

us Shine," was given by several little girls. After more music, and addresses from the Chairman and Rev. J. Saunders, a collection was taken up amounting to \$3. The Mite boxes were found to contain \$10, making a total of \$13. The membership fees were spent in purchasing material for a box which is being packed for the French Institute. The Mite boxes were again distributed and sixty cents given out in "pennies" to be improved upon. The date of meeting is the first Saturday in each month. Our Band is in good working order and we begin another year asking God's blessing on our efforts.

ANNIE BOWLBY, *Cor. Sec.*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Tenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in the Elm Street Church, beginning on Thursday, October 22nd, and closing on Tuesday, 27th. Mrs. James Gooderham, President of the Board, occupied the chair.

The members present were: Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Carman, Belleville, Vice-President; Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. (Dr.) Rosebrugh, Hamilton, Treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto, Recording Secretary; Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Parker, Barrie, editor of the Woman's Missionary Society's department in *OUTLOOK*.

Western Branch.—Mrs. Burns, President, St. Thomas; Mrs. (Rev. A.) Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary, Guelph; Mrs. (Rev. D. G.) Sutherland, Hamilton; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Kneeshaw, Ingersoll; Mrs. (Rev. A. E.) Russ, Brantford; Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. McMechan, Mrs. Brown, all of London; Mrs. (Rev.) Leech, Goderich; Mrs. (Rev.) Graham, Strathroy; Mrs. Scott, St. Mary's; Miss Morton, Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton.

Central Branch.—Mrs. Williams, President; Mrs. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Tyner, Toronto; Mrs. Masie, Sidney; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Mrs. Platt, Picton; Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Warkworth; Mrs. (Rev. G.) Young, Markham; Mrs. (Rev. J. H.) Locke, Peterboro'; Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. T. Thompson, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. McKay, all of Toronto; Mrs. (Rev. G.) Browne, Maple; Miss Wilkes, Toronto; Mrs. (Rev. A.) Langford, Brampton.

Eastern Branch.—Mrs. W. E. Ross, President; Mrs. (Rev. T. G.) Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Hunter, Montreal; Mrs. McRossie and Mrs. McCammon, Kingston; Mrs. T. Coates, Prescott; Mrs. G. Bigelow, Aultsville; Mrs. Atkinson, Ganancque.

New Brunswick and P. E. I. Branch.—Mrs. McMichael, President; Miss Palmer, Corresponding Secretary, St. John, N.B.; Mrs. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen, N.B.; Miss Stewart, Sackville, N.B.

Nova Scotia Branch.—Mrs. Whiston, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Ross, Halifax, N.S.; Mrs. (Rev. B.) Hills, Pictou; Mrs. Whitman, Canso.

The minutes and report of the Executive Committee were then read and confirmed. The report showed that during the year two acres of ground had been purchased at Port Simpson, on which it was intended to build the new Crosby Home for girls, and for which specifications had already been made. The building will cost nearly \$6,000, and when completed will be a beautiful and comfortable home for fifty young girls. This announcement was received by the ladies of the convention with much enthusiasm, as their hearts have been in this noble home work. During the last twelve months Miss Bertha M. Shoults, of Parkhill, had

been sent out to Japan in company with the distinguished Japanese missionary, Mrs. Large, under the auspices of the Society. Miss Amelia Braun, of Aylmer, the report continued, had been accepted to fill a new mission post in China, and had gone out with a party despatched recently by the General Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, for the purpose of opening a new mission in the province of Se Chuen.

The report was received with cheers and adopted without discussion.

Memorial reports were received from the different Branches and referred to various committees appointed to consider them, to report at a later stage of the meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.30 in the afternoon the meeting resumed, and after a few minutes had been devoted to praise and prayer, Mrs. Gooderham rose and delivered the President's annual address. It had been thoughtfully prepared, and covered the workings of the Board during the past year thoroughly and satisfactorily. She began by observing that ten years had elapsed since the Society which assumed such wonderful proportions to-day was organized. Nine years ago they had but twenty-one Auxiliaries in the whole of Canada, and the income the first year was somewhat less than \$3,000. Each successive year they had been able to report an increase in Auxiliaries, an increase in membership and an increase in funds, until this year, it was gratifying to tell them, their income had increased more than \$6,000 over the previous twelve months. (Applause.) Bands that nine years ago were not in existence are at the present time great sources of strength to the Society, both financially and otherwise. Last year they had decided to send out a medical missionary to China, but owing to their failure in finding a suitable person, they had not carried out that idea. She referred to the condition of women, in whom they were deeply interested, in Japan and China. They were able to report encouragingly from all the departments of the work, and while this news would undoubtedly be gratifying to the delegates, she would impress upon them to realize that these successes but imposed upon them greater responsibilities and wider opportunities.

Mrs. Gooderham received the thanks of many of the delegates for her splendid outline of the work.

REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES.

The Western Branch was reported by Mrs. Cunningham. Forty-three new Auxiliaries and fourteen new Mission Bands had been organized. There were now 135 Auxiliaries, 46 Mission Bands, 3,109 annual members, an increase of 862; life-members, 172, increase, 13; Mission Band members, 1,797, increase, 881; amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$4,239, increase, \$1,699; amount sent to General Treasurer, \$8,100.

The Central Branch reported, by Mrs. Briggs, that 29 Auxiliaries had been added to the list, making now 114. The annual members are 2,788; life-members, 184; total increase, 450. Nine new Mission Bands have been organized, but nine had suspended work, as the Epworth League takes up so much of the attention of the young people; there were, however, as last year, 51 Bands; Band members, 1,750; increase, 334. The total receipts of the year had been \$8,499, an increase of \$1,181, and \$7,840 had been remitted to the General Treasurer.

The Nova Scotia Branch reported, by Mrs. Whiston, showed an increase of three Auxiliaries, making 47; annual members, 1,074, an increase of 110; life-members, 68, increase, 12; four new Mission Bands, making 30. There was a decline of 83 members of Mission Bands. The total