

conducted the devotional exercises with which all the sessions are opened.

An informal conversation on the blessing attending giving was held, and it was suggested that the Society should aim this year at raising \$30,000 for its praiseworthy objects.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter from Mr. Huntington, of Sudbury, was then read by Mrs. Strachan, giving an interesting account of the work among the Indians at Whitefish Lake Reserve. He stated that he had decided to remove the Indians under his charge to the Hudson's Bay post, and he asked the Board to appropriate \$250 to pay the expenses attendant on the removal. Mrs. Large wrote from Japan, stating her conviction that the influential schools of the future in that country would be those in which household duties are taught, and suggesting that some provision having that end in view be made by the General Board. A letter was also read from Rev. Mr. Saunby, of Kofie, Japan, pointing out the need for a lady missionary in Kofie, and asking that the Board consider the advisability of supplying the want.

The President stated that requests from other places had also been received for teachers, for whom the people were willing to pay.

Greetings were received from Mrs. L. Youmans, of the W.C.T.U., and a resolution was passed appreciative of her interest in the work of the Society, and expressing the deep sympathy of the Board with her in her present illness. The President at this stage led the meeting in prayer on behalf of our beloved sister, an incident which drew tears from many eyes.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations recommended as follows:—

Japan.—For the Tokio School, \$5,750; school at Shidzuoka, \$1,530; Dressmaker, \$650; Kofie, \$550; total for Japan, \$8,480.

French Work.—Actonvale mission school, \$1,200; interest on \$10,000 for six months, \$300; furnishing of new building, \$1,000; total, 2,500.

Crosby Home, \$1,400; McDougall Orphanage, \$1,200; Chinese work, \$1,200; Chilliwhack Home, B.C., \$2,150.

The sum of \$250 was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee for Rev. S. Huntington's use, if considered desirable by them.

The total appropriation amounted to \$17,180.

The Committee on Appropriations presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

That the Executive Committee be authorized to send a lady to Kofie, Japan, if occasion arise, and that \$550 be appropriated for this purpose;

That the Council in Tokio be authorized to purchase land near the school, if a favorable occasion arise;

That it has not been deemed advisable for the Society to take two extra lots purchased in Victoria, B.C., by Dr. Sutherland;

That in the matter of housekeeping outfit for inmates of the McDougall Orphanage; to the amount of \$50 each, be given to three young girls who have been in the institution for at least five years.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mrs. Strachan, seconded by Mrs. Rosebrugh, that the school at Actonvale, Que., be continued for another year.

On the motion of Mrs. Detlor, it was ordered that delegates from branch meetings select three of their members immediately on their election, who shall be members of the Nominating Committee, and meet half an hour previous to the open sessions of the Board meeting.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Modes of Work, it was ordered that the French work be left to a committee in Montreal, and that a plan of work be arranged for Miss Cartmell in the Canadian Auxiliaries.

The Publication Committee reported and recommended, that a Literature and Publication Committee be organized, to whom should be entrusted the preparation and printing of Leaflets, Uniform Studies, and other Helps for monthly and public meetings and Mission Bands. That this Committee consist of one member from each Branch, associated with Editress of OUTLOOK; and that it be a standing committee; also, that the Publication Fund and the balance of Leaflet Fund be entrusted to this Committee for its work. That the Reports be sold at 5c., that 5000 be printed; also Leaflets and Prayer Cards. Recommendations of Committee adopted.

The Committee recommended the following names: Miss Palmer, St. John, N.B.; Miss Silver, Halifax; Miss Wilkes, Toronto; a lady to be named by the Eastern Branch; Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London. Recommendation carried.

That Miss Wilkes have charge of sale of Leaflets. That special resolutions passed by General Board be inserted in one department of Annual Report. That a lady be appointed in each Auxiliary to canvass for OUTLOOK, and that this be a "by-law" of Auxiliaries. That there be an annual collection in each Auxiliary for a Publication Fund.

That Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh and Mrs. W. A. Robinson, of Hamilton, be the Committee to prepare and publish the Annual Report. Report adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Parker for the able manner in which she has conducted the paper during the past year.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the Committee on Modes of Work presented a report recommending that the Leaflet Committee keep on hand a supply of the best available Leaflets for sale, and that the election of delegates to the Annual Branch and the General Board meetings be by a majority vote, both of which recommendations were agreed to.

A resolution to change the time of the annual meeting to June 15th was not entertained.

It was ordered that papers prepared for Auxiliaries, of a specially interesting character, should be sent to the Literature Committee for circulation.

The Committee on Memorials submitted a resolution to the following effect: "That while the Woman's Missionary Society accept the proposal of the General Board in reference to the payment of the interest upon \$10,000, the amount necessary for the erection of the girls' wing of the French Institute, Montreal, they stipulate that said interest be paid for a term of years not exceeding ten. Before binding themselves further, they wish to understand what is meant by the term 'investing and running expenses,' used in the resolution passed by the General Board. They also ask that they be allowed three members on the Board of Directors for the Institute, and a fair representation on the Board of Managers." Carried. At the request of the President, Rev. Dr. Parker took the chair during the

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. Carman, Belleville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, Hamilton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. Rosebrugh, Hamilton; Editress of the OUTLOOK, Mrs. Parker, Toronto; Editress of *Christian Guardian*, Mrs. Briggs, Toronto.