

faithful and zealous children of God make great strides for their cause?

THE great Shanghai Conference will leave its record on the page of missionary history. With one exception, the largest gathering that has ever taken place on the foreign field. Composed of 432 members, its proceedings were characterized by great harmony and wisdom, a broad and comprehensive policy, and bold earnest aggressiveness. Dr. Happer, of Canton, editorial correspondent of the *Missionary Review*, sounds the stirring bugle blast, "One thousand missionaries for China in five years." Can it be done? We do not doubt it. What agency can do it? Mighty and believing prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon properly qualified men and women. The feeblest worker can pray.

AN appeal from more than two hundred ladies, members of the Shanghai Conference, is issued to the Christian women of the British Empire, the United States, Germany and all other Protestant countries, in behalf of the one hundred millions of women and children who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death." They state that four kinds of work are open to them—school work; work for sick and suffering women in hospitals, dispensaries and homes; work in the families of the church; evangelization among women. Signed by ten ladies, representatives of the different mission societies in China. They plead for workers, "women of sound health, good ability, common sense, and well-educated, apt to teach, kind, forbearing, wholly consecrated to God." Such are needed to become God's fellow-workers, in "binding up the broken hearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

A NEW feature of our work during the year is the District Convention. We hope this will become a permanent institution. The programme prepared for use by the Western Branch, seems to meet all the requirements for keeping the work thoroughly in hand. The District Organizer is President of the Convention. In view of the value of district work in its relation to the Branch, we think the District Organizers should have recognition in the Branch Constitution. Why should they not be Vice-Presidents of Branches?

IN preparing the reports for the Branch Meetings, the corresponding secretaries will no doubt endeavor to be as brief as will be consistent with accuracy. There is necessarily a sameness in the matter of reports. We must have them, however, to encourage

and stimulate us, as well as to learn of our work, but we think, as the number increases year after year, "short and to the point" should be the motto. In our Conferences the Secretaries respond to the call of their districts by rising in their places to read their reports. Would not this custom in our Branch Meetings save time, and be equally interesting?

BUSINESS OF SEPTEMBER AUXILIARIES.—At the annual meetings of Auxiliaries in September, the reports of Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented—officers and committee elected for ensuing year: and also, delegates to the Branch Annual Meeting. One for every Auxiliary numbering twenty-five, and two for Auxiliaries numbering fifty or more. Also member appointed to conduct the OUTLOOK work for the year. Abstracts of the Treasurers' and Secretaries' reports to be forwarded to Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch. We wish all Auxiliaries would endeavor to celebrate their anniversaries by a public meeting; or ask an opportunity at the prayer-meeting to read your reports to the congregation, combined with letters or extracts from the general report, in order to make every congregation and every minister acquainted with our work. You might fitly ask a special annual collection for your Auxiliary. Where there is also a Mission Band they might unite in this annual effort. Do not forget the Literature Collections.

THE Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions held its fourth annual meeting in Calvary church, Montreal, June 4th and 5th, thirty-five delegates attending. The Corresponding Secretary reported five organized Branches, thirty-two Auxiliaries, seven Young Womens' Auxiliaries, and eighteen Mission Bands. There were present, Miss Porter, of North China; Mrs. Watkins, of the Methodist Mission in Mexico. Miss Clark, their new missionary to Central Africa, with Miss Lyman, Bombay, India, were also present, and compose the staff of this Society in foreign work.

NOTICE of motion to be presented at the next Board Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society relative to change of Constitution.

1st. That District Organizers shall be ex-officio members of the Branch Annual Meeting.

2nd. Art. 10, under the head of "By-laws for Auxiliaries" (see page 171 of Annual Report for 1888-89), strike out all after the word "elected," and substitute as follows:—"Each Auxiliary shall be entitled to send one delegate; and two delegates where there are seventy-five or more members."