

time as in commencing at the hour stated. Many a busy housewife has perhaps refrained from attending the meeting simply because she did not know when it would adjourn.

The observance of these few, simple rules will, we hope, be found of some assistance to newly-appointed Presidents who, perhaps, are more apt to have their seasons of discouragement than those who have been longer "on duty;" and for the encouragement of those who, it may be at times, are so utterly cast down through discouragements from varied causes as to consider themselves completely unfit and unqualified for the work undertaken, we would like to pass on this message of comfort from the pen of F. B. Meyer, "God's commands are enablers. He will never give us a work to do without showing exactly how and when to do it, and giving us *the precise strength and wisdom we need.*"

We cannot do better than to close our twilight talk with this quotation. Good night.

Secretaries of Branches Please Take Notice.

THE Board of Managers in Cobourg, October, 1894, appointed a committee to consider a number of notices of motion brought before them *re* Mission Band representation at annual Branch meetings, and to prepare one to be submitted to the various Branches in October, 1895, for their consideration. The committee—Mesdames B. D. Daly, S. R. Wright, G. Jackson, A. M. Bascom, and Miss Sutcliffe—have unanimously agreed upon the following:

"Any Mission Band numbering forty members or over, *or sending the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) annually to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary or the Branch in which the Band is formed*, shall be entitled to send one delegate to the Branch annual meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the Branch, or election to the Board of Managers, except she be a member of an Auxiliary."

(The words added to the Mission Band Constitution are in italics.)

B. DICKSON DALY, *Convener of Com.*

Executive Committee.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held in Wesley Buildings on May 15th. There were present Mrs. Gooderham, presiding, Mesdames Carman, Strachan, Thompson, Burns, Cunningham, Briggs, Jackson, Platt, Smith and Willmott.

The Committee heard with regret that Mrs. Morrow desired, on account of ill-health, to withdraw from the matronship of the Rescue Home. A resolution, expressing appreciation of her efficient services, was carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Miss Hargrave, stating that a meeting would be held in Brandon for the purpose of organizing a Manitoba and N.W.T. Branch. The following resolution was carried: "The Committee learns with pleasure that the auxiliaries in Manitoba and N.W.T. are preparing to form themselves into a Branch, and trust they may find great encouragement and blessing in this work, and that the formation of many new auxiliaries may result."

Communications were received from various parties in Japan, one of which was signed by seventy-two prominent Japanese ladies, all testifying to Mrs. Large's great usefulness and popularity there, and expressing the hope that she would soon return to them.

The Secretary was requested to write to our missionaries in Japan, assuring them of our grateful appreciation of their faithful work and our continued confidence in them.

The testimonials of three missionary candidates were

considered. Miss Louise Hart, M.D., sister of Miss Lizzie Hart, was accepted and appointed to China. Miss Laura Wigle, of Essex Centre, and Miss Lizzie Osler, of Madoc, will spend a time in the Deaconess' Training Home, Toronto, before receiving their appointments.

Miss Jennie H. Brown, of Sault Ste. Marie, who was previously accepted, will for the present be placed on the list of reserved candidates.

Letters from Chilliwack give very encouraging accounts of the rapidity with which the Institute has been filled, and of the progress made by the pupils under Miss Smith's careful instruction. As the time for Miss Clarke's well earned furlough is approaching, Miss Alton, of Oakville, has gone to Chilliwack to succeed Miss Clarke as matron.

The Committee had the pleasure of receiving Mrs. Large informally, shortly before adjourning.

M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

One Way of Raising Money for Chen-tu, from Barrie.

SMALL tarlatan bags tied with ribbon, and accompanied by the following printed invitation, were sent to all the members of the congregation:

"This Mission Party is given for you,
'Tis something novel—something new—
We send you here a little sack,
Please either send or bring it back;
Put dimes within, as you may please,
A freewill gift—no social fees.
Kind friends will give you things to eat,
Others insure a musical treat,
Conducted under the proprietary
Of the Women's Missionary Society,
Who send herewith their greetings hearty
To meet you at 'The Missionary Party.'"

The bags were collected during the evening, and the contents sent for Chen-tu hospital.

Bishop Hannington.

(A paper read at the Missionary Conference held in Victoria University last January, and now published by request).

"TO study the lives, to meditate the sorrows, to commune with the thoughts of the great and holy men and women of this rich world is a sacred discipline which deserves at least to rank as the forecourt of the temple of true worship, and may train the tastes ere we pass the very gate of heaven."

In choosing His workmen, God recognizes neither classes nor conditions. From every walk of life noble souls, hearing a voice Divine, have gone forth to be helpers of humanity. Many have been called from poverty and obscurity, but not so with James Hannington; his early life was spent in the midst of culture and refinement. He was born at Hurstpierpoint, a pretty village in the south of Sussex, in the year 1847. The spacious and picturesque grounds surrounding his home, the mansion of St. George's, have been described as a "veritable child's paradise." Amid these scenes of beauty the first thirteen years of James Hannington's boyhood days were happily spent; nor were Nature's gifts lost upon her child, for he was a born naturalist. Yachting and travelling with his parents were to him a great source of enjoyment; indeed, so much so, that on his first yachting trip he was so fascinated with the ocean that he decided to lead a sea-faring life. This ambition might have been carried out, but the death at sea of an elder brother caused his parents to decide that another son should not enter the navy; "so the country lost a daring seaman, but she has gained thereby the priceless legacy of the memory of a Christian martyr."

At the age of fifteen he left school to take a position in his father's counting-house at Brighton. Of his education he says: "I only remained at school until I was fifteen and a half, and then left for business, with as bad an education as possible; I may say as bad as my father's was good. I was naturally idle, and would not learn of myself, and I