

gratulations. The General Board gave several valuable recommendations for the work of the year.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed general prosperity and an increase of membership throughout the societies. Twenty-three children were in the Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson, B.C. The McDougall Orphanage sheltered eighteen children. The French work at Acton, P.Q., was never so encouraging. The Girls' School in Japan had accommodated 227 pupils, the current expenses being covered by the Japanese themselves. Fifty had been converted, and sixty-five native Christians were meeting regularly in class. There was not room to accommodate all who apply for admission. Through ill-health Miss M. J. Cartmell, first missionary in Japan, had been obliged to return to Canada, and Miss H. Lund, of Woodstock, and Miss Cunningham, of Halifax, had been sent out. The condition of the Chinese girls of the city of Victoria, B.C., was referred to. Seven girls had been rescued from a life of shame. The total membership was 3,600, an increase of 642.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$6,414; receipts \$14,197; expended, \$9,662; balance, \$10,950.

The President's address followed, which was full of thankfulness for the year's work and of encouragement for the future.

Mrs. McLean, from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Western Section, conveyed the greetings of that body. Mrs. Chown read a letter of greeting from the Belleville Baptist circle. Mrs. Dunnett, of the Woman's Christian Association, Belleville, also extended greetings.

In the evening the lecture-room of Bridge Street Church was crowded with friends and delegates of the Woman's Missionary Society. Rev. John Learoyd presided. An address of welcome was read by Mrs. Dr. Carman, who referred to the fact that Belleville was the home of the first missionary to Japan, Dr. Meacham. Special greetings were given Miss Cartmell, the returned missionary from Japan; to Mrs. Chandler, of Ocean Grove, and to Miss Morgan, who is soon to go out as a missionary in the foreign field. Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, responded on behalf of the Society. A valuable paper, "One Church for Christ," prepared by Mrs. Graham, of Exeter, was read by Mrs. Detlor, after which Miss Cartmell gave an interesting account of the Girls' School at Tôkyo and the progress of evangelistic work in that place.

At the opening of Wednesday morning's session, a resolution was adopted expressing regret at the death of Rev. Dr. Nelles, and expressing deep sympathy with his bereaved family.

A memorial was presented from the Eastern Branch asking that the Government be petitioned to enforce the law in Victoria, B.C., for the protection of Chinese girls.

The report of the French work was presented by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal. As it involved additional expense for the current year, it was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Western Branch reported, through Mrs. Cunningham, of Stratford, twelve new auxiliaries, two mission bands; annual members, 1,226; life members, 112; band members, 490; income, \$4,225.62.

For the Central Branch, Mrs. Dr. Briggs reported nine new auxiliaries, eight mission bands; total membership, 2,100, including sixty-four life members and 753 members of bands; income, \$5,036.92.

Mrs. T. G. Williams reported seven new auxiliaries for the Eastern Branch, four mission bands; total membership, 733, including twenty-two life and 177 members of bands; income, \$1,997.11.

One new auxiliary, formed by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, reported through Miss Palmer, of St. John, N.B., a total membership of 280.

Mrs. Whiston reported for the Nova Scotia Branch five new auxiliaries, one mission branch; total membership, 739, including thirty-two life members and 235 band members; income, \$2,049.82.

Mrs. Dr. Aikins, on behalf of the Metropolitan Auxiliary, invited the Board of Managers to meet in Toronto next year. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

At the afternoon session the report of the school in Japan was read by the Corresponding Secretary. Two hundred and twenty-eight students have entered for the coming year, and only want of room prevented the reception of a larger number. The Christian Japanese girls are earnest workers among their fellow students, endeavoring to lead them to Christ. Good progress has been made in the educational work of the school, and the teachers have now about decided that the course of study shall be the same as for a modified third-class certificate on the Ontario standard. A lady interpreter is needed for evangelistic work, and the hope was expressed that another teacher would be sent. During the year \$12,564 had been received, the amount expended being \$11,885, leaving a balance on hand of \$679.

A very interesting report of the evangelistic work in Japan was read by Miss Cartmell, dating from the beginning of her labors in Japan. The quaint, concise rendering of some of the reports of the native Bible women by Miss Cartmell was of great interest to the meeting. The sum of \$213 was expended in connection with this work, exclusive of \$25 sent by Mr. John Macdonald, of Toronto, the report of which was sent him direct.

In regard to providing a home for Indian girls at Chilliwack, British Columbia, it was agreed that a certain sum should be sent to Mrs. Tate for this purpose, the amount being left to the Committee on Appropriations.

A request was presented from the Metropolitan Church Mission Circle that they be allowed to support a Bible-woman in Japan, and a girl at the Crosby Home. A similar request was preferred by the Woman's Mission Band. Decision was reserved.

The evening session was held in the Bridge Street church, where a large audience assembled to hear the principal address of the Convention. Miss May Doughty sang, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," after which Mrs. Kennard Chandler was introduced.

Mrs. Chandler said the thought that came to her here to-night was, that Christ took the weak things of life to confound the mighty. The Woman's Missionary Society had grown from a weak effort to a grand and glorious success. The Women's Foreign Missionary