

agement and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers consisting of the officers of the Board, the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, and delegates from each Branch in the proportion of one to every two hundred," etc. Carried.

Also from the Goderich Auxiliary: That the General Board be composed of a definite number of members, not to exceed thirty. Lost.

Moved by Mrs. Detlor, seconded by Mrs. Histon: That we waive our right to one-half our delegates to Montreal if the Central Branch will do the same. Carried. The Secretary to communicate at once with the Central Board in session at Toronto.

The Nominating Committee having allotted the names of the whole Convention into the three committees, an adjournment was made at 10.30, for their respective duties.

At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order for the afternoon, when, after devotional exercises and routine, the reports from committees were called for. The following are the memorials and resolutions:—

1. From Goderich Auxiliary: That the place of General Board meeting be more central.

2. From Rattenbury Street Auxiliary, Clinton: To constitute the Editress of *OUTLOOK* a member of General Board.

3. From Rattenbury Street, Clinton: To amend Sec. 1, Art. V. of the Constitution, so as to read the same as the Belleville motion above, except the latter clause, viz., That for the Western and Central Branches the delegation shall be one to every 200 members. Covered by the Belleville motion, therefore not entertained.

4. That the letters from missionaries be printed all the year round, to meet the necessities of the country Auxiliaries.

5. That, as we understand the buildings of the Crosby Girls' Home are in a most dilapidated condition, we would recommend that the question of new buildings be considered by the Board of Managers.

6. From Woodstock, *re* enlargement of *OUTLOOK*, to give more space for the Woman's Missionary Society work.

7. From Belleville: Notice of motion to divide Central Branch into two. Not entertained.

8. From St. Thomas First Auxiliary: To amend Constitution, so that at the election of delegates from the annual branch meeting to the General Board not more than one delegate be sent from any Auxiliary, and in cities not more than one be sent for every two Auxiliaries.

9. From St. Thomas First: Notice of motion to so amend the Constitution, that certificates of transfer may be granted to annual members changing their place of residence.

10. From Queen's Avenue, London: *Re* increase of appropriation to French work, \$500 being recommended, with a promise of increased liberality on their part, should such appropriation be made.

11. London South: To so change the annual report that special donations be published. Not entertained.

12. From Rev. P. A. Jourdan: *Re* establishment of preparatory school for both sexes at Roxton Pond, with estimates, etc., under control of Woman's Missionary Society.

All these memorials, with the exception of those "not entertained," were passed on as recommendations to the General Board.

A telegram of greeting from the Central Board in session at Toronto was read, and reply sent. Reports from Auxiliaries resumed, twenty-five being heard from.

The reports from organizers represented an amount of faithful work, from which encouraging results may be expected. Fifteen districts had been visited personally or corresponded with by the ladies in charge. In one case resulting in the organization of four new Auxiliaries, in others two; and even where no entrance had yet been made,

the ladies were willing to continue their efforts to introduce the work.

After singing, three admirable papers, full of interest, encouragement and information, were read in order by the following ladies: "Organizers' Work," Mrs. Jackson; "Auxiliary Work," Mrs. Hamilton; "Mission Band Work," Mrs. Cunningham. A cordial vote of thanks was presented to these ladies, and the request for their publication in the *OUTLOOK*.

A telegram of sympathy having been sent to Mrs. Dr. Williams, Toronto, an affectionate reply was received, and read.

The Wednesday evening meeting was one of the most crowded and enthusiastic that this Branch has held, the church being full to overflowing. The Chairman, Rev. S. Cleaver, B.A., introduced Mrs. S. E. Johnson, M.D., missionary from India, who was announced to deliver her justly celebrated lecture, "The Shady Side of Missionary Work," illustrating the heathen woman's present condition in India, from babyhood to old age. Mrs. Johnson is a native of India, and has been in this country for five years; but as a medical missionary for fourteen years, she had an entrance to many homes which would otherwise have been impossible, and can therefore speak from personal experience. She has a remarkably strong, clear voice, and held the close attention of the large audience for two hours.

The choir brightened the meeting with several selections, and an exceedingly liberal collection concluded a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

Thursday morning found the delegates in their places at 9.30. After opening exercises, the reports of Secretary and Treasurer were adopted.

A message from the Central Branch, on the reduction of the delegation to the General Board read as follows: Nays, 31; Yeas, 28.

The Rev. P. A. Jourdan, of Roxton Pond, Quebec, was here introduced to the meeting, and gave an interesting address, sketching the history of the progress of Methodism in Roxton Pond, urging upon the Convention the employment of lady evangelists among the French, thus obtaining access to the women, and explaining also how a good magic lantern would assist him in his work. His great fear is that Quebec Province may become infidel if not Protestant.

The report of the Committee on Modes of Work was submitted. The following recommendations were accepted: (1) That public annual anniversaries of Auxiliaries be held; (2) that district conventions be held; (3) that special efforts be made to carry out section 7, page 11, of the report, referring to the establishment of missionary prayer-meetings.

That the subjects of prayer be published in the *Guardian* each month, by which others beside members of Auxiliaries may be reached. That Auxiliary work, except that of the officers, be a duty of the Standing Committee. That the duties of the Standing Committee be more clearly defined. An interesting report was received from the Editor of the *OUTLOOK*, and the following resolution was carried by a standing vote: "That this Branch wishes to express its high appreciation of the able manner in which Mrs. Parker has conducted that part of the *OUTLOOK* allotted to our Society, and attribute to her able management the increased interest and circulation of that paper."

A memorial service was held, Mrs. Fowler, of London, in the chair. The following names were mentioned as those of members who have passed away during the year:—Mrs. J. R. Ellis, of Carlisle; Mrs. Freeborn, of Burlington; Mrs. Nelles and Mrs. Clark, of Simcoe; Mrs. (Rev.) Nugent, of Mitchell; Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Williston, of Strathroy; Mrs. J. W. Gerrie, of Hamilton; Mrs. Hobbs, of Tilsonburg; Mrs. Stump, of Rockwood. Tender and touch-