE EASTERN BRANCH.

THE ninth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, opened October 5th, 1892, in the Methodist Church, Winchester, at 9.30 a.m. Mrs. W. E. Ross, President, in the chair.

After the opening devotional exercises, the roll was called and forty-six delegates answered to their names, others arrived later making the number fifty-six in all. A large number of visitors also attended the meeting. Reports from forty-two Auxiliaries were read, in most cases showing an increased interest in the work, and a determination to make the coming year a more successful one for missions. Several questions relative to the working of Auxiliaries and Bands were answered by Mrs. McRossie, and elicited much information.

In the afternoon the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. S. J. Hughes, after which the President gave her annual address, in which she reviewed the work in the various mission fields, and referred very feelingly to those of our members who have passed over to the other shore during the year. She expressed pleasure at meeting such a large number of delegates, and advised us to avail ourselves of

all Missionary literature and information within our reach, and above all to realize our individual responsibility, and to pray fervently for the prosperity of the work in all its branches.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Williams, then gave her report, showing an increase of 11 new Auxiliaries, making 71 in all with a membership of 1,750, being an increase of 317 members for the year; 54 of these are life members; 613 monthly and 76 public meetings were held during the year.

The Treasurer, Mrs. McRossie, was very glad to report an increase of \$645.42. The cash receipts for this year being \$4,677.21.

The Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Bailey, reported 17 Bands with 459 members. They raised during the year \$903.68.

The testimony and consecration meeting presided over by Mrs. Bigelow, was one of great solemnity, and will not soon be forgotten by those present.

Mrs. Mavety read an excellent paper on "What can I do for the success of my Auxiliary," making several very good points.

At the public meeting at which Mrs. Ross presided, a very hearty address of welcome was read by Mrs. Palmer and responded to by Mrs. Kines. The choir rendered several choice selections during the evening, and Mrs. Craig sang very effectively a solo entitled, "Only Christ." Miss Hannah Lund gave a very interesting address on her work in Japan, which was listened to with great interest by the large audience present. The Rev. Mr. Brown opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Scott presented greetings from the Presbyterian Church to the Methodist ladies then in session, and also gave us a short report of their work in Winchester, which was quite interesting.

The report of French Institute, read by Miss Miller, was very cheering. There are forty-two girls on the roll. The average attendance better than last year and spiritually in a very hopeful condition.

The report of Bible Women and day schools, as read by Mrs. Torrence, was very encouraging.

A very pleasing paper by Miss Hunter on, "What can I do for my Mission Band," and an excellent address on, "What entertainment is best for a Missionary Social," by Mrs. Sawyer, gave so much satisfaction that it was specially requested that both be printed in the OUTLOOK.

The duties of Corresponding Secretaries of Auxiliaries were so clearly defined by Mrs. Williams, that it is hoped they will be more prompt and exact in their work next year, and in this way lessen her labor as branch Corresponding Secretary.

The duties of Auxiliary Treasurers was explained by Mrs. McRossie, and if attended to will very much facilitate the labors of Branch Treasurer.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Montreal; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Kines, Carleton Place; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Bigelow, Aultsville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, Gananoque; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Montreal; Treasurer, Mrs. E. McRossie, Kingston; Corresponding Secretary Mission Bands, Miss Effie Bailey, Iroquois.

Delegates to the Mission Board: Mrs. Skinner, Ottawa; Mrs. McRossie, Kingston; Mrs. Sawyer, Montreal; Mrs. Atkinson, Gananoque. And Mrs. Lloyd, Ottawa; Mrs. Bigelow, Aultsville, as alternates.

An invitation to Brockville for the next meeting of the Branch was accepted.

A most hearty vote of thanks to those who so very