

and train them for a special work. There are now 656 Auxiliaries and 306 Mission Bands.

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT—SECRETARY, MRS. TELFER.

Mrs. Telfer was another of the Secretaries unable to be present through illness, and her report was spoken to by Mrs. McGillivray. The work of this department has been a very heavy one during the year, which serves to show the activity that is going on in our branches. We have over 16,600 paid up subscribers for the "Tidings." Over 10,936 more copies were sent out than last year. The totals of leaflets and helps sent out for the year number 274,884, with a balance on hand from sales of \$629.07. Out of this the expenses were met of Mrs. Jeffrey's visit through the North-west schools, also Miss Duncan's expenses to the Ecumenical Conference, leaving a net balance of \$365.07, which was handed to the General Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT—MISS GEORGE.

Miss MacMurchy presented this report, which told again of substantial progress. A grand total income for the year of \$46,331.47, an advance of \$818.19. Over and above this a liberal response has come from our members for the Famine Fund. Considerably over \$5,000 having been sent in up to date.

Miss MacMurchy also presented her own report of the Board of Management and that of the International Secretary, while Mrs. Shortreed presented that of the Training Home, making a special plea for our earnest prayers on its behalf.

CONFERENCE AND GENERAL BUSINESS.

Presbyterials were asked during the year to report on two questions sent down to them through the "Tidings" by the Board. 1st, *re* the Communion at the Annual Meeting. 2nd, *re* the lessening of Representation at the Annual Meeting. Only 19 of the 27 Presbyterials reported, and the opinion reached was 1st, that it was impractical from the difficulties in the way to hold the Communion; 2nd, that the Representation remain unchanged.

Mrs. Grant spoke earnestly on the "Membership." Though every branch speaks encouragingly, yet we face the fact that our Auxiliary membership numbers 500 less. We trust every Auxiliary will take this statement to heart and do its share in bringing up the numbers. Death had called some home. Some Auxiliaries spoke of "removals," but where had they gone? Should not the President of an Auxiliary, when a member leaves, feel it her duty to see that the member is placed under the care of whatever Auxiliary centre she enters. As we gain in church membership, why should we not gain in Auxiliary members? Some thought the lessening due to greater accuracy in reporting, others to lax Treasurers, who made no special effort to remind members in a tactful way that their fee was not yet entered.