TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OTTAWA BRANCH OF THE W.A.

The 12th annual meeting of the Ottawa branch of the W.A. was held in St. Bartholo mew's school-room on March 30th. The Rev. Mr. Hannington presided until the Archdeacon arrived to take the chair. A letter was read from Lady Aberdeen regretting that she could not be present at the meeting, also a letter from His Excellency introducing Mrs. Muirhead to the society. The report of the recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and dorcas secretary was read and adopted. Also reports from the three branches of the C.C.M.G. These reports show that the year, in many respects, has been a very successful one. The membership has increased by 72. The members now numbering 396. Total receipts for year, \$459.04. Bales sent out, 12. Subscribers to Leaflet, 116; and to the Magazine, 387.

After Mrs. Willoughby Cummings had been called upon to speak, Mrs. Boomer of Huron Diocese was introduced to the meeting in her double capacity of Leaflet Editor and Convenor of the Educational Committee. Her remarks on both these departments of Auxiliary work were very practical and interesting. president, Mrs. Tilton, did not give her usual annual address, but spoke briefly of the "Sweet Surprises experienced in the last twelve years of her work in the Ottawa Auxiliary." She was very much pleased to have on the platform such representative women as Mrs. Boomer, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Muirhead. Tyrill gave an account of the work being done in the Diocese of Moosonee. The Ottawa

branch of the W.A. has some 1396 members, only 32 of these attended regularly the monthly meetings. The Christ Church members thought that a greater interest in the work might be aroused if there were eight branches instead of the one organization. They brought in this resolution, "That the Ottawa branch of the W.A. now dissolve with the intention of forming separate parochial branches." Mrs. Grant Powell (St. Alban's) then moved an amendment, "That any parish of the Ottawa branch feeling itself strong enough to form a separate branch of the Auxiliary may do so by giving three months notice." Then followed an amendment to the amendment that, "the eight parishes which now form the Ottawa branch of the Woman's Auxiliary shall now divide in order to form two or more branches as may be deemed advisable by the several parishes." A discussion then ensued-Miss Baker, Mrs. Tilton and Miss Green spoke in favor of forming separate parochial branches, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Fielding against the resolution. Archdeacon explained the action of the Clerical Guild in the matter and also stated his own (later) opinion on the subject. The Bishop spoke strongly in favor of the proposed dissolution. The matter was put to the meeting and the amendment to the amendment carried by a majority of twelve. There was some misunderstanding on the part of the voters, only fifty of them voted at all. After a few words of advice from Bishop Hamilton the doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the meeting adjourned. Tea and cake were served by the ladies of St. Bartholomew's church. Miss Maingy sang a solo and also played the organ for the hymns.

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