

School, will be ready for appointment, as the Board may direct. Our beloved missionary, Miss Hart, has been permitted to return to us for her well-earned rest after five years' faithful service in Japan. Of the ninety-six auxiliaries reported in our branch at the beginning of the year, four have not been heard from—Bensfort, Bethesda, Bethany, County of Durham, and Kendall. We trust that a little help and encouragement from their respective organizers will bring them into the active ranks again. I have no desire to magnify the importance of the work of our organizers, but very much depends upon their wisdom and faithfulness. Twelve auxiliaries have been organized during the year: Eden, Wooler, Newtonville, Bobcaygeon, Omemee, Zephyr, Consecon, Hillier, Cherry Valley, Mountain View and Demorestville. The first five named have remitted to the Branch Treasurer during the year. The others, with the exception of Zephyr, were organized in June, and begin their regular work this year.

If it were possible for me to embody in my report the spirit of all the reports that have come to me during the last two weeks, it would be far more inspiring and encouraging than any statistical report can ever be. I look at the figures indicating the average attendance at the monthly meetings, and as I think of the threes and fours, the fives, and the sevens and the nines, meeting together for prayer and study month after month, all through the year; of the discouragements that must come to these brave women working always in the minority, it comes to me so strongly that, next to the missionaries and the mothers who give their children to the work, none are so sure of the Saviour's "Well done" as these isolated toilers. All honor, we say, to the faithful helpers in the struggling auxiliaries. A good number are able to report an increase in membership and funds, while others speak regretfully of losses by removal, and the difficulty of collecting, praying that the interest of those remaining may be increased. There are indications, I think, that our women are coming to realize that an increase of interest in the few, is just as true a gain as an increase in numbers. "We want more workers, more money, more consecration," said a Branch Secretary in the United States. It seems to me that everything is involved in the latter. When everything is consecrated to God, nothing will be too precious to lay at His feet.

Miss Estella Philp gave a solo, which was highly appreciated, followed by a recitation by Miss Tapscott, in that lady's first-class style. Miss Merrifield captivated the audience with a vocal solo, which was highly appreciated.

A paper on self-denial was read by Mrs. B. Yarwood, full of excellent thoughts.

Miss Glidden followed with a vocal solo that was not excelled during the evening.

The Sunday-school orchestra contributed their quota to the evening's entertainment.

The whole proceedings closed with a duet by Miss Campbell and Mr. A. Fulford.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises at the opening of meeting were conducted by Mrs. Massie, of Sidney. Minutes read and adopted.

Moved, seconded, and carried, That the organizers have seven minutes in which to report their respective districts.

The following districts reported through their organizers, viz.: Belleville, Brighton, Picton, Cannington, Campbellford, Napanee, Madoc, Tamworth, Uxbridge, Peterboro' and Bowmanville. Lindsay District reported through their auxiliaries, as there was no organizer. Cobourg still to report.

Miss Hart, our returned missionary from Japan, was introduced to the delegates by the President. She was received by the members standing. She spoke a few impressive words, telling us of the practical results of the Christian training of the girls in our schools in Japan, as shown by their useful, earnest, consecrated lives trying to help the poor and degraded of their own land.

Memorials were introduced and will be discussed at a later stage of the meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Murney, Picton. The testimony meeting was conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell, and was as usual a time of great power. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all.

A very full original paper on "A Model Auxiliary" was read by Mrs. J. Bowerman, and a spirited discussion followed. It was decided by the meeting to have this paper published in the OUTLOOK, as also that of Mrs. B. Yarwood Bloomfield on "Self-Denial and Thank Offerings."

Mrs. H. A. Crosby, of Uxbridge, read a splendid paper on "A Model Mission Band." This paper was full of good, helpful suggestions, and was much appreciated. A discussion also followed the reading of Mrs. Crosby's paper, and it was decided to have it published in the OUTLOOK.

Questions from question drawer were answered during the sessions by Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton.

Miss Hawley, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, gave a good report of the year's work. She reported the organization of ten Mission Bands during the year.

Belleville District Convention sent in three memorials:

(1) That the price of Annual Report be raised to ten cents, and names of Auxiliary members be still printed; (2) that the financial year of W. M. S. close in May, to correspond with the Conference year, and to have the branch meetings in June, while General Board meeting remains as now, in October; (3) that the names of President and Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands be printed in report.

Uxbridge District Convention brought in memorial same as No. 1 Belleville, with this addition, that the names of auxiliary members be printed according to districts.

All of these memorials found favor with the meeting, and were sent on to the General Board for their consideration.

It was decided that we have a table of literature and mite-boxes for sale at our next annual meeting, and that our Executive make arrangements therefor.

The reports from organizers of their auxiliaries were defined. Time for reporting, ten minutes; each subject-matter being: Total sum raised in each auxiliary, total number of members, what literature is taken by each auxiliary, and striking features of each auxiliary's method of conducting work.

An appeal was read from editress of *Palm Branch*, asking for more practical sympathy and help in carrying on that paper.

Dr. Bolton was introduced to the meeting, and spoke a few words of greeting.

Mrs. Platt asked that the collection for the afternoon be made a special Thank-offering, that our President had been so strengthened physically as to preside throughout the whole day.

Meeting closed with Doxology.

(To be concluded in next issue)

#### NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

THE Nova Scotia Branch of the W.M.S. for 1893-49 met in Dartmouth, and was in session during the days of September 18th, 19th and 20th.

This session was looked upon by our missionary workers as one of our most successful Branch meetings. A general feeling of harmony and good cheer pervaded the gathering, which numbered some fifty representatives from the various auxiliaries and bands. The watchword of the year, as gathered from the reports of the Cor. Sec. and Treasurer, was "increase." There has been during the year an increase, both in membership and finances. For this we, as a Branch, feel truly grateful to our Heavenly Father. There seemed to be upon the part of all a firm resolve to work while it is called to-day.

The business part of the session was preceded by a reception tendered by the ladies of Dartmouth to the visitors. This happy occasion was of a strictly non-sectarian nature, both the sister societies of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches cordially endorsing the words of greeting coming from the Dartmouth Auxiliary. Nor was the "White Ribbon" backward on this hospitable occasion. The W.C.T.U. was also represented, thus