

of the ladies of Brant Avenue Church, and very pleasing recollections of the Convention will linger long in the minds of all who were privileged to attend.

#### RIDGETOWN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Second Annual District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society for the Ridgetown District was held in the Ridgetown Methodist Church on Thursday, May 16th, commencing at 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Scatcherd, District Organizer, presiding. The ladies of the Ridgetown Auxiliary, in association with their zealous President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Philp, had left nothing undone towards making the Convention a success, so far as their part in the carrying out of the programme was concerned, and the result was a very pleasant and profitable meeting, though the attendance of delegates from a distance was not large, owing to the fact that not more than two Auxiliaries are situated on, or contiguous to any one of the lines of railway, thus necessitating, in some instances, a drive of over thirty miles across the country. By request of the Organizer, Rev. Mr. Philp, the pastor, conducted the opening exercises and read the Scripture lesson.

Reports were received from Ridgetown, Highgate, Glencoe and Newbury, all the Auxiliaries represented at the Convention. The report from Florence did not reach the Convention in time to be included in the report made there, but is included here. Ridgetown reported an Auxiliary organized January 15th, having now a membership of thirty-three, and with prospect of increase in growth and interest. Highgate was also in a flourishing condition, reporting an increase over last year. The other Auxiliaries were working hard to hold their ground.

An address of welcome was given by Mrs. (Rev.) C. Burdett, who, though she had been confined to her own home for many months—the result of an accident, which prevented her from standing without support—yet made it a point to be present.

Miss Stone, of Highgate, responded to the address in a few brief, well-chosen sentences. Mrs. W. E. Smith, of Ridgetown, then sang an appropriate solo, and the District Organizer followed with her address and report. Auxiliaries organized during the year, 1; disbanded, 1; not disbanded, but having failed to report, 1—Florence since reported—Auxiliaries reported, 4. Membership at present stands in the five Auxiliaries, 82; income and value of boxes sent to Mrs. Briggs for the year, \$167.08. A reading by Miss Bonham followed, and Mrs. Garrett gave a thoughtful paper on the "Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting." Questions answered by Rev. Mr. Philp and Mrs. (Rev.) R. C. Parsons concluded the programme for the afternoon, and the whole audience was cordially invited to the basement for tea, and to remain for the evening exercises.

The evening meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the District, Rev. R. C. Parsons, who also gave a brief address, following which were the greetings from the sister societies of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, the ladies representing both these societies giving much interesting information relating to their own work. Miss Reyecraft gave one of her favorite recitations. Mrs. Parsons, of Morpeth, in her usual genial manner, gave a timely address on "Methods of Work," and Mrs. (Dr.) Walker, of Glencoe, a carefully prepared paper on "Missionary Workers, Present and Future." Extracts were read from an interesting letter written by Dr. Susie Carson Rijnhart while in China, *en route* to a mission field. At intervals appropriate solos were sung by Mr. Lutz and Miss Porter. The clergymen present favored the convention with brief addresses; some routine business was transacted, and the meeting closed with the doxology and the benediction.

J. SCATCHERD, *District Organizer.*

#### ST. THOMAS DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society on the St. Thomas District met in the Central Methodist Church, May 30th, at 2 p.m. Mrs. J. Risdon, District Organizer, in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter.

Reports were read from the following Auxiliaries: First, Central, Grace, St. Thomas; Fingal, Union, Port Stanley, Melbourne, Town Line; also from the Golden Reapers of Grace Church, and Gleaners of First Methodist Church—all of which were marked by progress in some or all lines of work. Alma College presented a report and contributed to the programme, one of the students giving a solo, another a reading. Miss Lisk and Mrs. Warner took the question drawer. A returned missionary from India, who is a student in that institution, led the consecration service in a very helpful manner. Mrs. Graham, assisted by four ladies, took up the "Watch Tower," taking the different objects of our own work. The study of the last annual report was conducted by Mrs. Burns.

The Auxiliary of First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, had the sad duty to perform of reporting the removal, through death, of two of their number—their oldest member, and one of their life members.

No evening session was held, the delegates attending the special services conducted by Rev. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter.

MARION WOOD, *Secretary.*

#### BRAMPTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Convention of the W.M.S. of the Brampton District met in Grace Church on Thursday, May 30th. The morning session began at 10.30. There were present representatives from Bolton, Streetsville, Grace Church and St. Paul's Church Auxiliaries. The meeting opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. Cheyne, District Organizer, presided over the meeting. She gave an opening address and a general report of the work done during the year, which was very encouraging. She also spoke of having organized the Weston Mission Circle. Reports were read from Bolton, Streetsville, Inglewood and Grace Church Auxiliaries, also from the Mission Bands of Grace and St. Paul's Churches, all of which showed increased interest in the work.

Mrs. Stevens, Organizer of the Orangeville District, was present and gave an interesting report of the work done in that district. They have three Auxiliaries: Orangeville, Laurel and Palgrave; the latter she organized recently. This report was followed by a solo by Miss Blain, of Brampton. Mrs. Oliver then read a paper entitled, "Incentive to More Earnest Work in This Cause." She showed the success of systematic organization, and drew attention to the interest being taken by women in their sisters abroad. A paper was next read by Mrs. Clement, of Bolton; subject, "How to Awaken an Interest in Our Work where there is no Auxiliary." We are first to talk it over at our monthly meeting, decide on a place, and ask our minister to assist; then canvass personally, and organize if possible.

A consecration service was then led for half an hour by Mrs. Baskerville. The testimonies throughout showed the reflex influence of this work upon the women of our Church.

In the afternoon there was a large attendance. There were a number present from the sister societies of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Mrs. Blain, President of Grace Church Auxiliary, occupied the chair. Her opening remarks were full of hope for the work. Mrs. Stevens explained the "Scattered Helpers" scheme, after which greetings were received from the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Mrs. Eaton, of Brampton, then sang a solo. This was followed by a paper from Miss Christie, of Streetsville, on "How to Increase Our Membership." A great deal depends on the president and officers. We should call on those who are not members; also give good programmes. Our ministers could assist in increasing the membership by speaking of the work and inviting others to join. Above all, we should encourage our Mission Bands and Circles; they will join the W.M.S. as they grow up. A very interesting paper was then given by Mrs. W. Woods. The subject she selected was, "What Can You Do?" Mrs. Woods proved that we can do all that we are willing to do and a good deal more than we are able. David was willing, but not able, but took the weapon he was master of, and God did the rest. Also, that our faculties are not always the measure of our achievements; very often the most useful people are like Müller and others, who have