

The boarding school at Indore with Miss Janet White in charge is doing excellent work; there are now 118 girls in attendance. Gifts and prizes for the various hospitals and schools in India are asked to be sent by mission bands and others to India during the coming year.

In Formosa the work being accomplished is most encouraging. The report on Chinese work was also given by Mrs. Bell in the absence of Mrs. Henderson. The greatest need, the speaker said, is for workers, and made a strong appeal to the members before her for an answer to this message.

#### North-west Indians.

Miss Craig reported on the work among the Indians in the Northwest. The attitude of Indians towards the boarding schools is now much improved and of a confidential nature. One Indian, Jacob Bear, has offered himself for missionary work. Over nine hundred children are helped by the society in the various schools.

Mrs. C. Clark, secretary for British Columbia, reported 48 pupils at Alberni school, 40 at Alhousaht. A new launch built for the use of the latter school, by Rev. J. L. Miller in charge, has been named the M. Craig, after Miss Craig, secretary for Indian work in the Northwest.

The Work of the Mission Bands was spoken of by Miss McMurchy, 56 new bands have been formed, one-fifth of this increase is from the West, due very materially to the personal touch of the members. There is a total membership of 10,119, 185 life members; cash contributions being \$10,580.27. Miss M. M. Reid, home secretary, reported 37 new auxiliaries formed, 18 have been abandoned, three members have given themselves for work in India.

The travelling secretary's report was presented in her absence by Miss Reid. During the year Miss Jamieson has journeyed from Quebec to Vancouver forming auxiliaries and addressing the members. Miss Parsons presented the statistical report of Tidings. The number sent out to subscribers in April was 22,080, a gain of 580 over 1908. During the year 2,594 communications were sent out and filed. The sale of literature amounted to \$1,402.92, an increase of \$97.53 over previous year. Mrs. MacGillivray, editor of Tidings, made a plea for that valuable publication.

#### Dr. Menzies in Knox Church.

Standing room was scarcely available in Knox church on Tuesday night, when Dr. Jas. Menzies, returned missionary from North Honan, China, delivered a most interesting illustrated lecture on his work there. Honan is situated in northern China, and the Presbyterian Church is the only Protestant denomination represented in the entire province. A faint conception of the density of its population may be had from the fact that there are, on an average, 520 Chinese to every square mile of territory. On one occasion Dr. Menzies was able to count, from a mountain-top, one thousand towns and villages within the range of vision. He described the population there, its immensity, and its great need of religious instruction. A map of the country was thrown on the canvas, showing the position of the centres of population, the lay of the country, and the whereabouts of the missions already established. The latter are so few, however, that the speaker said it would take over 300 years, at the present rate, to evangelize the natives. The facilities today are very inadequate, and Dr. Menzies made a sincere and forceful plea for new workers in the field. The possibilities, he said, are many, but the chances for grasping them just now are few.

#### Finances in Good Shape.

A balance in the bank of \$3,858.38 was shown by the report of the treasurer.

Miss Isabella L. George. Total receipts, \$72,245.59; of this amount \$3,973.12 came from the auxiliaries. Total expenditure, \$68,387.21. The expenditure included disbursements in the foreign and home fields, as follows:—India, \$23,336.53; China, \$6,309.35; Formosa, \$4,041.27; Canadian Northwest, \$17,726.97; British Columbia, \$4,947.00; Chinese work in British Columbia, \$553.77.

The Home Mission report showed that there are now 36 Presbyterian Societies in the western division, and 81 auxiliaries. New auxiliaries, 37; new Presbyterials, 4; auxiliary membership, 14,092; mission band membership, 19,119; total contributions from all sources, \$70,955.27.

The report of publication showed a surplus for the year of \$201.60, the receipts being \$5,428.49, and the expenditures \$5,224.89. The Foreign Missionary Tidings netted \$3,167.38 in subscriptions.

#### Mr. Goforth's Address.

The feature of the evening session in Knox church was a strong address on missionary work in China by Rev. Jonathan Goforth, who is stationed in Honan, North China, who prefaced his remarks by a statement of several of the strong convictions which he had carried with him into the foreign field,—"that the Word of God is divinely inspired, that all people have a sincere desire to live a more upright life than their actual daily lives, that a sin against one's fellow man cannot be forgiven until the pardon of the wronged one has been sought, and that sins which are known generally to the public can be forgiven only by public confession. The series of revival meetings in Nankin was of nine days' duration, a rude church edifice with accommodation for 1,500 people, having been erected expressly for it. The result of the revival was truly a revelation. There was no feigned remorse in confession; every confession was made in agony of spirit and with a full consciousness of the saving power of Christianity. Many native Christian workers broke down and wept bitterly, crying out that their lives had been lives of hypocrisy. One Chinese girl had dared to preach the gospel in her own home, despite the fiery temper for which her father was known everywhere. A parent in China may take up an axe and strike his child senseless or dead. There's no law about it. The child is the property of the parent. Another had confessed to dancing, playing cards and attending the theatre, practices followed by many professed Christians in Canada today. Mr. Goforth strongly disapproved of these practices. "There must be a line drawn between the world and the church," he maintained. In conclusion he referred to the glorious climax of the Nankin revival.

#### F.M. Secretary Speaks.

An enthusiastic address was that of Rev. Dr. MacKay, F. M. Secretary, who dealt at some length with the general report of the Women's Society, praising in the highest terms its faithfulness, efficiency and remarkable progress. He commended their methods and congratulated the women on having so arranged their work that at the beginning of the present year they were able to make a deposit of \$65,000 to be used for missions during 1909. In referring to the Laymen's Missionary Movement he expressed his belief that the women have laid the foundations of this great undertaking. Their immense and ever-increasing distributions of literature have awakened a new and wonderful interest in home and foreign missions, while their spirit of enthusiasm has permeated every community.

#### Missionary Addresses.

A series of strong missionary addresses characterized the afternoon proceedings of the W.F.M.S. convention yesterday. Dr. Jean Dow, returned missionary from Honan, North China, and Mrs. George Menzies, who is home on furlough from India, spoke of the work in their respective fields,

and Mrs. J. C. Robertson, of Toronto, delivered an address upon Mission Band work.

Dr. Dow illustrated her remarks with an outline plan on the blackboard. The present buildings of the Chinese mission in which she labors, the constituency and the administration of the mission were dealt with fully. The work of the missionaries is to impart a knowledge of Christianity to the natives, to give a practical demonstration of Christianity, and to exercise a Christian influence upon all with whom they come in contact. The methods employed are the use of Christian assistants, the provision for religious teaching, medical and surgical treatment, and the distribution of literature.

Mrs. George Menzies spoke in a very interesting way of the work in India, generally, and more especially of that in Indore. The origin of sedition and anarchy was a combination of ignorance and superstition, a combination which only Christianity could destroy. Humorous references were made to the laziness of the male natives in India. Said Mrs. Menzies,—"A man in India never runs if he can walk, never walks if he can sit down, and never sits down if he can lie down." In the woman's home at this point there are 94 women, many of whom were saved from starvation during the famine of 1900. One of these was a child wife who had been saved from suicide by the missionaries; she was on the point of taking her own life as a result of the maltreatment received at the hands of her young husband's parents.

Mrs. J. C. Robertson, of Toronto, said that for new missionaries the church must look to the mission bands. There were already 10,000 children enrolled under the Mission Band banner, but there was still great room for extension of the membership. "The Roman Catholic Church is the power that it is today because it has always recognized the value of the child, and of early influences and training upon it," said Mrs. Robertson.

The devotional part of the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Marty, M.A., both of Ottawa.

#### Election of Officers.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Shortreed.  
Vice-presidents, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Telfer, Mrs. A. Jeffrey, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Mrs. J. C. Robertson.  
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Treasurer, Miss George.  
Editor Tidings, Mrs. MacGillivray; Mission band secretary, Miss B. MacMurchy; home secretary, Miss Mr. Reid; secretary publications, Miss Parsons; foreign secretaries, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Henderson; Northwest Indian work, Miss M. Craig; British Columbia, Mrs. C. Clark.

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It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Chatham.

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