

A short but suggestive paper on "Mission Band Work," by Miss Trebilcock, London, drew from Mrs. Daly a sketch of a programme for Mission Bands. The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Daly, and seconded by Mrs. Rae, That this Branch memorialize the Board to instruct the Literature Committee to keep in stock "Fuel for Missionary Fires," by Miss Belle Brain. Carried.

An invitation from Dundas Centre Church, London, to hold the Branch meeting of 1896 was accepted, that from Ridgetown being held over for a year.

During the sessions greetings were received from the Hamilton and Toronto Branches, the latter too late for a reply.

An explanation of the Watch Tower, as conducted in the St. Thomas Auxiliary, was given by Mrs. Graham, at the request of the Convention.

Officers were then elected as follows: President, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas. Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Mrs. Dickson, London; Mrs. A. Wood, St. Thomas. Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. Cunningham, London; Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Crothers, St. Thomas; Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Daly, London. District Organizers—London, Mrs. McMechan; St. Thomas, Mrs. John Risdon; Aylmer, Mrs. Treleaven; Chatham, Mrs. McIntyre; Windsor, Mrs. Gundy; Ridgetown, Mrs. Scatcherd, Newbury; Exeter, Mrs. Paisley, Ilderton; St. Mary's, Mrs. Rice; Stratford, Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell; Goderich, Mrs. Leich; Kincardine, Mrs. Cuyler, Whitechurch; Wingham, left with Conference Organizer; Listowel, Mrs. Hampton; Strathroy, Mrs. Chown, Wyoming; Sarnia, Mrs. Edwards. Conference Organizer, Mrs. Bond, Seaforth. Representative to Annual Conference, Mrs. McMechan. Delegates to General Board of Woman's Missionary Society, which met in Toronto on October 15th: Mesdames Dickson, Daly, McMechan, London; Mrs. Bond, Seaforth, and Mrs. Fowler, London. Alternates, Mrs. Edwards, Sarnia, and Mrs. Beal, London. The Convention closed Thursday evening, when a musical programme and addresses were given in the Duncombe Opera House, which was so crowded that many were turned away.

The Mission Band of the First Methodist Church during the evening received the prize banner for the largest percentage of increase, sixty-nine, during the year.

The usual votes of thanks, with special mention of Principal Austin and Prof. Ayers, for his careful training of the children, were passed with enthusiasm.

Dr. Hannon pronounced the benediction, and the first annual convention became a thing of the past.

A. G. MCMEECHAN, *Rec. Sec.*

## Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch.

FIFTY-FOUR delegates gathered together in the pretty town of Yarmouth, to pray and plan for another year's work for our beloved society.

Without exception, our delegates were earnest, interested women, and our proceedings, from beginning to close, were marked by spiritual fervor and an earnest desire to do the best and the right. And, best of all, God was with us, and there was not a jarring note.

The ladies of Yarmouth tendered us a hearty reception on the first evening, and we enjoyed a varied programme of music, recitations, addresses of welcome and refreshments, and the meeting of old friends and the making of new ones added to a delightful evening.

Our public meetings were not as well attended as usual, owing to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention having been held just before ours—and the friends were tired; but, the programmes were good and interesting. We had the honor and privilege of having with us two of our late missionaries, Mrs. Tuttle (née Miss Leake) and Miss Clarke, lately returned from the Coqualeetza Home, British Columbia. Both ladies spoke to us with much earnestness and acceptance, and from Miss Clarke we gathered much information regarding the life of the

"Home." We had also a thrilling address from Miss Hooper, a member of the Salvation Army, who has spent many years in India among the child-widows. Her story, so pathetically told, made us all feel we knew not the meaning of the words "self-sacrifice," and that we had only touched the fringe of real mission work for Christ, and

"Others are up and doing  
While we are slumbering here."

We report 53 Auxiliaries, 80 life members, 53 Mission Circles and Bands. Total membership, 2,026. Amount raised, \$3,909.15.

Our officers were re-elected, with the exception of corresponding-secretary and two vice-presidents. Our meeting closed with a most solemn memorial and consecration service, in which nearly all took part. The testimonies were given without pre-arrangement, mostly by a verse of a hymn, and made a most effective and beautiful closing. We all feel that God's promise *will* be fulfilled in the coming year if we only are faithful to our trust,

"My presence shall go with thee, and  
I will give thee rest."

S. JENNIE SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

## Montreal Branch Annual Meeting.

AMID pleasant surroundings, the Montreal Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society began its work in Iroquois on Tuesday, October 1st. President, Mrs. Ross, in the chair. Sixty-two delegates responded to the roll call. The memorial service for promoted members was very impressive, many loving words were spoken of those who had moved forward and entered into rest.

Reports from auxiliaries showed a deeper interest in the work, seventeen new ones have been formed during the year and our membership increased by seventy-four.

Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, Corresponding Secretary, is an indefatigable worker, and during the last year visited Gaspé, and there, travelling from house to house, succeeded in establishing new auxiliaries and arousing an interest in mission work.

Mrs. Atkinson, Recording Secretary, having been detained by illness in her home, Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Mavety was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Cordial greetings from the Presbyterian Society, Iroquois, were given by Mrs. (Rev.) McAllister, who expressed pleasure at being able to take part in the meeting.

A paper, "On Holiness, in Relation to Mission Work," by Mrs. John Ross, was read by Mrs. W. E. Ross, and listened to with great interest, as the writer is an invalid shut in from active service.

The chair was occupied by Mrs. (Dr.) Williams during Tuesday evening's session, Mrs. Scott, of Ottawa, leading devotional exercises. During this session the Mission Band favored the audience with several selections.

If the visitors had any doubts of a hearty welcome, the address of Rev. F. G. Lett dispelled them. This address, which was given in Mr. Lett's own inimitable manner, was replied to by Mrs. Robinson, of Montreal.

Mrs. Bannell Sawyer, of Montreal, gave an address on "The Possibilities of Christian Girlhood, in the Home, in Society, and in the Church." This was an excellent address, bristling with good points and must have an influence for good.

Mrs. Ross, President, favored the large assembly with a solo, "Oh, Happy Day." The singing and the song were calculated to lift the soul nearer to God.

Conference organization, conducted by Mrs. Bigelow, was much enjoyed by the delegates. Some progress has been made, more is hoped for next year.

Mrs. McRossie, the Treasurer, gave the ladies some broad hints to do business in a business-like manner.

The President's address was inspiring, helpful and full of hope for the future.

Mrs. Gooderham, of Toronto, Dominion President, was here introduced to the Convention. This is the first time our Branch has had this pleasure.