

ment of the growth of the Society which was organized in 1877, nineteen years ago:

	Auxiliaries.	Mission Bands.	Presbyterial Society.	Amount Contributed.
1877	18	3	0	\$ 1,005 39
1882	57	12	2	5,732 54
1887	256	76	20	18,581 00
1873	569	238	25	41,822 00
1894	585	250	25	42,910 69

DR. GILLESPIE.

Dr. Gillespie, Secretary of the Board of American Presbyterian Church, gave an able address. Having been invited as the principal speaker, it was reasonable that he should occupy an hour, which he did to great purpose.

Dr. Gillespie warned the ladies against those who would tack on a great many other things and divide their energies. Concentration is the secret of power and they should keep to the one object.

He spoke of past years as to the tendency of woman's work, but that now it is recognized as the greatest factor in this movement towards "The World for Christ."

When in Calcutta, he was told that an occasional visitor asks for the house in which Macaulay lived, but thousands ask to see where Carey lived and visit his grave.

That missions should be spoken in the home, giving three meals a day.

DR. SMITH.

Everybody felt sorry that Dr. Smith had so little time, and enjoyed thoroughly what he said about the work in Honan. An illustration of the accommodation with which they had to put up, the dining table, in their dining-room, was their operating table, when performing surgical operations.

A dozen women in the dining-room at one time for treatment. They passed the time, one trying to learn a hymn—one, the Lord's Prayer—another praying or leading others in prayer to Jehovah God.

REV. J. FRASER CAMPBELL.

He spoke of the open doors in India—of how the people have now come to apologize for the character of their gods, how the average age of marriage is rising—how the murder of infants is passing away.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Opening exercises by Mrs. Colin Fletcher who also gave an address on the work of the Society and how to instil enthusiasm into meetings.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. Ewart, the President, gave an able review of the work in her annual address, making reference to the steady advance of past years and expressing the hope that the following year would be worthy of the past.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

These reports were given in the following order, by the ladies named:—Ottawa, Miss Harmon. Lanark and Renfrew, Mrs. Campbell. Brockville, Mrs. Greenhill. Glengarry, Mrs. MacLennan. Kingston, Mrs. Binnie. Peterborough, Mrs. Graham. Whitby, Mrs. Lachlan. Lindsay, Miss MacLennan. Toronto, Miss George. Barrie, Mrs. Needham. Owen Sound, Mrs. MacLellan. Saugeen, Miss Young. Chatham, Mrs. Lawton. Stratford, Miss Hamilton. Huron, Mrs. Lyons. Maitland, Mrs. Murray. Bruce, Mrs. Ferguson. Winnipeg, Miss McPherson. Brandon, Miss Crzie. Guelph, Miss Cant. Orangeville, Mrs. Elliott. Hamilton, Miss Fiolay. Paris, Mrs. McWhirter. London, Miss Gunn. Sarnia, Mrs. Brobner. The reports of those societies not in the Presbyterial order were presented by the home secretary, Mrs. Shortreed. In each case the statement of the progress made during the past year was very satisfactory, and the prospects for the future most encouraging.

GREETINGS.

Letters of greeting were read from the W.F.M. Board, New York; the W.F.M., Board of the North-West; the Board of the Congregational Church in Canada; the W.F.M.S. of Rat Portage; and the W.F.M.S. of Queensland, Australia. Addresses from representatives of sister societies were delivered by Mrs. Scott, of the Woman's Board of Missions, Montreal; Mrs. Long, of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church; Mrs. Chas. Stark, of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church; and Mrs. Cowan of the McAll Mission.

ANNUAL REPORT.

This report of which an abstract is given, was presented by Mrs. Harvie.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The following Board of Management for 1895-6 was elected:—Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Telfer, Mrs. J. J. Bell, Miss J. Caven, Mrs. MacLennan, Miss Telfer, Mrs. McLachlan, Mrs. Cormbie, Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Mrs. J. Caven, Miss B. MacMurchy, Mrs. Shortreed, Miss Duthie, Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. McGaw, Miss Craig, Mrs. Mortimer Clark, Miss George, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Playfair, Miss Reid, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. H. Campbell, Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. Jas. Park, Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Harvie, Miss Patterson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. McClelland, Miss Bethune, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Thos. Adams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Management, held previous to the morning session, the following officers were elected for 1895-6:—President, Mrs. Ewart. 1st Vice-President, Mrs. MacLaren. 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. MacLennan. 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. G. H. Robinson. 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Ball. Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Harvie. Home Secretary, Mrs. Shortreed. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Playfair. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Campbell, —Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Jeffrey. Secretary of Publications, Mrs. Telfer. Treasurer, Mrs. McGaw. The last-named is the only new officer, and she was elected to the office to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mrs. MacLennan.

MRS. MACLENNAN'S RETIREMENT.

In this connection the following resolution was passed at the meeting of the board, and afterwards unanimously ratified at the general meeting:—"Resolved, that the Society and the Board of Management hereby unite in recording their deep regret at the retirement from office of Mrs. MacLennan, for the past ten years the much-esteemed general treasurer of the W.F.M.S. Mrs. MacLennan was appointed in 1885 as successor to Mrs. King. Since that date over \$300,000 of the Society's money has passed through her hands. In taking charge of these funds, and in all the other duties of her department, Mrs. MacLennan has been found faithful and efficient in small things as well as in great. Her books have been kept with the utmost accuracy, a fact which has repeatedly been testified to by Rev. Dr. Reid, as auditor; and her letters to enquirers on the financial methods and policy of the Society have been models of clearness and accuracy, and have been most helpful in correcting misapprehension and in preventing confusion in the disposal of missionary funds. The Board of Management socially desire to express publicly their appreciation of Mrs. MacLennan's services, not only as treasurer, but also in all matters of business, in the consideration of which her sound judgment has been of the highest value. We would therefore tender our hearty thanks to Mrs. MacLennan, with the earnest wish and prayer that she may be long spared to aid by her counsel and co-operation the work of the W.F.M.S., a work which we know to be very dear to her heart.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. Lee, Miss Duthie, and Mrs. McClelland, Toronto. Nominating Committee—Mrs. Stewart, Pembroke; Mrs. Grant, Hamilton; Mrs. Ross, Kingston; Mrs. MacLennan, Toronto; Mrs. Playfair, Toronto; Mrs. McCrae, Guelph.

PAPERS.

Mrs. Watt, Guelph, read a paper on "Auxiliary Work" and Mrs. Mutch, Toronto, on "Mission Band Work."

MAP LESSON.

Miss MacMurchy gave an interesting map exercise, pointing out the stations supported by the Society.

MISSIONARIES.

Mrs. Goforth and Miss MacIntosh spoke on the work in Honan; Mrs. Fraser Campbell, and Miss Jamieson in Central India; and Miss Baker, on work in Prince Albert.

MUSIC.

Misses Caven and Monteith rendered sacred duets and Miss Forbes, of Bloor street, sang sacred selections during the sessions.

CLOSE.

Mrs. Ross, of Lindsay gave the closing address which was an appropriate ending to the best annual meeting ever held by the Society. Much sympathy was felt on the last day with the President, Mrs. Ewart, who was unable to preside on account of sickness. Mrs. MacLaren, the Vice-President, took her place.