

Secretary, who compared it to the rapid growth that characterizes the products of its fertile soil.

The Treasurer's report shows an increase of \$1,701.83, the total amount raised being \$2,911.92.

Very affectionate reference was made from the chair, and in the reports, to the death of three Presidents—Mrs. Steel, of Pownal; Mrs. Peters, Hampton; and Mrs. D. D. Moore, of Cornwall, whose influence and active labors have been a power in their Auxiliaries.

Between the sessions the committees met for their special work, namely, the consideration of Modes of Work, Literature, By-Laws, Memorials, Criticism, Nominations, and Votes of Thanks. The resolutions framed will, doubtless, in their result, materially effect the better working of the Society. The free and very practical remarks given in the general meetings cannot fail to benefit the workers by their suggestive helpfulness.

The books prepared for the officers of Auxiliaries will greatly facilitate their work in the periodical preparation of returns.

Amongst the subjects discussed were, the Constitution, the status of members transferred to other localities, the working of the Mission Bands, and the distribution of mite boxes.

A part of one of the sessions was devoted to a model Auxiliary monthly meeting, which was conducted by Mrs. Howard, and in which a black-board lesson by Miss Smith, and an original paper by Miss Jordan, were given. Mrs. Chipman's paper on Mission Bands, and one by Mrs. Shenton, given at the public meeting, were highly appreciated.

The public meeting needed but fairer weather, that larger numbers might have benefited by what those present found an intellectual, musical, and spiritual enjoyment.

In order to relieve the Corresponding Secretary, a local organizer for each Conference district was appointed, and it was recommended that a special Secretary for the Mission Bands be elected.

Kindly greetings were received by telegram from the Nova Scotia Branch, then in session, and a response forwarded; and also from the Maritime Women's Christian Temperance Union, per Mrs. Chipman, who also presented the "Women's World Petition" for signature.

Many testimonies to the great good resulting from Miss Cartmell's recent visit to the Auxiliaries were given, and a vote of appreciation was passed. It was also resolved that greater effort should be made to increase the circulation of the *OUTLOOK* and the *Wesleyan*.

The devotional exercises throughout the sessions, and the consecration service of Thursday evening, will not be forgotten. Frequent expression of a consciousness of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit showed that the gathering together was very profitable. The general spirit of fraternal interest, willingness to work, and continued confidence in God, promises well for the future of the Society.

The Executive Committee for the new year is: President, Mrs. Macmichael; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Johnson, Chipman, and Howard; Cor. Secretary, Miss Palmer; Rec. Secretary, Miss Thorne; Treasurer, Miss Stewart; Auditor, Mrs. Heard. Several representatives to the coming meeting of the Board at Montreal were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded, especially to the Fredericton friends for their characteristic hospitality, and for the reception given on Tuesday evening. An invitation from Charlottetown for the next annual meeting was accepted, and the sessions closed with the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie," etc., and the benediction.

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WESTERN BRANCH.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in the pleasant Methodist Church, in the picturesque little town of Dundas, and was the central point of interest during the dates mentioned. At 2.30 p.m. the meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Fowler, of London; Mesdames Sharpe, of Brantford, and Langford, London South, also taking part.

The number of delegates and visitors was the largest yet known in the history of this Branch, eighty-four delegates answering to their names, and during the various sessions ladies from the surrounding country, and also from Hamilton, were in attendance, evincing a lively and intelligent interest in the proceedings.

After routine business, the following Nominating Committee was appointed:—Mesdames Fowler, Detlor, Langford, Jackson and Russ.

The motions and memorials were then read and passed into the hands of the various committees.

Reports from Auxiliaries occupied the remainder of Tuesday afternoon. The general tenor was one of encouraging progress, and even where a note of discouragement was heard it did not indicate lack of interest, but rather difficulties arising from force of circumstances.

A reception tea was tendered the delegates and visitors early in the evening, followed by the evening session, which was opened at eight o'clock. The President, Mrs. Burns, in her address, showed very plainly by quoting from the reports that, although a great work had been accomplished in the past, a very large field is yet open for work to be done by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Treasurer's report gave an increase of \$900.70 over last year, making the total receipts \$6,762.30.

The Corresponding Secretary announced that twenty-three Auxiliaries and ten new Mission Bands had been formed during the year, making the total Auxiliaries eighty-three, and Mission Bands twenty-seven; number of annual members, 1,978; life members, 142; increase of members, 402; total number of members, 2,120; Mission Band members, 677, an increase of 273.

The address of welcome was presented by Mrs. J. J. Grafton, and replied to by Mrs. A. Wood, of St. Thomas. Mrs. J. J. Steele, representing the Dundas Auxiliary Society of the Presbyterian Church, and Miss M. W. Bayne, from the Knox Church Christian Endeavor Society, were here introduced to the Convention, and also presented fraternal addresses of welcome, which were replied to by the President. Mrs. Hallam was unable, owing to illness, to represent the Baptist Mission Circle, as expected, but her husband, the Rev. E. C. B. Hallam, returned missionary from India, appeared for her, and made a few appropriate remarks.

A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Strachan, of Hamilton, General Secretary of the Society, giving reports from the fields of work in Quebec Province, the North-West Territories, the Pacific coast and Japan.

Singing during the evening was furnished by the church choir, assisted by Mrs. Horning and Mr. Moss, of Hamilton, and Mr. Hall, of Burlington.

The Wednesday morning session was chiefly occupied with reports from Auxiliaries. The following resolution was carried:

That we change the order of business to consider a notice of motion as follows:

The Belleville Bridge Street Auxiliary gives notice to the General Board,

That Sec. 1, Art. V. of the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society be amended to read thus: "The man-